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LETTERS

Adam's Pit Congratulations to Marietta Menzies for donning the mantle of Lynne Truss (Eats Shoots and Leaves) in defence of Adam and his Pit and his entitlement to an apostrophe to denote ownership. In times gone by it was normal to attribute natural features to known historical entities, deities and folk of legend e.g. Grimes' Graves, (Grim was of course The Devil) indeed Baldere was a Norse demigod as in Balderes'well. If you look at the cover of this magazine you will find a proud apostrophe in Reeve's Tale, but not sadly in Reeves Close even though the Close was clearly named in honour of Osewald the Reeve from Baldeswell. Don't we have a duty to the children of the village to use punctuation correctly and avoid giving the impression that Bawdeswell is peopled with illiterate yokels?

Andy Battley

Heartfelt thanks I should like to express my heartfelt thanks to all the people who showed so much kindness and consideration to me after my spell in hospital. It was much appreciated.

Celia Joice

Reading Aloud Poetry, Prose.....serious or humorous. In other words be it Kipling or Betjeman (or even Pam Ayres)! Jane Austen or Alan Bennett. Who are your favourite authors?

Why not help form a group of like-minded people who meet on a regular basis and share their own special pieces.

Reading short plays or excerpts of such, could also be explored. If you are interested, please telephone: *Gilly Lewis* - 01362 688637 or e.mail: gillylewis33@yahoo.co.nz

Bawdeswell Seniors' Christmas Party We would like to thank everyone who supported the above event. Over 90 people came along and we raised nearly £350 towards the new village hall fund. We certainly enjoyed the afternoon and hope that everyone else did!

Bill & Jackie Cunliffe

School Governor

Bawdeswell Community Primary School is governed in federation with North Elmham CE VC Primary School. The federation governing body has a vacancy for a Community Governor from the Bawdeswell School area (Bawdeswell and Foxley). If you would be interested in this voluntary post, please contact the Clerk to the Governors for further details:

Mrs Christine Davies, C/o Bawdeswell Community Primary School, Fakenham Road, Bawdeswell, Dereham NR20 4RR.

Karin Mason

MARCH 2012 DIARY

Thu 1 st	Book Club meets at Old Workhouse Bar, 8pm
Sat 3 rd	Seekers, 10am Bawdeswell Village Hall
Mon 5 th	Bawdeswell Parish Council Meeting 7.45pm
Tue 6 th	Flower Arranging Class at Bawdeswell Village Hall 2pm
Thu 8 th	Craft Group at Bawdeswell Village Hall 2pm
Sat 10 th	Free Cinema 7pm Bawdeswell Village Hall
Mon 12 th	BECK WI meet at Sparham Old School Room 7.30pm
Tue 13 th	Flower Arranging Class at Bawdeswell Village Hall 2pm Talk – Travels of A Naturalist in Papua New Guinea 7.30pm Lyng Village Hall
Wed 14 th	Coffee Morning Foxley Village Hall, 10.30am Family Magic Show at Reepham High School – 6.30pm
Sat 17 th	Bawdeswell Church Friends Quiz Night & Supper 7pm at the village hall
Mon 19 th	Bawdeswell Village Hall Meeting
Thu 22 nd	Craft Group at Bawdeswell Village Hall 2pm History Beneath Your Feet – 7.30pm Lyng Village Hall
Sat 24 th	Sparham Old Schoolroom Spring Bazaar 10.30am
Tue 27 th	Flower Arranging Class at Bawdeswell Village Hall 2pm
Sat 31 st	Project Bawdeswell Meeting 10am

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
Countryside	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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Burns Night in Foxley


On Wednesday 25th January (when else?) 2012 in the village hall of our small village of Foxley we celebrated the birth of the famous Scottish poet Robert Burns.

Bawdeswell's resident Scot Stewart Cormie, and his wife Anne, under the aegis of the Foxley Village Hall Committee prepared an evening of suitable enjoyments for the sixty or so people who had bought tickets to attend. Two long candle-lit tables were set out for wining and dining – with more than enough “beverages” for the frequent toasts that were to follow. The locally made Haggis was duly piped and clapped in, and then with the traditional incantation was set about with a large carving knife wielded by Stewart, dressed for the occasion from the wardrobe of Rob Roy! With tables laden with “neeps” and “tatties” prepared by the ladies of the V.H.C., our plates were generously filled, and the serious part of the evening could commence!

After the food had been consumed, Stewart gave us a potted but knowledgeable history of the poet – warts and all! – which was given from memory rather than notes (so he would have us believe). We were all suitably impressed. Then, as is the custom, a lady is expected to counter the male chauvinism that was rampant in the life of the great man. The gauntlet was picked up by Christine Rushbrook, who then delivered a light-hearted (but with some uncomfortable “truths” neatly sown in) counterblast from the ladies' point of view.

After the final toast the tables and chairs were cleared to a safe distance, and the sound system was tested. It was time for the *ceilidh*. There was no shortage of volunteers to be taught the steps of the various Scottish dances by West Foxley's Lorrie Tallis, who quickly had them all whirling to the pipes and drums. Scottish dancing, by the way, was not intended for flimsy buildings!

When the evening finally drew to a close, when that diminished group of those of sound wind and limb had been forced to surrender the floor, and the doors were open to the night air, the talk among the small groups travelling the dark lanes home could only have been of the wonderful evening just enjoyed. D.B.

<p><i>Looking for a babysitter?</i> My name is Paige Roberts and I am 14. I live in Bawdeswell and I help out at Seekers. I am available evenings and weekends and charge £2.50 an hour. References available. Please contact me on 688876 or 07878138860</p> <p>Thank you!</p>	<p><i>Shelagh Ashe</i> Garden Consultancy </p> <p>Email: shelagh.ashe@googlemail.com</p> <p>Website: www.fraxina.co.uk</p> <p>Tel: 01362 688977</p>
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 Wednesday, 14th March
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 16th May
 Everybody welcome
 Bawdeswell & Foxley



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. Bookings are now being taken for 2012. We also now have a smaller meeting room available for hire.

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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). **YOU MUST BE AGED 21 OR OVER TO HIRE THE HALL.**

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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/>

Village Hall Committee Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of every month 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.

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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.



Our film distributor has now imposed a minimum charge which makes the showing of their films, at a minimum of £120, too costly in Bawdeswell. In order to continue bringing more recent films to the village we are now offering local businesses the opportunity to sponsor a film. Sponsors would be recognised by advertising and if desired the showing of a video advert prior to the film. Please contact us for further information.

Our next film is planned for

Saturday 10th March 2012 - doors open 7pm

Free Entry Film [15]

There will be no Saturday Evening Film in April but see details of our Titanic Remembrance Day on Sunday 15th April in the hall

Our film nights for the rest of 2012 will normally be on the second Saturday of the month but see the Reeve's Tale for confirmation as there may not be a film every month.

All at Bawdeswell Village Hall – Doors open 7pm,
films start at approx 7.30pm

Free Entry

The Bar/Cafe will be open for refreshments

Call 01362 688749 for more information or see web site <http://bag.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/>



Bawdeswell Activities Group

Easter at the Hall – April 2nd to 6th & 9th to 13th

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 – fun evenings - NOW EVERY MONDAY

We now play table tennis every Monday evening, singles and doubles. 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.

Bawdeswell Events

You can now see future events for Bawdeswell and some for surrounding villages on Facebook www.facebook.com/pages/Bawdeswell-Norfolk/116544105086866?sk=events or on the calendar on the Project Bawdeswell Website <http://projectbawdeswell.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/> or if you have a Google account you can link direct to the Bawdeswell calendar

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

Sunday April 15th – Titanic Day - 100th Anniversary of the disaster – Following a Titanic breakfast at 9am served by the BAGY team, there will be various displays etc during the rest of the day and you can stay for as little or as much as you like. Full details of the event and timetable will be posted in the village hall. If you would like to help with this event please contact David on 688749. Call Fel on 01362 688876 or 07957254503 to book breakfast. Raising funds for the play area and new hall fund.

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.
All profits to the play area. Call Fel on 01362 688876 or 07957254503 to book

Sunday 24th June – Bawdeswell Village Fete – profits to various village charities

Sunday September 2nd – Bawdeswell Extravaganza – bigger and better than 2011
See The Reeve's Tale in 2012 for more details or call Tony Hood for further information on 688218 - profits to New Hall Fund



Bawdeswell Badgers Community Preschool
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Hello everyone from the Bawdeswell Badgers Sett, we hope you are surviving this cold snap and your pipes are not frozen (unlike ours, sadly)

Lots going on in Badgers, our numbers continue to rise and we now 'feed' lots of local schools including Reepham, Cawston, Foulsham and of course Bawdeswell, a great compliment to a relatively small pre-school.

Alongside our normal activities we are looking at our Queens Diamond Jubilee, we are compiling a recipe/household hint book which we hope will be full of wonderful recipes and stories relevant to them. If you have a recipe or hint which you would like included, with or without a story attached (any Royal connection however tenuous would be lovely) please send to me at the Badgers and we will endeavour to include it, we would love this book to include lots from the village not just from our pre-school and supporters.

We are also planning an 'Olympic' sports day during the summer to be organised and run by Mr Asa Saunders, one of our supporters and an ex pupils father, this is still in the early stages but the format will be sports and fun activities followed by a BBQ, watch this space for details.

We have a new committee and we would like to send our grateful thanks to those members who stood down at the AGM, we still have room for more members, please call us at pre-school and a committee member will contact you, a child enrolled in the pre-school is not necessary for all members.

Thanks to all who supported the cake sale we raised in excess of £40 which will go towards the ongoing refurbishment and repairs to our rather aged mobile.

Finally if anyone is interested in visiting us perhaps you have an interest or skill to share you would be most welcome give us a call.

Bye for now Carol Taylor, Supervisor



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BAWDESWELL CRAFT GROUP

At our last two meetings we have been knitting flowers and have quite a number of posies now of various shapes and sizes. Everyone has enjoyed this project and later in the year we may turn our hand to knitting some vegetables! Our March meetings will be on the 8th and 22nd in the Village Hall at 2.00 pm. Enquiries Marietta Menzies 688 400.

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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.



All Welcome...

Wensum Valley Hotel

<p>FORTHCOMING EVENTS</p> <p>ZUMBA PARTY NIGHT Friday 2nd March <i>Dance, Games, Nibbles - £5 pp (2.50 pp Mem)</i></p> <p>Friday 9th March Live Music from StepBack £12 pp inc 1 course carvery</p> <p>Sunday 18th March Mothering Sunday Carvery 2 Course & Coffee £19.95 pp 3 Course & Coffee £22.95 pp</p> <p>QUIZ NIGHTS Friday 23rd March, 27th April £6.50 pp inc Basket Meal</p>	<p><i>Bar and Restaurant Meals served all day, every day</i></p> <p><i>Carvery served Sunday 12 – 3pm with Pianist</i> Fri/Sat Evening 6.30-9.30pm</p> <p><i>Weddings Receptions and Civil Ceremonies</i></p> <p><i>Functions and Conference Rooms</i></p> <p><i>Fully Equipped Gym, Swimming Pool, Sauna, Steam Room, Jaccuzzi</i></p> <p><i>Big Screen TV, Snooker & Pool</i> <i>Golf Memberships, Green Fees and Society Days</i></p>	  
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BOOK CLUB

Room by Emma Donoghue

If you have this book on your shelf waiting to be read, decide now if you want to know how it ends before I get to the bit that will give the plot away. On the other hand you might feel more able to read it if I assure you that this is not just another hostage tale. I've read this twice now, first when it was nominated on the 2010 Man Booker Prize list and now again because it was our January book choice. I think I got more out of it the second time because I wasn't racing to the end to see what happened..... Did they 'get away'?. And yes they did! Initially I read the book as 'a page turner' but this time I found it more compelling because I took it more slowly to see it as a five year old and try to make sense of this rather strange world that we live in and take for granted.

This is a story told by five-year-old Jack. His daily pattern gives a flavour of his days with Ma, who must be one of the most inventive mothers in entertaining and educating her son that I have come across. But of course she has to be, as she is also in Room. All nouns in Jack's story are introduced without pronouns, he has no need of them because they are the only items he has ever encountered. There are no other rooms, rugs, spoons, plants. Ma's love for Jack is all encompassing. It has to be because she has nobody else unless you consider Old Nick. He is the chap who kidnapped Ma all those years ago and continues to deal out rape, hurt and presents in unequal measure. He has all the power until Ma decides that Jack is now five and old enough to lead an escape.

So what's new there I can almost hear you say. Well for me the story is just going to get more interesting, because now they have to learn to live Outside. Whilst Ma can remember what it was like, Jack hasn't a clue about this world. Even wind on his face is strange, to say nothing of dealing with shoes, steps and other people and don't forget, don't stroke a furry bumble bee. They don't like it.

Ma was very good in Room being with Jack, but now the authorities are getting involved. There seems to be end of them: police, doctors, psychiatrists, social workers, publicists, they all have their parts to play, but they tend to ignore Ma's great influence and through questions and 'help' they push Ma towards a crisis. Ma's relatives have difficulties too. Coming to terms with a daughter back from the dead, is difficult once the euphoria wears off, and now she has a son too. It has to be said that some of their interventions are bizarre and some group members found unbelievable.

There isn't an End to this book. It isn't 'neat'. No happy walks into the sunset. But Jack and Ma are together. They have a flat with rooms and they have the key.

So if you've not read it yet, have a go and see what the world looks like from a supplanted five year old instead of what we might see on a routine and daily basis.

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 To the Lighthouse by Virginia Woolf for discussion at our meeting on 1st March and we will be reading Brighton Rock by Graham Greene for discussion at our meeting on 5th April 2012. New members are always welcome. Enquiries: Marietta Menzies 01362 688 400.

BAWDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL DIGEST OF MEETING ON 6TH FEBRUARY 2012

Present: Councillors Shannon, Mason, Beane, Kirby, Mallen, Lilwall, Mrs C Boer (Clerk) and 1 parishioner.

Ongoing Issues from Previous Meetings

Adams Pit: As a result of the recent application for matched funding for the final phase of work on Adams Pit, Norfolk County Council has offered a grant of 75% towards the cost and, therefore, the Trustees will shortly receive £1081.50 from NCC once all the grant offer paperwork has been completed.

Allotments: The Chairman had made no progress on producing the draft business plan for the creation of the community resource allotments, due to other priorities and the lack of support information from BAGLA. However, due to the possible prospect of the Parish Council being stuck with a long-term lease of the Elsing Lane land, should local support for allotments dwindle due to the remote location of this site, coupled with a report that a local town council had recently managed to buy amenity land with only a minor increases in its Precept, the Parish Council have agreed to re-open the debate on whether or not to purchase/lease more suitable land closer to the village.

Planning

PA 3PL/2012//F School House, Billingford Rd: single storey side extensions to create garage and carport, utility room and bathroom; the Parish Council had no objections to this application.

PA 3PL/2011/0756/F Bawdeswell Village Hall: demolition of existing hall erection of new hall, extended parking and install air source heat pump; planning permission granted with 9 conditions.

PA 3PL/2011/121/F Land west of Heath Cottage, Dereham Rd: 2 low cost starter homes; refusal of planning permission.

Any Other Business of Interest to Parishioners

Village Sign: Mr Thatcher, the artist, has made the requested minor alternation to the sign.

Flexibus: Norfolk County Council have reported that, unfortunately, the Foulsham feeder scheme would no longer be going ahead, as Foulsham had made alternative arrangements with Norfolk Green. Consequently, Bawdeswell will not be able to utilise this feeder service to provide its residents with public transport to Dereham. NCC has looked into alternative ways of providing a flexible pre-bookable service for Bawdeswell residents, but this is likely to be too expensive because of a lack of transport providers in the area. However, following NCC advice, the Parish Council will register its interest in linking up with a flexible transport service that Reepham are setting up using an electric minibus they have purchased through the Low Carbon Communities Challenge. It is envisaged that this service could offer journeys for Bawdeswell residents, although routes and destinations have yet to be finalised.

Transfer of Land at the Street (Folland Court): The Parish Council is still awaiting the transfer of this land from Flagship Housing and will continue to pursue the earlier agreement that the land is turfed before handover. While the Parish Council previously agreed that, once transferred, the land would be made into a small memorial garden, it will further discuss this option alongside the possibility of connecting such a garden to the celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

HM The Queen's Jubilee in 2012: Mrs Fel Roberts is keen to arrange a traditional tea party in the Street and has applied to Breckland Council for a grant of £100 towards the costs. Based on this information the Parish Council have agreed to support the event in principle and to set aside a provisional sum of £200 from the collective recycling efforts to help fund a Street Party. It was agreed that this event should be a non-fundraising 'free' social event for the whole village. All residents should have received a leaflet providing further information on this event and requesting residents to give feedback on whether they wanted such a party and whether they would help and/or attend. Please register your interest by telephoning Mrs Roberts on 688876 or at davenfel@talk21.com.

Clerks Vacancy: The Parish Council received formal notification from the Clerk on 16 Jan that she wished to give one month's notice to terminate her contract as Parish Clerk. She has, however, generously agreed to remain in post until a replacement is found. Should anyone require further information about applying for this vacancy please contact the current Clerk as soon as possible.

Home Watch/Neighbourhood Watch Scheme: Following the visit by our local PCSO at its December meeting, the Parish Council agreed to find a Homewatch Coordinator to re-introduce this scheme to the village. Subsequently, Mr B Cunliffe kindly agreed to take on this role, with Mr C Beane as his Deputy. However, as a result of Mr Cunliffe's further meeting with PCSO Jade Fuller to discuss implementation of the scheme, it would appear that a more localised system is required, with coordinators in each area of the village. While this approach might prove to be difficult for the village to organise, Mr Cunliffe agreed to continue his overall coordination role on Homewatch issues with the Council. Meanwhile, he will continue his efforts to set up the Homewatch Scheme for Reeves Close and Reepham Road residents. Anyone willing to become a Homewatch coordinator for their area of the village please contact the Clerk for more details.

Next meeting Monday 5th March 2012, at 7.45pm in the Village Hall Portacabin.

Bawdeswell Parish Council
Vacancy for Parish Clerk with Immediate Effect
Approximately 20 hours per month.
Salary £2,000 to £2,500 depending on experience

Duties include minute taking, preparation of agendas, bookkeeping, dealing with correspondence and liaising with the public and other local authorities. Parish clerk experience would be an advantage although funded training is available. The successful applicant will be computer literate, have excellent communication skills, be self-motivated and will have a flexible in his/her approach to work.

Further information can be obtained from the current Parish Clerk (contact details below). Applications (including CV) should be made immediately in writing to the Parish Clerk.

**Parish Clerk: Mrs Claire Boer, Thistleacre, The Street, Bawdeswell,
Dereham, NR20 4RT**
Email: cboer.pariahclerk@fsmail.net Tel: 01362 688415

FOXLEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 9TH FEBRUARY IN THE VILLAGE HALL
AT 7.30PM

Present : Councillors Harvey JH (Chairman), Mears NM (Vice-Chairman), Barrett DB, Hatch NH, Mrs E Buck (Clerk) and 2 parishioners.

Apologies: Mr G Bambridge (District Councillor).

Minutes of last meeting The minutes of the last Parish Council meeting held on the 8th of December were agreed and signed.

Declarations of Interest None.

Matters Arising not Covered Elsewhere on Agenda

Highways

Several parishioners have raised concerns about The Street. The road being littered with manure causing a health hazard as well as dangerous driving conditions. Clerk to contact Highways.

It has been pointed out that the Sanders School bus has been using the triangle over in Foxley East as a roundabout and damaging the verges. Clerk to contact Sanders and Highways, if no co-operation.

Parishioners have raised concerns of drivers using Old Fakenham Road and Mill Road as a rat run with many drivers exceeding the speed limit where it is 20 MPH. Clerk to contact Jade Fuller with thoughts of setting up a speed watch area for Foxley.

Grit bins have now been installed at their designated places.

Correspondence

Car Park Review

As you all are aware Breckland Council are debating whether they should start charging people for the use of car parks in Dereham and Fakenham. Foxley Parish Council and all Councils from surrounding areas have been asked for their opinion, all Councillors from Foxley Parish Council are against this decision and our views will be put forward to Gordon Bambridge (District Councillor).

Code of Conduct

Susan Allen will be contacting Councillor Dennis Barrett when sessions for this subject will be commencing.

Finance

Summary of Accounts The financial report for the period 8th December to 8th February were agreed and signed.

Clerks Expenses Clerk's expenses approved Cheque no:100345 £42.47

Clerk's Salary An increase was agreed and will take effect from the 1st April. Proposed NH Seconded DB.

Approved Payments

The following payment was agreed:
Cheque No: 100344 £331.20 Grit Bins (ESPO)

Village Matters

After some considerable thought it was decided that the village sign, which is in a poor state & needs replacing, would be put on hold until next years budget has been discussed. It was also discussed as to whether Foxley really needs a sign to make people aware of which village they

were in, but there are wider considerations. If anyone has any thoughts on this subject please contact the Clerk.

The Queen's Jubilee Celebrations

After a meeting with the Foxley Village Hall Committee it has been decided that Foxley will be having a celebration on the 2nd June at Foxley Lodge on the front garden. John and Diana Harvey were thanked for letting this happen.

The day will be a free event which will consist of a BBQ (BRING YOUR OWN FOOD) or a picnic. Bring your own drink there will be refreshments available for anyone who prefers tea or coffee. Games will be put on for the day for both young and old. Anyone who would like to make cakes for the day would be much appreciated, hopefully the weather will be on our side and that the residents of Foxley will come and enjoy the day We are looking to start the event from 1pm onwards please come and enjoy yourselves. We are also looking for a band for the day to entertain us if anyone knows of any musicians please contact the Clerk.

Homewatch

The Clerk thanked everyone who came to the meeting on Thursday 26th January to show their support to set up a new Homewatch scheme, and to all of those who volunteered themselves to become Sub-Coordinators. The village has now been set up with the police web site and every household will be receiving homewatch details and their homewatch coordinators numbers within the next 2 weeks. Hopefully we will be able to make Foxley a safer place to be.

Dog Fouling

It has come to our attention that several people walking their dogs are not clearing up after their animals. This is a criminal offence with a penalty of up to a £1000 if convicted. Apart from being unsociable this is also a health hazard if anyone sees this happening then the number of the dog warden is:01362 858500.

Date of Next Parish Council Meeting: It was decided that the date of the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting along with the first Parish Council Meeting of the new year will take place on **Thursday 10th May at 7.30pm** in the Village Hall.

Contact Details for the Parish Clerk- Emma Buck

Tel: 01362688299/07771654277

Email:foxleyemma@aol.com

BAWDESWELL LADIES CLUB Coffee Morning

Wednesday 7th March from 10.30 am At the Village Hall

It would be great to catch up with everyone over a cuppa. We haven't fixed dates for coffee mornings or lunches for the rest of 2012 or chosen a charity. So, please come along.

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Carole 01362 688569 or Christine 01362 688494

Our February meeting was very different and extremely interesting. Aleathia welcomed our speaker Ken Thompson, who, after introducing himself, spoke about the Alexander Technique. He explained how very effective this Technique is in getting us to reduce pain in the management of back pain, also it helps with migraine, headache, stress, etc. etc.

Ken then gently demonstrated on us individually how to stand and sit – with surprisingly easy and helpful results. Naturally, much more time needs to be taken using this Technique and, as Ken says, one is always learning. A most interesting hour.

After our tea/coffee break, names were taken for the lunch on 27th February. In March, in addition of our meeting on Monday 12th, we can attend either or both of these events:- “Women reaching Water” on Friday 9th at the U.E.A., and Literary Lunch at Barnham Broom on the 22nd. Janet won the raffle and a lot of interest was shown in the photographs taken of members when much younger. “Being a Nun in the 21st Century” is our talk next month – the speaker being Sister Pamela. The exhibit is a Religious item. Hope to see you all.

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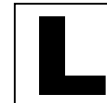


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Our local walk takes place in Mid Norfolk between Aylsham and Wroxham and includes a trip on a Bure Valley Railway, narrow gauge steam train. At the end of the walk, all our walkers will receive light refreshments and a certificate.

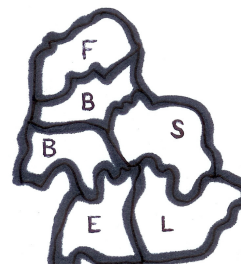
There's a choice of 3, 6 or 9 mile walks so there really is something for everyone! The route runs alongside the Bure Valley Railway line through the picturesque Norfolk countryside.

Last year's 492 walkers raised an amazing £35,853 and this year the charity aims to raise over £40,000. Helen Chapman, Area Fundraising Manager for Macmillan cancer Support said: "It's a wonderful opportunity for all ages and abilities to come together and help raise money for cancer patients. It's an enjoyable day out with the added feeling of knowing that the money you raise will be going to a good cause. Nearly everyone knows someone who has been affected by cancer and the more money we raise the more people we can help."

This year registering to take part in the Bure Valley Railway Walk couldn't be any simpler, visit: www.macmillan.org.uk/walking. If you don't have access to the internet but would still like to take part please call the team on 0300 1000 200. Alternatively, if you can't make the Bure Valley Railway Walk you can still organise your own event by visiting the website above and following the directions to organise your own walking event.

Want to take part but don't want to walk? Then help Macmillan and become a volunteer at the event. This year Macmillan needs 50 volunteers over the walk weekend – so if you've any time to spare, please also get in touch.

Benefice News and Events



Lent course

In last month's BMG page we said that we would be using the Archbishop of Canterbury's recommended book, 'Love Unknown'. This is a *very good book* and worth reading but quite difficult to discuss. So the clergy of the Sparham Deanery have decided to focus on the issue of poverty. We shall be using the Church Urban Fund (yes, I know it says urban but poverty can be rural as well!) discussion document called, 'Are we washing our hands of England's poor?'

The discussion groups will still be at the Rectory on Tuesday afternoons at 2pm starting on February 28th. These will still tie in with the Lent sermons at the Deanery Evensongs, which will now be about social justice.

Apologies to anybody who has already bought the book. I do hope you have found it of value. The material for the course can be found on the internet on:

www.cuf.org.uk/resources-churches

should you wish to have a sneak preview.

Events for March

Sat 17 th	Bawdeswell Quiz Night & supper 7pm village hall
Sat 24 th	Sparham Spring Bazaar

A Spring Bazaar is being held in The Old School Room on Saturday 24th March in aid of church funds. We will have the usual well filled stalls and a warm welcome awaits you all. Doors open at 10.30 a.m.

Do you play the piano? The Benefice is often stuck for an organist and is anxious to find volunteers to fill in occasionally at services. We have six churches with a variety of organs, ranging from a Harmonium at Bylaugh, a reed organ at Foxley, traditional pipe organs at Sparham, Lyng and Elsing, and a modern digital organ at Bawdeswell.

Please come forward and become a hero.

Projects at St Thomas' Foxley

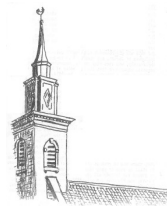


We were busy lime washing the chancel in time for Christmas and also parts of the nave. It seemed to work well and was simple to apply. We will plan to tackle the nave and porch more when the weather gets warmer. Also we found and purchased new pinnacles to the tower which have been missing since 1986. They are really quite intricate and stand over one metre high. We are now exploring the way and costs of getting these re-erected. They are standing now at the base of the tower steps. I hope we can manage to get them re-erected this year, as it will put Foxley tower back on the map as a view point from the surrounding area. If you would like to donate anything to this project it would be greatly appreciated as scaffolding is extremely expensive.

We are also pursuing the Faculty approval for the bell restoration and the repair to the rotten 16th century floor under the bells. We are awaiting an English Heritage report and then can submit the Faculty. However, that only enables us to apply for a grant. (A Faculty is the equivalent of planning and building regulations for churches). We have been learning how to ring bells as a group so when we are successful the heritage can be re-established in the village in a sympathetic way. There have been 6 bells present in the tower since 1755 but they have only been rung 6 times in peals since 1901 due to their condition. So although we have been fund-raising and doing a lot of DIY work in the church to save money, any donations would be greatly appreciated in case we don't get the grant. If we don't get the grant we will have to make do and mend the bells to get them going and try again later. For example, the big tenor is cracked and has to be taken away for welding. If we don't do something it will be lost for ever if the crack gets much worse.

Doing this work keeps the church in good condition and that helps keep the village looking attractive. We are trying to do what we can afford in a step by step way, as well as making the church a more comfortable place to worship in. The church building has been there a long time- the tower was built in 1382 and the nave and chancel are much older. Retaining the medieval character and a sound building will leave a positive legacy for the next generation to appreciate.

Tony Rushbrook



ALL SAINTS CHURCH BAWDESWELL

The church was certainly vibrating last Sunday at our monthly GiG service thanks to a new sound system which has just been installed. The Worship Group is growing and they really add a sense of celebration to our services. If you like a good sing song and an informal type of service do please come along and join in.

A new carpet has been bought for the front of the church – a nice blue one to echo the colour of the ceiling. Our thanks to the Friends for this along with all the other things they pay for. A lot of them you don't see as it goes towards running costs but all very much appreciated.

The new service rota is well in place and on the first Sunday of February we had a modern service of Morning Prayer followed by a short said communion at noon. There will still be the 'usual' Word and Praise service on the third Sunday.

On Friday 2nd March Bawdeswell Church will be hosting the Women's World day of Prayer at 2pm. Everyone is welcome and there will be refreshments afterwards.

On Saturday 31st March Organ makers Makin have arranged a Saturday "roadshow" in our church where one of their digital organs is installed.

It will be from 10.00am to 4.00pm. Visitors will be able to play the church's organ, and also two or three other small instruments to set up in the body of the church, and the organisers provide tea & coffee, and have a selection of organ music for sale.

From the Rector

Dear Everybody, hello again.

The riots in Greece have been worrying. Is this what happens when the resentment in a society boils over? The riots in this country last year were put down to disaffected youth. Could it get worse?

People in Greece have seen their living standards slashed in a way we don't understand in this country. Ordinary people have to cope with the "double whammy" of cuts in pay and higher taxes. It may well be that the situation they are in as a nation was caused by unrealistic habits and excess borrowing; and maybe individuals were to blame as well. But when our living standards are slashed, we experience it as a loss; not only do we have less to enjoy, we feel our own powerlessness, which can also cause resentment.

I remember when I was a languages student in the 1970s I went to stay with a family on a modest farm in West Germany. They had one really good portrait of a family member, and an exquisite chest of drawers in the sitting room, among some very ordinary furniture. The farmer's wife said to me: "We put those in the back of the car before they closed the border from East Germany, they were all we managed to take, and we were afraid that the border guards were going to take even them." She took the washing to two seventy year old spinster sisters in the village; "before the war their family had vast estates in Pomerania."

Sometimes the loss of lifestyle is so catastrophic, or has been going on for so long, that we just get on with life as best we can. How can I expect to consume the same resources in a world that will have twice as many people in it when I die as when I was born? Human inventiveness may cover some needs, but sometimes we just want more than we need.

The Christian season of Lent is a time of fasting. As a symbol, we do without one or two things. What would happen if you had to consider: what can I really not do without? Everything else is a gift, an extra.

God bless you David Head

The F.L.E.B.B.S Benefice

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March 2012

Date	04/03	11/03	18/03	25/03
Season	The Second Sunday of Lent	The Third Sunday of Lent	The Fourth Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday	The Fifth Sunday of Lent <i>Clocks go forward</i>
Foxley	Deanery service at Guestwick	08.00 HC DH	10.30 HC DH	
Lyng	9.00 HC1 DH	10.30 W&P CW	16.00 Deanery Service DH	
Elsing	10.30 HC DH	09.00 HC DH	10.30 W&P CW	10.30 OMS DH
Bawdeswell	10.30 W&P CW 12.00 HC DH	10.30 GiG Team + DH	10.30 WP CW	
Bylaugh		9.00 MP CW		9.00 HC DH
Sparham	10.30 OASIS Team	10.30 MP CW	9.00 HC DH	

Deanery Lent Evening Services (all at 4pm)

4th March Guestwick
11th March Great Witchingham
18th March Lyng
25th March North Elmham