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LETTERS

I am writing to congratulate Bawdeswell Parish Council on it's decision to consider moving the Parish's money away from HSBC to a more ethical bank.

Most big banks in the UK, including HSBC, have been heavily criticised lately for their part in the current economic difficulties as well as for their enormous bonus payments. But they can rightly also be criticised for a myriad of other questionable business practices including: speculating on food prices and so increasing hunger in the developing world; avoiding tax through the use of tax havens; investing in polluting industries; as well as financing oppressive regimes, the arms trade and unnecessary animal experimentation.

Whatever ethical criteria are important to us as individuals it is obvious that the HSBC bank is a poor moral choice for us as a parish to place our money with and the Council is right to consider the alternatives. Bravo!

I encourage fellow parishioners to support the council in moving our money. For those interested you can read more at Bawdeswell's newest website

www.oswaldrepents.org.uk.

Roger Hall

Bawdeswell Activities Group BAG started in April 2007 when a group of volunteers agreed to assist in organising and running activities at Bawdeswell Village Hall for children from Bawdeswell and the surrounding area on weekday afternoons in the school holidays. Over the last five years activities, such as bridge and table tennis, plus numerous other events, have also been organised. I have been leading BAG since it began and during that time I believe that we have achieved considerable success in providing various activities in the village. However, I now feel that it is time for me to step down and allow someone else to take over the leadership and administration of BAG. This will take effect from the date of the BAG Annual General Meeting (on 3rd May 2012). I do hope that there is someone in the village who will take my place. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers and those who have given support/donations, without which BAG would not have been such a success.

Janet Cockburn

Country dancing at Brisley on Monday evenings Informal sessions at Brisley Village Hall will be held on 2nd, 16th, 23rd, and 30th April, from 7.30pm until 9.30pm. Admission of only £1.50 includes refreshments. We are a small mixed group of around 20 members and would be delighted to encourage more people to join us. There is no need to bring a partner and no experience of country dancing is necessary but a good sense of humour helps! There are two excellent callers to guide us and an enjoyable evening is guaranteed. *Everyone interested will be very warmly welcomed! Please ring Mollie Gooch on (01362) 687210 for more details*

April 2012 DIARY

Mon 2 nd	Bawdeswell Parish Council Meeting 7.45pm
Thu 5 th	Book Club meets at Old Workhouse Bar, 8pm
Sat 7 th	Seekers, 10am Bawdeswell Village Hall
Thu 12 th	Craft Group at Bawdeswell Village Hall 2pm
Sun 15 th	Titanic Day at Bawdeswell Village Hall 8.30am till 7.30pm
Mon 16 th	BECK WI meet at Sparham Old School Room 7.30pm Bawdeswell Village Hall Meeting
Tue 17 th	Flower Arranging Class at Bawdeswell Village Hall 2pm
Wed 18 th	Coffee Morning Foxley Village Hall, 10.30am Bridge Drive & Afternoon Tea Foxley Village Hall, 1.30pm
Tue 24 th	Flower Arranging Class at Bawdeswell Village Hall 2pm
Thu 26 th	Craft Group at Bawdeswell Village Hall 2pm
Sat 28 th	Project Bawdeswell Meeting 10am Wensum Valley Bird Club – visit to Foxley Wood – see page 25

Foxley Village Hall – regular events

Exercise Classes	Every Tuesday morning at 9.30am.
Short Mat Bowls	Every Monday & Friday Evening
Bridge	Tuesday evening 7.15pm
Table Tennis	Wednesday evening.

Bawdeswell Village Hall - regular events

*Parish Council	Normally 1 st Monday of Month (not Jan or Aug)
*Village Hall Committee	Normally 3 rd Monday of Month
*Table Tennis	Every Monday
Countrysiders	Every other Wednesday in term time
WeightWatchers	Thursdays 6.15pm
Running Club	Thursdays 8pm
Little Monkeys (Parent & Toddler Group) JayCee	Fridays 9.15am
Bridge Club	Fridays 2.15pm
Pilates	Fridays 7pm
Seekers	1st Saturday of month
Semitone Singers Children's Choir	Every Wednesday 4.30pm in Term Time
Ladies Craft Group	2nd & 4th Wednesday each month 2pm

Bawdeswell Church

ICENI Choir Practice	Wednesdays 7.30pm
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In Memory of those 1,517 souls who lost their lives in this tragic event 100 years ago on 15th April.

At Bawdeswell Village Hall from 8.30am to 7.30pm

Alongside an exhibition of information and memorabilia about this tragic event we will be

- serving a **TITANIC breakfast at 9am**
- showing two **Free Entry** films# – at 11am and 2pm
- **The Bar/Café will be open from 10.45am**

Call Fel on 01362 688876 or 07957254503 to book breakfast

**For further information contact David on 01362 688749
or email bawdeswell@gmail.com**

Money raised from the breakfast will go towards further improvements to the Children's Play Area and any donations at the exhibition and films plus Bar/Café profits will go to the New Hall Fund

Details of the Films are advertised in the Village Hall

BAG Bawdeswell Activities Group

Easter at the Hall –

Some of our volunteers are away during the Easter break and it has been difficult to arrange enough cover to hold activities and run the cafe every weekday. However, both café and hall will **open from 2 – 4 pm** on the following days:

Monday 2nd April; Tuesday 3rd April; Thursday 5th April

Tuesday 10th April - **Craft afternoon**

Thursday 12th April - **Pool & Table Tennis**

Friday 13th April - **Little Monkeys**

Details of any activities and any hall open days will be posted on our website at <http://bag.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/>, on posters at the village hall and leaflets through the school.

Table Tennis – EVERY MONDAY EVENING

We play table tennis every Monday evening, singles and doubles 7.30 – 9.30 pm. It is great fun. If anyone is interested, do come along and join us. Entrance fee is **£2 adult and £1 under 16** to cover the cost of hiring the hall. Anyone under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. For more information please contact Janet on (01362) 688749.

Running Club

The Running Club is Circuit training on **Thursdays** between 8-9pm - anyone is welcome, only £2 and all profit goes to the NEW HALL FUND. Running outside will probably re-commence in April/May 2012. Contact Fel on 07957 254503 for more information.

BAG – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of Bawdeswell Activities Group will be held in Bawdeswell Village Hall at 10 am on Thursday 3rd May 2012

This meeting is open to all residents of Bawdeswell and surrounding villages.

At this meeting, the existing Chair (organiser/administrator) will be standing down and someone is needed to take over this position.



We have now received formal approval of our planning application for the new village hall. Although there are nine conditions on the approval, none of these are major and can be easily achieved.

The major outcome of the meeting on 25th February was the setting up of a special funding sub-group to pursue our application to The Big Build Lottery Fund. The Sub-Group has had two meetings and has established that before Stage 1 of the three-part application can be submitted, the Lottery Fund require that we carry out a further survey to get up to date feedback from everyone who lives in Bawdeswell on the “needs” of villagers relating to all aspects of village life.

Our next open meetings will be held on Saturday 31st March and Saturday 28th April, at 10.00 am in the Village Hall, all are welcome to attend. Enquiries: Marietta Menzies 01362 688 400.



Bawdeswell Village hall can be hired by both parishioners and non residents. You can also hire tables and chairs for your own events. There are a number of regular activities at the hall – see events page at front of magazine for details. We also now have a smaller meeting room available for hire. Rates for residents of Bawdeswell are just £8 an hour reducing after 2 hours or £5 an hour reducing during the day both including heating costs.

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Period	(1) Standard and Commercial Hire Charge	(2) Parishioners Private Hires other than in (3)	(3) Parishioners - Hires ending by 5.30pm on Weekdays #
Minimum (2 hrs)	£20	£16	£10
4 Hours	£32	£27	£16
6 Hours	£48	£37.50	£25
8 Hours	£52.50	£42.50	£30
10 Hours	£62.50	£47.50	£40
12 Hours	£72.50	£52.50	n/a
Full Day	£90	£65	n/a
Saturday Evening Minimum	£50	£40	n/a

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

A refundable cash deposit of £50 is required (may be reduced or waived at the discretion of the Booking Clerk).
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**Birthday Party 4hr Special for children of Primary School age and younger.
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For availability, more details and a booking form please contact: - *David Cockburn*
Tel: (01362) 688749, Mobile: 07778 835 254, Email: BawdeswellVH@aol.com

See also our website at – <http://bawdeswellvillagehall.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/>

Committee Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of every month in the Meeting Room [Portakabin] and all are welcome to attend. If you would like to help run the hall or would like any other information please come along to the meeting.



Bawdeswell New Hall Fundraising



There has been a significant push with fundraising for the new village hall and since 1st March last year we have raised almost £10,000 from various events/schemes and from our Buy-a-Brick scheme.

Spend and Raise <http://spendandraise.com/projectbawdeswell/>.

You can help raise funds at **absolutely no cost to yourself** by doing any internet purchases via their website. You can search on the site for what you want or use the A to Z index to find your favourite store. You don't even have to register to use the site but if you do you can see how much you have raised for us. There are also regular special offers and prize draws available and if you register you can sign up to be advised of them.

Bawdeswell Village Hall Wine

We are also selling Bawdeswell Village Hall branded wine either a Medium Red or Medium White at £6.50 a bottle with **ALL** profits going to the fund. Call Fel on 01362 688876 or 07957254503 to

Buy A Brick

Around a third of the funds raised in the last 12 months have come from our Buy a Brick scheme. There have been many individual donations for one or more bricks and we also have a number of residents who have set up a monthly standing order for one or more bricks. If you would like to buy a brick(s) [£10 per brick] or make a contribution you can pick up a leaflet from the village hall or contact David on 01362 688749 or 07778 835254.

Some special dates for 2012 that you might want to put in your diary are

Sunday May 6th – Tractor Run and BAGY Breakfast – Breakfast 8.30 to 11.30am - Tractor Run – leaves Village Hall at 10am - returning around 4pm

See lots of different types of tractors and trailers from yesteryear. Call Tony Hood for further information on 688218 - profits to New Hall Fund.

Breakfast -The best Full English, Sunday papers, At Table service. Call Fel on 01362 688876 or 07957254503 to book breakfast. All profits towards further enhancements to the children's play area.

Sunday 24th June – Bawdeswell Village Fete – profits to various village charities including the new hall fund.

Sunday September 2nd – Bawdeswell Extravaganza – bigger and better than 2011 - profits to the New Hall Fund.

See The Reeve's Tale for more details or call Tony Hood for further information on 688218

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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.



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BAWDESWELL CRAFT GROUP

We had a colourful basket full of knitted flowers to hand around at the Women's World Day of Prayer service on Friday 2nd March and there were more than enough for everyone to receive one. There are plenty left and hats will be knitted sporting them in time for our Craft Stall at the Extravaganza. Perhaps we should be using them to decorate Easter bonnets!

Our April meetings will be on the 12th in the Portakabin and the 26th in the Village Hall at 2.00 pm. Enquiries Marietta Menzies 688 400.

Funds for The Bells of St Thomas's Foxley

BRIDGE DRIVE & AFTERNOON TEA

18 April 2012

Foxley Village Hall

At 1.30 for 2pm.

Bridge players please arrange tables of four, £7.50 per person,

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Information from Sylvia McColville 01362 688189

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BOOK CLUB



To the Lighthouse by Virginia Woolf

To the Lighthouse was written in 1927 and is set in the decade between 1910 and 1920.

The first part of novel centres on a day in the life of the Ramsey family and various houseguests during a summer break on the Isle of Skye. The mood is set on the first page when Mr and Mrs Ramsey deal very differently with the possibility of whether the weather will be suitable for 6 year old James to make a long awaited trip to the lighthouse-tantalisingly visible just across the bay from their holiday home. Mrs Ramsey handling the situation with optimism and Mr Ramsey providing the crushing blow that bad weather is predicted and no trip will take place. This mood continues to travel through the book. We then skip 10 years (with no explanation as to why) to play catch up with the fate of the various characters ending with a number of the original party revisiting the house to complete unfinished business.

The book is widely considered to be autobiographical and, through the characters, provides a vehicle for VW to explore her own strengths and weaknesses as well as her perception of women, men and of class.

The book is written in a style often used by VW- "stream of consciousness"-which results in the writer frequently going off at a tangent to include seemingly unrelated thoughts. In the main the writing style, coupled with the lack of a single narrator, was not favoured by the group but it was also agreed that this also lead to passages of pure poetry. "But what after all is one night? A short space, especially when the darkness dims so soon, and so soon a bird sings, a cock crows, or a faint green quickens, like a turning leaf, in the hollow of the wave."

KG & DE

The Book Club meets in the Workhouse Bar on the first Thursday of every month at 8pm. We mostly obtain books from the Library so there is not the expense of buying new books each month. We are reading The Long Shot by Katie Kitamura for discussion at our meeting on 5th April, which is currently Reephams Library's book of the month. They are trying to get as many people as possible to read it and give a short review. We will be reading Brighton Rock by Graham Greene for discussion at our meeting on 3rd May 2012.

New members are always welcome. Enquiries: Marietta Menzies 01362 688 400.

BAWDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL

DIGEST OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5 March 2012

Present: Councillors Shannon, Mason, Beane, Kirby, Mallen, Lilwall, Mr G Bambridge (District Councillor) and Mrs C Boer (Clerk)

Ongoing Issues from Previous Meetings

Adams Pit: The Chairman reported that the Trustees have now received the £1081.50 match funding grant from NCC. Unfortunately there has been an episode of minor vandalism at Adams Pit where youths decided to remove the canes and covers from the newly planted hawthorn/blackthorn saplings. This was reported to the SNT and as a result the Police have been undertaking more patrols of this area. The PC would like to thank the two parishioners who have kindly replaced all the covers and canes and therefore preventing any permanent damage to the saplings. More planting of native wildlife plants is scheduled to take place in the next few months and, therefore, if any parishioners have any surplus English-native plants (primrose, bluebell etc) that they would like to donate for future planting please contact the Clerk.

Allotments: No further progress on producing the draft business plan for the creation of the community resource has been made, as the Chairman is still awaiting supporting information from BALGA. He is still making contact with local landowners about the possibility of the PC purchasing land as an alternative to leasing.

Parish Clerk Vacancy: Four applications have been received for the position of Parish Clerk. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman will undertake the interviews and have been given the responsibility to make a suitable selection on behalf of the PC. The decision will be formally ratified by Councillors at the next PC meeting where the new Clerk will be in attendance.

Planning

3PL/2012/0087/F: Cobblers Cottage The Street, en-suite and kitchenette extension to rear elevation; the PC had no objections to this application.

3PL/2011/1393/F: Heath Cottage Dereham Road, extensions and alterations (re-submission); planning permission granted with 9 conditions.

3PL/2011/1212/F: Land west of Heath Cottage Dereham Road, 2 low cost starter homes; the PC have been notified that an appeal from the applicant has been made to the Secretary of State in respect of the refusal of planning permission by Breckland. The PC should be notified of the date of the site meeting by the Inspector and although no further representation can be made by interested parties at the meeting, except in response to questions by the Inspector, the PC agreed that a representative of the PC should attend.

Any Other Business of Interest to Parishioners

2012 Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting: Note for your diaries: it has been agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday 22nd May at 18.30 in the Village Hall. The format will be the same as in 2011 with slots for County Councillor, District Councillor, Chairman of PC and School Head with all local organizations/voluntary groups being invited. It was also agreed that the

Annual Parish Council Meeting and first Parish Council meeting of the new Parish Council year will be held on Monday 14 May.

Meeting with Highways Official: The Clerk has met with a Highways Official to discuss various issues that the PC raised regarding parking around congested areas of the village and extending the current 20mph speed limit to the school. Highways stated there was no possibility of having any additional 'H' bars in areas identified by the PC, due to the current policy being that such markings were restricted to access points serving 5 or more properties. To extend the existing 20 mph speed limit would require the introduction of a new Traffic Regulation Order which. This in turn would involve a feasibility study, consultation with stakeholders, and finally a legal order set by the Department of Transport. As these are fairly costly, NCC is only able to investigate locations which are high priority, such as locations where regular accidents are occurring. As an alternative, some 'Think Slow' temporary signs will be placed under the current speed restrictions for 2-3 months in the near future. Highways did think that angle parking along Billingford Rd, to assist parents when dropping/picking up children at the school, might be possible and would, therefore, be investigated. The footpath resurfacing along Norwich Rd from the Street to the Garden Centre is due to take place during the financial year 2012-2013. All current road markings within the Parish will also be repainted shortly. The Highways Parish Ranger is due to address any minor items noted by the PC, such as pot holes, cutting back verges etc, in the first week of April.

Ethical Choice of Bank Account. The PC expressed sympathy with the concerns expressed in a letter received from a parishioner about the poor ethical choice of bank that the PC uses. However, these ethical concerns had to be balanced with the business efficiency of the PC. The PC agreed to look again at the issue, and the parishioner's recommendations for alternative banking institutions, once the ability of those institutions, and in particular the county-wide Norfolk credit union, had been established.

Transfer of Land at the Street (Folland Court): The PC is still awaiting the transfer of this land from Flagship Housing, but it has received confirmation that this land will be turfed before handover. While the PC previously agreed that, once transferred, the land would be made into a small memorial garden, the PC have further agreed that this area will also focus on the celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The Chairman has agreed to create a draft plan and approximate costs of such a garden.

Emergency Plan: In 2011 the PC expressed a wish to press forward with the proposal to introduce an Emergency Plan and planning framework for the village, aimed at protecting the community, and in particular its vulnerable residents, in case of local emergency (accidents, bad weather, loss of power etc). To do this the PC needs to recruit coordinator to help draft the framework, albeit with the help of the Breckland Emergency Planning Officer and PC. If you are keen to help your community in this regard then please contact the Parish Clerk.

Contact Details for the Parish Clerk - Claire Boer
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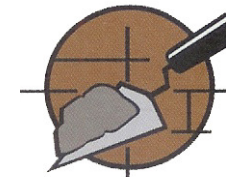
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Carole 01362 688569 or Christine 01362 688494



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

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Thank you!

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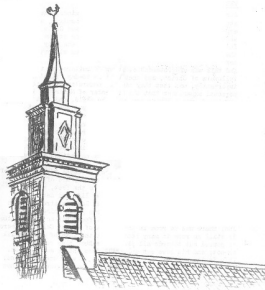
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The Friends of Bawdeswell Church

Next year we are planning to celebrate 700 years of a church in Bawdeswell. Yes, we have a list of Rectors going back to 1313 in the church.

We have asked the PCC to seek quotations for the complete redecoration of the interior of the building, and hope to be able to pay for this as our next project. So please continue supporting our fund-raising events as you have so generously done in the past.

Last year we were able to finance the insulating of the church loft and this has been very effective in making the church a lot warmer and saving heating costs.

Just joining the Friends and taking part in the quarterly draw helps us a great deal in our efforts to enhance and preserve this unique church for future generations.

Below is a list of this year's remaining planned events:

- July Sun 15th** Festival Players present *Richard the Third* in front of the church
- October Sat 20th** Bawdeswell Harvest Supper 7pm Village Hall
- December Sun 9th** Bawdeswell Family Christmas Concert 4pm in the church
- December Sat 15th** Bawdeswell Christmas Fair & Wreath Sale 10am - 4pm in the church

Contact for details of any of the above events, or how to join the Friends, from James Lilwall 01362 688499.



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The Icení Choir are well on their way preparing for their summer concerts and are pleased to be invited to perform at the Dereham Festival this year. We have again been asked to perform at the Caistor lifeboat station in July as well as at St Margaret's Church Thorpe Market, again in July

We are looking forward to performing new repertoire that encompasses our "From Bach To Broadway" programme. This includes a selection of Andrew Lloyd Webber Musicals, with pieces from Phantom, Don't Cry For Me Argentina and Cats amongst them, movements from Handel's Messiah, Mozart's Coronation Mass in C and John Rutter.

Our Summer Concerts are always enjoyed by the choir and we look forward to performing at these special events.

SUMMER CONCERT DATES

Dereham Festival 9th June

St Nicholas Church,
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Caistor Lifeboat Station

Sunday 8th July
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Thorpe Market

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Following a recent review of the service, the Constabulary has reinstated a weekly neighbourhood level crime summary*. The full message includes:

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- A summary of any local anti-social behaviour issues by dealt with by police
- Crime prevention advice from Norfolk PACT (Partners Against Crime Taskforce charity) may also be included. Police Direct also continues to deliver alerts for forthcoming police events, summaries of local priority-setting meetings and is used to inform the public in the event of major incidents. Residents are encouraged to pass relevant information back to police by calling the **new non-emergency number 101**.

Deputy Chief Constable Simon Bailey said: "Staff reductions brought about by the financial challenge has meant we needed to find a new way of delivering this important service. Police Direct offers communities updates direct from their local police teams to their desktops, laptops, landlines or mobiles. Armed with this information, people can become more involved in keeping themselves, their families and their communities safe."

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Wensum Valley Birdwatching Society

Hardley Flood: Hardley Flood is a Site of Special Scientific Interest on the north bank of the River Chet near Loddon and was the venue for our monthly field trip. Eighteen members set off onto the marsh where a male Sparrowhawk was spotted. Then on to Hardley Flood where Reed Bunting, and Marsh Tit were seen. On reaching the raised broadwalk the group had their first open view of the Flood. The tide was out and over twenty species were noted including gulls, Black-tailed Godwits and Redshanks. In all 73 bird species were seen throughout the day plus a Muntjac, Chinese Water Deer, Brown Hare and a Stoat. A great birding day in a great area, a first trip for the club.

Indoor Talk - Welney's wintering wildfowl: One of the visitor highlights at the World Wildlife Trust Reserve at Welney, near Wisbech, is watching a warden with a wheelbarrow full of grain feeding thousands of overwintering swans and ducks. We were fortunate to welcome Samantha Lee, less wheelbarrow but complete with boundless enthusiasm for her work, to our indoor talk. She talked about the management of the reserve and the Whooper and Berwick swans that arrive in their thousands from Iceland and Russia for the winter. Last year a Whooper called Julietta was injured and unable to make the 1,000-mile journey back to the breeding ground. Her mate Romeo, stayed by her side and they became the first whooper swans to breed in Norfolk since 1928. Last year (2011), 41 species were observed including 19 species of ducks, arriving in their thousands from the Arctic region, also waders, birds of prey, geese, owls and cranes. As to be expected Welney has an excellent website with lots of visitor information and publishes daily wildlife sightings. A delightful presentation by an eloquent and enthusiastic speaker.

Important Note!! Dates for April and Change of venue: In April, Weston Longville Village Hall (along with memories of my youth) is to be demolished and replaced by a modern community centre. Therefore our April to September meetings will be at the North Elmham Memorial Hall. On Thursday 19th, at the new venue, we hold our AGM followed by a talk on **Foxley Wood**. On the 28th, our outdoor meeting is to Foxley Wood.

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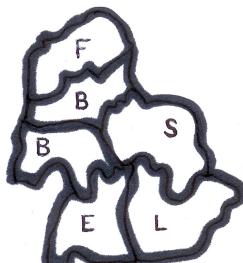
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Benefice News and Events



Another resoundingly successful men's breakfast was held at Foxley village hall on 25th Feb and raised £274 for the Air Ambulance. Many thanks to all the gentlemen who attended and were so generous and of course our thanks to the ladies for all their hard work.

At a recent BMG meeting we were trying to come up with wacky ideas for fund raising/social events. As long as it's fun, we'll add it to our list so if you have any ideas of your own do please let us have them. Doesn't matter how weird – just enjoyable!

The new Everyone Learning booklets are now available in the churches. Here are a few of the courses for April:

St Athanasius – an introduction. Contact Gudrun Warren 01603 218327

Prayer spaces in schools. Contact Claire Mead 01603 882354

Event for April:

Wednesday 25th Coffe Morning 12 Soanes Court 10-12 noon

Easter is fast approaching. There are a variety of special services through Maundy Thursday (Holy Communion and foot washing), Good Friday (Liturgy), Easter Saturday (Vigil) and Easter Day (Holy Communion at 5 of the churches and a GiG at Bawdeswell). Do please check your church noticeboard for times.

On Good Friday there will be two walks to the Rectory both starting at 3pm. One will be a silent walk from Elsing Church and the other will be a walk and talk from Sparham Church. Everyone is welcome and will find refreshments at the Rectory of tea and hot cross buns.

We wish you all a very joyful Eastertide.

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All Saints, Bawdeswell

The great festival of Easter is upon us and we find a number of special services which occur only at this time of the church's year. The form of these services (the liturgy) goes back to the earliest days of Christianity as we seek to recall and remember the events of that first Easter. Please do not be put off by the unfamiliar but take the opportunity to walk with Jesus through Holy Week and Easter.

The first of April is Palm Sunday when we see the distribution and blessing of palms and then, after commemorating the entry into Jerusalem, the reading of the Passion as the Gospel at Holy Communion.

On Maundy Thursday, the Last Supper will be remembered at Sparham and on Good Friday there will be services at Foxley and Lyng and walks from Elsing and Sparham to the Rectory at Lyng.

On Saturday (Easter Eve) we begin our celebration of Easter in the late evening (20:30) with the lighting of the new fire, the vigil, the renewal of baptismal promises and culminating in the first mass of Easter. Every confirmed member of the church should make their communion at Easter and this is your opportunity in Bawdeswell. The service takes a little over an hour.

On Easter Day we will have our Easter GiG at 10:30. This is especially for children but all ages are equally welcome. It is not a communion service and has been very well attended since we started it about 5 years ago. We now have a Music Group who give us a wide range of songs to enhance our worship. Please come.

We have now also reached the end of the first quarterly cycle of the new rota of Sunday services in the benefice. This has changed our pattern at Bawdeswell and is taking a bit of getting used to but we need to give it some time to see if it will work. The main change has been that David our Rector now joins us on a different Sunday each month. We still see him once a month at 10:30 but now not always on the first Sunday. This means that in some months there is not a Holy Communion service at 10:30. In those months, a short said celebration of Holy Communion is held at 12:00 noon on the first Sunday, so there are two services that day – you can come to either or both, with coffee in between. We are trying the Order for Morning Prayer from Common Worship – again, we need to give it some space before drawing too many conclusions. The PCC and the benefice churchwardens will be reviewing the pattern in the autumn and will welcome feedback in the light of the longer experience we will have had by then.

William Mason

Local Church Notices

Bawdeswell



Forthcoming Lent/Easter Services:

- Palm Sunday 1st April 10.30am Holy Communion
- Easter Eve, Saturday 7th April, 8pm Easter Vigil with Holy Communion
- Easter Sunday 8th April 10.30am Family GiG Service
- Vestry Meeting & Annual Church Meeting Sunday 15th April 2012 at 12 noon in the church.

Next PCC 21st June 2012 at Dale Farmhouse.

Women's World Day of Prayer. 30 ladies met in Bawdeswell Church to celebrate this year's service. The ladies of Malaysia choose the subject Let Justice Prevail. Our speaker Mrs Ruth Sanson spoke on this using the Bible reading from Habakkuk ch. 2 where he cries out to the Lord, 'Why do evil men seem to prosper and the poor suffer injustice?' Then Luke ch. 18, the parable of the unjust judge. A widow keeps coming to him asking for justice. He gives it to her in the end because of her persistence. Ruth did very well to get us to see even if we do not see things happening straight away, keep on praying for the injustices in this world. Well done Ruth!
The offering was £112.83p thank-you ladies this was sent to the W.W.D.oP.

Margaret Keeler.

Foxley



Forthcoming Lent/Easter Services:

- Palm Sunday. No evening service because there is a Deanery service at Thurning at 4pm .
- Easter Sunday 8th April 10.30am Holy Communion.
- Vestry Meeting & Annual Church Meeting Monday 16th April 2012 at 7.30pm in the church.

Next PCC 14th June , time and place to be decided..

From the Rector

Dear Everybody, hello again.

I would like to thank everybody who sent cards or good wishes when my father died recently, and to thank people for their patience and understanding when I wasn't concentrating properly on my work.

I preached at my father's funeral, and included this part of a poem of his called *Burnham Overy Church*, where he habitually worshipped:

Holy ground this is, and set apart;
not because God made more His own
what lies in Him already; rather
that He chooses here from soul to soul
to let some lyric of his love be heard.

Places acquire meaning not only from their natural beauty, but also because of the uses to which we put them or the significant events that have happened there. At Easter time, Christians think not only about the events at the end of Jesus' earthly life, but also the places where he was. Jerusalem, the Garden of Gethsemane, Golgotha, the tomb, the garden of the resurrection are all part of the story.

We live in villages where the buildings are part of our story. Those who have arrived recently will not remember how new-builds changed views, as longer residents will. Most of our historic buildings, also, have recent adaptations and changes, sometimes with additions and decorations, sometimes even with change of use. And some buildings are currently acquiring meaning by their use.

The intention to build new village halls in both Bawdeswell and Lyng comes from the desire to build community, to say something about what we mean to each other. The success of the village hall build at Elsing, refurbishment at Foxley, and the adaptation of the school in Sparham to community use, all provide buildings that mean we believe we belong.

In their own ways, but not exclusively, our churches and halls provide us with a place to hear and be heard by God and one another.

God bless you David Head

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April 2012

Date	01/04	08/04	15/04	22/04	29/04
Season	Palm Sunday	Easter Sunday	The 2nd Sunday of Easter	The 3 rd Sunday of Easter	The 4 th Sunday of Easter
Foxley	Deanery service at Thurning 4pm	08.00 HC DH	10.30 MP CW		
Lyng	9.00 HC 2 DH	10.30 HC TC	17.00 EP DH		16.00 Service of Prayer for Healing DH
Elsing	10.30 HC TC	09.00 HC DH	10.30 W&P CW/DH		
Bawdeswell	10.30 HC DH	10.30 GiG GiG Team	10.30 W&P CW	OMS DH	
Bylaugh		9.00 HC TC		09.00 HC DH	
Sparham	10.30 OASIS	10.30 HC DH	09.00 HC DH		10.30 United HC DH

*Maundy Thursday 1930 Holy Communion Sparham (Washing of the feet).
Good Friday Liturgy 10.00 Lyng, 11.30 Foxley
Saturday Easter Vigil 20.30 Bawdeswell*