

Saturday 12th April, 7pm for 7.30 start

Saving Mr Banks



When [Walt Disney](#)'s daughters begged him to make a movie of their favorite book, [P.L. Travers' Mary Poppins](#) (1964), he made them a promise - one that he didn't realize would take 20 years to keep. In his quest to obtain the rights, Walt comes up against a curmudgeonly, uncompromising writer who has absolutely no intention of letting her beloved magical nanny get mauled by the Hollywood machine. But, as the books stop selling and money grows short, Travers reluctantly agrees to go to Los Angeles to hear Disney's plans for the adaptation. For those two short weeks in 1961, Walt Disney pulls out all the stops. Armed with imaginative storyboards and chirpy songs from the talented Sherman brothers, Walt launches an all-out onslaught on P.L. Travers, but the prickly author doesn't budge. He soon begins to watch helplessly as Travers becomes increasingly immovable and the rights begin to move further away from his grasp. It is only when he reaches into his own childhood that Walt discovers ... *Written by [Walt Disney Pictures](#)*

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Tuesday 9.00 - 12.00
Bawdeswell Church

12.30 - 3.30 pm
Foulsham , New Frost Hall

Wednesday 8.30 - 10.30 am
Bintree Church

Thursday 8.30 - 11.30 am
Foulsham, New Frost Hall

Friday 9.00 - 12.00
Bawdeswell Church

12.30 - 2.30 pm
Bintree Church

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LETTERS/ NOTICES

Community Car Scheme - Bawdeswell Bylaugh Foxley

During April, the scheme will be short of drivers, although we will try to accommodate passengers as far as possible. If you do have an appointment, please check whether you can get an alternative driver – a friend or relative - before you ring the car scheme.

We are still desperately short of drivers, and would be very grateful if anyone would like to volunteer if they have some time on their hands, and are willing to take passengers for medical appointments at the hospital (N&N), G P surgeries and dentists. For further details, please ring Angela Shannon on 688111.

A.S.

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Angie Redwood

Come along and have a chat with Angie on a Monday if you are interested or phone/text 07979666197.

The Icení Choir have changed practice venues, we are now at the Methodist Church in Reepham on Wednesday evenings at 7.30p.m. - 9.30p.m.

Our concerts this Summer will include the Whinburgh 3 day music festival 25th-27th July 2014, an exciting program of music.

25th July a of commemoration of The Great War comprising songs, poetry and images of Dereham in the period, titled "Hell and Humour In the Trenches"

26th of July "Broadway in the Barn" shows to include "Show Boat" "West Side Story" and "My Fair Lady" and many more.

27th July "Faure in the Barn"

For more information contact:

Concert Manger Jim Stebbings 01362 693277 jimstebbing@btinternet.com

PR Beverley Cooper 01362 858185 coop501954@yahoo.com

website www.icenichoir.org

April 2014 Diary

Tue 1 st	Flower Arranging Class, Bawdeswell Village Hall 2pm
Wed 2 nd	Fifty And Beyond Club 10.30-noon at Bawdeswell Village Hall Lenten Lunch at Lyng, see page 29
Thu 3 rd	Book Club 8pm at The Old Workhouse Bar, Bawdeswell
Sat 5 th	The Seekers Children's club, 10am Bawdeswell Village Hall Easter Craft Market 10 – 12 at Elsing Village Hall
Mon 7 th	Bawdeswell Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm
Wed 9 th	Mobile Library 10am – 11.40pm Bawdeswell, 11.45-12.00 Foxley
Thu 10 th	Craft Club 2pm, <i>Bawdeswell Village Hall</i>
Mon 14 th	WI meet at Sparham Old Schoolroom 7.30pm
Wed 16 th	Foxley Village Hall Coffee Morning 10.30am
Sun 20 th	Easter Sunday 10.30am Family Service, Bawdeswell. Communion at Foxley
Thu 24 th	Craft Club 2pm, <i>Bawdeswell Village Hall</i> Bawdeswell Village Hall Open Meeting 7 for 7.30pm

Foxley Village Hall – regular events

Short Mat Bowls
Bridge
Table Tennis

Every Monday & Friday Evening
Tuesday evening 7.15pm
Wednesday evening.

Bawdeswell Village Hall - regular events

*Parish Council
*Table Tennis
Countrysiders
WeightWatchers
Running Club
Little Monkeys (Parent & Toddler Group)
JayCee Bridge Club
Pilates

Normally 1st Monday of Month (not Jan or Aug)
Every Monday evening
Every other Wednesday in term time
Thursdays 6.15pm
Thursdays 8pm
Fridays 9.15am
Fridays 2.15pm
Fridays 7pm

THE BIG NEWS IS ON THE NEXT PAGE
A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL INVOLVED. IT HAS BEEN A LONG SLOG
& YOU DESERVE MEDALS! Ed



BIG LOTTERY – BIG GRANT FOR BAWDESWELL

The Bawdeswell Village Hall Charity is delighted to announce that it has been granted £500,000 from the *Big Lottery Reaching Communities Buildings* programme to support community activities in Bawdeswell by building a new village hall.

Receiving this grant means the Charity can develop its plans for improvements and build a new village hall which will give indoor space for new varied and exciting activities. There are many users of the recreation field which is a wonderful outdoor space, and the new hall will complement it, giving a “complete package” for social and sporting events. The new hall will offer space for different activities to happen simultaneously, encouraging the community to come together regularly. Exercise, indoor sports and large events will take place in the main hall. There will be two small rooms flexible enough for a variety of groups and activities.

Also, there will be a well equipped kitchen suitable to cater for large functions and a large social area ideal for sports people to congregate in before and after their games. Young families will be able to meet in this area which will have a large window overlooking the children’s play area giving the opportunity to keep an eye on the youngsters.

The committee is very excited about receiving this grant but in the cold light of day knows there is still a funding gap to be met in order to build the dream building. £500,000 is a huge award. It is as if the Lottery has given £588 on behalf of each household towards the project. But part of the deal is that we put funds in as well. We need to find a further £60,000. Some people have said they will help once they know that the Big Lottery has come on board. Big Lottery has said **yes**, so now it’s our turn.

We have to meet all grant and planning conditions. These include protecting our environment. We have sought the costly advice of specialist ecologists in order to meet all necessary requirements and carried out their recommendations: In order that birds cannot begin to nest in the trees that are within the building footprint and under the eaves of the existing building, the trees have been felled now before nesting starts,

and the eaves have been netted.

Demolition and construction will begin as soon as possible. There are legal, funding and of course building decisions to be made before work can commence but it is expected to be from 3 – 6 months before we have a start date.

All current hall users will be contacted about alternative venues during the construction period.

We urge the whole community to become part of this project by signing up for more bricks, making a donation, or by undertaking a fund raising event, anything that can help close the funding gap so that the project is completed as planned.

Important dates -

OPEN MEETING

For an Update on the building, future plans, activities, timescales, etc.
Thursday 24th April 2014 In the Village Hall
7.00 for 7.30 pm
Bar Open

GOOD-BYE TO THE HALL

The weekend of Friday, Saturday and Sunday 20th, 21st and 22nd JUNE
This weekend will mark our official farewell to the current hall, details are in the planning stage but the intention is to have something for all ages and it will be an opportunity for everyone to come together.
If you have any photos or memories of the hall please share them with us.

Contacts:

Bookings	John Mallen -	01362 688 627
Caretaker	Les Beach	01362 688 869
Treasurer	William Mason	01362 688 338
Chairman	James Lilwall	01362 688 499
Secretary	Marietta Menzies	01362 688 400

Fifty **And** **Beyond**

Our next meeting is at Bawdeswell
Village Hall:

WEDNESDAY 2nd APRIL
10.30am - 12.00 midday

As always, there will be tea, coffee and homemade cakes as well as the now famous FAB raffle!!

Our speaker will be David Pelling - a lifelong wildlife and bird enthusiast and photographer. He is very well known in local societies and we look forward to hearing his illustrated talk on:

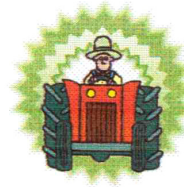
'GARDEN BIRDS AND HOW TO ENCOURAGE THEM INTO THE GARDEN'



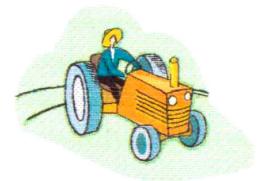
Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

Bawdeswell

Tractor Road Run



Sunday
11th May
2014 10am



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LAST ENTRIES 1ST MAY



Flower Arranging Demonstration by Christal Dyball



ALL SAINTS CHURCH, BAWDESWELL

Coffee at 10.30am

11am FRIDAY 16th May 2014

Lunch at about 12.30

Hog Roast in a bap, Fresh Fruit, Soft Drink

Tickets £12 which include the lunch and soft drinks.

RAFFLE & FLOWER RAFFLE

Organised by The Friends of Bawdeswell Church 'protecting and enhancing this unique building for the future'

FLOWER ARRANGING CLASSES

In Bawdeswell Village Hall contact Sue Lilwall 688240

Tuesdays 2pm March 25th, April 1st, May 20th and 27th.



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Report – March 2014

Past event(s)

Dec	14 th	Wreath Sale	<i>profit £830</i>
Dec	15 th	Family Christmas Concert	<i>profit £163</i>
Jan	25 th	100 club members evening	<i>profit £1450</i>
Mar	1 st	Quiz Night	<i>profit £830</i>

Finance Report: 12/03/14

£5600 net assets

PCC 2014 donations **£2675** (bells, insurance plus £100 Reeve's Tale)

Forthcoming events for 2014

- May 16th 10am 'Flower Demonstration'
All Saints Church
- October 4th 7pm 'Race Night & Supper'
Foxley VH
- December 13th 10am 'Christmas Fair & Wreaths'
All Saints Church

Other:

In addition to the normal utility bills etc, plus the bell donation (2 of 3; the third being next year), we have agreed to support the priority repair programme, subject to a review of quotations.

We are looking to raise in the region of £4000 in 2014, less than previous years as we don't have a major event(s) such as the Shakespeare evening or Flower Festival to boost profits, but we should raise enough to keep our current levels of support for the Church.

We have decided not to organise a Christmas Concert this year.

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BAWDESWELL LADIES' CRAFT GROUP

The charity knitters of Bawdeswell and Foxley are in full production. We have just donated 80+ really colourful small jumpers and matching hats to a collection point at Peterborough Hospital and which eventually will find their way to a hospital in Africa. It is a wonderful achievement by our knitters, who all seem to enjoy having the knitting to do and are generous in providing the wool; the goods are really welcomed by the hospital so it seems to be a win/win situation all round. Well done all of you. Our usual fortnightly Thursday afternoon group is working well, we are all pursuing different projects and we will have lots of new things for the sale the next time we have a stall. Perhaps we'll do this at the final weekend at the hall.

Our charge is only £2 and new members are welcome. Our next meeting is on 27th March and April dates are 10th and 24th.

Enquiries Marietta Menzies, 01362 688 400.



Foxley Village Hall Coffee Morning 10.30am

Held on the third Wednesday of each month

16th April

Come along and join us for a coffee and a mardle.

New Mobile Library Timetable

Route Number **CEN 342**
Calls on **Weds**
Normally Every **4 weekly**

Stop Number	VILLAGE	ARRIVAL TIME	DEPARTURE TIME	STOP NAME	POSTCODE
2	BAWDESWELL	10:00	10:25	PARADISE ROAD	NR20 4SF
4	BAWDESWELL	10:30	10:55	SCHOOL LAY-BY	NR20 4RR
6	BAWDESWELL	11:00	11:10	12 REEPHAM ROAD	NR20 4RU
8	BAWDESWELL	11:15	11:40	CHAUCER CLOSE	NR20 4SJ
10	FOXLEY	11:45	12:00	CHEQUERS	NR20 4QS
14	SPARHAM	12:35	12:45	LAY-BY OPPOSITE CHURCH	NR9 5PW
16	SPARHAM	12:50	13:00	WELL CLOSE	NR9 5PS
18	SPARHAM	13:05	13:20	SPARHAM HILL LAY-BY	NR9 5QT

DATE OF NEXT VISIT

09-April 2014	27-August 2014
07-May 2014	24-Sept 2014
04-June 2014	22-Oct 2014
02-July 2014	19-Nov 2014
30-July 2014	17-Dec 2014

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SPARHAM OLD SCHOOL ROOM **THURSDAY 3rd APRIL 2014 at 7 pm.**

An illustrated talk '**How Norfolk got the Groove**' by John Davison.
A journey through time involving black history, the American Air force and Norfolk's experience in World War II, all linked to a musical story. Refreshments. Raffle.
Tickets now available: only £ 5.00 for adults & £ 2.50 for those under 18
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BOOK CLUB

Any Human Heart – by William Boyd.

Any Human Heart tells the story of Logan Mountstuart 's long and rickety life, one which spans every decade of the twentieth century, in all its fantastic and humdrum, dangerous and tranquil, tragic and humorous aspects.

This is a compelling, pacy, witty, sexy and clever story that becomes a brilliant and innovative charting of the 20th Century. Logan has the habit of popping up, Forest Gump like, at pivotal moments in the 20th century and teetering on the brink of immortality before, inevitably, plunging back into obscurity. Logan's journey touches on key moments and movements that still shape our times in the 21st century: the pre-war emergence of the working class power and the end of establishment complacency; the rise of European Fascism; the last global conflict that was WW2; the zenith of American hegemony in the 1950s and 60s; the emergence of political terrorism; the squalor and degradation of urban poverty and finally the serenity and wisdom that a long, fully lived life can provide.

Somewhat unusually, this book met with almost universal approval from the book group. Although Logan's behaviour through 2 marriages, numerous affairs, one tragic true love, sexual scandal in the New York art scene and destitution in Pimlico did not meet with universal approval, the complexity and variety of these adventures certainly generated a good deal of interest and discussion.

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 currently reading Espedair Street by Iain Banks for discussion at our meeting on 3rd April 2014 and plan to read The Night Circus by Aaron Morganstern for discussion at our meeting on 1st May 2014. New members are always welcome. Enquiries: Marietta Menzies 01362 688 400.

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For more information please contact Janet on (01362) 688749.



SHORT MAT BOWLS Foxley Village Hall

Every Monday and Friday afternoon between 2pm and 4pm short mat bowls is played. This is not the game you may have watched on T.V. where the game is played in absolute silence: a single cough incurring instant glares of castigation. No, this is a game where chatter and a considerable amount of laughter (and a cup of tea and biscuit at half time) are an intrinsic part of the afternoon. The atmosphere is distinctly friendly and sociable.

Now, if you feel that this seems just the way you would like to spend a Monday or Friday afternoon (or both) then why not come along to the hall just to see how you would fare at a practice session. There will be bowls for you to try, and plenty of help and encouragement from the members—and who knows? You may even be a natural!

To find out more, call Dennis on 01362 688099 or Carole on 688567.



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 7.15pm. for a 7.30pm start and

at Bawdeswell Village Hall every Friday afternoon at 2.15pm for a 2.30pm start. For

information (or to confirm a session is to take place) contact Roger Fryatt on 01362

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**BAWDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL
DIGEST OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 3RD
MARCH 2014 AT 7.30pm IN THE PORTACABIN**

Present: Councillors: Shannon DS (Chair), Mason WM (Vice Chair), Beane CB, Kirby AK, Lilwall JL, Mallen JM, Bambridge GB (District Councillor) and Mrs H Moore (Clerk), 3 parishioners.

Ongoing issues from previous meetings:

Update on footways to the Heath: Work on both the Billingford Road and Dereham Road verge improvements has been carried out. The final outstanding touches will be carried out by the Highway Rangers. The surface will become more level once the weather becomes warmer and the areas are walked on more frequently. The condition of both areas will be monitored and should further work be required, this will be looked into.

Bus Services: Following the previous meeting, the Clerk wrote to Bill Borrett and the Transport Department regarding the PC's concern about the reduced service, the lack of consultation prior to the cuts in service, and our continuing request for a bus service to Dereham. No response has been received as yet. The Clerk will chase this.

Any other business of interest to Parishioners:

Local Government Boundary Commission - Electoral Review of Breckland draft recommendations: The draft recommendations suggest the area becoming a two member ward which would reach from Gateley to Hockering. This is a large rural area to cover and would potentially mean that the members would attend parishes less often. It was agreed that the Clerk will respond to state that the PC see no benefit from this as it will only be a disadvantage for rural areas having two district councillors looking after such a large area.

The parishes involved will suffer and not enjoy the same level of support as they currently do.

Dog bin on the Heath: Bawdeswell Heath Trust have put forward a request that the PC purchase a replacement dog bin for the Heath, as they have done previously. This would cost in the region of £100. It was agreed that the Clerk go ahead and purchase the new bin, on the understanding that the Trust arrange to install and insure it.

Recreation Ground anti social behaviour: DS reported that there was an instance of serious anti social behaviour at the recreation ground on Saturday 1st March. A group of youths lit a fire in the corner of the basketball court. It was reported to police who are treating it as criminal damage - arson, and are seeking the culprits. The clerk will seek an estimate to repair the asphalt and an insurance claim will need to be made.

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Village Hall and Project Bawdeswell

To discuss any items relating to the Village Hall and/or Project Bawdeswell: JL noted that the Lottery Team had a positive visit in February. The announcement on Stage 3 of the application is due by 18th March. All agreed that the VHC go ahead with seeking someone to carry out removal of the three conifer trees, before birds begin to nest. Costs will be met for this by the VHC. It was agreed that the Clerk and WM liaise to commence the loan application for £50k towards the new hall costs. This will be carried out on the understanding that future precepts will not include maintenance for the village hall and its environs. DS noted that once the Stage 3 lottery decision is known, representatives of the PC and VHC will need to meet to discuss the new hall project including costs and likelihood of the PC needing to apply for the second loan.

AK circulated the latest Project Bawdeswell minutes. There is to be a summer club again this year which will hopefully cover maths and english. Work needed on the recreation ground is now scheduled.

Finance

To agree the precept requirements for 2014/15, following on from discussions at the December/ January meetings: Breckland Council have now decided to issue the council tax support grant to all parishes. This will be for the same value as this current year, £1100.57. All agreed to accept the grant in addition to the precept for 2014/15 of £17,500.

Planning

Decisions - None.
Applications - None.

Reports of dog fouling have been received regarding the area between Two Fields Way and Paradise Road, and also on the recreation ground.

A person in charge of a dog must remove the faeces straight away if the dog has defecated in an area where the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 applies. Otherwise they are contravening the Law and could be subject, on conviction, to a penalty of up to £1000.

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14th April: Pam Bugg A card making workshop

12th May: Quiz night

Aleathia welcomed everyone to our March meeting, introducing our speaker, Gilly Lewis.

It was decided to discuss W.I. business first. Jennifer read last month's Minutes and we were told of various dates and events mentioned in the current mailing. We were reminded of the Soup & Puddings event on Friday, 9th May.

Carole had found the Federation Annual Meeting at Peterborough most interesting and had enjoyed the day. They had discussed Denman courses, the Resolution and, of course, the W.I. National Centenary in 2015.

After the coffee break we had our Drama Talk from Gilly Lewis. She obviously loves the theatre and everything involved with acting and meeting people. It was interesting to hear of the 'older stars' she had met and spoke of their great commitment. She had toured with a Repertory Company and amused us with descriptions of learning a part in say, a Shakespeare play and having to take part in a lively comedy in the same week. Thank you Gilly for an entertaining hour or so.

Lovely little handbags had been brought in by members for the exhibition. 1st Carole; 2nd Merle; Margaret won the raffle.

A reminder our next speaker, Pam Bugg, leads a card making workshop on 14th April and the exhibition is hand tied spring flowers. Hope to see you all.

Mary Humphrey

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Also, please note that they do not need any tins of soup, baked beans or packets of pasta. Once again, A BIG THANK YOU.

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A Circular walk (6 miles approx 2 hours)

The fine Spring weather brings into mind all the lovely walks in this area. We will soon be able to enjoy a circular walk to Bawdeswell Heath, but not just yet as the new pathway is still a bit muddy. Here is one that you can start in Bawdeswell or Foxley. It goes via Themelthorpe and round the far side of Foxley Wood to Jordan Green and back along Common Lane, the Roman Road.

Highlights: Quiet Lanes & Public Footpaths, St Thomas' medieval church and moated site of Foxley Manor (private land). Foxley Wood (*bluebells in May*). Fine rural views. Former Roman road. Bawdeswell and its unique church.

Head for Foxley past the school and along the pavement past the Old Rectory on your left. Keep on this side of the by-pass and turn right into Chapel Lane just past Floranova glasshouses.

At the end of Chapel Lane turn right down the Street and St Thomas Church is immediately on your left.

The lower part of the *Nave* walls date from the late Saxon or early Norman times. The *Tower* was built about 1380 and contains a fine ring of 6 bells.

Inside, the *pews* illustrate the social gradations of a former age, with six box pews for the farmers and their families.

On reaching Themelthorpe take the first road to your right at the Give Way sign. Turn right again when you come to the next junction and enjoy the peaceful countryside views as you stroll towards the Reepham Road.

On reaching the busy Bawdeswell/Reepham Road cross over carefully and head down towards Jordan's Green Farm. There are fine views to the right towards Bawdeswell. There is quite a deep valley down there. Shortly after the farm is a large red brick house on the right. A Public Footpath sign points down a lane just past here.

At the end of the lane follow the rutted track on the left of the farm buildings and head downhill on the nearside of the hedgerow towards the bottom of the valley. The grass verge to the field marks the Public Footpath and is signposted.

The path passes an interesting copse on the right. If you peer into the woods, you can see the sunken remains of the old Roman Road, now rather waterlogged and overgrown. The footpath continues past this and turns right over a footbridge into the next field, before it turns left again and crosses the stream at the bottom of the valley on another bridge.

Now you are on the **Roman Road** that leads up the hill to Bawdeswell.

It ran from *Durobrivae* near Peterborough, across the Fen Causeway from Flag Fen to Denver, followed Fincham Drove and crossed Peddar's Way between Castle Acre and Swaffham, thence towards North Elmham and Billingford, to Bawdeswell and Jordans Green, and on to *Smallburgh*.

R.T.

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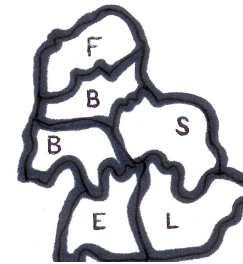
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Benefice News and Events



There was quite a number of well known faces from all our parishes and ex parishioners at David's Institution and Induction service on March 9th. The service was very moving and afterwards we were provided with a vast array of cakes and refreshments. He's truly left now, folks, there's no getting him back!

April is going to be a busy month with all the various Easter services. Do please check your pew sheets, magazines and church noticeboards for details of all the services.

Benefice Events for April

April 5th Saturday Seekers 10am Bawdeswell Village Hall
April 2nd Wednesday Lent Lunch at 3, Hill Paddocks, Lyng. For details please ring Jennifer on 01603 879452
April 18th Good Friday 3pm Walk of Witness from Elsing church to Lynch Church. Led by Carole Jackson. Tea and hot cross buns at 3 Hill Paddocks afterwards. Please let Jennifer know if you will be at the tea.

Annual Church Meetings notified so far:

9 th April	Lyng	
22 nd April	Sparham	7.30pm Old School Room
27 th April	Bawdeswell	noon in the church

Sparham Deanery Lent Evensong Services

6th at North Elmham 4pm
13th at Sparham 4pm

Readings for April

6th Ezekiel 37. 1-14; Romans 8. 6-11; John 11. 1-45
13th Matthew 21. 1-11; Isaiah 50. 4-9a; Philippians 2. 5-11; Matthew 27. 11-54
17th Exodus 12. 1-4, 11-14; 1 Corinthians 11. 23-26; John 13. 1-17, 31b-35
18th Hebrews 10. 16-25; John 18. 1-19.42
19th Vigil readings Matthew 28.1-10
20th Acts 10. 34-43; Colossians 3. 1-4; Matthew 28. 1-10
27th Acts 2. 14a, 22-32; 1Peter 1. 3-9; John 20. 19-end

Advance Notices

July 28 – August 1	Summer Club
August 8 th Saturday	Creativity Day at the Old School Room Sparham



St. Thomas', Foxley

At the PCC's meeting on 27 February, it was reported that the Bishop of Norwich has suspended the presentation of a new Rector to the FLEBBS benefice, following the resignation of the Revd. David Head to take up his new appointment as Rector of Runton and three other parishes outside Sheringham. The Bishop will appoint a Priest-in-Charge instead in due course.

At a meeting of the Benefice churchwardens with the Archdeacon, [it was explained that the purpose of the suspension is to permit the Bishop to rearrange the parishes within the locality to accommodate] it was explained that the suspension was being made while a wider review of the pattern of ministry was being undertaken to accommodate the expected reduction in the number of full-time clergy.

This is partly because an unusually high number are due to retire in the next 10 years, and partly because at present the Diocese cannot afford replacements in every case.

The Archdeacon was very clear that a new incumbent for the FLEBBS benefice was to be appointed but as priest in charge until the review was completed. The Archdeacon confirmed that, if the churchwardens wished, the post would be advertised nationally, and that the applicants would be interviewed by parish representatives before an appointment is made, in the same manner as if the Patrons of the livings were presenting their nominees as in previous years.

Nigel Hatch



All Saints, Bawdeswell

We are now well into the season of Lent, preparing for the great festival of Easter. We look forward to welcoming you to our services of Easter Vigil and first communion on Easter Eve (19th April) at 21:00 and our Easter GiG on Easter Day (20th April) at 10:30. The Easter Vigil starts later than usual because Easter is very late this year and it will not be dark until 9 o'clock. In the service we see the light of the risen Christ breaking out of the darkness. Some churches keep the vigil all night but our service lasts only a bit over an hour.

Other services are continuing during the interregnum (the period between rectors). We are being supported by local retired clergy and we take many of our services ourselves. The March GiG saw a pancake race in the aisle as we thought about Shrove Tuesday and the beginning of Lent.

The process for appointing a new priest for the FLEBBS benefice is well under way and we will soon be advertising the post. There will then be interviews and, if a suitable candidate has been found, an appointment taking effect towards the end of the year. In the meantime, the churchwardens are the main point of contact.

William Mason, Churchwarden



A letter from The Bishop of Lynn

I am glad to respond to a request to write a piece for the April issue of this parish magazine. It is the first full month of your

vacancy, which we will endeavour to keep as short as possible. Inevitably however, it still is likely to last well into the Autumn. Legally, the churchwardens, together with the Rural Dean, have responsibility during the Vacancy, however both the Archdeacon (who of course lives amongst you!) and I are available for any queries they are unsure of. I look forward to joining you for a Benefice wide service on July 6th at 10.30 am in Foxley church.

Across the Church of England, a number of dioceses have recently made quite significant reductions in the number of their paid stipendiary clergy. There are a number of reasons, but the chief of them is an anticipated overall reduction in the number of available priests below retirement age. Nationally, it is expected that 40% of our current full time priests are expected to retire within the next 5 – 10 years. Although vocations are holding reasonably well at present, they are not holding up to that level.

In this diocese though we are seeking to hold the level pretty close to where it is. Four years ago our Synod decided to reduce by 15 posts over a 5 year period. We have not got there yet, but we are not planning to increase that level of reduction. Nonetheless, because we have not got there yet, the Archdeacon and I are asking deaneries in this Archdeaconry to reconsider their assessment of the appropriate organisation of benefices. We would like to achieve a long-term blue print plan across the whole Area.

We do not want to make sweeping changes because we believe that the church's presence in our communities is the most faithful way of reflecting God's commitment to us, his people. Later this month, we remember again the cost to him of that commitment in the self-denying gift of himself to his world in his Son, Jesus Christ. His suffering and death demonstrate the depth of his Father's commitment, and his Resurrection renews our hope that all will be well because of God's power to transform all things and bring about his perfect will for us. May it be so for you this Easter as we wait for a new Incumbent here. May it be so for David too, who will be missing you despite the excitement of coming to terms with his new set of responsibilities, and to whom we remain deeply grateful even as we anticipate this next stage of life and ministry here in this Group of Parishes.

Happy Easter on behalf of all my colleagues in the Diocese!

Bishop Jonathan

Church Services for April 2014

Season	THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	PALM SUNDAY	MAUNDY THURSDAY	GOOD FRIDAY	EASTER VIGIL	EASTER DAY	THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
Date	06/04 Wk 1	13/04 Wk 2	17/04	18/04	19/04	20/04 Wk 3	27/04 Wk 4
Colour	Purple	Red	White	Red		White	White
Foxley	09.00 HC OF	10.30 OMS Bishop Tony		10.30 Liturgy John Ashe		10.30 HC RH2	18.30 EP CW
Lyng	09.00 HC RH2					10.30 HC John Ashe	10.30 W&P CW
Elsing	10.30 HC OF			15.00 Walk of Witness		12.00 HC RH 2	09.00 HC RH 2
B'well	10.30 HC RH2				21.00 Vigil and HC RH 2	10.30 GiG Team	10.30 W&P CW
B'gh		09.00 HC RH 2				09.00 HC John Ashe	09.00 MP CW
S'ham	10.30 OASIS Team	16.00 Deanery Lent Evensong John Ashe	19.30 Eucharist and Foot Washing John Ashe			09.00 HC RH 2	10.30 HC RH 2

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