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NOTICE BOARD

Thank you!

Just a note to thank everyone for the good wishes and cards sent to me while I'm off work having my back sorted out and rebuilt! The operation went well and I'm doing everything I can to get back to work as soon as possible. At the moment it looks as though this will be January or February – I shall have to be patient!

I really have been taken by surprise at the number of well wishers who have been in touch, and I am so grateful to you all for the lift to my spirits.

See you soon, Dave (postie)

Bawdeswell Bowls Club has just come to the end of a very successful 2010 season. Completing a double by winning both leagues, the first being the Cawston League 15 wins, 1 draw and 2 lost, and the second is the Dereham League 9 wins and 3 lost. *Any players wishing to join the club, please contact Paul Digby on 01362 688615*

Foxley Short Mat Bowls Club

Friday evening is beginners and practice night at Foxley Short Mat Bowls Club. Why not come along and find out if Bowls is for you. Friday evening in Foxley Village Hall is not just about bowling, it is also in its own way a social evening—a way of meeting new friends. Come along and see for yourself: 7.0'clock every Friday.

Charity Weekend at Bawdeswell Garden Centre

Please come along and visit us during the weekend of 27th/28th November when we will be laying on special events including a live jazz band.

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The two charities that will benefit are The Lifeboat Institution and Quiddenham Hospice.

BAWDESWELL FILM CLUB MEETINGS

The next meetings of the Bawdeswell Film Club will be on Sunday 21st November and Sunday 12th December 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.



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

NOVEMBER DIARY

Mon 1 st	Bawdeswell Parish Council meeting 7.45pm
Tue 2 nd	Back to School (Bawdeswell)
Wed 3 rd	BAG-for BAG collection in Bawdeswell
Thu 4 th	Bawdeswell Book Club, 7.30pm at the Old Workhouse Bar
Mon 8 th	Table Tennis at Bawdeswell Village Hall
Thu 11 th	Craft Group meet at Bawdeswell Village hall 2pm
Sun 14 th	Remembrance Day Service Bawdeswell 10.45am
Sat 20 th	FILM NIGHT Bawdeswell Village Hall 7pm
Sun 21 st	Film Club Meeting 2.30pm Bawdeswell
Mon 22 nd	Table Tennis at Bawdeswell Village Hall
Thu 25 th	Craft Group meet at Bawdeswell Village hall 2pm
Sat 27 th	Charity Weekend at Bawdeswell Garden Centre 10am Project Bawdeswell meeting
Sun 28 th	Benefice Advent Carol Service with ICENI choir 6pm Bawdeswell

Regular Weekly Events

Bawdeswell Village Hall

Young Farmers Tuesdays
 Countrysiders Every other Wednesday
 WeightWatchers Thursdays 6.15pm
 Parents
 & Toddlers Fridays 9.30am
 Bridge Fridays 2.15pm
 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 Friday Evening
 Bridge on Tuesday evening 7.15pm
 Table Tennis on Wednesday evening.

FOXLEY VILLAGE HALL

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Table Tennis – fun evenings - Mondays 8th & 22nd November

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. Further information from Janet on 688749.

Bag-4-Bag collection The next Bag-4-Bag collection will be on Wednesday 3rd November. By the time that you read this you should have received a blue bag through your letterbox. Please fill it with clothes, bedding, curtains, shoes, bags, belts, hats, cushions etc – good condition please, and no bric-a-brac. The Bags will be collected from your doorstep during the day.

For further information please call Fel on 07957 254503

PROJECT BAWDESWELL



At our last meeting at the end of September the discussion was mostly about the plans for the open evening on the 26 October to show the proposed plans for an extension of the Village Hall. An enlarged Hall will provide more facilities for Bawdeswell and we are hoping to see many villagers on that night because without you it will be difficult for the plans to be realised.

The play area has been an enormous success over the summer with many more children and families using it and we want to continue to improve it and also improve the indoor community facilities now, so please support Project Bawdeswell.

Next planned committee meetings are Saturdays 30th October & 27th November, 10am at Bawdeswell Village Hall. Further information is available on our website at <http://eoe.xarg.co.uk/projectbawdeswell/> or come to one of our meetings.

'EYES DOWN LOOKING' CHRISTMAS PRIZE BINGO

**SATURDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2010
AT BAWDESWELL VILLAGE HALL**

DOORS OPEN AT 7PM, BINGO STARTS AT 7.30PM

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CLEMENTINA SUTTON 01603 872441.

BAWDESWELL COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Half Term

Monday 1st November is an inset day and therefore children will resume school on Tuesday 2nd November 2010.

School Photographs

Tempest Photography will be visiting on 4th November to take individual photos of the children

Load the Lorry Appeal 2007

Once again we are going to support the shoe box load the lorry appeal. This involves children filling a shoe box with small gifts listed below, to send to Romania by Caritas volunteers and distributed to deprived children and families in remote areas.

All boxes must be clearly marked with a rough child's age and which gender it's designed for to help them when handing out the boxes in Romania. Please find below a list of what can and can't go in.

Sweets – always very popular! (wrapped ones/ones packaged to survive the journey are best), games – (but no electronic or battery powered ones, please), cuddly toys, bubbles, colouring in books, pens and pencils, toothbrush and toothpaste, soap, combs/brushes/hair accessories, hats/scarves/gloves.

Please do not include:

Breakables, sharp objects ie scissors, liquids that may leak, perishable items.

If you feel you cannot fill a whole shoe box, we will be making up boxes in school and any bits and pieces will be welcome. A big box will be in the entrance hall for you to put gifts in if you would like to. There is plenty of time and we will give you the closure date after half-term.

If you could have your completed boxes to school by 10th November as they will be loaded onto the lorry on Saturday 13th November.

Dophins Class – Evacuees Day

On 20th October as part of our World War 2 topic, we made an educational trip to visit 'The Poppy Line' for an Evacuees Day. The children took the role of a school being evacuated from London to Norfolk in 1940.* They were asked to dress in clothing typical of the era and they experienced travelling on a steam train, being in an air raid, making their own lunches from rations, digging for victory and singing and playing games. They all had a fabulous time! **(See article on page 27 about Bawdeswell evacuees. Ed.)*

Assembly with John Thaxton

We are very lucky to have John Thaxton visit years 5 and 6 on 15th November 2010 for an anti-bullying workshop.

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IMPORTANT NEWS FLASH about Sunday 19th December



We have it on good authority Father Christmas and his Elves are coming to Bawdeswell in his horse drawn sleigh to take part in carol singing around the village, starting from the **Village Hall at 4p.m.**

All welcome to take part in the carol singing.

From 6.30 to 8p.m. Father Christmas and his Elves will be in his sleigh in the Grotto at the Village Hall where you will be able to talk to him and girls and boys will be able to have a dip in his bran tubs.

There will also be mulled wine and mince pies.

Come and join us and get into the festive spirit.

Donations for the Bawdeswell Allotment, Leisure and Gardening Association and the Village Hall building project.

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BAWDESWELL'S SUCCESS AT THE EDP PRIDE IN NORFOLK COMMUNITY AWARDS?

The 2010 Pride in Norfolk Community Awards, sponsored by the Eastern Daily Press and Norfolk County Council, were held at County Hall on Thursday, 30th September 2010. The awards were split between 5 categories, delineated by population-size, and Bawdeswell was therefore considered in the 'under 1,000 group'. We did so well to reach the final pair of villages, bearing in mind that we were competing in the largest group within Norfolk. However, we were, regrettably, pipped at the post by Great Massingham. Nevertheless, the judges declared it to be a very close-run race, and they were reportedly very impressed by the vibrancy of the community, the many activity groups in the village and the energy of the volunteers who help run them. Our 'runners-up' plaque will soon grace the walls of the Village Hall, and the prize of gardening vouchers will help improve the ambience in the village.

The prize-giving was, of course, simply the culmination of a long and arduous competitive process and, therefore, while you can all pat yourselves on the back for being part of the Bawdeswell community, our special thanks must go to all those volunteers who continue to give so freely of their time to make the village into the community it is, and in particular to James Lilwall and his team who masterminded the Bawdeswell bid for fame and who so clearly impressed the judges.

Thank you James for helping to put Bawdeswell so firmly on the map. It is now up to the rest of us to ensure that we not only stay there, but that we don't get pipped at the post again at next year's awards. I, for one, was very struck by the similarity between the achievements of Great Massingham and Bawdeswell; so we clearly don't need to do much more to reach that top spot. There is so much going on within this village nowadays, but all of our many activities and support groups rely heavily on voluntary help; so please join in and help the Bawdeswell community get its just reward at the 2011 Pride in Norfolk Awards! If you are in any doubt about why you should, or how and where you can help, just call Claire Boer, the Parish Clerk, on 01362 688415.

David Shannon

Chairman Bawdeswell Parish Council



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 3 wins and a draw in their 1st 4 league matches and breaking a 27 year old record in the Mervyn Lambert Plant Hire Pease League Cup by winning their game against Dereham Cocks United by a staggering 24-0.



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/>

Bawdeswell Craft Group

Our twice monthly meetings continue to be good fun and members' work is progressing really well. If anyone has spare oddments of wool we would be grateful for them for the charity knitting we do.

We meet in Bawdeswell village hall on the 2nd and 4th Thursday afternoons of the month at 2.00 until 4.30 pm and new members are always welcome. The next dates are 11th & 25th November and 9th December.

Enquiries: Marietta Menzies 01362 688 400



The Bawdeswell Book Club

We meet on the first Thursday of each month at 7.30 in the Workhouse Bar. New Members are always welcome and most of our books are supplied by the Norfolk Library service, so the cost is minimal. The book we will be discussing at the November meeting will be *'Portrait of Dorian Gray'* by Oscar Wilde

October Book: Anna Karenina by Leo Tolstoy

Acclaimed by some as the world's greatest novel, Tolstoy's Anna Karenina depicts a tragic story of obsessional love and its almost inevitable resulting pain and suffering. Side by side with Anna's tragedy develops another story, in many respects the history of Tolstoy and his wife. The parallels are innumerable: the love of Kitty and Levin is the transposition of Tolstoy's own domestic memories, just as the death of Levin's brother is the fateful evocation of the death of Tolstoy's brother. Like Tolstoy, Levin attacks 19th Century Russian society, hypocrisy, fashionable liberalism, drawing room religion – his campaign, too, is against the world 'which distorts all truthful feelings and inevitably crushes the generous enthusiasm of the mind'.

Tolstoy's approach is brilliantly analytical, revealing and absorbing. The book generated a good deal of discussion with a range of views although some members of the group found the task of 850 pages in a month somewhat challenging.

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ICENI CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

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Saturdays December 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> at Blickling Hall  
in the Long Gallery at 2pm and again at 4pm

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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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More details in December Reeve's Tale or contact James Lilwall
on 01362688499 or email to pjilwall@hotmail.com



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.

"Bridge Taster Day"

on

Saturday, 8th January 2011

at

Bawdeswell Village Hall.

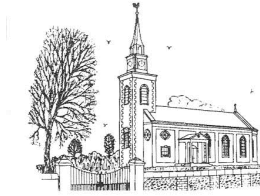
The JayCee Bridge Club has received many enquiries about learning to play bridge and, as we are keen to encourage new players, will be running a "Taster Day" aiming to attract people who have never played bridge before, although experience of other card games would be helpful. At the same time, anyone 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.

If you are interested, please contact Roger Fryatt on 01362 688627 or Patsy Catchpole on 01362 688352.



The Friends of Bawdeswell Church

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Harvest Supper in the Village Hall

Thank you all who have supported this so well. At the time of writing, the tickets have sold very well and we are looking forward to the good company, good food and light-hearted entertainment.

The Quarterly 100 Club draw was postponed from October 2nd due to a Norfolk WI Singing Workshop in the church all day that Saturday. The Draw was due to take place at the Harvest Supper instead and the results will be published in the December magazine and on line *now*. www.bawdeswell.net/friendsofthechurch

Repairs to the Church

We are currently financing the repairs to the church roof, including some new leadwork and the resetting of coping stones, to stop the rain getting in. We have also paid for the lightning conductor to be inspected and tested, and helped by paying the insurance and electricity bills and for other essential maintenance during the year.

Next year we hope to be able to pay for the insulation of the loft and maybe secondary double glazing, to try and reduce the very steep electricity bills.

Redecoration is still on our wish list for the future.

So you see we appreciate all the help we can get from you when you support one of the fund raising events, and even more so when you join the Friends. All members are automatically entered into the 100 Club Draw each quarter. There is a first prize of £100, four of £25 and five of £10. If you would like to join, please call 01362 688499.

Forthcoming events for 2010

Dec 11th Christmas Wreaths etc for Sale in the church 10 - 4

Dec 12th Christmas Concert 4pm

Planned events for 2011:

Sunday May 8th Afternoon Concert with Tea - Alison Stephens with Aylsham Music

Saturday July 23rd Festival Players ‘The Taming of the Shrew’ by William Shakespeare

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BAWDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL**DIGEST OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 4TH OCTOBER 2010**

Present: Councillors Shannon, Mason, Beane, Green, Lilwall, Kirby, Mallen, Mr G Bambridge, Mrs C Boer and 6 parishioners

Ongoing Issues from Previous Meetings

Adams Pit: The Trustees have gained an NCC Countryside Conservation Grant of £994.00 towards the cost of the next phase of refurbishment work, excavation of the Pit and creation of a pond dipping platform. The work should start in the next couple of weeks, but the Clerk will warn of the exact date via notices around Adams Pit and the Parish Council notice board. The Trustees would like to take this opportunity to ask parishioners to keep clear and stay safe while contactors are working in this area. Parents are also asked to instruct their children not to play in this area during this work.

Allotments: The Chairman and Clerk have met with a second landowner to discuss the leasing of land for allotments. While the landowner was not averse in principle to leasing land for allotments, if it was well managed, an uplift clause in the original purchase agreement for the land in question would prevent this, unless associated housing development allowed the owners to maximise the financial potential of the property. Members of the Bawdeswell Allotment & Leisure Gardens Association also asked the Parish Council to investigate the possibility of leasing land close to Adams Pit. The Chairman and Clerk have been directed to pursue this and the other land options still open. The Parish Council would like to assure members of the BALGA that it is doing its utmost to find land for allotments and, although attempts so far have not been fruitful, the Parish Council is not discouraged.

Any Other Business of Interest to Parishioners

Norfolk Police: With the withdrawal of the mobile police van from the village, the Dereham Safe Neighbourhood Team have sought to assure the Parish Council that the community will be patrolled by police and community support officers but could not give an undertaking for timetabled patrols or a minimum amount of patrol time. Our SNT would like to arrange a local surgery to meet with the public; the Parish Council has therefore suggested that this might be held in the Church on a morning when the Post Office is open. The Clerk will advertise the details of this police surgery once they are known.

EDP Pride in Norfolk Awards 2010: Bawdeswell is on the map! The village came runners up in the EDP Pride in Norfolk 'Under 1000 population' community village award. The Chairman and Clerk were presented with a runner's up plaque, which will be displayed in the village hall, and £40 worth of garden centre vouchers, which will be put towards the purchase of more plants for the children's play area. Well done to everyone involved in community events or groups. Next year we aim to be winners!

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 1st November 2010, 7.45pm in Village Hall

FOXLEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 7TH OCTOBER 2010 AT 7.30PM
IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Councillors Harvey JH (Chairman), Mears NM (Vice-Chairman), Hatch NH, Barrett DB, Mansfield JM, Bambridge G (District Councillor) Buck E (Clerk) and 3 parishioners.

Apologies : None

Minutes of last Meeting The minutes from the last Parish Council meeting held on the 13th of July 2010 were agreed and signed.

Declarations of interest The Chairman John Harvey declared an interest about the ditches and the drainage in West Foxley and Churchyard funding in the budget for 2011/12.

Matters Arising

Anglian Water Sewerage Pumping Station

There are still people being connected to the sewerage system at this time, in some places around Foxley there is still in need of a clear up on verges.

Highway Issues

Mr. Harvey has contacted PCSO Angela Powles concerning speeding along the A1067 and also overtaking manoeuvres past the traffic island, which was passed on to the traffic officer.

Mr. Bambridge has advised us to contact Swaffham Police direct.

Repairs have been done to the road at Moor Farm, but concerns were raised as to the standard of the repairs with the general feeling being that they might not withstand the winter weather.

Potholes have now started appearing on both sides of Foxley. Clerk to contact Highways.

Correspondence

Communities and Local Government

It was decided that the village of Foxley is too small for anything on a big scale .The VH committee supply the village with a variety of events throughout the year. The VH was itself a fine effort in bringing our village together.

Home Fire Risks Checks

It was decided that it is everyone's responsibility to make sure their home is safe. If anyone has any concerns about any of their elderly neighbours, they might wish to raise the subject of how they escape from their homes in an emergency.

Census 2011

It is understood the Census will be delivered to all properties by post. It is a legal requirement to fill in the forms. Clerk will find out more information.

Planning

3PL/2010/0637/O Fairfield Still waiting to hear from Breckland District Council, no objections from the Parish Council.

3PL/2010/0984/F Tollgate. The Parish Council had no objections.

Finance

Summary of accounts – The financial report was present and signed.

Payment- Clerks expenses approved

Approve Payments – The following payments were agreed £250.00 Foxley Village Hall Committee annual grant. (part2)

£250.00 Foxley PCC annual grant. (part2)

Precept 2011/2012

The attached budget for 2011/2012 was discussed and the precept was agreed at the same amount being £4,300 proposed by DB seconding by NM. The Chairman thanked NH for his efforts in drafting the forthcoming year's budget. It will be possible to contribute £1000 to the Bawdeswell Playground Project, but a final decision delayed until December meeting, when this will be a special item on the Agenda.

Village Matters

A parishioner has made a request for a sign to be made, advising that there should be no parking after the road narrows pass the village hall. Mr. Harvey will look into this which may be a highways matter.

The Foxley road sign along the A1067 has been defaced, as well as a bent sign.

Clerk to contact Highways.

Ditches

There was a reminder that it is the responsibility of the riparian owners to keep clear their section of their ditch in West Foxley. Approximately eight months of the year the ditch is dry, but it is much needed when there is heavy rain.

Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

A reminder to all residents of Foxley that we are a member of the neighbourhood watch scheme. If there are any problems or anything suspicious in the area your neighbourhood watch representatives are Ruth Waller, Kim Evans and Frans Gladwell.

Clerk raised the issue of the Shoebox for Romania appeal being run by Bawdeswell Primary School. If anyone would like to donate any items for this appeal or would like further information please contact. Emma (Parish Clerk).

Date of the next meeting

Tuesday 14th December 7.30pm

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Needless to say we will continue to fund aquaboxes as part of our ongoing commitment to those who are less fortunate than ourselves. If you feel able to support us in this worthwhile venture please contact one of our members.

Once again we ran the Art Marquee at the Aylsham Show; this proved extremely successful and we were able to sell works of art valued at almost £5000 on behalf of exhibitors raising nearly £3500 – this was a worthwhile increase on last year's figure to the benefit of our charities.

Our charitable activities continue with preparations for our Race Night and supper which is to be held in the Reepham High School on 19th November; tickets will be on sale shortly and may be obtained from any Rotarian.

We continue to support the international Rotary drive to eradicate polio worldwide raising funds by planting crocuses throughout Reepham and district. We are encouraging local organisations to become involved. Next spring look out for lots of purple flowers!

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Saturday 6 November

10am to 4pm

Wells-next-the-Sea

Heading to the sandy shore of Wells beach we will walk towards Holkham exploring the strandline and the marine life that can be found here.

Sunday 7 November

10am to 4pm

Heacham

The huge beach of Heacham is a fantastic place to look for marine wildlife. Using push-netting and digging we discover the animals which inhabit the intertidal sea and shore of the Wash.

Sunday 21 November

10am to 4pm

Winterton-on-Sea

The sand dune system and sandy beach of Winterton-on-Sea is home to a variety of coastal plants and animals, including grey seals. Join us as we look for marine wildlife and learn about the natural history of grey seals.

Booking essential - to book or for further information please phone Norfolk Wildlife Information Service on 01603 598333 or email wild@norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk

Please note: the morning presentation will be the same for all four workshops, but each afternoon session will be very different. So you may like to join us for one morning presentation, but attend more than one afternoon session.

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WWII EVACUEES IN BAWDESWELL

Dolphins Class at Bawdeswell School has been learning about the wartime Evacuees in the 1940's. See page 7. Here are two first hand accounts by Evacuees who came to Bawdeswell, from the Reeve's Tale website. www.bawdeswell.net

Sheila Berry wrote this: "I used to live in The Rectory at **Bawdeswell** during the war. My granny (Nell Callaghan) lived with my mother (Hannah O'Brien) and us children in The Rectory. My granny actually died there. We were evacuated from London during the war around 1943. My father was in the army. My aunty Nell Donaghue and her family (2 boys and 2 girls) lived in The Willows, which I remember quite clearly and I also remember seeing the wreck of the church opposite which was hit by the plane. It didn't really affect me because I was only about 5 at the time. The thing that affected me most was when my lovely dog 'Binky' was hit by a lorry outside The Willows. We buried him in the back garden."

Diana Bolton dictated this: "I was 3 when the war started. I lived in Poplar with my family, my father became a fireman in the docks at Orchard Place. We lived very near to the East India Docks and there were frequent air raids. During one of these a bomb fell at the bottom of our street. We were still in the house at the time on our way to our brick built street shelter.

For most of the war I was in London attending Primary School but when the Doodle Bugs started my father who saw the first one fall insisted we went away. I was seven. My sister, Betty Tremain (11 years old) and I went to a village in Norfolk. We arrived at East Dereham railway station where we boarded buses to be taken to our destination. We arrived at **Bawdeswell** and were taken into the village hall. The children with their mothers soon found people to have them this left just two pairs of sisters. A lady came in and pointed at my sister and one of the other sisters and said "I'll take these." I felt very lonely but my sister soon sorted it out and we went with Mrs Fenn.

They had no children but made us very welcome. We soon got used to pumping the water and using a candle to go to bed. She cooked using a primus stove or an oven heated by a coal fire. In the evenings we read by the light of an oil lamp. We went to the village school where there were just three other children of my age. Things were very quiet compared to London but excitement one morning. A German plane had crashed on the village church during the night. We stayed just over a year until after VE Day returning to London in September in time for the celebration parties."



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Wensum Valley Birdwatching Society

Our speaker for September can be found in Debretts: nothing but the best for us. Professor Ian Newton, OBE gave a learned presentation on the highlights of a long term study of Sparrowhawks. These monogamous birds had suffered a sharp decline due to the use of organochlorine pesticides but have made a good recovery and are now quite widespread. Their diet consists almost entirely of woodland birds although the female, which is the larger of the pair, can take the odd pigeon or Partridge. They produce young in early summer, coinciding with the peak of the songbird population. They have up to six young but 72% die before breeding and only 22% actually breed. Their population has remained fairly stable over the period 1970 – 1990. Not especially long lived, only about 10% reaching 10 years. For those who like to explore the subject further, the Professor has written a book on the subject called, as one would expect, ‘The Sparrowhawk’.

Red Kites: Members of the society receive a monthly newsletter. Expertly edited by David Knight it contains articles and bird sightings contributed by members. September’s newsletter has reports of Red Kites seen within the valley. I hope the gentleman, who rang me saying he thought he saw a Red Kite, reads this because, during a senior moment, I seem to have mislaid his phone number.

So much going on in the society and so little space to report. Briefly we did a trip to Snettisham to see the awesome sight of 50,000 waders in flight over the Wash. We had a bird workshop on Pipits, Larks, small Finches and Buntings. We will be at the ‘Wild about Norfolk’ fair in Dereham and we are taking part in a new initiative to study Marsh and Willow Tits in the Wensum Valley.

Dates for November: Thursday 18th, at Weston Longville Village Hall, a talk to brighten the winter months – “Trinidad and Tobago - Terns, Tropicbirds, Trogons and Turtles”, by Julia Black. Starts at 7.30. Our outdoor trip is to Chris Skinner’s ‘High Ash’ farm on Saturday 27th. All are welcome to both events but please note there is a small charge of £2 for non-members.

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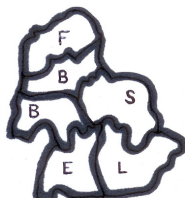
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Benefice News and Events



Events for November

3rd Lyng Church Coffee Morning 3 Hill Paddocks 10.30am
 13th Elsing Village Supper (combined Village Hall & PCC)
 20th Lyng Church Autumn Fair in Lyng village hall 2pm

Everyone Learning: *Intercession Training*

For anyone in the Benefice who is interested in leading the intercessions at a Eucharist service the Rector has arranged to hold a morning training session. This will be at Bawdeswell Church on Saturday 6th November from 10-12am. There will be another session, with the same input, for those who cannot make this one, TBA.

Subjects to be covered include: how long, what do you choose from the news, why praying is different from preaching, where to stand, how loud to be, data protection, praying for individuals and avoiding being contentious.

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Among the exhibits will be contributions from Lyng Primary School and Lyng Playgroup.

Please let us know if you can help. We hope this notice will give you plenty of time to be creative. If you would like more information, please contact

Shirley Broad (01603 872234) or Julie Stevens (01603 872530)



St. Thomas' Foxley

After Archdeacon, John Ashe's Visitation, to inspect our church, John Harvey & Dr. Tony Rushbrook, our churchwardens, were pleased to receive an appreciative letter thanking them for their efforts. Everything, it seems, was in good order – even the most sloping of tombstones had been straightened, thanks to Nicky Mears & his team – a criticism of the last Visitation. However we were surprised to learn something not previously known to us in that the church registers (Baptisms, Marriages & Burials) must be completed in a special "Registrar's Ink" We hastened to obtain some of this, only to find that none was obtainable at Jarrold's. A substitute has been found!

The Archdeacon also gave us useful advice about access via the Internet to the records held in the County Archive; particularly useful as we frequently receive requests from people researching family links with Foxley. More useful advice, bearing in mind our desire to keep the church unlocked, at least on a part-time basis, was given us about the security system "ArtGuard". There are many people with a great interest in old churches & their history, not to mention the sacred aspect, but there must be protection from mindless vandals & thieves.

Our dear old church was decorated with the usual style & artistry for our Harvest Festival on October 26th, including an impressive array of fruit & vegetables. This year we took them to the St. Martin's Housing Trust in Norwich. We received a lovely letter of thanks, which described how the gifts would be taken, to quote – "all over the city to our hostels where people are getting ready to be nominated into their own accommodation; some is used for classes to improve their cooking skill...many apples are cooked in one of our hostels for freezing and using later in the year". Food Boxes are also given to those finally getting their own home – that's what happens to tins, jam etc. A very necessary & worthwhile organisation; we are proud to have supported them, as will be those, no doubt, who gave their garden produce & gifts so generously. Readers of the E.D.P. may have noticed the recent article about our "Bell Project", lead by Tony Rushbrook – excellent publicity & we remain optimistic, although as yet, we have not been promised any grant money!

We look forward to our Carol Service at 4-30 pm on Sunday, December 19th. & our Midnight Service at 11-15 pm on Christmas Eve. It would be nice to involve some local children in decorating the church this year & to take part in the Carol Service. This would be a great blessing for us; after all Christmas is all about the birth of a child.

Diana Harvey P.C.C. Secretary.

The Children's Society Coffee Morning, Wednesday, 1st. December at Foxley Lodge, Old Fakenham Rd., Foxley at 10 am. All the usual attractions, everyone very welcome. Will those with houseboxes please bring them along.



All Saints Church, Bawdeswell

We planted 100 purple crocus bulbs at the Harvest GiG on 17th October, the theme of which was 'the needs of people far away'. Planting reminded us not only of being thankful for this year's harvest but of preparing for next year and awareness of those in other countries who are not as well fed and cared for as we are. The bulbs were given to us by the Rotary Club as part of their campaign to eradicate polio— and hopefully will result in the purple flowers bursting into bloom by February 23, 2011.

On this day, the charity will be raising awareness about the disease and its campaign to put an end to it through immunisation which began in 1985.

The purple crocus represents the dye dabbed onto children's fingers to show they have been immunised against the disease.

The church was beautifully decorated and thanks go to everyone who took part in the flower arranging.

We are host to two important Benefice services in November:

Sunday November 14th at 10.45am British Legion Remembrance Day Service

Sunday November 28th at 6pm Advent Carol Service with Choir ICENI

A warm welcome is extended to everyone.

Important dates for December:

Saturday 11th Dec Christmas Wreath Sale in the church, 10am -4pm

Sunday 12th Dec Christmas Concert in the church 4pm

(Both of these fund-raisers organised by the Friends of Bawdeswell Church)

Letter from the Rector

Dear Everybody, hello again.

The rescue of the Chilean miners from 700 metres below the surface is a wonderful story of determination and hope. People did not believe it could be done, or done so quickly.

Yet one of the side-effects of being in darkness so long was that, in order to accustom their eyes to the light, the miners had to wear dark glasses. Previous experiments have shown that to stay in darkness for a long time is very disorienting, and that the sufferers lose co-ordination.

At the very end of last month, the clocks went back, so that mornings are lighter, and the evenings are suddenly much darker. It's taken me quite a while of living here to realise that the darkness does affect me. Having lived in towns or well-lit suburbs for the previous thirty years, I thought it was very romantic not to have street lights, and I enjoyed the resourcefulness of people who adapted to it. It seemed that the ultimate is to knit your own wind-up torch!

Already we start to cheer ourselves up with lights that anticipate Christmas, the festival that was intentionally put three days after the darkest part of the year as the days begin to get lighter. November can be full of sadness, with Remembrance Sunday and its sorrow matching the cold dying of the year. For some people, their dislike of the shorter days is offset by leaves falling and more sky to see.

Dealing with darkness is partly practical – it makes sense to use the daylight as best we can, and to be visible when walking at night. Dealing with darkness is also a matter of our mood; so to be kind, we need to think of those who might close the doors at dusk and become isolated. Winter parties are good things to arrange.

Light has always been an image for the presence of God, in many religious traditions. The darkness does not overcome it. As the days get darker, may you find people, thoughts, and practical things that give you light in your life.

God bless you, David Head

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November 2010 Church Services

Date	7/11	14/11	21/11	24/11	28/11
Season	3 rd Sunday before Advent	2 nd Sunday before Advent	Christ the King	Wed	1st Sunday of Advent
Foxley	17.30 EP DH		8.00 HC PB DH		10.30 HC1 DH
Lyng	9.00 HC1 DH		15.00 EP DH		10.30 FS FST
Elsing	10.30 HC TC		9.00 HC1 DH		10.30 W&P CW
Bawdeswell	10.30 HC1 DH	10.45 Remem. DH	10.30 GiG GiG team	HC (PB) 9am DH	18.00 Advent Carols DH
Bylaugh		9.00 HC PB DH			9.00 MP CW
Sparham	10.30 OASIS team	-----	10.30 HC PB DH		9.00 HC DH

Holy Communion at Lyng 9.30am *every* Thursday morning.

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TC	The Revd Tom Candeland
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FST	Family Service Team
OASIS	"On a Sunday in Sparham"
GiG	"God is Good"
MP	Morning Prayer
HC1	Holy Communion <i>Order 1</i>
HC PB	Holy Communion <i>Prayer Book</i>
FS	Family Service



PRESENTS



Letters to Juliet

Saturday 20th November



Sophie (Amanda Seyfried, *Mamma Mia!*), on a visit to Verona with her somewhat inattentive fiancé (Gael Garcia Bernal), goes to the house allegedly inhabited by Shakespeare's Juliet and learns that for years lovelorn women have been posting letters to Juliet, asking for advice in matters of the heart. [They really do; *The Times* reported on it a while ago.] Sophie finds a 50-year-old letter written by a young English girl about a Tuscan boy she loved and lost. She gets in touch with the writer, Claire (Vanessa Redgrave), Claire and her grandson Charlie (Christopher Egan) arrive in Verona, and all three set off on a search for the long-lost Lorenzo. And all of this is wrapped up in unimaginably beautiful shots of the Italian countryside.

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