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who deliver the Reeve's Tale.*

**A HAPPY CHRISTMAS
TO ALL OUR READERS**

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All Saints Church, Bawdeswell

Christmas Wreaths

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**Saturday 11th December
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The Friends of Bawdeswell Church

DECEMBER/JANUARY DIARY

Wed 1 st Dec	Children's Society Coffee Morning at Foxley Lodge 10am
Thu 2 nd Dec	Book Club meets at Old Workhouse Bar 7.30pm
Sat 4 th Dec	Christmas Prize Bingo at Bawdeswell Village Hall 7pm
Mon 6 th Dec	Bawdeswell Parish Council Meeting 7.45pm
Wed 8 th Dec	Bring & Share Ladies Lunch 12.30pm at Bawdeswell Village Hall
Sat 11 th Dec	Wreath Sale in Bawdeswell church 10 – 4 Bawdeswell Village Cinema 7pm <i>The Ghost Writer</i>
Sun 12 th Dec	Father Christmas and his Reindeer at Bawdeswell Garden Centre 11 - 4 Bawdeswell Film Club 2.30pm Christmas Concert in Bawdeswell church 4pm
Wed 15 th Dec	Christmas Coffee Morning at Foxley Village Hall 10.30am
Thu 16 th Dec	Breckland One Stop Bus at Folland Court 2pm
Fri 17 th Dec	School service 1.30pm in the church – End of Term
Sun 19 th Dec	Carol Singing and visit of Father Christmas – Bawdeswell 4pm Village Hall
Mon 20 th Dec	Bawdeswell Village Hall Committee Meeting 7.30pm
Mon 27 th Dec	Christmas Family Gathering at Foxley Village Hall 8pm
Tue 28 th Dec	Post Office Closed (Bank Holiday)
Fri Dec 31 st	Family New Year's Eve Party at Bawdeswell Village Hall 7.30pm
Wed 5 th Jan	Back to School at Bawdeswell
Thu 6 th Jan	Book Club meets at Old Workhouse Bar 7.30pm
Sat 8 th Jan	Bridge Taster Day at Bawdeswell Village Hall 10 – 4 Bawdeswell Cinema Free Show – details at the hall
Sun 9 th Jan	Bawdeswell Film Club 2.30pm
Mon 10 th	BAG Table Tennis at Bawdeswell Village Hall 7.30pm
Thu 13 th Jan	Ladies Craft group meet at Bawdeswell Village Hall 2pm
Mon 17 th Jan	Bawdeswell Village Hall Committee Meeting 7.30pm
Thu 20 th Jan	Breckland One Stop Bus at Folland Court 2pm
Mon 24 th Jan	BAG Table Tennis at Bawdeswell Village Hall 7.30pm
Wed 26 th Jan	Coffee Morning at Foxley Village Hall 10.30am
Thu 27 th Jan	Ladies Craft Group meet at Bawdeswell Village Hall 2pm
Sat 29 th Jan	Project Bawdeswell Meeting 10am Friends of Bawdeswell Church renewal Reception at Bawdeswell Hall – Invitation only

Sorry about the regular events not being included this month. There just isn't space. See Bawdeswell Village Hall page 26 for some of the details. Ed



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I would like to thank all the volunteers for their support and help during 2010 and I wish all of you, and the children, young adults and parents a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

As the Village Hall Committee is organising a Christmas Carol event on Sunday 19th December to which Santa Clause is invited, BAG will not be holding a party this year. However, we will be supporting the carol singing event.

Bawdeswell Activities Group has been running since April 2007. In that time we have received grant funds and donations to purchase sports equipment and craft materials specifically for holding children's activities on some afternoons during the school holidays, which have been hugely successful. However, there is every possibility that, by Easter 2011, BAG will not be able to continue to run children's afternoon activities unless we can increase the number of volunteers to assist us. Any active retired person, parent of teenagers or young adult who could spare a few hours on just one or two afternoons during the holidays would be more than welcome to join us.

Please contact me either on 01362 688749 or by e-mail:

janetcockburn@aol.com *Thank you - Janet*

Table Tennis – fun evenings - Mondays 13th December, 10th & 24th January 2011

It doesn't matter how well you play - come along and have some fun or just come along to socialise. Cost - **£1.50 adult or 75p under 18** towards the hire of the hall. If there is enough interest there may be weekly sessions sometime in the new year. Please contact Janet on (01362) 688749.

Running Club

The Running Club are still meeting over the autumn and winter... in the village hall! Circuit training 8-9pm Thursdays - anyone is welcome, only £2 and all profit goes to the NEW HALL FUND. Running outside will probably recommence in April/May. Contact Fel on 07957254503 for more information.

BAG 4 BAG - the last clothing collection raised £160 - split equally between BAG and the NEW HALL FUND. This was our last collection as we now have a clothing bank at the village hall and all money raised from that will go to BAG and/or the NEW HALL FUND - so please **KEEP YOUR CLOTHING AND TAKE IT TO THE VILLAGE HALL WHENEVER YOU CAN.**

BAWDESWELL GARDEN CENTRE

FATHER CHRISTMAS WILL BE IN RESIDENCE IN HIS CHRISTMAS WINTER WONDERLAND FROM 27 NOV

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IT'S GOOD FUN, RING ME FOR DETAILS,
CLEMENTINA SUTTON 01603 872441.

FOXLEY VILLAGE HALL



CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

WED 15 DEC at 10.30am

CHRISTMAS GOODIES, MARDLE & RAFFLE

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NEW YEAR COFFEE MORNING

WED 26 Jan at 10.30am

POT LUCK, CHRISTMAS LEFTOVERS, MARDLE & RAFFLE

All Welcome

Contact: 688494, 450, 617, 768

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CHRISTMAS FAMILY GATHERING

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Load the Lorry Appeal 2010

Thank you very much to all that helped with donating a shoebox for Load the Lorry this year. You will bring a smile to a young child's face in Romania this Christmas.

New canopy for Key Stage 1

We are really pleased to say that we have been able to have installed a new canopy in the Key Stage 1 outside play area this month.

This will enable all children in Key Stage 1 to be able to be in the outside learning area in all weather conditions under cover which will enhance their learning.

12 Days of Christmas Production

The children in Key Stage 2 will be performing the '12 Days of Christmas' in school on Thursday 9th December to their parents. Performances will be at 9.30am and 11am.

KS1 Nativity

The Key Stage 1 Nativity Performances to parents will be on Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th December at 9.30am.

Christmas Disco

The FOBS Christmas Disco will be held on Wednesday 15th December at the school. Children in KS1 will attend for 6 to 7pm and KS2 7 to 8pm.

Church Service

The Christmas Church Service will be held at the church on Friday 17th December at 1.30pm All welcome to attend. A reminder this is the last day of term.

Term starts for children on Wednesday 5th January 2011.

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*Come and join in the carols and later on see him and
his sleigh in his Grotto at Bawdeswell Village Hall
from 6.30 p.m.*

Join us for some festive fun

- ❖ Children's bran tubs
- ❖ Mince Pies and Mulled Wine
- ❖ Christmas Raffle

Proceeds towards Bawdeswell Village Hall funds
and Bawdeswell Allotment and Leisure Gardener's Association

Bawdeswell Ladies

Bring and Share Christmas Lunch

**Wednesday 8th December 12.30pm
at Bawdeswell Village Hall**

Instead of booking a restaurant this year (prices keep going up!), come and share a lunch of Christmas 'fayre'. If you are interested, Janet is co-ordinating the list of contributions to provide a delicious meal. There is an oven and a microwave so we can heat up food that has already been cooked.

There will be a raffle, the proceeds of which will go,
along with donations already collected this year,
to **Dr. Barnados**.

Please call 688749 or e-mail janetcockburn@aol.com

BAWDESWELL LADIES CRAFT GROUP

The craft afternoons are continuing to be most enjoyable. We have made quite a few jumpers for children overseas, dolls are being dressed for Christmas and we also continue to do our own work too. It is very friendly and all are welcome. We meet on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at the Village Hall at 2.00 – 4.30 pm. There will not be any meetings in December so the meeting after that will be on 13th January 2011. The charge is £1 only and we have used some accumulated funds to buy the first ten bricks for the new Village Hall.

Enquiries: Marietta Menzies 01362 688 400

BAWDESWELL FILM CLUB MEETINGS



The next meetings of the Bawdeswell Film Club will be on Sundays 12th December & 4th January at 2.30pm. It is proposed that there will be a meeting every month on the Sunday following the Village Cinema presentation. The club is open to all residents of Bawdeswell and surrounding villages.

No need to book, just turn up with a favourite DVD or two and we will choose one to view. There is no charge for entry and there will be a Cafe/Bar.

If you would like to join or help with this club or for further information please contact David on (01362) 688749.

**'EYES DOWN LOOKING'
CHRISTMAS PRIZE BINGO
SATURDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2010
AT BAWDESWELL VILLAGE HALL
DOORS OPEN AT 7PM
BINGO STARTS AT 7.30PM**

Light refreshments will be available
Raffle

Sorry no children under the age of 9

All proceeds raised will be donated to the
Bawdeswell Badgers Pre-School
Charity no: 1022356

**COME AND CELEBRATE NEW YEARS EVE WITH
FAMILY AND FRIENDS
THE BAWDESWELL BADGERS PRE-SCHOOL
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FAMILY NEW YEARS EVE PARTY**

31ST DECEMBER 2010

IN BAWDESWELL VILLAGE HALL

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**BAGY Bawdeswell
Activities Group Youth**

BAGY breakfasts have been a great success this year and raised £80 for the continued development of the play area. More will be planned in 2011.

BAGY needs extra helpers... to help organise and run some of the BAG activities in the school holidays. You need to be aged between 11 and 18 and have lots of energy!

Please contact Fel Roberts 07957254503 for more information



BAWDESWELL BOWLS CLUB

Bawdeswell Bowls Club have an excellent venue situated behind the Village Hall. We play in two leagues - the Cawston Triples League and Dereham and District League. Foulsham and Bintree Bowls clubs also use Bawdeswell's green. New players are always welcome.

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

BAWDESWELL FOOTBALL CLUB

The club plays in the 3rd division of the Crown Fire Central and South Norfolk League and Home games are played at Bawdeswell Recreation Ground. The season is going well with 4 wins, a draw and one loss in their 1st 6 league matches and breaking a 27 year old record in the Mervyn Lambert Plant Hire Pease League Cup by winning their game against Dereham Cockers United by a staggering 24-0. They are through to the 4th round of the Norfolk Primary Cup but were sadly knocked out of the Ben Smith Cup in round 3.



For more information please contact Philip Duffield on (01362) 688611.

For information about matches see <http://www.csnleague.co.uk/index.html>.

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/>





BRIDGE CLUB

The JayCee Bridge Club holds weekly sessions at both Foxley and Bawdeswell Village Halls.

We meet at Foxley Village Hall every Tuesday evening at 7.15p.m. for a 7.30p.m. start and at Bawdeswell Village Hall every Friday afternoon at 2.15p.m. for a 2.30p.m. start. If you think you'd like to join us, please do come along - we only request £2.00 per session to cover expenses. Beginners are welcome, either having recently learned or even if only to see what bridge is all about!

For information (or to confirm a session is to take place) contact Roger Fryatt on 01362 688627 or Patsy Catchpole on 01362 688352.

(Thank you for your recent donation to the Reeve's Tale. Ed)

"Bridge Taster Day"

on

Saturday, 8th January 2011

at

Bawdeswell Village Hall.

The JayCee Bridge Club has received many enquiries about learning to play bridge and, as we are keen to encourage new players, will be running a "Taster Day" aiming to attract people who have never played bridge before, although experience of other card games would be helpful. At the same time, anyone who feels that they would like to resume playing, but feel that their bridge is too rusty, will be welcome.

The day will start at 09.30 for coffee and introductions with a 10 o'clock start and with a view of finishing at 4 o'clock. Lunch will be included.

Our instructor will be Janet Bartram who runs regular sessions with the local W.I. and has run courses for the Adult Education Service.

Cost is £15.00 per person to cover the cost of the instructor, hall charges and refreshments.

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BAWDESWELL BOOK CLUB

Our latest read was, The Picture of Dorian Gray, the subject matter seemed fairly frivolous after the moral questions posed in last month's book Anna Karenin, although the shorter length was probably greatly appreciated!

This novel by Oscar Wilde has an improbable plot with the portrait of Dorian Gray ageing while he himself keeps his youthful looks. Dorian Gray is a very wealthy, beautiful, egotistical young man extremely aware of satisfying his senses: He is a collector of beautiful objects. A huge number of flowers and their scents are mentioned throughout the novel. He enjoys witty, clever repartee with his friend Lord Henry whom he met as his portrait was finished by their mutual, artist friend, Basil Hallward. These three discuss the meaning of "Art" constantly, but Dorian's pursuit of art and sensual experiences eventually leads to a dissipated life style.

When Dorian falls in love with the young actress Sibyl Vane, whom he has seen in most Shakespearean female roles, he is enraptured by her performances and becomes engaged to her. He takes his friends to see her act but, instead of the spellbinding performance he expects, her real love for him has affected her acting ability and her performance is embarrassingly bad. He drops her immediately. He was only in love with her art. The reality of her love for him was the changing point in her artifice in a similar way that his admiration of his own looks in the portrait made him wish for eternal youth and became the major turning point of his life. When she had neither his love, nor her art she committed suicide. Years later he took a knife to his portrait, which showed quite clearly the bad effects of the life he had led. He was haunted by this vision and had to destroy it, in doing so he was himself destroyed.

This short novel caused quite a stir when it was first published and it is certainly thought provoking. There are some wonderful quotable lines – on a recent widow, "*her hair turned quite gold from grief*", only Oscar Wilde could have written that and he did use the same line in a later play. There was a lot of dialogue throughout the novel that could easily have been transferred to the stage.

We had a fairly lively discussion but on the whole I think our members weren't very keen, several said they remember enjoying it when first read years ago. Perhaps that says something about youth and art?

MM

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 Wolf Hall by Hilary Mantel, the winner of last year's Booker prize, for discussion at our next meeting on 2nd December and Notes on an Exhibition by Patrick Gale for discussion at our meeting on 6th January 2011.



Breckland Council on behalf of the Breckland Partnership continue to deliver the One Stop Bus service – a mobile council office, which visits various villages around Breckland on a monthly schedule.

The satellite equipped bus has a fast and reliable internet connection which residents are welcome to use, along with a friendly and professional team of advisors who are on hand to help those less computer literate users.

So if you need help searching for information online, want a general overview of the internet or even want to look for price beating Christmas goods jump on board and the team can help you.

The team also continue to deliver the council services that you would expect of any council customer service office in addition to linking up to Norfolk County Council services – maybe you need to report problems with roads, fallen trees or find out when bins are being collected?

The bus visits Bawdeswell every 3rd Thursday of the month from 2pm to 4pm and is situated at Folland Court.



BAWDESWELL LITTLE MONKEYS

We are the Parent, Baby & Toddler group for the local area, run for and by the parents. Come along for a chat and a coffee - and let your "Little Monkey" have a play with the toys and activities, and interact with other children from the local area

Venue: Bawdeswell Village Hall, 9:15 -11:30 every Friday during term time

Subs: £2.00 for your first monkey, £0.50 per additional monkey (includes snack, drink, & teas/coffees for the troop leader)

For more information call:

Jo (Mum to Thomas, Oliver & Charlie) on 688088

Karen (Mum to Soli, Maddie & Katie) on 688939

BAWDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL : DIGEST OF MEETING ON 1ST NOVEMBER 2010

Present: Councillors Shannon, Beane, Green, Kirby, Lilwall, Mallen, Mrs C Boer and 1 parishioner.

Ongoing Issues from Previous Meetings

Adams Pit: The Trustees are aware that the water level in Adams Pit is rising because of the recent period of inclement weather and is pressing the contractor to commence excavation works as soon as possible. Another request for additional funding to help with the cost of this current phase of works through a Breckland District Council Pride in Breckland Grant has been submitted, but it was not yet known if this application has been successful.

Allotments: The Chairman has had discussions with the landowner of the land close to Adams Pit about the possibility of leasing this land for allotments. At this present time this landowner wishes to continue to cultivate this land himself and therefore is not inclined at this stage to dispose of the land in question. The Vice-Chairman and Clerk have been directed to request another meeting with the first landowner who has a potential site for allotments along Elsing Lane, although this is not the Parish Council's preferred choice, it is deemed worthy of another discussion with the landowner.

Planning

Planning Application 3PL/2010/1136/F: 22 Two Fields Way, proposed 2 storey extension to side; the Parish Council had no objections to this application.

Planning Application 3PL/2010/1145/F: Beech Corner, The Street, two storey and single storey extensions to rear and conservatory to side (amended scheme); the Parish Council had no objections to this application.

Planning Application 3PL/201/1151/CU: Former School House, Billingford Road, change of use of former school house (educational) back to residential use; the Parish Council had no objections to this application.

Any Other Business of Interest to Parishioners

Community Speedwatch Scheme: The Parish Council has received the resignation from the Coordinator Mr J Brownley and is therefore urgently seeking a new coordinator. As coordinator you would be responsible for arranging the speedwatch checks and be the point of contact for Norfolk Police. If you would like more information about becoming the coordinator or becoming part of the speedwatch team then please contact the Parish Clerk. The Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to thank John for all his sterling work during his time as coordinator he will be sorely missed.

Un-supervised Dogs & Dog Fouling: Despite the Parish Council's plea in a recent edition of the Reeves Tale it is apparent that some irresponsible dog owners are continuing to allow their dogs to roam unsupervised and dog mess not being cleaned up along the footpaths in the village and on the recreational field. Please note that the Dog Warden will be called if dogs are witnessed to be roaming unsupervised, be responsible keep your dog on a lead or supervised and clean up after your pet.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 6th December 2010, 7.45pm in Village Hall

This meeting will include the finalization of the Precept requirements for 2010-2011. The Parish Council will ensure that it does it utmost to keep any increases to the Precept for 2011/2012 to an absolute minimum.

Parish Clerk: Mrs Claire Boer Tel: 01362 688415/07877955745 Email: cboer.parishclerk@fsmail.net

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The meeting to present the overall scheme to rebuild and greatly improve our current village hall held on 26 October was well received by the users and those at the meeting. We were pleased that both the Breckland and Norfolk Councillors attended and grateful to hear that they are encouraged by the enthusiasm and amount of work done by volunteers in this village.

There are 29 users or potential users of the village hall from far and wide; surprisingly a user came from Yarmouth and another from Peterborough! We had no idea how wide an area our village hall users came from! Twenty two comments on the proposed layout were received and these have now been considered and incorporated where applicable into a new layout plan.



The 'Buy a Brick' scheme was launched at the meeting and we are encouraged by the support received already. Pledge forms can be obtained from members of the committee and are also available at the village hall or can be downloaded from our website.

The plans can be seen on the notice board in the Village Hall or on our website, but the current internal layout plan will soon be replaced with an updated version incorporating the comments received.

For the next stage of the project we need the services of a quantity surveyor with knowledge of current construction costs and contracts used in the building industry. Is there anyone out there who has these skills and would be willing to help us voluntarily or for a small remuneration?? Please!! If so please telephone John Menzies on 01362 688 400.

Next planned committee meeting is Saturday 29th January, 10am at Bawdeswell Village Hall.

More information, is available on our website or come to one of our meetings. See <http://www.eastinvolve.net/projectbawdeswell/>

Bawdeswell Events Committee

The first meeting of the Bawdeswell Events Committee will be held on Monday November 29th 7.30pm - to create a group whose sole mission is to raise substantial funds for the NEW/EXTENDED HALL by organising large scale events. It should also help avoid fundraising events in the village conflicting. If you are interested in joining or helping or just have some ideas to pass on, please contact Jayne Bown (01362) 688388 or Fel Roberts 07957254503.

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Aleathia welcomed everyone to our Annual Meeting at Sparham's Old School Room on Monday 8th November. Christine read the Annual Report, reminding us of the interesting speakers who had entertained us last year and especially mentioning our Coffee Morning, Sponsored Walk and conducted tour of the lovely peaceful Plantation Garden in a busy part of Norwich. Carole presented the Financial Statement and it was satisfying to note that we are, at the end of the year, slightly more in profit than even we were last year.

Aleathia said she was most grateful for all the work done by the committee and she also thanked other W.I. members who helped in any way. Voting then showed that members were very happy with the work of the existing committee. It therefore remains the same: Aleathia as President (with Gill in reserve if Aleathia unavoidably cannot attend meetings). Members: Carole, Christine, Jennifer and Margaret.

Tea/coffee break next and we enjoyed the scones, flapjack, date slices, etc brought in by members. The raffle was won by Doris.

Part of the evening was devoted to completing Samaritans Purse shoeboxes. As last year, these boxes will be sent to Novi Sad and distributed to needy children in time for Christmas.

In response to the talk by our speaker on 'Calcutta Rescue', our members have been knitting squares for blankets ever since April. Over 30 blankets at an earlier count, plus 24 cut-out from huge fleecy blankets at this meeting are destined for Kolkata where the speaker works as a midwife on her frequent trips to India.

No meeting in December as we have our Christmas Dinner at the Fox & Hounds on the 13th. We look forward to this and to all the planned - and unplanned - events in 2011.

Mary Humphrey

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Saturdays December 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> at Blickling Hall  
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Saturday December 11th at St Thomas Church Norwich at 7.30pm

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Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December, Bawdeswell Church  
Family Christmas Concert at 4pm



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### Hire Charges were unchanged for 2010 but will be reviewed in December

| 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.

We now have a licence for the sale of alcohol and hirers can take advantage of this for a fee of £15 subject to approval by the Village Hall Committee.

**The new portakabin will be available for hire in the New Year (at 50% of the hall cost) and various meetings will transfer there from the main hall. There will therefore be an opportunity for more regular events on Mondays. If you would like to run an early evening event at the hall on Mondays please contact us.**

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)

See also our website at – <http://www.eastinvolve.net/bawdeswellvillagehall/>

**The next Village Hall Committee Meetings will be held on Mondays 20<sup>th</sup> December & 17<sup>th</sup> January - 7.30 pm at the Hall**

**If you would like to help run the hall, come along to the meeting.**



**PRESENTS**

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**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2011 at 7pm**  
**FREE Entry Film - see poster in hall**



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**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2011 at 3pm**  
**FREE Children's Matinee - see poster in hall**



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**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2011 at 7pm**

**The King's Speech**  
**Special Early Release**



**This film will be on general release from 5<sup>th</sup> January and we are fortunate to be able to obtain it this early.**

[Colin Firth](http://www.guardian.co.uk/film/2010/oct/21/kings-speech-review-colin-firth) gives a warm and sympathetic performance as Bertie, the Duke Of York, an introverted and uncomfortable stammerer, bullied by his father George V, played by Michael Gambon, and overshadowed by his charismatic playboy older brother, David, a role dispatched with some style by Guy Pearce, incidentally putting to rest the overpowering memory of Edward Fox in the part. Helena Bonham Carter is Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon, his robustly supportive wife who, with her intuitive sense of when and how to dispense with her own reverence for protocol, engages a new Australian speech therapist to help her despairing husband.  
 See <http://www.guardian.co.uk/film/2010/oct/21/kings-speech-review-colin-firth>

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*This report should have been in last month's magazine but due to a Senior Moment by the Editor it was left out. My sincere apologies. Ed*

## Foxley's 'Big C' Coffee Morning

On Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> September 2010 Foxley village held a 'Big C' Coffee Morning - but with an important difference. Four ladies of the village: Jenny Burlingham, Carole Mears, Gladys Dewing and Joy Webster were celebrating the anniversary of the 'Big C' charity that they had raised funds for thirty years ago. It was a particularly poignant anniversary because two of these founding members - Jenny and Gladys and village hall committee member Anne Cormie are themselves now undergoing treatment for this very disease that they have for so long helped other people to fight. With the same spirit that four young ladies had begun this altruistic mission, so that same spirit was palpably evident from them in our hall on Wednesday. It was made a notably special gathering by that very fact.

People arrived from every direction, quickly filling Chapel Road and the surrounding area with their cars. The village hall was already absolutely abuzz with the stall tenders and their donated wares - some over donated! - soon to be surrounded by eager and generous customers. Refreshments and raffle ticket sellers were stoutly holding their own against a burgeoning siege. In the middle of all this wonderful, heaving support an Anglia Television film crew arrived to interview our four ladies who had started all this. Recognition of this kind was something our ladies had never considered or sought of course - but richly deserved just the same. When finally the last laden customer had 'homeward plodded', then the takings were counted. All you generous people had raised nearly £1,800 for the 'Big C'!

It has to be said of course, that all these wonderful functions that have been put on in the village hall (the reins always skillfully and safely in the hands of the V.H. Committee) would not be at all possible if it were not for those ladies of the village who can always be relied on to give their time and effort to helping make any village junket a success, Foxley thanks you for your participation and generosity of time. You helped make this particular function one to be remembered for quite a long time!

Something also memorable about this event was that same evening, sitting comfortably in our armchairs at home, we watched Jenny, Gladys and Anne on Anglia Television talking with great dignity and fortitude about their condition; still thinking of others as they spoke of new breakthroughs coming along..... Magnificent.

PS A personal thank you 'to everyone for everything' from the four ladies of the village, including Anne from Bawdeswell

PPS Ruth Whitmore thanks Dennis Barrett for his excellent report



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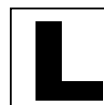


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## The Story of the Wise Men

They are supposed to have come from the East, accurately calculated the event of the birth of a King, diligently followed a star, and travelled far in search of the new born king. And yes, they did bring expensive gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

### The Wise Men from the East

One of the three wise men, Melchior is said to have come from India, known for its affinity for gold. Gold crowns and ornaments were routinely associated with royalty, and as such it is not surprising that Melchior came up with the idea of gold as a gift fit for a King.

The second wise man came from the land of the biblical Queen of Sheba. The land was known for its incense, which “drippeth out of certain trees in the manner of gum.” And so Balthazar brought incense as his gift.

The third wise man, Gaspar, is believed to be from Tarsus in Ethiopia. Here “myrrh groweth more plentifully than in any other place in the world.”

### The Wise Men after Bethlehem

Once they had accomplished their mission and eluded Herod’s efforts to stop them, they returned together as far as the borders of Ind, where they built a chapel in honour of the holy Infant. They resolved to meet at the spot every year and eventually be buried there when the time came.

### Final Resting Place in Cologne

But their days of travel were far from over. Around 330 AD, Queen Helena, the mother of Constantine, collected their remains along with various other relics and moved it all to Constantinople. They were laid to rest at the Church of Saint Sophia. Later on in 1164, Frederick I, the Holy Roman Emperor, gifted the remains to the Archbishop of Cologne in appreciation of his help in war. And at the Cathedral in Cologne in Germany the three wise men finally rest in peace.


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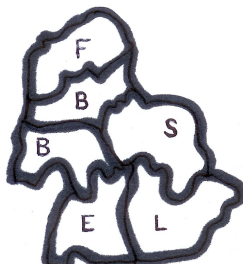
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## Benefice News and Events



### Events for December

- 1<sup>st</sup> Children's Society Coffee Morning 10am Foxley Lodge
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Christmas Flower demonstration 7.30pm in Lyng Village Hall Tickets £6.50
- 4<sup>th</sup> Christmas bazaar in The Old Schoolroom, Sparham 10.30am Church Funds.
- 11<sup>th</sup> Friends of Bawdeswell Church Christmas decoration and wreath sale in the church
- 11/12 Christmas Tree show at Lyng Church
- 12<sup>th</sup> Friends of Bawdeswell Church Christmas concert in church

Our thanks to all the gentlemen who attended the men's breakfast in October. We were able to send £223.55 to the Prostate Cancer Charity and we have received a grateful letter back from them. Our thanks too, to all the ladies who prepared the hall and cooked the breakfast. The next breakfast is scheduled for 26<sup>th</sup> March.

### Everyone Learning

There are only two courses for December, unfortunately at the same time! One is the story of Joseph called 'I have a Dream' at Norwich Cathedral Library from 10-12.30. Cost £10. For more information contact Gudrun Warren on 01603 218327. The other course is an Advent Exploration at Noggs Barn, 97 School Lane Little Melton from 9.30-4. Cost £5. More information from Caspar James on 01603 729815.

This is our last newsletter of the year. *May the Benefice Group wish you all a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas.*



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The roof repairs have been carried out and we await the Faculty to allow us to proceed with the loft insulation.

Our thanks to Kelvin Taylor for undertaking the difficult roof and gutter maintenance which is not a pleasant job on account of the pigeon droppings. Thanks also to Jason Dobbs for a neat job done on the Cemetery hedge along the road. We are also very grateful indeed to the person, unknown to us, who keeps the grass mown and tidy around the more recent graves. We do pay someone to keep the grass under control, but that is all we are able to do. We are grateful for any voluntary help.

We hosted the Remembrance Day Service for the Benefice on 14<sup>th</sup> November. The names of the fallen of all six villages in both World Wars were read out and a wreath was laid at our Memorial. The church was full to capacity with 115 people attending. A collection for The Royal British Legion raised £401.

We look forward to welcoming the school children back on December 17<sup>th</sup> for their **Christmas Service**. It is always nice to have them visit the church and have so many mums and dads come along too.

We invite you to join us on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> for the church's **Carol Service and Nativity**, and on **Christmas** day for our **Family GiG** Service which is always a very festive occasion.

Leading up to Christmas we have a very special day on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December between 10am and 4pm when the local flower arranging class will be in the church making **Christmas Wreaths** for sale.

There will also be refreshments and other homemade goodies for you to buy.

And don't miss the Annual **Christmas Concert** in the church at 4pm on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December. As last year it features The Icenis Choir and a return visit of June Harrison and Susie Turner. The music will be from the films and shows and some carols for us all to join in.

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

Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Sale of wreaths, floral decorations and Christmas fare. 10 - 4

Sun 12<sup>th</sup> Christmas Concert. 4pm (ticket event)

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> School Service. 1.30pm

Sun 19<sup>th</sup> Carols & Nativity. 10.30am

Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Mass. 9.30pm

Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day GiG Family Service. 10.30am

R.T.

## From the Rector

Dear Everybody, hello again,

The older I get, the less I can believe it's Christmas already. Maybe you feel the same too; or maybe you're young enough for many things to be happening to you for the first time. Perhaps one way to stay feeling young is to make sure that you do new things; another way is to do old things as if they were new.

It's comforting to have traditions, to feel that Christmas is the same as it has always been. But maybe some of us want to feel the difference, to know that this is Christmas 2010, not 2001 or 1982. If you listen to Radio 2, you might be forgiven for forgetting the year we're in, with all the Christmas golden oldies being trundled out again.

For Christians, the story of Christmas is about eternity breaking into history, God being among us in one particular man. I don't think that because it's about the eternal in human form, that's a good reason for making Christmas eternally changeless. We need a balance, between on the one hand offering children an experience of those things that delighted us when we were young – the crib service, the Christmas candles, coloured lights and decorations, gifts to unwrap – and on the other hand finding new ways of making it fresh for ourselves.

It's true, trends change. More cards are sent by email; asking for gifts to be given to charity has become commonplace; going abroad (if you can afford it at peak season) doesn't raise eyebrows, nor does having Christmas lunch in a hotel. Some people even ask me to send them a round-robin of news, and until recently that was a much-mocked habit.

What stops any festival that happens every year from becoming "same-old-thing" is if we have open minds; open to the strangeness that it celebrates, and open to the gifts and thoughts it can give us. The first Christmas was an extraordinary surprise. This Christmas will be as good as that for us, if we allow ourselves to be surprised; to be open to the wonder, to be open to the joy. But for those of you who find this difficult, do use the season to be open to the love and the kindness.

God bless you this Christmas.      David Head

## CHURCH SERVICES DECEMBER 2010 & JANUARY 2011

| Date              | 05/12                            | 12/12                            | 19/12                                 | 24/12                                         | 25/12                | 26/12             |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Season            | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent | 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent      | Christmas Eve                                 | Christmas day        | St Steven         |
| <b>Foxley</b>     | 17.30 EP<br>DH                   |                                  | 15.00<br>Carols<br>DH                 | 23.15 HC<br>DH                                |                      |                   |
| <b>Lyng</b>       | 9.00 HC2<br>DH                   |                                  | 18.30<br>Carols<br>DH                 | 16.00<br>Crib Service<br>DH<br>23.00 HC<br>TC |                      |                   |
| <b>Elsing</b>     | 10.30 HC<br>TC                   | 10.30<br>OMS Carols<br>DH        | 9.00 HC<br>DH                         |                                               | 10.30 HC<br>TC       |                   |
| <b>Bawdeswell</b> | 10.30 HC1<br>DH                  |                                  | 10.30<br>Carols and<br>Nativity<br>CW | 21.00<br>HC<br>DH                             | 10.30<br>GiG<br>Team |                   |
| <b>Bylaugh</b>    |                                  | 9.00 HC PB<br>DH                 |                                       |                                               | 9.00 HC<br>DH        |                   |
| <b>Sparham</b>    | 10.30<br>OASIS<br>Team           |                                  | 10.30<br>Carols<br>DH                 |                                               | 10.30<br>HC<br>DH    | 10.30<br>HC<br>DH |

| Date              | 02/01           | 09/01             | 16/01                | 23/01            | 30/01          |
|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Season            | Epiphany        | Baptism of Christ | Epiphany 2           | Epiphany 3       | Epiphany 4     |
| <b>Foxley</b>     | 17.30 EP<br>DH  | - - - -           | 8.00 HC PB<br>DH     | 10.30 HC1<br>DH  | 10.30 HC<br>DH |
| <b>Lyng</b>       | 9.00 HC1<br>DH  | - - - -           | 15.00 EP<br>DH       | 10.30 FS<br>FST  |                |
| <b>Elsing</b>     | 10.30 HC<br>TC  | - - - - -         | 9.00 HC1<br>DH       | 10.30 W&P<br>CW  |                |
| <b>Bawdeswell</b> | 10.30 HC1<br>DH |                   | 10.30 GiG            | 10.30 WP<br>CW   |                |
| <b>Bylaugh</b>    | - - - -         | 9.00 HC PB<br>DH  | - - - -              | 9.00 MP<br>CW    |                |
| <b>Sparham</b>    | 10.30<br>OASIS  | 10.30 OMS<br>DH   | 10.30 HC<br>PB<br>DH | 9.00 HC PB<br>DH |                |



PRESENTS

# The Ghost



**Saturday 11th December 2010**



Directed by Roman Polanski from the hit novel by Robert Harris. A ghost writer hired to complete the memoirs of a former British Prime Minister (any resemblance to Tony Blair is entirely uncoincidental!) uncovers secrets that put his own life in jeopardy. With just 30 days to complete the manuscript, The Ghost (Ewan McGregor) arrives in New

England where Lang (Pierce Brosnan) is holed up in his beachfront home with his wife (Olivia Williams) and his mistress/PA (Kim Cattrall). The body of the Ghost's predecessor is found washed up on the shore, and The Ghost soon finds himself in a murky world of duplicity and political malfeasance. Originally released as 'The Ghost Writer' but released in the UK as 'The Ghost'.

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