

Film Programme

Saturday 8th Feb 7pm for 7.30 start

Blue Jasmine



Saturday 8th March 7pm for 7.30 start

Philomena



Saturday 22nd March 7pm for 7.30 start

Le Week-End



Saturday 12th April 7pm for 7.30 start

Saving Mr Banks



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The Bar/Cafe will be open for refreshments for all films

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Call 01362 688749 or email BawdeswellVillageCinema@gmail.com for further information.

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**TUESDAY & FRIDAY
MORNINGS
9am – Noon in
BAWDESWELL CHURCH**

Martin McColls

6am – 10pm
Sun 7am -10pm

J. Baker Butcher

7.30am – 5pm Mon Tu Thu Fri
7.30am – 1pm Wed. & Sat.

Garden Centre

Winter times:
9am – 5pm
Sun 10.30am - 4.30pm

Bluebell Square Shops

As above but closed Mondays

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LETTERS

Faster Broadband

Residents of my Ward and Reeves Tale will be aware of the move by Norfolk County Council and Central Government to roll out Broadband to the whole of the UK.

In Norfolk we have a commitment to have a minimum of 2 megabits to every household by the end of 2015. As far as our villages are concerned the rollout timetable is as follows:

Bawdeswell – will receive Fibre to the Cabinet Solution during April – September 2014 with the majority of premises with access to 24 Mbps+ speeds. There will be a small number of Exchange Only lines that will not be connected to the new cabinet, current speeds for those are over 2 Mbps.

Bylaugh – all premises will have access to over 2 Mbps using an alternative technology during 2015.

Foxley – no upgrade, premises are currently receiving speeds between 5-12 range

Gordon Bambridge District Councillor sgbjays@aol.com

Women's World Day of Prayer.

I have had to resign from organizing this after many years. Sadly I can not find anyone to take it over. It has been running in Lyng for at least 26 years a remarkable long time. I took over from the late Mrs Kirby and she in turn took it on from the late Mrs Fisher. If there is anyone who feels they would like to do it this year it would be lovely. I have all the paper work here ready. We hope to move within the next month to Mattishall.

Please ring me 01603 872565. *Margaret Keeler*

Thank you to all those who have recently given me their support with food, cards and messages of goodwill, following my recent operation. It has made such a difference to my rapid recovery.

Best Wishes to you all. *Margaret Roy*

Community Car Scheme - Bawdeswell, Bylaugh and Foxley

Please note that from 1st January, Sylvia McColville will take bookings for the car scheme, her phone number is **688 189**. All the drivers remain the same, and I hope that there will be an additional 3 drivers when their applications are confirmed by Breckland CC.

Angela Shannon

Flower Arranging Classes

In Bawdeswell Village Hall contact Sue Lilwall 688240

Tuesdays 2pm March 11th and 25th, April 1st, May 20th and 27th.

February 2014 Diary

Mon 3 rd	No Bawdeswell Parish Council meeting
Wed 5 th	FAB Club 10.30am, Bawdeswell Village Hall
Thu 6 th	Foxley Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm Book Club 8pm at The Old Workhouse Bar, Bawdeswell
Sat 8 th	Cinema 7.30pm Bawdeswell Village Hall. <i>Blue Jasmine</i>
Sun 9 th	David Head's farewell service, Sparham church 11am followed by Bring & Share Lunch at Bawdeswell Village Hall
Wed 12 th	Mobile Library 10am – 12pm Bawdeswell
Thu 13 th	Craft Club 2pm, <i>Bawdeswell Village Hall</i>
Sat 15 th	Saturday Market at Elsing Village Hall 10 -12
Wed 19 th	Foxley Village Hall Coffee Morning 10.30am
Sat 22 nd	Bawdeswell Village Hall Meeting 10am
Thu 27 th	Craft Club 2pm, <i>Bawdeswell Village Hall</i>

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
*Village Hall Committee
*Table Tennis
Countrysiders
WeightWatchers
Running Club
Little Monkeys (Parent & Toddler Group)
JayCee Bridge Club
Pilates

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

Bawdeswell Church

Post Office

Tuesday & Friday mornings

Reepham Learning Courses

Introduction to your computer	27 th Jan – 24 th Feb
Grow Your Own for beginners	4 th Feb – 18 th March
Digital Photography workshop	Sat 8 th Feb
Authentic Indian cooking workshop	15 th Feb

Further details from www.reephamlearningcommunity.co.uk

Fifty **And** **Beyond**

It seems a very long time ago now, but we just wanted to thank everyone who supported the Christmas Party on 4th December. We raised £440 and will donate half to the New Village Hall Fund and retain half for our FAB funds. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. We hope to see everyone on 5th Feb for our first FAB meeting of the New Year and in the meantime would like to wish everyone a happy and healthy 2014.



Fifty **And** **Beyond**

Our next meeting is at Bawdeswell Village Hall:

**WEDNESDAY 5th FEBRUARY
10.30am - 12.00 midday**

Tea, coffee and cake will be on sale and there will be a raffle.

This month we have a really exciting exhibition by Ron Mercer of Bawdeswell.

'Hobbies of a Lifetime'

On display will be examples of paintings and carpentry by Ron. He will also bring along some of his vast collection of coins and miniature vintage cars and be on hand to answer questions and talk about his hobbies. You will be amazed when you see the talent we have in our midst!!

Looking forward to seeing everybody there!

Friends of Bawdeswell Church



Quiz night and Supper

Lasagne, garlic bread and salad, Fruit crumble
and a vegetarian alternative

Saturday March 1st

7pm for 7.30pm

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PROGRAMME 2014

March 1 st	7pm	'Quiz Night & Supper'	BVH
May 16 th	10am	'Flower Demonstration'	Church
October 4 th	7pm	'Race Night & Supper'	Foxley VH
December 13 th	10am	'Christmas Fair & Wreaths'	Church

Thank you to Alan Collier for the church Christmas tree and to all of you who supported the Wreath Sale and Christmas Concert. That weekend made £1274 which brought the year total to £6238.

During 2013 we gave £4450 to the Church (we have more bills to come for the last quarter's utility bills etc; so the picture is not as rosy as it first looks!)

The major fund raisers were the 100 Club and the Flower Festival with Shakespeare Evening.

We may not be as successful in 2014 as there will be no Shakespeare evening or Flower Festival, but Sue's Flower Demo and a Race Night could make up any shortfall if we try hard.

100 Club DRAW RESULTS (Licence: FOBC BRECKLOT 000048)

December 2013 £100 Susan Ward

£25 Sylvia McColville Sue Lilwall Peter Lilwall Jo Porter

£10 Celia Joice Karin Mason Debbie Lilwall Christine Eglinton

Marietta Menzies



Foxley Village Hall Coffee Morning 10.30am

Held on the third Wednesday of each month

19th February

19th March

16th April

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

All very welcome.

Foxley Village Hall

BINGO

Saturday March 15th

7.00 for 7.30

Tea and coffee. Raffle.

All welcome.



Bawdeswell Table Tennis Club

Table Tennis – EVERY MONDAY EVENING

We are glad to be back playing every week after the Festive Season. The number of people playing varies from week to week and now that we have three tables, there is room for more to join us. Sometime there is an opportunity to play the odd singles game but most of the time we have lots of fun playing doubles. So please join us. The cost is now £2.50 per adult of £1.50 under 16. Anyone under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Look forward to seeing you.

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 688627 or Patsy Catchpole on 01362 688352.

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Bawdeswell Book Club



The numbers were low at our meeting on the 5th December as it was the night of one of the storms and members were caught up with transport problems or just the desire to stay safely at home. Those of us who did make it had an enjoyable evening discussing the mischief made at the expense of the miller in "The Reeve's Tale" by Chaucer. It was a very easy read and the bawdy humour was a good anecdote to the weather and Christmas stress. It was obvious that the Miller deserved to be "cuckolded" and the theme of "getting one's own back" was as relevant today as it was when the story was written in the 1400s. We plan to read more of the Canterbury Tales and recommend this one particularly to the people of Bawdeswell as it was from whence he came. Members also read poems special to them, and enjoyed by all.

In spite of post New Year weariness, surprisingly more of us made it to our first meeting of 2014 on the 2nd January, showing what an intrepid lot we are! Not unsurprisingly most of us hadn't read all 900 pages of Middlemarch by George Eliot which meant there wasn't the opportunity for much discussion. This is another great read with themes relevant today and should be read slowly and savoured. The characters are so well drawn – the storyline has them acting in a particular way and then Eliot gives a full psychological description of their character and motivation setting up parallels with other characters acting in different ways in similar circumstances. It is left to the reader to judge the morality of each individual. Middlemarch was considered, by those few who had finished it, to be one of the greatest novels written in English and a novel to be reread.

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 Jane and Prudence by Barbara Pym for discussion at our February meeting on 6th February and Any Human Heart by William Boyd for our 6th March meeting. New members are always welcome. Enquiries: Marietta Menzies 01362 688 400.

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Through the Screen



January's film was 'Promised Land'. A story of the manipulation of the American Corporate world, landing and financially enticing a poor rural agricultural community. Although this was based on the extracting of gas from shale – fracking – it could have been any aggressively marketed project.

Will this film tell you about fracking? No not really. Will it tell you about corporate morals or lack of them? Yes as there is a really unexpected twist.

It is also a lesson in 'if someone offers you a great deal of money for little' that nothing comes for free.

We had a mixed reaction from our audience, some found it really engaging, others felt that it would not have been their choice.

Our February film is **Blue Jasmine** (12A) –

Saturday **February 8th** 2014 - 7pm for 7.30pm start.

Jasmine French used to be on the top of the heap as a New York socialite, but now is returning to her estranged sister in San Francisco utterly ruined. As Jasmine struggles with her haunting memories of a privileged past bearing dark realities she ignored, she tries to recover in her present. Unfortunately, it all proves a losing battle as Jasmine's narcissistic hangups and their consequences begin to overwhelm her. In doing so, her old pretensions and new deceits begin to foul up everyone's lives, especially her own.

Missed any of our films? For a £5 returnable deposit, if we have them in our library (we don't have them all) you can borrow them and see them at home. For further information contact us at BawdeswellVillageCinema@gmail.com or call David or Janet on 01362 688749.

**FOXLEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 5TH DECEMBER IN
THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM**

Present: Councillors Harvey JH (Chairman), Mears NM (Vice-Chairman) Barrett DB, Hatch NH,
Mr G Bambridge (District Councillor) Mrs E Buck (Clerk) and 4 Parishioners.

Apologies: None

Minutes of last meeting: The minutes of the last Parish Council meeting held on the 3rd October 2013 were agreed and signed.

Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting To discuss planning application 3PL/2013/0915 Fairfield Chapel Road West Foxley. It was decided that the Council had no objections to this planning application.

Declarations of Interest: None.

MATTERS ARISING NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE ON AGENDA

Highways The Clerk had contacted Highways before the meeting concerning Chapel Road West regarding the state of the verges and the road. Clerk still waiting for their response.

Several agricultural vehicles are parked on the verges of Themelthorpe Road. Clerk to contact Highways.

A list for Highways Rangers has been compiled and will be emailed to them as soon as possible.

Speeding was a topic of discussion with several complaints from parishioners. Clerk to contact the Police.

Correspondence The Parish Council have accepted a new bench which Mrs Kim Evans has kindly donated to replace the existing one by the War Memorial.

Finance Summary of accounts : The financial report for the period 4th October to 4th December was present and signed.

Clerks expenses were agreed cheque no:100377 £39.75.

Precept

The precept was finalised at £4,300 making it unchanged from this financial year. The Chairman thanked NH for his efforts in drafting the forthcoming year's budget.

Planning

The Appeal for application 3PL/2013/0076/O and application 3PL/2013/0075/O Appeal Ref No: APP/F2605/A/13/2199360 it was decided by the planning inspectorate to dismiss the appeal based on being outside the settlement boundary.

Village Matters

The Parish Council would like to thank Mr Richard Blyth on becoming a new driver for the Community Car Scheme.

Date of the next meeting

Thursday 6th February 2014 at 7.30pm

Contact Details for Parish Clerk – Emma Buck [Tel:01362688299/07771654277](tel:01362688299)

Email:emma.buck1973@btinternet.com

**BAWDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL
DIGEST OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 2nd DECEMBER 2013 AT 7.30pm**

Present: Councillors: Shannon DS (Chair), Mason WM (Vice Chair), Beane CB, Kirby AK, Mallen JM,
Bambridge GB (District Councillor) and Mrs H Moore (Clerk) + 2 parishioners.

Ongoing issues from previous meetings:

Planned footway to the Heath: The footway on Billingford Road is complete, but cars/lorries have churned up the surface when parking. AK will see if Highways can renovate the surface and place stakes in the ground to prevent the problem recurring. The Dereham Road footway works are due to start on 6th January and will take approximately 10 working days.

Bawdeswell Policy Statement on future development in the village: WM suggested strengthening the point regarding the school being full to capacity. With this addition, the PC unanimously approved the draft and asked the Clerk to attach it to the minutes and include it in the Reeves Tale.

Bus Services: The Clerk reported that the NCC Transport department stated that the new Foulsham feeder service was achieved on the back of a school contract at no extra cost and because the X29 service no longer served Foulsham. The PC questioned the latter point as the new X29 timetable includes a Foulsham service, at the cost of some earlier buses which served Bawdeswell. The Clerk will seek to clarify the situation with NCC Transport and Councillor Borrett in the hope that the feeder service could incorporate Bawdeswell and Dereham. Despite the problems X29 buses continue to experience transiting The Street due to vehicles parking, Highways have suggested parking restrictions in this area would be a low priority and unaffordable in the current climate. The Clerk was commissioned to reply to Highways, copied to Councillor Bill Borrett, highlighting the PC's disappointment at the Highways response and stressing the possible impact of Bawdeswell losing its rural bus service.

Folland Court street lights: The Clerk gave details of the two contract quotes received for maintenance of the lights. All agreed to go ahead with the quote from K&M Lighting.

Village Hall and Project Bawdeswell

WM informed the meeting that the Lottery application for stage 3 is due to be submitted by mid-December.

He circulated the latest draft programme and cash flow chart. The £50k loan that the PC have agreed to apply for will need to be in place by June 2014; the second by January 2015. The PC agreed to the proposal to remove immediately the leylandi trees close to the football shed once the Stage 3 application is successful to avoid the nesting season, as per the planning permission. DS asked that the VH Committee research whether or not the driveway would be repaired following the building work, in the same way that the drawings suggest the soft landscaped areas will be. DS

explained the thinking of the tripartite group so far on the environs to the new village hall. Driveways and disabled parking will have an asphalt surface and there would be a similar 1m walkway along the right hand side of the drive. There will be 2 main car parking areas with a hexagonal plastic strip filled with pea shingle. A similar surface on the North side of the current park would be used to create an al fresco entertainment area with BBQ facilities, tree planters and possibly lighting. There will be knee high wooden fencing to stop cars accessing the football pitch and chain link

fencing adjacent to the play area with suitable gates to prevent younger children straying into car park areas.

Budget quotes are being sought and DS will update as more information becomes available.

AK gave an update on PB. Plans for a youth club are well under way and just await a CRB check for Les Beech who will lead the club. There will be a litter pick around Easter time. Consideration is being given to the surveying of local businesses for any youth opportunities and the potential for a homework club is being explored. PB meetings are now bi-monthly.

Finance

To agree the precept requirements for 2014/15, as per previously circulated figures: GB informed the meeting that BDC will be making a decision regarding the Council Tax grant to parishes on 3rd December.

He also suggested that the capping of precepts would inevitably be considered and therefore it is wise to consider any required increase to cover future costs and expenses associated with the new VH now rather than delaying the process. Following a discussion of draft budget lines proposed, the PC agreed that the draft precept be increased to £17,500, subject to any unforeseen decision by BDC and revision to related expenses of the village hall. A final decision on the precept requirement will be made at an 'extra' PC meeting in January, so allowing for the Clerk to inform BDC of the final precept for 2014/15 by the end of January.

WM agreed to revise the draft PC leaflet for circulation to all parishioners explaining the reasons behind a precept increase in light of the discussion. This was discussed and WM will make the amendments as agreed. The Clerk will copy the leaflet so that it may be circulated towards the end of the year.

Planning

Application 3PL/2013/1066/F First floor rear extension, Ferndale, The Street. The Council had No concerns regarding this application.

The next meeting will be Tuesday 21st January 2014 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Portacabin - all are very welcome.

There is no meeting in February.

Bawdeswell Parish Precept for 2014-15

Your Parish Council uses the Parish precept, which is part of the Council Tax you pay, to provide facilities and services which make Bawdeswell a better place to live with open spaces such as Adam's Pit and the Jubilee Garden, and the recreation ground and play area.

In 2013-14, out of the total of £1,471 due from a Band D home, £56 (just over £1 each week) was in respect of the parish. In Bawdeswell, most homes are in lower bands and pay less than this.

This was after allowing for a government grant to all parishes which reduced the Council Tax amount in 2013-14 by about £3 but this will not apply in future years.

For 2014-15 (next year) the parish element is expected to be £68 (£1.31 per week) and this leaflet gives an explanation of where that money will go.

Insurance and upkeep of the recreation ground and other public land in the parish is the largest cost and will use up £25. Running the Parish Council and subscriptions to other bodies providing services in the area will take another £16. The Community Car scheme, which is part funded by Breckland, will cost the Parish £2 per household.



The Parish Council has agreed to support the Village Hall Committee in its bid to construct a new Village Hall by improving the recreation ground around the Hall and by applying for a loan of £50,000 from the Public Works Loan Board which the Council will repay over 15 years. The repayments will account for £16 of each year's precept, and the Parish Council will reduce other spending which indirectly supported the Village Hall in previous years to offset this in part.

That accounts for £59, leaving just £9 per household (just over £2,000 in total) to spend on other items (the "contingency" in the parish budget).

The Parish Council has also agreed that, if the contingency element within the New Hall project is needed and other funding sources are not sufficient, it will seek to borrow up to a further £70,000 which could add up to £22.50 to future precepts. The Council hopes that this will not be necessary.

Mrs H Moore, Bawdeswell Parish Clerk
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We didn't have a meeting in December but that hasn't stopped progress on the new village hall project. The lottery application was posted on the 6th December and a response is expected in 3 months. The lottery has been in touch with us in the meantime seeking more information and clarification on some points. They are visiting the site towards the end of January. We were very excited when we heard in December that we had been successful in securing a grant from the Geoffrey Watling Trust of £10,000 towards the building of the new hall, dependent on all necessary funding being in place. We have also made other grant applications which we hope will be successful. We have received some more local donations: the Craft Group raised £367 during the year for the Fund and FAB has donated £250 from their Christmas party receipts, for which we are very grateful. Calendar sales made approx. £475.00 net. The red line on the thermometer is certainly rising. Calendars are still available from the Post Office or from Marietta Menzies, 01362 688 400..

Activities at the Hall slowed up over Christmas but there are plenty of bookings coming in for 2014, so if you are planning to hold a function, make your booking sooner rather than later to avoid disappointment.

Our next meetings will take place at 10.00 on Saturday 25th January and Saturday 22nd February in the Village Hall - all are welcome.

Important Contacts

John Mallen	Bookings Manager	688 627	villagehall@bawdeswell.net
Les Beach,	Caretaker	688 869	



BAWDESWELL LADIES' CRAFT GROUP

We have had our first meeting of 2014 and were pleased to see each other and catch up after the month off. We continue to work on our own projects and sale items. In 2013 from the sale of our work we raised £367.50 which has been donated to the New Village Hall fund. We also continue to make fish and chip baby vests and some teddies and a puppet have also been made for charity. We enjoy our afternoons together, the charge is only £2 and we welcome new members. Our next meeting is on 23rd January and February dates are 13th and 27th. Enquiries Marietta Menzies, 01362 688 400.

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Reepham and District Rotary - January 2014

Kevin Marles 1948 – 2013

We were shocked and saddened by the death on 21st December of Rotarian Kevin Marles; Kevin was also a founder member of Lions and had been their president. At his funeral on 7th January both groups provided a guard of honour at St Faiths where the chapel was full to overflowing showing the regard we felt for Kevin and his family.

Although he was not born in Yorkshire that was where he grew up and I always regarded him as a fellow Yorkshireman with that county's sense of humour and although a generous man he naturally retained a sense of thrift and appreciated a bargain!

Kevin was an accomplished chef and with cheerful good humour. could be seen manning the burger stall at our activities in Market Square in Reepham and especially in providing hot three course meals at the end of our days walking holidays. He ran successful cookery courses for those of our members who were largely without catering skills and these were much appreciated.

He will be sadly missed and our thoughts are with his family

Jef Wilson jeffrey.wilson@tesco.net



Wednesday, 19th February (Half-term week)

Norwich Puppet Theatre present

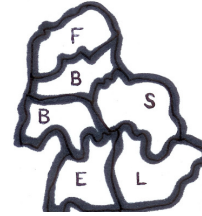
The Frog & The Princess at Dereham Memorial Hall,
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Benefice News and Events



It will be the Rector's last service on February 9th with a United Benefice Holy Communion at Sparham Church at 11am. James Lilwall has very kindly arranged a small choir to lead the singing and to help make this service a special occasion albeit a sad one.

Immediately after the service there will be a 'Bring and Share' lunch at Bawdeswell Village Hall. Everyone is welcome to come along and join in. In order to help with the arrangements it would be most helpful if anyone who wishes to come to the lunch could let their BMG representative know so that the hall can be set up early that Sunday morning. Please say specifically if you think you might need a seat at some point during the lunch. We'll try to arrange seats for everyone but if lots of people are coming, we may need to arrange things differently.

We asked via the pew sheet for people to tell the BMG **by the end of January** if you would like to attend so if you have not already done so, please contact one of the following people asap:

Oliver Diggle, Jennifer Abram, Carole Jackson, Chris Woor, Fran Neale, Christine Rushbrook, Sandi Taylor, Janet Cockburn, Fiona Sayer and Jane Ewing.

We have allotted food contributions to-
Bawdeswell and Foxley the meats,
Bylaugh the bread, butter and soft drinks,
Sparham the salads and
Lyng and Elsing the puddings.

Please liaise with others in your parish about what to bring.
Please bring your contribution along to the hall after the service.

Alan Collier has offered to organise a coach to take a party to the service on 9th March at 3pm at West Runton for the Rector's Institution and Induction to his new parishes. If you would like make use of this offer please contact Alan on 01362 688017 before the 9th of February. We have been advised that there will be a short walk of approx 4 minutes from the coach park to the church. Cost of the coach will be £5 a head.

We are planning to present the Rector with a leaving gift on the 9th Feb. If you would like to contribute towards this please hand in your contributions to your Church Wardens by the end of January please.

Friday 28th Feb Elsing Village Hall

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St. Thomas', Foxley

Our annual Carol service was held on Sunday, 22nd December. About 40 people came; we had a good time and enjoyed a mulled wine get-together afterwards. Our Christmas service was Communion, at 11.15 pm on Christmas Eve, and 18 people came to this. The collections at both services were for the Disasters Aid Committee, and amounted in all to £492. *Nigel Hatch*

The Right Reverend Graham James, the **Bishop of Norwich** will come to rededicate the bells at Foxley Church on Sunday January 26th at the 1730 service. He may well join in the ringing from 1630. All are invited. Sadly this will be the last service conducted by David Head at Foxley before he leaves us. Come and say farewell.
Tony Rushbrook



The Children's Society

We've had another good year! Although the Box total was marginally lower at £1255-33, the Coffee Morning plus generous donations & Lyng's very well-attended Christingle added up to £1898-98, which outdid last year by nearly £150-00 ! So, "Well done !" to all the generous Box holders & Donors.

The need for funding for the Society's activities seems to increase year by year. Help & guidance is needed by so many families & their children – for young carers who somehow combine school with looking after ill or disabled parents or family members, youngsters who escape to the streets from dysfunctional families, advocacy & support for refugee families seeking asylum in this country. Amongst other things there is a project to give advice to young girls about the threat of sexual exploitation. There is so much that is wrong in our society! There are "Centres" run by the Society in many towns & cities. For instance, Oldham alone has five! Added to which there is much vigorous campaigning to bring issues to the notice of the Government & Local Authorities e.g. the Young Carers in Focus campaign. Some very good news is that Archbishop Justin Welby has joined Archbishop John Sentamu as Joint President of the Children's Society, strengthening its links to the Church of England &, I'm sure, this will be beneficial. These two men are highly respected by the Press & politicians.

So – please continue to fill up you House boxes, you can be sure that the money will be wisely used & help improve the sad life of a child or teenager.

As usual we shall welcome bags & boxes of your unwanted clothing or household goods (including smaller electrical now) in our car-port, including anything not fit for re-sale in bags marked "Rags".

Thank you so much for all your contributions & do contact me if you can take on a House box. Let's look forward to a really positive year!

Diana Harvey, FLEBBs Benefice Co-ordinator. 01362 688650.

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All Saints, Bawdeswell As we start 2014, we see a year of change for us. We will be sad to see David leave us as rector after more than 10 years as his time with us has seen marked growth in our numbers and in the activity surrounding the church in Bawdeswell. The Rector's departure will mean that we will have to organize the services ourselves and we are confident that we will be able to maintain the current pattern during the coming months while a new parish priest is sought.

Advent and Christmas services were well attended but we will be looking at whether we have the right mix of carol services and concerts so that people don't get "carolled out". Our practice of having "Midnight" Mass at nine o'clock on Christmas night is now well-established and seems to be popular with quite a church-ful there to celebrate the arrival of the Christ-child. The flowers looked lovely all round the church, incorporating the candles which had been there during Advent.

We were pleased, as usual, to have the school in church for their carol service at the end of term. It was the first visit of the new head-teacher, Keith Wright, and the children sang with evident joy and enthusiasm. There was even an unscripted encore as the parents were leaving! With so many in the school now, we had even more trouble packing everyone in to hear the readings and carols. But it's lovely to see you all.

James Lilwall, our organist, has drawn together an occasional choir who sang at the Advent Carols and again for our Christmas Carol service. This means we are able to have a wider range of music and makes the occasions more special - we are grateful to them. We also enjoy the benefit of our Music Group at the GiG services, leading us with modern songs to complement traditional hymns.

Collections at our Christmas services for the work of St Martin's Housing Trust in Norwich totalled £327.90. Thank you everyone.

In the week before Christmas, the funeral of Jessie Clarke was held. She had moved away from Bawdeswell but was returned to be buried next to her late husband

William Mason

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From the Rector

Dear Everybody, hello again.

This is the last magazine letter I will write as your Rector. Do look at the Benefice Page in this magazine for details of my last days here and my first days in my new post. But I wanted to take this opportunity to write something that looks back over my ten or so years with you here.

Two main things come into my mind when looking at the past: thanks and apologies. I do want to thank so many of you for your good wishes, and for your kind comments about my ministry here with you. And I want to thank you for your warmth and welcome, for the kindness in the communities I have been working among, and for all the helpfulness of so many people, both connected with the church and not.

I am very aware of how much I have not done well, or failed to do; there are many people that I have not met at all in my time of being here; and some people to whom I have said something would happen, that just didn't. Looking back over my time here, I am very conscious of things not done, or not done well, and I do apologise for those.

I also need to apologise for those times when I have been sour, or crabby, or distracted. When you get a rector (and I hope that your new one will be enjoyable and helpful to you) you get a person with their own character, with good and bad bits; and sometimes the less positive bits of my character got in the way.

But I want most to stress my thanks to you. I have had a very blessed time here. The church people are very dedicated, have interesting ideas and a real concern for other people (and yes, I know you will know the one to whom this does not apply, but it's the exception that proves the rule), and they have remained in very good heart. Everybody (well, almost everybody, the same rule applies) in the villages I have been in has been kind and helpful, or at least tolerant if they disagreed with where they felt I was coming from. With beautiful surroundings and levels of neighbourliness that compare favourably with most other places, this has been a wonderful place for me to be. Thank you.

God bless you in your future David Head

FEBRUARY 2014 CHURCH SERVICES

Benefice Administrator 01362 688268

Date	02/02	09/02	16/02	23/02
Season	The Presentation of Christ	The Fourth Sunday Before Lent	The Third Sunday Before Lent	The Second Sunday of Lent
Colour	White	Gold	Gold	Gold
Foxley	09.00 HC OF		10.30 HC RH 2	17.30 EP CW
Lyng	09.00 HC DH		15.30 EP CW	10.30 W&P CW
Elsing	10.30 HC OF		10.30 W&P CW	09.00 HC RH 2
Bawdeswell	10.30 HC DH		10.30 GiG Team	10.30 W&P CW
Bylaugh				09.00 MP CW
Sparham	10.30 OASIS Team	11.00 United HC DH	09.00 HC RH 2	10.30 HC RH 2

RH1 The Reverend Canon Richard Hanmer
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 OF The Reverend Oliver Folkard