

Film Programme

Due to the rebuilding of Bawdeswell Village Hall we will be moving temporarily to Reepham Town Hall with effect from July. The address is 'Church Street', Reepham, NR10 4JW. Parking is available in the Market Place or the car park off Station Road [B1145] which is linked to Market Place via a footpath.

Our first two films there [note August Date] will be

Saturday 12th July - 7pm for 7.30 start August Osage County

Violet Weston has cancer and a propensity for pills and alcohol. She's a difficult woman to deal with and her husband has finally had enough. Violet's family gathers including youngest daughter lvy, middle daughter Karen (with her new fiancé), eldest daughter Barbara (with her separated husband and teenage daughter), and her sister Mattie Fae (with her husband and son in tow). A family tragedy causes tensions to run high and secrets to come out. The Weston women will be forced to examine themselves and their lives whether they want to or not. Welcome to Osage County, Oklahoma in the sweltering heat of August. **Starring Merryl Streep, Julia Roberts, Ewan McGregor.**

Saturday 2nd August - 7pm for 7.30 start The Invisible Woman

In the 1850s, Ellen Ternan is a minimally talented actress who catches the eye of the hailed British author, Charles Dickens, Bored with his intellectually unstimulating wife, Dickens takes the educated Ellen as his mistress with the cooperation of her mother. What follows is a stormy relationship with this literary giant who provides her with a life few women of her time can enjoy. Yet, Ellen is equally revolted by Charles' emotional crueity and determination to keep her secret. In that conflict, Ellen must judge her own role in her life and decide if the price she pays is bearable.

Dates for the remainder of 2014 are 13th September, 11th October, 8th November, 13th December

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

Ticket Prices - at the door

Adults £4.50, Over 60 £4, Under 18 £2.50, Family (2A+2C) £12 + £1.50 each extra child

Call 01362 688749 or email <u>BawdeswellVillageCinema@gmail.com</u> for further information. Send us your email to get regular updates and take part in choosing our films. Reeve's Tale Magazine July 2014



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NOTICE BOARD

BAWDESWELL VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT

I was very surprised at the poor attendance at the Annual Parish Meeting held on 20th May. There seems to have been little response to the article by the Parish Council in the May edition of the 'Reeve's Tale' magazine which raised the possibility of the development of the Two Fields Way site for development for housing or possibly light industrial or retail use. The possibility of the development of land to the west of Reepham/Norwich Road off Common Lane was also suggested.

When there was a proposal for development of the Two Fields Way site a few years ago around 100 people attended the Annual Parish Meeting to voice their objection. Does nobody care now?

If you DO care about this, NOW is the time to make your feelings known to the Parish Council.

David Cockburn

I would like to thank local friends and neighbours for all their kind messages and cards of condolence on the death of my husband Laurie. A great comfort and much appreciated.

Jan Spencer

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Foxley Village Hall

A warm welcome to all for our SUMMER LUNCH Sat. 5th July. 12.30 for 1.00pm All proceeds to go to Parkinson's UK and Alzheimer's Society Tickets...£6.00 Bar and Raffle Contacts: Gillian 688450, Christine 688494, Anne 688555



Coffee Morning 10.30am 16th July and on the third Wednesday of each month *Come along and join us for a coffee and a mardle.*

July 2014 Diary

Wed 2 nd	Mobile Library 10am – 11.40pm Bawdeswell, 11.45-12.00 Foxley			
Thu 3 rd	Book Club 8pm at The Old Workhouse Bar, Bawdeswell			
Sat 5 th	Summer Lunch at Foxley Village Hall Bylaugh Fete, 2.30pm Park Farm			
Tue 8 th	Bawdeswell Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm in the church			
Thu 10 th	Craft Club 2pm, see page 15			
Fri 11 th	School Summer Fete			
Mon 14 th	WI meeting at Sparham Old Schoolroom 7.30pm			
Wed 16 th	Foxley Village Hall Coffee Morning 10.30am			
Thu 17 th	Foxley Parish Council meeting			
Sun 20 th	Elsing Fete			
Thu 24 th	Craft Club 2pm, see page 15			
Mon 28 th – Fri 1 st Aug Summer Club, see page 7				
Wed 30 th	BAG Summer School see page 5 Mobile Library 10am – 11.40pm Bawdeswell, 11.45-12.00 Foxley			

Foxley Village Hall – regular events

Short Mat Bowls	Every Monday & Friday Evening 7.00pm
Bridge	Tuesday evening 7.15pm
Table Tennis	Wednesday evening.

Bawdeswell - regular events (Check venue with John Mallen - 01362 688 627)

*Parish Council *Table Tennis Countrysiders **YOUTH CLUB** 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 7 – 10pm** Thursdays 9,15am Fridays 2,15pm Fridays 2,15pm Fridays 7pm

A reminder about the safer walking verges to the Heath.

The Dereham and Billingford Roads verges have started to settle in but have been needing a good 'pruning' and the 6 month one has just been done on behalf of the Councils.



Please use the 'paths' to get to the Heath and the Village. It does create a circular walk. Using them will help keep the vegetation down.

I would also like to thank the various people who live down the Dereham Road who are trimming the verge as well as picking up the huge amounts of litter thrown from people's cars. AK.





Friday 11th July

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Don't miss out on a week of fun and activity at this year's **Summer Club**. If you've been before, bring a friend. If you haven't been before, why not give it a try. It's casual, friendly and great fun.

Our theme this year is *Caring and Sharing* so why not come along and share in our week of activities.

Dates: 28th July to 1st August Times: 10am to noon Cost: £1 per child per session Open to: all children currently in Year 1 to Year 6 Place: Old School Room, Sparham

Any queries? Please contact Sandi on 01362 688268

We will need a good supply of old newspapers for one of our activities. If you can, please pass them on to Fran Neale, Sally Hautot, Carole Jackson or Sandi Taylor. Thank you.

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The Village Hall Committee is meeting weekly at the moment in order to get the final preparations in place for the demolition and construction of the new Hall. By the time this is published we will have moved on and be closer to that goal. Naturally there is a fair amount of bureaucracy to get through before the practical work can begin and we are focussing on that at the moment. We won't get final approval of the grant from the lottery until all that is in place. The money, legal situation, etc. all have to come together. It is just like buying or building a new house. Delays come with the territory it seems. Until we have got that approval, work will be unable to start.

We continue to seek more funds and may I remind everyone that - there is a Buy a Brick Scheme and a Donation and Pledge Scheme -forms are available from William Mason. Pledges will be gratefully received from any supporter and the pledged funds will be called upon when needed and paid back one year later. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for the village to have better facilities. The lottery is convinced of our need and ready to invest Half a Million pounds in this community. We are the recipients of that and it is up to all of us to support our community in whatever way we can.

Various bodies are being approached for grants; unfortunately the Norfolk CC Construction Fund, to which we had planned to apply once we met the criteria of being 12 months from starting, is now closed. This is extremely disappointing. We were pleased to see some parishioners at our AGM on the 29th May. We were sorry that Dave Roberts tendered his resignation for family reasons and we wish him and the family well in the future. He and Fel have done a great deal for the Village Hall in the past for which the committee is most grateful.

Shortly the hall will have to be cleared out and emptied. Please could the groups that have equipment in the hall contact a member of the committee to agree on the movement and storage of their possessions, if they haven't already. Thanks.

Contacts:

Bookings	John Mallen -	01362 688 627
Caretaker	Les Beach	01362 688 869
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http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bawdeswellvh

Broken bits of jewellery or knocked about pieces of silver past their prime

It has been suggested that anyone with any of the above which are too small to be sold separately could donate them to the Village Hall Charity. When combined together they would be sold to raise more funds for the New Hall. So if there are any broken bits of treasure lurking in the bottom of your drawers, and if you are willing to part with them, please consider this option and contact a Committee member. Thank you.



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To book a community car, please ring Sylvia McColville on 01362 688189. If you leave a message, please leave your name, address and telephone number clearly so that your call may be returned at the earliest opportunity. Please also give as much notice of appointments as possible, as it is difficult to commit a driver to a same day appointment – but we do our best to accommodate at short notice.

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Angela Shannon, CCS Co-ordinator.

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Every Monday and Friday evening between 7pm and 9pm 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 evening. 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 evening (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.



BAWDESWELL LADIES' CRAFT GROUP

We seem to be having more meetings in members' homes at the moment because the hall is being used by other bigger groups. We

enjoyed an afternoon in one member's conservatory and we were lucky with the weather for our last meeting and were in a garden. We seem a bit slower when we are in more relaxing surroundings. However, there will be plenty of items for sale at the Bye Bye Hall Fete, and we have a stock of items always, so please ring if you need a baby knit or toy and I am sure we will be able to find something for you.

We will continue to meet in the hall while it is still standing and will meet in member's homes after that.

Our charge is only £2 and new members are welcome. Our meeting dates are - 26^{th} June, 10^{th} and 24^{th} July, 14^{th} and 28^{th} August. Please ring to check the venue once the hall is demolished.

Enquiries: Marietta Menzies, 01362 688 400.

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BOOK CLUB

The Daughters of Mars – Thomas Keneally

This month's book written by the author of the Booker Prize- winning Schindler's Ark, tells the story of 2 spirited Australian sisters who join the war effort as nurses in 1915, looking for new horizons. Nothing could have prepared them for the carnage they confront in the Old World, first the Dardanelles, then on the Western Front. Their past relationship had never been close and this distance deepens as one of them nurses their mother through a terminal illness. This ambivalence is then further complicated by the circumstances of their mother's death. Yet they find courage in the face of extreme danger including their survival from the torpedoing of their troop ship and become the friends they never were before. Eventually they meet the kind of men worth giving up their precious independence for – if only they all survive.

The book stimulated a good deal of discussion with some members of the group appreciating the religious symbolism of the story. However, the punctuation used in the narrative met with fairly universal dislike but was apparently designed to honour that of private journals of the Great War, written by men and women who frequently favoured dashes rather than commas. Similarly, the author's choice of ending (s) met with some disapproval. However, the overall view of the book and author were favourable and the group members were pleased to be reading a book about this period 100th anniversary of the commencement of the War. on the

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 The Elegance of the Hedgehog, by Muriel Barbery for discussion at our meeting on 3^{rd} July 2014 and plan to read The Good Father by Noah Hawley for discussion at our meeting on the 7^{th} August 2014. New members are always welcome. Enquiries: Marietta Menzies 01362 688 400. MOBILE LIBRARY will visit Bawdeswell and Foxley on 2nd and 30th July.



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We were all looking forward to hearing our speaker talk about the work of the Samaritans – that was the subject of our June meeting. Bill Ashton gavea very detailed and interesting talk about his work as a volunteer for that Charity, stressing the fact that Samaritans can be contacted every day – morning, noon and night.

It all started in 1935 when Chad Varah decided that anyone in trouble of any sort needed to be able to contact someone to talk to. He had a room and a telephone and over the years progressed to working in London with more helpers. By 1984 the Charity was on a more professional basis and was being contacted by literally millions of people – by telephone, face-to-face, email, text and letters. They support prisons and some prisons have a 'listener' who helps other inmates with various problems. Bill is understandably proud of the fact that the Norwich Branch has 160 volunteers.

After our tea/coffee break, we heard from Barbara Wakeman who, as our delegate, had attended the National Annual Meeting in Leeds. Barbara said Janet Langley, NFWI Chair, had spoken of places she had been to and people she had met during the past year. The Treasurer then gave her report. More members and friends had stayed at Denman than last year and the Resolution 'Increasing organ donation' had been discussed.

The three guest speakers, Sir Andrew Motion, Dr George McGavin and Bill Turnbull, although so very different, had all been extremely interesting and both Barbara and Aleathia described the meeting as enjoyable – and even 'happy'.

Jennifer won the Home Baked Biscuit exhibition and the raffle. Next month, 14th July, Ian Colman talks to us about the Taverham Band. The exhibition is a musical item.

Do hope to see you all. 7.30pm on the 14thJuly.

Mary Humphrey

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BAWDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Digest of the meetings held in April, May & June 2014

Present: APRIL - Councillors: Mason WM (Vice Chair - Chairing the meeting), Beane CB, Kirby AK, LilwallAK, Bambridge GB (District Councillor), Mrs H Moore (Clerk) + 1 parishioner

MAY - Councillors: Shannon DS (Chair), Mason WM (Vice Chair), Lilwall AK, Mallen JM, BambridgeGB (District Councillor), Borrett BB (County Councillor), Mrs H Moore (Clerk) + 1 parishioner

JUNE - Councillors: Mason WM (Vice Chair - Chairing the meeting), Beane CB, Lilwall JL, Bambridge GB (District Councillor), Mrs H Moore + 2 parishioners

Ongoing issues from previous meetings:

Bus Services: The Clerk continues to press NCC Transport to help with the situation regarding cuts in service and a need for a service to Dereham. They have been informed that the white lines in The Street to prevent parking will soon be painted which should stop the bus from having to take an alternative route.

Any other business of interest to Parishioners:

World War One Commemoration: Two parishioners are putting together a simple commemoration including names of the fallen from the village. The names will be read at a service one weekend in August - date to be

set soon.

PC's Policy re Possible Future Development: The PC's policy approach to possible future village development was published in the May issue of the Reeves Tale. Comments had been received from a few parishioners. The concerns raised by the parishioners included:- Bawdeswell remaining as a rural village and not becoming industrial, a creation of a 'rat run' by connecting through to Paradise Road, current road structures being unable to cope with an increase in traffic, limiting the number and type of houses being an unattractive prospect to developers. It was noted by the PC that the comments received were welcomed, all points made were valid and identify the same concerns that the PC have. The document published by the PC sought to set out a policy, not a detailed plan. There is no way of knowing what the PC's perspectives

would be on any proposal for development, until one is made. Any plans will be looked at with great scrutiny

and all comments received by parishioners will be taken on board. The Clerk will reply to this effect to those that commented. BB commented that development can be allowed despite the lack of places at a school. If there is continued development, that is when County Council look at school space provision. The PC will consider publishing a follow up article in the Reeves Tale at their July meeting.

Recycling Credit 2013-14: The recycling credit is for a total of £1,020.45 which is made up of £616.64 from glass and £403.81 from textiles. The Bawdeswell Heath

Trust have requested £200 for costs they currently have. Project Bawdeswell have requested some towards new equipment and maintenance. Maintenance is

covered by the PC so funds not needed towards this. There is currently an application for funds being processed by BDC which will hopefully go towards new play area equipment and/or a shelter. The pre-school have also requested funds. It was decided to allocate £200 to the BHT and hold the rest until it the requirements for PB are more clearly determined.

Village Hall and Project Bawdeswell

In April the news came that the bid for £500k Lottery Funding towards the new hall had been successful. The focus now is on the £50k funding gap. A celebratory weekend will be held 20th-22nd June. Tenders are no win and being looked at in great detail before a decision is made. An issue regarding bats has cost £4k to solve. This cost is to ensure all correct measures with regard to the bats are taken, including submitting an application to Natural England for a European Protected Species License (EPSL). The portacabin is due to be sold back for £1,400 to the firm it was originally purchased from. It is hoped that work on the new hall will commence in July.

Finance

Following this digest is the Clerks Annual Report, 2013-14, which includes a breakdown of the accounts for the user

the year.

Planning

Decisions -

None.

Applications -

i) 3PL/2014/0388 & 3PL/2014/0389 2 Oak Tree Barn, Beck Farm Barns. Proposed single storey front elevation, extension and minor internal alterations. As the application applied to Billingford and not Bawdeswell, the PC decided not to comment.

The next meeting will be Tuesday 8th July 2014 at 7.30pm - IN THE CHURCH - all are very welcome.

CLERK'S REPORT 2013-14

ACCOUNTS

A copy of the accounts summary has been circulated to all Councillors. Details include: -

- Parish Council Accounts

-The opening balance for the year was £4,040.57.

-Plus a total income of $\pounds 20,447.90$ during the year = $\pounds 24,488.47$.

- -Less total expenditure of £17,674.80 during the year = $\pounds 6,813.67$
- Balance at end of 2013-14 of £6,813.67
- Project Bawdeswell Account
- -The opening balance for the year was £370.74.
- -Plus a total income of £1,023.54 during the year = £1,394.28.

-Less total expenditure of £0 during the year = \pounds 1,394.28.

Balance at end of 2013-14 of £1,394.28.

If all Councillors are happy with this summary of the accounts, along with the circulated full versions, the Chairman can sign the reconciliations and Annual Return form. The Statutory deadline by which the Parish Council must approve the Annual Return is 30th June 2014. Claire Boer has kindly agreed to conduct the internal audit.

RESUME OF BUSINESS IN 2013-14

Following a resignation last year, there remains a vacancy for a councillor. Nominations/applications would be welcomed from the village.

Following a spate of anti-social behaviour on the recreation ground and village hall site, the PC paid to have a lockable gate installed at the entrance. This is opened at 7am and closed at 10pm by kindly volunteers on a rota basis. This has worked well and resulted in a large reduction of ASB.

Footways to the Heath on Billingford Road and Dereham Road were carried out in partnership with

Highways. Alex Kirby organised the schemes, liaised with Highways and raised over $\pounds 2k$ for the parish's 25%

share of the costs. The PC also donated £200 towards the schemes.

Breckland consulted with all parishes regarding street lights. Breckland cover the cost of electricity and maintenance to lights not owned by NCC and then this is added to council tax. The PC agreed to take over ownership of 4 such lights on Folland Court. A contract was agreed with K&M Lighting for maintenance and future potential replacement costs will be considered in future years precepts.

Following problems with the bus gaining access along The Street, Highways agreed to paint white lines at problem several pinch points to discourage parking.

The Village Hall Committee successfully secured a grant of £500k from the Lottery. Following this great news, the PC agreed to apply to the Secretary of State for Borrowing Approval, prior to a loan application being submitted. The loan application will be submitted to the Public Works Loan Board for £50k towards the new hall costs.

The recycling credit for 2013-14 has been received from Breckland. The total credit is for $\pounds 1,020.45$ and includes $\pounds 616.64$ for glass and $\pounds 403.81$ for textiles.

ITEMS STILL OUTSTANDING

A planning application permission contained a condition which stated 'this permission is subject to a unilateral agreement requiring a financial contribution towards the provision of children's play and outdoor sports facilities which is payable upon commencement of the development hereby approved'. An application was made for this funding but no news on this has yet been received. The Clerk continues to chase this with Breckland.

Despite repeated requests to NCC Transport Department, there have been no improvements made to the bus service. The PC continue to pursue an improvement in the service between Reepham, Bawdeswell and Dereham.

PLANNING

During the year, six planning applications came before the council. The council had no objection to four of the applications. They had objections to one application due to it appearing to be garden infill, which is against Breckland's policy. The final application related to a highways issue.

DEEDS

All original deeds are held by Mrs Jackie Wilson of Hood Vores & Allwood, The Priory, Church Street, Dereham. Photocopies are held on file.

STANDING ORDERS

The standing orders remain unchanged from the previous year. Therefore, councillors are asked to sign the circulated form to agree that they already have a copy of these orders.

Helen Moore, Clerk, 12th May 2014.

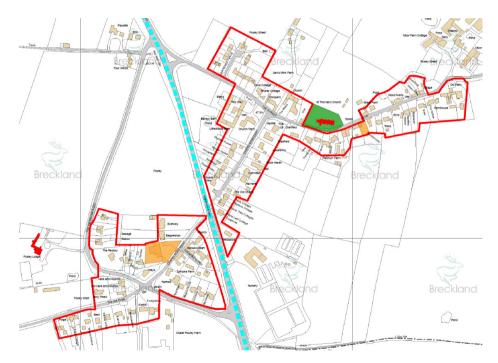


FOXLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Foxley parishioners will know from either attending or reading the report of the May Parish Meetings, that the Council promised a map of the existing "Development Boundary" of Foxley Village. This is reproduced here. At the next Parish Council Meeting on the 17th July, we expect to be able to fix a date this Autumn, at which a Planning Officer will be present, who will be able to hear our views and advise us, should there be a case, within Government guidelines, for keeping, dropping, changing or expanding this boundary. All are welcome.

Please refer to the June issue of the Reeves Tale (also available on line) for what was said by the way of background info.

Emma Buck Parish Clerk



FOXLEY EXISTING DEVELOPMENT BOUNDARY

You can see this map in a larger scale if you click on this link

http://www.breckland.gov.uk/sites/default/files/Uploads/planning_building_control/Foxley%20Adopted%20Jan%202012.pdf



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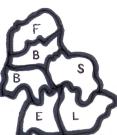


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Benefice News and Events

Service of Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

A special service has been planned for Sunday 13th July at Lyng Church to celebrate the end of the building work. The service will be at 10.30am and will follow the above theme with hymns and readings praising the work and rejoicing in its completion. This is a very special event for Lyng Church so do please come along and make it a really joyful occasion.

This is a whole Benefice service replacing for one month (and one month only!) the One More Step.

Events for July

July 5 th Saturday	Bylaugh Fete
July 20th Sunday	Elsing Fete
July 28 th – August 1 st	Summer Club. Please see page 7 for details.

Don't forget the Creativity Day on Saturday August 9th at 10am at The Old School Room Sparham. Bring along your own crafts or learn a new skill from others. Refreshments will be provided but please bring your own picnic lunch. There will be a small charge of £2.50 to cover costs and any surplus will be sent to a charity. We will start at 10am and finish about 4pm. If it is fine we will be able to use the grass area at the side of the hall and if wet or (dare we hope, too hot!) we can go indoors. It's a pleasant, relaxing day to be with like minded people away from the hussle of housework and gardening chores.

FOXLEY, ST.THOMAS'

"Open Churches Week" this year begins on Sunday 3rd. August. Foxley Church will be open every day from 10am to 4pm for all to come and enjoy the inside of our dear old church. (Always a great sadness that the church is not open all the time, for security reasons). We shall have lovely flower arrangements and a stall selling local goodies. fruit and vegetables, jam etc. to raise money towards our on-going repairs. Do come along, coffee or tea will be available and any contribution towards the stall will be very welcome. If you have time to spare to be in church to give a welcome to visitors, do please contact me. Thank you.

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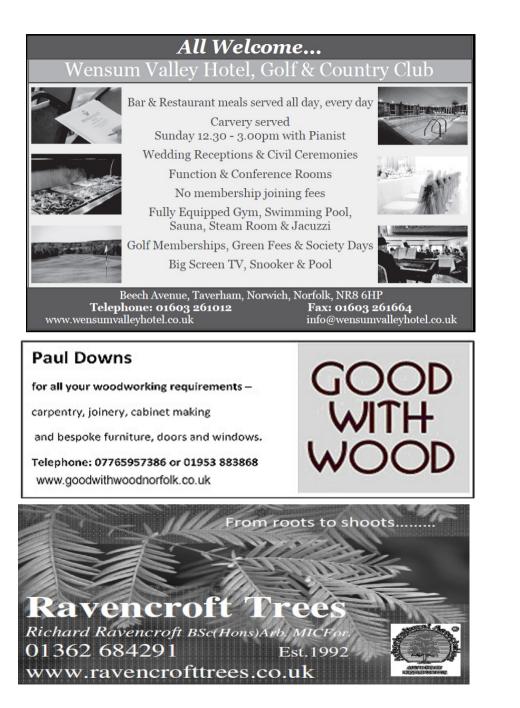
Robin and I attended a Deanery Conference at Foulsham to hear the Archdeacon of Lynn, the Ven John Ashe, talk about his review of the way ministry is organised in this and neighbouring deaneries. Our deanery (that of Sparham) consists of our own benefice FLEBBS, the Foulsham benefice, the Elmham group, the Reepham benefice and the Wensum group centred on Weston Longville.

John explained that many clergy across the Church of England were reaching retirement over the next few years and the supply of new priests being ordained, although increasing in number, was not enough to maintain the overall total. This means that, although Bishop Graham is keen to keep diocesan clergy numbers up, we will have to accept some reduction. The archdeacons are looking at possible changes in the pattern of ministry which would allow us to continue to serve our parishes but with fewer stipendiary (paid) ministers.

John presented some possible rearrangements of the existing benefices and a lively discussion followed. No firm conclusion was reached but two principles seemed to command general support: that the existing benefices should not be broken up – some of them were established in their current form within the last ten years and are now beginning to function effectively; and that the idea of team ministry was more attractive than ever-larger single-priest benefices – a team would be two or more priests working together to cover a number of parishes.

The Archdeacon is to address Deanery Synod in October and we expect to hear more about his thoughts (which may have developed into plans) then. Any reorganisation of benefices would involve full consultation with all the parishes and clergy involved before any final decision was reached.

William Mason, Churchwarden



What is "Real Existence?"

Hello Everyone

Let me relate a story more suited to December than to the start of Summer, but the analogy helps to make the point.

Father Christmas was sitting in his chair, within the Grotto of a large Department Store. It was late afternoon and it had been a busy day. He was nodding off to sleep. Standing looking at him was a little girl, about five years of age, with large brown eyes and her hair in plaits. She spoke –

"My friend says you are not real."

Through his tired mind he responded -

"Of course I am real, come and sit here and I will tell you why."

Father Christmas began, "Long, long ago in the 4th Century, I was called Nicholas, I was Bishop of Myra in Asia Minor (South East Turkey today).

I had a reputation as a worker of wonders. Many of them concerned my love and care for children; how I fed the hungry, healed the sick and cared for the oppressed. They called me St Nicholas, or Santa Claus for short; and then someone thought of calling me Father Christmas, because Christmas is a time for giving presents, and they remembered that I loved giving simple, practical useful gifts. Then what grownups call the "Material World" took up the idea and things steadily got out of hand since then – "Of course I am real".

Seventeen years ago I sat with ten other Theology students in a room We were thinking about the "Reality" of the "modern" Christmas. Having finished our discussion, we decided to close with a short service of thanksgiving.

The group comprised of people whose age ranged from 26 to 60 years. We each had in our hands a small "Beanie" soft toy. (All the rage at the time). In the middle of the room was an occasional table with a single candle burning. After prayers one of our member started to sing the children's hymn, we all joined in -

Jesus bids us shine With a pure, clear light, Like a little candle Burning in the night.....

We then sat in silence, recalling our childhood, and times gone by. As we held our "Beanie" in our hand each of us experienced the reality of true peace – that which the Book of Common Prayer 2^{nd} Collect at Evening Prayer calls – "That peace which the world cannot give".

I hope and pray that in the turbulent, troubled world of today, you and your family find the reality of such peace. In God's love Revd Tom Candeland

CHURCH SERVICES JULY 2014

Date	06/07	13/07	20/07	27/07
Season	The Third Sunday After Trinity	The Fourth Sunday After Trinity	The Fifth Sunday After Trinity	The sixth Sunday After Trinity
Foxley	10.30 United HC Bishop of Lynn		10.30 HC RH 2	18.30 EP CW
Lyng		10.30 OMS Bishop Tony	17.00 EP CW	10.30 W&P CW
Elsing			10.30 W&P CW	09.00 HC RH 2
Bawdeswell			10.30 GiG Team	10.30 W&P CW
Bylaugh		09.00 HC RH 2		09.00 MP CW
Sparham			09.00 HC RH 2	10.30 HC RH 2

RH 2 The Reverend Canon Robin Hewetson