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July 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 Bylaugh Fete, Park Farm 2.30pm Bawdeswell Cinema – <i>The Iron Lady</i> 7pm
Sun 8 th	ICENI at Caistor Lifeboat Station 4.00pm
Mon 9 th	WI, <i>see page 23</i>
Tue 10 th	Flower Arranging Workshop, Bawdeswell Village Hall 10am, <i>see page 25</i>
Thu 12 th	Craft Group at Bawdeswell Village Hall 2pm
Sun 15 th	Richard III in front of Bawdeswell Church 7pm
Mon 16 th	Bawdeswell Village Hall Meeting 7.30pm
Wed 18 th	Coffee Morning 1030 Foxley Village Hall
Fri 20 th	End of School Term
Sat 21 st	Foxley Village Hall Summer Lunch 12 noon
Sun 22 nd	Fete at Elsing Hall 2pm
Thu 26 th	Craft Group at Bawdeswell Village Hall 2pm
Sat 28 th	Project Bawdeswell open meeting 10am at the village hall Bawdeswell Cinema – <i>The Artist</i> 7pm
Mon 30 th	Summer Club at Sparham Old Schoolroom, <i>see page 5</i>

Foxley Village Hall – regular events

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Short Mat Bowls
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Tuesday evening 7.15pm
Wednesday evening.

Bawdeswell Village Hall - regular events

*Parish Council
*Village Hall Committee
*Table Tennis
Countrysiders
WeightWatchers
Running Club
Little Monkeys (Parent & Toddler Group) JayCee
Bridge Club
Pilates
Seekers
Semitone Singers Children's Choir
Ladies Craft Group

Normally 1st Monday of Month (not Jan or Aug)
Normally 3rd Monday of Month
Every Monday
Every other Wednesday in term time
Thursdays 6.15pm
Thursdays 8pm
Fridays 9.15am
Fridays 2.15pm
Fridays 7pm
1st Saturday of month
Every Wednesday 4.30pm in Term Time
2nd & 4th Wednesday each month 2pm

Bawdeswell Church

ICENI Choir Practice

Wednesdays 7.30pm

FOXLEY VILLAGE HALL



Coffee Morning
Wednesday July 18th
at 10.30 am

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Summer Lunch



21st July 2012 at 12 noon
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SUMMER CLUB/MESSY CHURCH
July 30th - 3rd August



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This year's theme will be 'Go For Gold' and based on the Olympics. All children currently in Year 1 - Year 6 are welcome. All you will need to bring is enthusiasm and an OLD white T shirt.

For more details contact Sandi on 01362 688268

FOXLEY JUBILEE PICNIC

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who was involved with organising and helping with the Foxley Jubilee Celebrations. Although the attendance was not outstanding those that came along appeared to all enjoy themselves. Even though the weather was slightly bracing at times it remained dry. The Children appeared to especially enjoy themselves playing well together and taking part in various activities, hide and seek in many parts of such a wonderful garden being a favourite.



The event was rounded off with a disco in the evening bringing things to a close before the rain started, thank-you Tracy and family. A special thank-you must go to John and Diana for allowing us to hold the event on their property 'Foxley Lodge' with both Diana and John pitching in to help where ever was needed. A big thank-you is due to all the Ladies and Men who took the time to bake such lovely and tasty cakes which went down very well, especially with the children.

Emma Buck and Gillian Blyth



Bawdeswell Activities Group Youth

Lots of ideas for the future of BAGY, but we need you! Are you at School, got time on your hands and want to be involved in moving this group forward? Let me know!

Jubilee

Well! Our highly anticipated planned Street Party still went ahead.... But in the Village Hall as, boy, did it rain!! We were full to capacity and ended up with standing room only! The music and BBQ were enjoyed by many – it was lovely to see some new faces too.

We had some very generous donations from many people including: bunting, table cloths, napkins, soft drinks and cupcakes galore from John and Roger; home-made sweets, cakes and puddings from Brenda; and hundreds of ice creams from Pete at QUOTATIS. Thank you all so very much.

The Parish Council donated £200 towards the event and along with Margaret Roy's kind contribution we were able to buy a souvenir for all the children of the village (Primary School age and younger).

****If you haven't had yours please contact me. ****

Thanks to everyone who came, helped set up, had fun and helped clear up at the end. Special thanks to Paige and Morgan for face painting lots of small faces... hope they all washed off ok!?

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Bawdeswell Activities Group

Summer at the Hall

We are planning to open the Café at the hall every weekday afternoon during the school holidays from 1pm - 4pm commencing Monday 23rd July to Friday 31st August, subject to the availability of volunteers. If you can offer to help in the running of the Café, please contact us – no volunteers means no access to the facilities.

Activities for August will be advertised in the August Reeve's Tale and on posters at the hall. Contact Karen on 01362 688939, or Katherine on 01362 688256 or check out the website for more information <http://bag.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/>



BAWDESWELL CRAFT GROUP

Sadly we are losing Betty Hague from the group as she is moving to be near her family. We will always be grateful to her for knitting the Village Ladies, which have become our logo. They will be a constant reminder of her in the future.

More items have been made for our stall at the Extravaganza in September; we seem to have a few Christmas decorations made already, although perhaps you don't want to be reminded of Christmas when we are still awaiting summer! Our next meeting will be on Thursday 28th June 2.00 pm in the Village Hall and the July dates are Thursdays 12th and 26th in the Village Hall. There is a small charge of £2 a session only, and we welcome anyone who would like to come along. Lifts can be arranged so please don't hesitate to get in touch if you need transport.

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Minimum (2 hrs)	£20	£16	£10
4 Hours	£36	£28	£18
6 Hours	£48	£38	£26
8 Hours	£58	£46	£32
10 Hours	£66	£52	£38
12 Hours	£74	£58	£44
Additional Hours	+£4	+£3	n/a
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See also our website at – <http://bawdeswellvillagehall.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/>

Committee Meetings are normally held at 7.30pm 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
 Table Tennis Club**

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.

*We don't normally play on Bank Holidays but if there is enough interest we can arrange to, if the hall is available.

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BAWDESWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Jubilee celebration on the last day before half-term was a very colourful and enjoyable occasion with lots of red white and blue, well dressed teddies and crowns. Each child was presented with a commemorative mug on behalf of the Friends of Bawdeswell School and a bible as part of the Federation.

Years 5 and 6 have been enjoying an adventure experience on the Norfolk coast despite the weather. After this, it's back to preparing for their Art exhibition for year 6.

As Year 6 get ready for their move to secondary school, the new reception children have been familiarising themselves with the school ready for September.

Important dates: 24th June Bawdeswell village fete
 26th June Sports day (weather permitting)
 28th June school closed to pupils
 20th July end of term

The school starts again for pupils on 6th September 2012 with a new headteacher: Mr Keith Wright.

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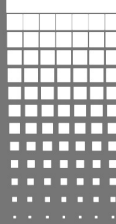


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BAWDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Draft MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 14th MAY 2012, AT 6.30pm, IN THE PORTACABIN

Present: Councillors: Shannon DS (Chairman), Mason WM (Vice-Chairman), Beane CB, Kirby AK, Lilwall JL, Mallen JM, McColville AM, Mr G Bambridge (District Councillor), Mr B Borrett (County Councillor), Mrs H Moore (Clerk).

1.5.12 Election of Chairman

CB proposed DS, seconded by CB. The Council unanimously appointed David Shannon as Chairman and DS completed the Declaration of Office form to accept the position.

2.5.12 Election of Vice Chairman

WM proposed by JM, seconded by AK. The Council unanimously appointed William Mason as Vice Chairman and WM completed the Declaration of Office form to accept the position.

3.5.12 Minutes of Last Annual Parish Council Meeting

The minutes of 16th May 2011 were agreed and signed.

4.5.12 Clerk's Report

A summary of the 2011-2012 accounts were circulated to all Councillors. It was agreed that the Chairman approve the cash book and bank reconciliations. The Clerk presented a resume of work during 2011-12 – copy attached.

5.5.12 Standing Orders

All Councillors signed to agree they have a copy of the current Standing Orders.

6.5.12 Items for the forthcoming year

The Chairman invited Councillors to put forward any items they wished to be addressed by the Parish Council during 2012-2013. The Council agreed to continue with pursuing allotment land, to pursue improved bus provision, to complete the Folland Court Jubilee Garden, to look into the Elmham Home Care Scheme, to continue to support the new Village Hall and Project Bawdeswell and also the Council are about to address the village green.

BAWDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Draft MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 14th MAY 2012, WHICH FOLLOWED THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, IN THE PORTACABIN

Present: Councillors: Shannon DS (Chairman), Mason WM (Vice-Chairman), Beane CB, Kirby AK, Lilwall JL, Mallen JM, McColville AM, Mr G Bambridge (District Councillor), Mr B Borrett (County Councillor) and Mrs H Moore (Clerk).

7.5.12 Apologies: None.

8.5.12 Minutes of Meeting: The minutes of the previous meeting held on 2nd April 2012 were agreed and signed.

9.5.12 Declarations of Interest: DS/CB declared personal interests on item 5 as potential allotment holders should this facility become available for the parish.

10.5.12 Public Participation and County/District Councillor Reports: None.

Matters Arising Not Covered Elsewhere on Agenda

11.5.12 Possible Provision of Allotments: Some responses have been received. One is for an offer of 2.5 acres of land the Parish Council could purchase at £20,000 per acre. The land is on Swanton Morley road and a track leads to the land behind houses on Dereham Road. Access for vehicles would be difficult. Another positive reply is with regard to land near Two Fields Way but the owner is contractually obliged to seek capital gain from this land for development. The dialogue will continue with the landowners and those that have not replied as yet will be reminded that a reply is sought.

12.5.12 Folland Court - Transfer of Land to the Parish Council & Creation of a Memorial/Queens Jubilee Garden: The ground has now been cleared and turfed by the housing association. The Council will not be spending any money on the site until it is legally Parish Council land. Manure is being donated and will be rotovated. Norfolk County Council can help with match funding for the wildflower area but that cannot be pursued until the land transfer has taken place. Donations of native wildflower plants would be appreciated.

13.5.12 Request from Homewatch in Reeves Close for 3x Homewatch signs at £20 each: All were in agreement to fund the signs. Homewatch is to be encouraged and the Council hope that more Home Watch Committees will be set up in the village.

Village Hall Committee and Project Bawdeswell

14.5.12 The materials for improvements to the Village Hall driveway have been ordered and will be laid once the weather improves. CCTV is still an active issue with the Village Hall Committee. JL reported that the village is currently being re-surveyed and a 50% return rate is required. AK has created a template for results. The Committee have recently met with the Lottery regarding new hall funding and were positively received. The business plan and feasibility study are now complete and there will be an open meeting to discuss these on 19th June – all welcome.

Clerks Report

15.5.12 The Clerk reported on a reply received from Ian Sharman of NCC Highways regarding The Green. Highways wish to hold on to this land for road safety reasons. However, they have no objections to the Parish Council having the village sign there along with the planters and continuing to maintain the area. The Council are happy to continue to maintain The Green but will consider allocating an amount from the Precept next year to fund this. The ethical banking suggestion needs further research. Services offered by alternative organisations needs to be balanced against the current services the PC has and its needs. The discussion will continue and further research into Norfolk Credit Union and facilities on offer with the Co-op to present a factual appraisal at the next meeting.

Finance

16.5.12 Payments: Payments approved at the meeting by the Parish Council: cheque no 100721 £28 Village Hall Hire for Annual Parish Meeting 22nd May, cheque no 100722 £130 to JD Home & Garden Services for work on Noticeboard, 100723 £1.09 to Clerk for Expenses, 100724 £160 to Clerk for April salary, 100725 £40.00 to HMRC for April's Clerk tax.

Payments approved prior to the meeting by the Parish Council: None.

17.5.12 Annual Return for the year ending 31st March 2012: A copy of the cash book and accounts reconciliation was distributed to all Councillors. All were in agreement that the Chairman sign and approve the accounts.

18.5.12 Other Finance Business: None.

Planning

19.5.12 Cobblers Cottage, The Street – application for a double garage (to be attached to new extension) with attic storage space above. The Council will report back to Breckland DC with comments that there is concern that the garage will be on the site of a removed tree in a conservation area and will also question the validity of removing that tree – was conservation permission given. Also, should planning be granted a condition should be added that the attic space cannot be converted into a living space in the future as this would be classed as garden infill and therefore against Breckland DC's current policy.

20.5.12 Permission noted for Cobblers Cottage, The Street – for en-suite and kitchenette extension to rear elevation.

21.5.12 Permission noted for School House, Billingford Road – for single storey side extensions to create garage, utility room and bathroom.

22.5.12 GB reported that an inspector visited the site of the appealed application for 2x starter homes, west of Heath Cottage. The PC was not informed of this visit. GB will ask questions as to why and report back to the PC.

23.5.12 The application for a touring caravan park on Elmham Road, Billingford was discussed. Concerns have been raised by Billingford, Worthing and Elmham Parish Councils. It will be on the site of a roman settlement and has protected status. It will be put before the planning committee in July and all comments and letters will be counted. The PC will write to support the other PC's concerns and also to raise the concern of increased traffic and to point out that Bawdeswell Parishioners enjoy this

area of outstanding natural beauty in the Wensum Valley and the proposal will detract from the ambience and amenity value of the area.

Any Other Business

24.5.12 Items Notified in Advance to the Clerk for Agenda: None.

25.5.12 To discuss any items raised at the meeting: It was raised that there had been some complaints regarding the churchyard and its lack of maintenance. The matter is in hand with the PCC. AK is still pursuing a footway access to the Heath. Some responses have been received but further dialogue will be held. Highways are in favour of the idea and will support the PC. AMc will be consulting with BT and a NCC tree officer to carry out a survey on the churchyard trees to see which need attention.

26.5.12 To receive agenda items for the next meeting: Common Lane will be addressed. Bus services that run through the village will be discussed, along with any timetable changes.

Bawdeswell Cemetery

The Parish Council has passed on to me a number of comments about the upkeep of the churchyard extension, as the cemetery is correctly called. The extension belongs to the church who have managed it since it was created in the late 1800s. The church is very grateful to those who provide grass-cutting on a voluntary basis and the church also pays for a contractor to cut the grass once a month for six months of the year and the hedge occasionally, when it grows out of control. This costs the church between £300 - £500 a year and we do not receive any support other than burial fees which amount to only about £200 a year.

People with family buried in all rural cemeteries are often concerned about neglect of their cemetery and will usually argue in favour of public subsidy of its maintenance, but people having no connection with the cemetery will argue that public spending comes from *their* taxes and should be spent, quite bluntly, on the living and not the departed.

Ultimately *it is the responsibility of families to maintain their individual family graves and gravestones.* We will do our best to tame the worst of the long grass and the hedging, but we need all the voluntary help we can get. Thank you those who do help us already.

Robin Taylor, Churchwarden

STOP PRESS: THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS

Congratulations to Carol Jacobs of Bawdeswell on receiving the BEM for her work with Student Support Services at the UEA.



Information from the survey has been collated and the results were given at the Presentation on Tuesday 19th June. At the meeting at the end of May, it was stressed that the main focus would be to incorporate the information from the survey into Stages 1 and 2 of our Big Lottery Fund application. A draft of the Stage 1 application will be completed by the next meeting on 30th June for review and finalisation. It is at Stage 1 that the Big Lottery Fund management review whether there is a project worthy of their consideration. A report on the Survey and the Presentation will be in the next issue of the Reeve's Tale.

In the meantime, our own fund-raising efforts continue. A big 'thank you' to Tony and Chris Hood for £416.00 raised at the Tractor Rally. The next village event is the Fete. The New Hall fund will receive a percentage of the proceeds. Our thanks go to individuals and small groups who have contributed to the 'Buy a Brick' Scheme.

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Our next open meetings are planned for Saturday 28th July and Saturday 25th August, at 10.00 am in the Village Hall. All are welcome to attend. Please note that the dates, times and venue are subject to alteration and if you wish to attend, please check. Enquiries to Marietta Menzies 01362 688 400 or visit our website <http://projectbawdeswell.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/>

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The Book Club

Review: **Pigeon English** by Stephen Kelman

Have you wondered ‘*Why did it happen*’ or ‘*How could it have happened*’, when hearing any of the news reports about young boys dying from knife attacks on our streets?

Pigeon English, a first novel written by Stephen Kelman, helped me understand just how easy it is for these tragic events to happen. Although the book gives away the likely ending on the first page, I hoped all the way through that I’d be wrong. This is the story of Harri, a 9 year old Ghanaian immigrant who is learning to live in the streets of his south London high-rise estate. Much of his story is in dialogue and it brings to life the horror and squalor of high-rise living, you can smell those oddly coloured puddles. We begin to understand the sacrifices that have been made for Mamma, Harri and sister Lydia to travel to London whilst Father and baby sister Agnes are still in Ghana. Can you imagine what it must be like to deliberately burn away your finger prints? His friendships, life at school and his activities have an underlying menace, keeping in with strong gang leaders is vital. It becomes easy to see how peer pressure tips pranks into ‘unsocial behaviour’ - throwing stones at buses, and then into violence. How his gang knock down an old and dodderly man, only for the fun of kicking and treading on his meagre groceries is chilling, as it foretells some of the future.

The title appears to be a pun, covering some of the slang language that sprinkles his dialogue and because Harri comes to believe that his pigeon is watching over him. Unfortunately the final violent act comes out of the blue and is so quick that the pigeon can only look over him.

We wondered whether Harri could have avoided his destiny if he’d not done some things, not made the wrong friends or if his Mamma could have had more time to look after him, instead of working so hard. You would hope so, for all the young boys out there, but in this story it is unclear.

We thought that whilst the story is quite ‘dark’ it did make us smile and even made one of our group laugh out loud on the bus to Norwich, quite a feat for someone who starts her journey so early in the morning. And his hopes for the burgeoning love for Poppy is very tender and can take us back to younger, more wistful times.

The message is clear though. The streets are dangerous places, especially so, for young black boys who feel the need to keep in with the crowd.

We felt that this was a book worth reading, and I would urge you to try it too! **cg**

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 Help](#) by Kathryn Stockett for discussion at our meeting on 5th July and will be reading [The Forgiven Waltz](#) by Ann Enright for discussion at our meeting on 2nd August 2012. New members are always welcome. Enquiries: Marietta Menzies 01362 688 400.

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Aleathia opened our June meeting with a special welcome to two Australian ladies visiting England, and our speaker Barry Key. Barry, from the **Norfolk Fire and Rescue Service** spoke to us about the work they do. In Norfolk there are 41 stations, mostly manned by full time but some by retained personnel. They have volunteers of course, and although they are not 'front line' members, they do other very important jobs.

Barry spoke of huge fires they get called out to but he said that the most common cause of fire is in the kitchen. A good tip to remember – shut the door to prevent the fire spreading and call the Fire Service.

Barry then showed us the latest smoke alarm. He said all homes should have one and he explained that if requested, one of the local fire crews would come to your house and install free smoke alarms. We then examined the fireproof clothing etc that is essential for them and we all agreed it had been a most interesting talk.

After our tea break – plus cakes – Aleathia spoke of forthcoming events. Autumn Meeting in Dereham on **Thursday 25th October**. Probable outing to Lincoln on Thursday **18th October** and the Norfolk and Norwich Operatic Society early in 2013. Closer than that though – tea and cakes at Bawdeswell Garden Centre on **Monday 25th June** at 3 pm.

Our Australian guests judged the beautiful single blooms members brought in. 1st – Jennifer. 2nd – Anne. Faith won the raffle.

Apologies for the fact that my write-up for the May meeting was not published in Hill & Vale. At that meeting we discussed the Final Resolution and after the interval we worked through four quizzes, thoughtfully provided by Carol.

Thinking now of our next meeting – **Monday 9th July** – we look forward to meeting Denise James and hearing her light-hearted tales of a Tourist Information Centre Manager. Hope to see you all. The exhibit is a Travel Souvenir.

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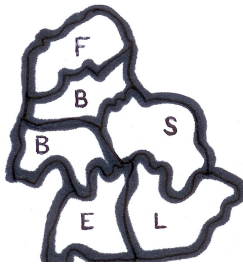
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Benefice News and Events



The bereavement course is likely to start on Tuesday Sept 18th – it just has to be confirmed with the course tutor. Do please contact David if you are interested in coming along. This is a six session course for those who find themselves offering support, formally or informally to those who are grieving. Participants will explore key aspects of loss and grief as they prepare to walk alongside the bereaved in this vital pastoral care.

Events for July:

July Sat 7th

Bylaugh Fete, Park Farm 2.30pm

July Sun 15th

Friends of Bawdeswell Church/ Festival Players present

Richard III at 7pm in front of the church.

Bring a chair and a picnic.

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July Sun 22nd

Elsing Fete, Elsing Hall 2pm

July 30th -1st August

Summer Club/Messy Church *See full details on page 5*

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OPEN CHURCHES WEEK

Norfolk Churches are again **being asked to remain open for one week in the summer**. Saturday 4th – Sunday 12th August. **At the beginning of the week we have OASIS – a family informal service at 10.30 a.m. on the 5th – this is at the end of the children's activity week.**

On Thursday 9th August we hope friends and visitors will accept the invitation to drop in for coffee, cake and a chat. This will be at 10 a.m. to 12 noon. It will be lovely to see everyone.



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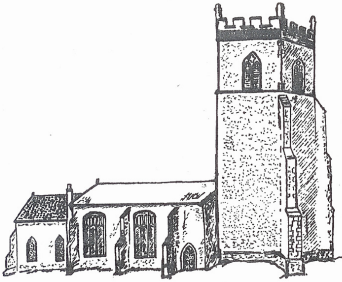
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St Thomas' Foxley Restoration

We have now received the necessary approvals for the bell restoration project from the various authorities. We have been given a Faculty, approval from English Heritage and passed a bat survey, all positive. So having all of that under our belt I was then able to apply for a grant from the 'Your Heritage Lottery' fund. We shall know in 10 weeks whether or not our request for £43000 was successful. If it is then we may well have the project completed by the end of the year. If not I shall have to find some more money from somewhere as we don't have enough to do the job properly. The bell ringing learning is moving on a pace now – I am indebted to those in the group and others who have stuck with it.

We were also granted a Faculty for a new Coffee area, which has been successful. We were able to move a pew front and create a space at the front of the nave. We have recycled the original pew to the chancel, and the door to a gap in the rood screen. It fits the exactly, which is very fortunate. The rood screen in Foxley is quite famous, it was repaired in the 16th century after the damage done in the Reformation – those repairs last today.

Tony Rushbrook

Foxley St Thomas Bell Fund.

Very many thanks to all who supported our bell restoration fund by homing a bell mouse! They raised £504.00.

There may be a few more offspring towards the end of the year. Many thanks again.

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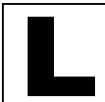
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From the Rector

Dear Everybody, hello again.

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I was always slow at races. But the Olympics are still a source of inspiration. The participants are people who do have a talent, but also have the dedication and training to perform at their highest ability. I enjoy the fact that commentators on the television will not only focus on those who win medals; but if there are British participants who lose but achieve a personal best, that will be mentioned. We applaud gallantry and effort as well as success.

We will be having an Olympic-themed Summer Club for primary-school age children in Sparham (see elsewhere in the magazine for details). At Reepham High School this term we have been having Olympic-themed assemblies. All the anticipation, though, doesn't take away the pleasure of the sport. Sport is real life, not fiction, in that the results are not already scripted. You may think that Usain Bolt will win the 100 metres, but there's no guarantee.

All competitive sport teaches participants to be the best they can. The same is true for all those of you who have been taking exams recently. You work hard, you try to imagine what will happen, but it doesn't always come out as you would expect. Training prepares you, but on the day there may be a number of factors affecting your performance.

Some athletes will face what they know is the biggest race, or test, in their lives. All of us face tests, and the life that we have lived beforehand is our training for those tests; we will have developed strengths, and adaptability, and belief. I hope that in our biggest tests we will find that we do our best.

God bless you

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Lyng	9.00 HC1 DH	10.30 W&P CW	17.00 EP DH	10.30 OMS DH	
Elsing	10.30 HC TC	09.00 HC DH	10.30 W&P CW/DH		
Bawdeswell	10.30 HC DH	10.30 GiG Team	10.30 WP CW		
Bylaugh		9.00 MP CW		9.00 HC DH	
Sparham	10.30 OASIS Team	10.30 HC DH	9.00 HC DH		16.00 Healing DH

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