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I have been so overwhelmed by messages and cards of goodwill since my silly accident and subsequent stay in hospital.

Thank you so much, to all concerned, and hope to see you soon.

Margaret Roy

A Big Thank You. After 4 very busy and fulfilling years I decided it was time for me to close the minute taking book and bid a sad farewell to the position of Parish Clerk for Bawdeswell. This decision was not an easy one to make but after securing more hours and a new position within Norfolk Fire & Rescue Service I felt that I would be unable to commit the time and effort the role of Clerk deserves. My last meeting was on Monday 2nd April and I was overwhelmed by the kind words that the Chairman said on behalf of the Parish Council and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Councillors for the kindness they showed in presenting me with some vouchers and for their support over the last four years. A huge thank you must be sent to David Shannon who as the Chairman of the Parish Council deserves huge recognition for all the work he does outside the Parish Council meetings and who has helped, guided and supported me. I have been very proud to be part of what the Parish Council has achieved in recent years and I wish all Councillors and Helen Moore the new Parish Clerk all the very best for the future .

Kind Regards Claire Boer

Parish Council's tribute on page 4

Paying For Bawdeswell's Jubilee Celebrations

I understand the committee organising the Bawdeswell Jubilee celebrations have applied for, and received, money from our local councils to help pay for the event. Bawdeswell Parish Council are also making £200 pounds available from our communal recycling efforts.

Given the Government's current austerity programme, with its many cuts disproportionately effecting poorer people across the country, I feel it is an embarrassment to be taking much needed money for such a cause.

I suggest the Bawdeswell organisers give back the money taken so far and that the people of Bawdeswell raise their own money to hold this party. I am happy to pledge £20 to such a fund.

RH

May 2012 DIARY

Thu 3 rd	Bawdeswell Activities Group AGM, 10am Book Club meets at Old Workhouse Bar, 8pm
Sat 5 th	Seekers, 10am Bawdeswell Village Hall
Sun 6 th	Tractor Road Run from Bawdeswell, <i>see page 6</i>
Tue 8 th	Flower Arranging Class at Bawdeswell Village Hall 2pm
Thu 10 th	Craft Group at Bawdeswell Village Hall 2pm
Sat 12 th	Bawdeswell Village Cinema, <i>The Help</i> 7pm
Mon 14 th	Bawdeswell Parish Council AGM 7.45pm BECK WI meet at Sparham Old School Room 7.30pm
Tue 17 th	Flower Arranging Class at Bawdeswell Village Hall 2pm
Wed 16 th	Coffee Morning Foxley Village Hall, 10.30am
Sun 20 th	Jazz in the Millennium Garden, Bawdeswell Garden Centre
Mon 21 st	Bawdeswell Village Hall Meeting
Tue 22 nd	Bawdeswell Annual Parish Meeting, village hall 6.30pm
Thu 24 th	Craft Group at Bawdeswell Village Hall 2pm
Sat 26 th	Project Bawdeswell Meeting 10am
Sun 27 th	A Day at the Races, <i>see page 5</i>

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	1 st Saturday of month
Semitone Singers Children's Choir	Every Wednesday 4.30pm in Term Time
Ladies Craft Group	2 nd & 4 th Wednesday each month 2pm

Bawdeswell Church

ICENI Choir Practice	Wednesdays 7.30pm
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BAWDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL BIDS FAREWELL TO PARISH CLERK



Bawdeswell Parish Council bade farewell to the Parish Clerk, Claire Boer, at its meeting on 2nd April.

In offering a sincere vote of thanks on behalf of the Council for a job extremely well done, the Chairman highlighted Claire's unstinting efforts over the last four years in support of the Council and the community of Bawdeswell, which rightly earned her many accolades from councillors and parishioners alike, and which has endeared her to all in the process.

Claire, who is now taking up a full-time appointment with the Norfolk Fire Service, will be sadly missed by the Council, but fortunately for all, she and her family will remain a key part of life in Bawdeswell.

The new Parish Clerk is Helen Moore who can be contacted on 01263 87954 or at helenmoore1974@yahoo.com.

HOW ABOUT A DAY OUT

AT THE RACES

Sunday 27th May 2012

As in the past a Coach will take our party to Fakenham Racecourse
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Tractor Road Run

Sunday 6th May 10am



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Return to hall at approximately 4pm. Afternoon tea and refreshments will be available at the Village Hall.

Tony's Bus and Tractor will be available to take passengers on the Run (£5.00 per head)

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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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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

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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.



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.

NOTE: With reference to the notice above, there will be a report on the outcome of the Annual General Meeting in June's edition of the Reeve's Tale.

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 – EVERY THURSDAY EVENING

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.



The special funding sub-group is in the process of finalising the survey to go out to every household in the village. The feedback from the survey will provide essential information required in Stage 1 of the application to The Big Lottery Fund. The Business Plan and tender building documentation are in the completion stage. Our next open meetings will be held on Saturday 21st April and Saturday 26th May, at 10.00 am in the Village Hall. All are welcome to attend. Enquiries: Marietta Menzies 01362 688 400.

PLEASE NOTE everyone is invited to join us for a drink and update at a: Project Bawdeswell Presentation on Tuesday 19th June in Bawdeswell Village Hall At 7.30 pm

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Mothers Day

Friends of Bawdeswell School were in school the week prior to Mothers Day, helping children choose & wrap gifts for their mum's and Grandma's. This has been a very successful venture again this year and we thank all the friends that were involved for giving up their time.

On Thursday 29th March we held a "decorate an egg" competition. The children presented some wonderful eggs. It was extremely hard to choose the winners. Thank you to all the children who took part.

We also had a talent competition to finish the term off on Friday 30th March. The children put a lot of effort into their performances and seemed to enjoy themselves. Well done all of you who entered.

We said Goodbye and Thank you to Mrs Rose who stepped in temporarily as Headteacher for two terms.

Mr Ellson is Acting Headteacher for the Summer Term. We have had some very strong applicants for the post of permanent Headteacher and hope to have someone appointed for September. We should be able to announce who that will be in the next edition.

We are having building works during the Easter holidays. All the asbestos in the school is being removed and the old Kitchen room will be getting ready to become an extra classroom for group working. We are also having a new Servedy put in place now that we have the meals brought in from North Elmham School. The painting in the entrance hall has now been completed and it looks a lot brighter and cleaner.

Garden Party to celebrate the Queens Jubilee Celebrations
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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 BOOK CLUB



In April we read **The Long Shot** by **Katie Kitamura**, her first novel. It was Reephram Library's read of the month and they were encouraging as many people as possible to read it and give reviews. There are several reviews on their notice board if anyone is interested. We wondered why they chose this particular book; we would never have chosen it but it is good to read outside one's comfort zone we believe. It is set just over the U.S. border in Mexico and is about Mixed Martial Arts Fights. Something, until we read this book, I can quite confidentially say none of the members of the Bawdeswell Book Club even knew existed!

We thought it was a strange subject for a first novel by a female author and we half thought she might be condemning the brutality, but no, she is really keen on the subject and obviously very knowledgeable. In short it is the story of a young talented boxer (Cal) who, until he fights Rivera has always won his fights. Loosing comes very hard and he can only come to terms with the lost by knowing that he went the full time with Rivera which no other boxer had achieved, so at least second best, in effect.

The book begins some years after that fight when he and his trainer (Riley) are arriving for the rematch, and covers the days prior to, and of the fight. Riley's role is to motivate Cal, and Cal certainly works hard at staying focussed and training. As it gets closer to the time of the fight doubts set-in in both their minds by are not voiced. Cal can only continue, he is on a collision course but cannot allow himself to pull out. Riley is also full of doubts and feels he ought to stop the planned fight but he realises Cal couldn't face that option even though he has lost hope of winning. The psychology of their relationship comes out well in the novel without being particularly written about. KK says she is interested in extreme sports and the training and mental will needed to compete in them. She evidently trained as a ballerina so has some background in pushing the body to extremes. Needless to say the fight was bloody, but again Cal went the full time, whether he lived or died is left to the reader's imagination at the end of the novel.

Our members were not enthusiastic about this book, but it did broaden our reading base. Some notes on the book suggested that Book Clubs might like to go and see one of these fights, but that idea was immediately dismissed by the membership!

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 will be reading Brighton Rock by Graham Greene for discussion at our meeting on 3rd May 2012 and Pigeon English by Stephen Kelman for our meeting on 7th June. New members are always welcome. Enquiries: Marietta Menzies 01362 688 400.



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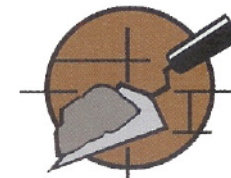
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The Bowling Green is situated behind Bawdeswell Village Hall.

Starting in April we roll up as follows

Every Tuesday 2.00 - 4.00 pm
Every Wednesday 7.00 - 9.00 pm

Everybody Young and even Old are very welcome.

For further information contact

Richard Blyth Tel 01362 688450

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COUNTRY DANCING at BRISLEY on MONDAY EVENINGS

Informal sessions will continue to be held at Brisley Village Hall from 7.30pm until 9.30pm on the 14th, 21st and 28th May, after which there is a summer break until September. 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

BAWDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL

DIGEST OF MEETING ON 2nd APRIL 2012

Present: Councillors Shannon, Mason, Beane, Kirby, Lilwall, Mallen, McColville, Mr G Bambridge (District Councillor), Mr B Borrett (County Councillor), Mrs C Boer (Outgoing Clerk), Mrs H Moore (New Clerk) and three parishioners.

Ongoing issues from Previous Meetings

Adams Pit: While no further vandalism had been reported at the time of the meeting, there has since been further to the newly planted saplings, plus numerous cases of dog fouling in the area. Parishioners are asked to keep an eye out for such anti-social behaviour and to report such incidents to the Police. The plan for the final Spring planting of the area was approved by the Trustees and will take place over the coming weeks. If parishioners have any native wildflower or water plants to spare, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Allotments: The Chairman is still discussing possible land purchases with landowners and will report back at the next Parish Council meeting.

Possible Pedestrian Access to the Heath: The possibility of creating a safe footpath from the village to Bawdeswell Heath is still under consideration by NCC Highways and the local landowner.

Folland Court: There has been no further news about the transfer of the piece of land to the Parish Council. However, Flagship Housing has agreed to re-turf the area, and this will take place over the period April/May 2012. A draft plan for the proposed Jubilee/Memorial Garden, which includes suggestions from councillors and villagers, has been endorsed by the Parish Council as the way forward for future fund raising and self-help landscaping. Once the land legally belongs to the Parish Council, it is expected to be put into trust for the good of the village and its parishioners, and the Trustees will decide how to fund the necessary landscaping and future maintenance. Meanwhile, the Clerk will chase the land transfer, and the Chairman will sound out possibilities for matched funding of the project.

Other Business of Interest to Parishioners

Village Hall: The installation of CCTV and essential repairs to the driveway and car park was apparently still under consideration. The Chairman was therefore deputised to approach the Village Hall Committee to expedite the necessary repairs, bearing in mind that the Parish Council (and hence the community) allocates funds as part of the annual precept for such maintenance. A Project Bawdeswell open meeting will be held on 19th of June

to discuss the outcome of the upcoming village survey and, hence, the funding applications for the new village hall.

Bus Shelter: A new timetable will be installed at the bus shelter soon, along with a replacement waste bin.

Home Watch/Neighbourhood Watch Scheme: Residents of Reeves Close are now members of the Neighbourhood Watch scheme and, following a successful meeting, their system is up and running. The Parish Council wishes to encourage the expansion of the scheme to other areas of the village; so, any interested parishioners should contact the Parish Clerk.

Annual Parish Meeting: The Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the Village Hall on 22nd May at 6.30pm. Invites will be sent shortly to all the local community groups, but all parishioners are welcome, and indeed are encouraged, to attend. It is your opportunity to express your views about past and future development of the village, and to listen to what is happening around us.

Miscellaneous: The recently vandalised BT telephone box has now been repaired by J D Home & Garden Services. There was no further news to report on the possible introduction of a Flexibus service to Dereham, but the Clerk will continue to chase this with the authorities in Reepham. Advice and quotes for the management of the trees in the churchyard by local tree surgeons are being sought. The deteriorating state of the potholes in Common Lane potholes is also being addressed.

Next Meeting: The AGM and May meetings of the Parish Council will take place on 14th May starting at the earlier time of 6.30pm. Agenda items will include the issue of ethical banking practices by the Parish Council, and the possible future ownership of the village green area next to the village sign by the Parish Council.

Clerk Position: The Chairman ended the meeting by offering sincere thanks for a job well done and best wishes for the future to the outgoing Clerk, Claire Boer. Claire has been a wonderful Clerk and great colleague over the last four years. She will be sorely missed. All concerned wished her every success in her new position. After a difficult selection process, the Parish Council has appointed Mrs Helen Moore to be the new Parish Clerk with immediate effect. She can be contacted on 01263 587954, 4 Adams Lane, Corpusty, NR11 6QJ, email:- helenmoore1974@yahoo.com

Next meeting, which will be the Annual Parish Council meeting - Monday 14th May 2012 at 6.30pm in the Village Hall Portacabin.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held Tuesday 22nd May 2012 at 6.30pm in the Village Hall.

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Our 6 hard-pressed drivers (four from Bawdeswell, one from Bylaugh and one from Foxley) were kept busy undertaking 130 journeys over the last year, including 67 from Bawdeswell, 62 from Foxley and one from Bylaugh.

We are always seeking extra drivers – so if you have some spare time at your disposal, and are interested in helping the community, you would be most welcome to join us. The scheme is run in conjunction with the local Parish Councils and Breckland District Council. Breckland undertakes the necessary vehicle documentation, CRB and health checks of drivers. Passengers pay 20p per mile to the driver at the time of the journey, and the remaining 25p per mile, shared equally between Breckland and the Parish Councils, is returned to the driver via the Parish Clerk.

It was pointed out to me that we were not on the village web-site; so by the time you read this, I hope that our details will have been added to it.* If you know of someone who may have need of the scheme, or if you wish to make an appointment, please contact: **Angela Shannon–Co-ordinator Tel: 01362 688111**. I will always return your call, tell you who the driver will be, and at what time you will be collected. Our contract with Breckland limits the use of the CCS for medically-related visits to dentists, doctors and hospitals in the local area but we can go as far afield as Addenbrookes, and further if necessary with the prior approval of Breckland . I would also like to use this note to convey my thanks, and those of our clientele, to all the stalwart drivers who turn out in all weathers and sometimes early in the morning to take passengers to their destinations, as well as to John Mallen for co-ordinating the appointments when I am away.

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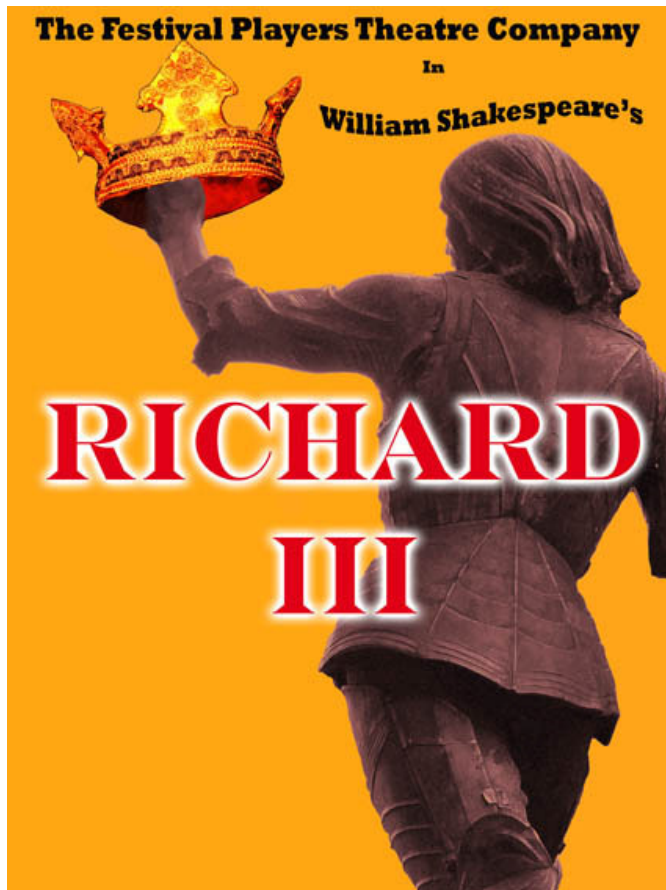
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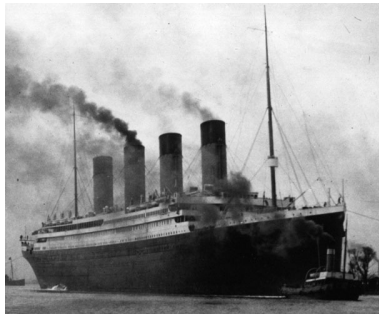
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Amongst the innumerable disasters which have occurred at sea, there has been for most people something uniquely compelling about the circumstances surrounding the loss of the Titanic and the subsequent discovery so many years later of the wreck two-and-a-half miles down on the sea-bed.

Bawdeswell's Titanic day was held in the village hall on Sunday, 15th April 2012.

The day began with a "Titanic" breakfast. That the name of the ship has entered into the lexicon of the English language has indeed provided the most apposite word to describe the size of the feast on offer! Fel Roberts and Kelsey Baker did a fantastic job cooking the many ingredients for the breakfast (and which, to your correspondent's delight, included black pudding!). The many punters who came were efficiently served at the tables by Paige and Morgan Roberts, dressed in black and white, as their counterparts on the Titanic probably were a century ago.

Around the walls of the village hall was a montage of pictures, diagrams, and other memorabilia providing information about the ship itself, its one and only voyage, the sinking, the passengers who were on board, and the discovery of the remains of the ship and its contents at the bottom of the ocean.

During the day, two feature films were screened. In the morning visitors could watch "A Night to Remember", and in the afternoon there was a showing of the epic movie "Titanic" starring Kate Winslett and Leonardo di Caprio.

Food and drink were available throughout the day. Much planning and hard work went into this successful event, and congratulations must go to the organizing team, with special mention of, and thanks to, David Cockburn and Alex Kirby.

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Reepham and District Rotary Club –April 2012

You may have thought that Rotary in Reepham had been exceptionally quiet – but don't fear we have been continuing our efforts to support our local community as always!

In March we were delighted to be able to present cheques for £2800 each to cancer charity Big C and to EACH; and to Norfolk and Waveney Prostrate cancer Support Group a cheque for £1000.

Upon his retirement we have been to present to our own Dr Price a framed certificate recording his many years of service.

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The Art of Birds: Our last indoor talk at the old Weston Longville Village Hall was given by Norfolk based artist, and Society member, Steve Cale. Steve started drawing birds when he was a voluntary warden at Minsmere some 18 years ago when his original idea was that if he sketched a bird it would help him remember the details. In a fascinating talk we were shown how he initiates a field sketch. Using only a 2B pencil and a shaped rubber we were taken stage by stage through a drawing of a Little Ringed Plover. He started by drawing with an arrangement of rectangular boxes to approximate the shape and pose of the bird. Various vertical and horizontal datum lines were then added and we watched as a technical drawing was transformed into the rounded outline of the bird. Emphasising the importance of detailed observation, particularly noting where the light falls on the subject, a few zigzag lines were added to delineate the feathers and the lightest and simplest of pencil lines used to represent feathers in the wind and reflections in the water. It all looked very easy (until I tried it at home).

After the break we had an in-depth look at drawing and identifying different Nightjar species showing how drawing birds and meticulous attention to detail helps the identification process. Finally a close look at various birds of prey which included a Dark Chanting Goshawk, African Hawk Eagle, Western Banded Snake Eagle, Zone Tailed Hawk, Black Shouldered Kite, and details of the Lander Falcon whose feather arrangement has been copied in the design of fighter aircraft. The final picture was of Steve's paint palette which he uses in the field. It looked a bit basic but is all one needs to start a picture - he forgot of course to mention that one also needs talent. Lots more on his website about tours, art classes and a selection of his paintings. A fitting talk to wind up our use of the Weston Longville Village Hall.

Dates for May: We will be at the 'Wild About the Wensum' conservation event at Pensthorpe on Saturday 19th. On Sunday 27th we have our annual 'Dawn Chorus' which includes hot bacon butties for breakfast – see our webpage for details.

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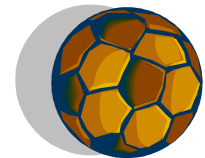
THE STEVEN WILLIAMSON MEMORIAL TROPHY

After thinking things over for the last several weeks I have decided to discontinue the above competition. Whilst all of the six F.C. clubs involved have been very keen to play and very generous with their donations, I have seen our charity money fall from its peak of £2,000 in 2008 to just £400 in 2011, most of which was donated by the football teams themselves. The number of spectators have fallen to just a handful at some of our games and most of the people seem to forget to put a pound in their pocket for our collection.

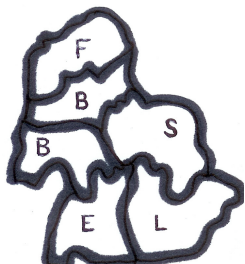
I would like to thank everybody who has supported us over the last fourteen years since our competition started, especially those who always turn up year on year with their money for the collection. I will miss you all very much.

All our love,

The Williamson family.



Benefice News and Events



Some parishioners have complained that the rota of services as published in the magazine doesn't say clearly what they are. We have realised that as new people move into the area, we need to repeat in the magazine every so often a slightly fuller description of the services.

“Word and Praise” is a simple service of readings, prayers and hymns, usually with a short address or thought for the day.

“One More Step” has hymns and readings, and a stronger emphasis on challenging thinking about our faith and issues of the day.

“GIG” (“God Is Good”) is all-age worship, and includes child-friendly activities and points to ponder for grown-ups.

“OASIS” (“On A Sunday In Sparham”) is a short coffee-and-discussion based service (with hymns and a reading) suitable for teenagers and above.

Communion services are either according to the Book of Common Prayer (“BCP” or “HC2”) or according to the AD 2000 prayer book “Common Worship”(HC1). Some communion services are with hymns, and some without.

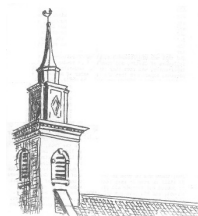
“Morning Prayer” and “Evening Prayer” services usually include hymns.

Event for May Tuesday 8th Fashion Show from the Artichoke Collection in Lyng Village Hall 7.30pm

Summer Club/Messy Church

Summer Club may become Messy Church! It is hoped to run it from 30th July – 3rd August in Sparham Church. If there is anyone who would like to get involved with helping out during the week do please contact Sandi Taylor 01362 688268. You won't need to be CRB checked, as we have enough people already checked to cover any further helpers.

SMT/DH



ALL SAINTS CHURCH, BAWDESWELL

The Easter Sunday service was attended by over 50 adults and 14 children. Jemima Gurney sang a moving solo and the Music Group helped to make the service a real celebration. Our thanks to Steve Knight and Kinnertons for supplying enough chocolate Easter eggs for everyone.

The week before on Palm Sunday Rosie Auckland was baptised and welcomed into the family of the church.

The Annual Vestry Meeting was held following the service on Sunday 15th April. William Mason and Robin Taylor were elected Churchwardens for the coming year.

This was followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Reports were received and minuted. The PCC and officers re-elected en block. They are: Lay Chairman *Ken Ewing*, Treasurer and Synod Rep. *William Mason*, Electoral Role Officer *Marietta Menzies*, Fabric Officer *Robin Taylor*, other PCC Members *James Lilwall*, *Sue Lilwall*, *Janet Cockburn*, *Jane Ewing*, *Irene Ames*. PCC Secretary *Sandi Taylor*.

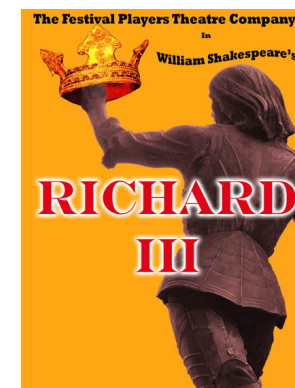
An Extraordinary PCC Meeting was then held to make a decision about decorating the interior of the church, and to discuss some details of the current service rota.

Later in the Summer we are looking forward to a return visit of the Festival Players

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From the Rector

The F.L.E.B.B.S Benefice
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Dear Everybody, hello again.

When I watched the Boat Race on television, I had a lot of thoughts about those who spoil sport. Obviously, there was the swimmer who interrupted the Boat Race, because of publicity-seeking or spitefulness.

Then there was the Oxford cox, who consistently steered into Cambridge's water, in order to bully them out of the way, and got her come-uppance when oars clashed and an Oxford oar was broken.

But also I thought about how the desire to win can remove watchers' enjoyment of the sporting event. The winning Cambridge boat only had one British rower. The others looked as though they were only at Cambridge for the sake of the Boat Race. The University rowing clubs, in their desire to win, have stripped out a lot of the interest, sporting spirit, and true rivalry between the universities.

When I was young, and rubbish at sport, (and I still am), I was told sport was character-building. The amateur spirit in sport still exists. Those who play because they enjoy the exercise, or the development of their skills, or because they want to be part of a team. Occasionally, though, this spirit can get lost in the desire to win.

Professional sportsmen nowadays have lost the sportsmanlike spirit. If a referee's wrong decision goes their way, they don't put him right. They wind up their opponents by saying rude things. Professional fouls are part of the money-making or glory-seeking game, not something to be ashamed of. It's a spirit at club-level that feeds down to the players.

If your character is: "never mind the rules, or what's fair, I'm going to win", that spoils sport as surely as someone interrupting a game. A paraphrase of a passage that is commonly read at weddings says: "Love does not rejoice when people go wrong, it rejoices in the truth". How do you know what your best is, if all you have to do is to push someone else into making a mistake? You never truly win by spoiling things.

God bless you David Head

May 2012

Date	06/05	13/05	20/05	27/05
Season	The Fifth Sunday of Easter	The Sixth Sunday of Easter	The Seventh of Easter	Pentecost
Colour	White	White	White	Red
Foxley	18.30 EP DH	08.00 HC DH	10.30 MP CW	
Lyng	9.00 HC1 DH	10.30 W&P CW/DH	17.00 EP DH	
Elsing	10.30 HC TC	09.00 HC DH	10.30 W&P CW	
Bawdeswell	10.30 W&P CW 12.00 HC DH	10.30 GiG Team	10.30 WP CW/DH	
Bylaugh	- - - -	9.00 MP CW	- - - -	9.00 HC DH
Sparham	10.30 OASIS Team +DH	10.30 MP CW	9.00 HC DH	10.30 OMS DH

Thursdays: Holy Communion 0930 at Lyng
 Evening Prayer 1800 at Bawdeswell