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It's hard to believe that this is the last edition of 2015! Where does the time go? This time of year always seems an appropriate time to acknowledge some of the people who make this little magazine possible, so here goes:

Thank you to all our contributors who find the time each month to send over their updates. Without you, there would be nothing to say. Thank you to all our advertisers who support the magazine each year, and others who make generous donations. Without you, we wouldn't have the funds to print the magazine. Thank you to our team of distributors who deliver the magazine each month. Without you, no one would read the magazine. And thank you to Emma's mum who proofs the magazine each month. Without you, there would be a lot more mistakes!

It really is a team effort, and we appreciate every bit of support. Thank you!

If you have a story or event you'd like to see covered in the February edition, please get in touch with us before the 15th January.

Wishing you all the very best for 2016!

Emma and Gavin Raines

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December and January Events

Event	Date	Location(s)
Flower Arranging	Tues 1st Dec	Bawdeswell Village Hall, 12.00pm
Children's Society Coffee Morning	Wed 2nd Dec	Foxley Lodge, 10am
FAB Christmas Lunch	Wed 2nd Dec	Bawdeswell Village Hall, 12.30pm for 1.00pm
Book Club	Thurs 3rd Dec	The Old Workhouse; 8.00pm
Foxley Parish Council meeting	Thurs 3rd Dec	Foxley Village Hall, 7.30pm
Bawdeswell Parish Council meeting	Mon 7th Dec	Bawdeswell Village Hall; 7.30pm
Friends of Bawdeswell School	Tues 8th Dec	Bawdeswell Village Hall; 6.00pm
Christmas Wreath Sale	Sat 12th Dec	Bawdeswell Church, 10am - 2.00pm
Bawdeswell Village Cinema	Sat 12th Dec	Bawdeswell Village Hall; 7.00pm for 7.30pm
Foxley Coffee Morning	Wed 16th Dec	Foxley Village Hall; 10.30am
Book Club	Thurs 7th Jan	The Old Workhouse; 8.00pm
Bawdeswell Village Cinema	Sat 9th Jan	Bawdeswell Village Hall; 7.00pm for 7.30pm
Ladies' Craft Club	Thurs 14th Jan	Bawdeswell Village Hall; 2.00pm
Foxley Coffee Morning	Wed 20th Jan	Foxley Village Hall; 10.30am
Ladies' Craft Club	Thurs 28th Jan	Bawdeswell Village Hall; 2.00pm

The Children's Society Coffee Morning At Foxley Lodge

Wednesday 2nd December at 10am, all welcome, please do come!
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Regular Events

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Slimming World	Mon 5.30pm - 6.30pm	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Table Tennis	Mon 7.30pm	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Short Mat bowls	Mon 7pm - 9pm & Fri 2pm- 4pm	Foxley Village Hall
Hub Cafe	Tues 10am - 12pm	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Kettlebells	Tues 6.30pm - 7.20pm	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Body Blast	Tues 7.30pm - 8.15pm	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Bridge	Tuesday 7.15pm, Friday 2.15pm	Tues: Foxley Village Hall, Friday: Bawdeswell VH
Countrysiders	Wed 7.30pm alternate weeks	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Table Tennis	Wednesday evening	Foxley Village Hall
Boxercise	Thurs 7.30pm - 8.30pm	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Little Monkeys	Every Fri (term time) 9.30 - 11.30am	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Val's Keep-Fit	Saturday 9.30am - 10.30am	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Choir	Saturday 10am - 12pm	Bawdeswell Village Hall

Other Local Events

Event	Time/Date	Description
Sparham Bell Fund for St. Mary's Church, Sparham	Thursday 3rd December; 12.30pm	A winter lunch will be served in the Old School Room, Sparham. Tickets, £5, will be available from Pam Fuller (01362 688220) or Gill Page (01362 688379)
For details of events at Dereham Memorial Hall in 2015, please go to the website: www.derehammemorialhall.co.uk		

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Letters

An apology

In the previous edition of The Reeve's Tale, the eagle-eyed amongst you will have noticed that in the letter about Sarah Anne Gowen, we listed her date of birth as 28th April 2013. Sarah was in fact born on 28th April 1913, a full 100 years earlier.

We would like to offer a heartfelt apology to Sarah's family for the error.

Emma and Gavin

Kathleen Audrey Amiss

16th March 1915 to 21st October 2015

Born in Guestwick, we said Farewell to Kathleen in Swanton Morley Church on the 11th November – a poignant date because of her birth in the First World War – 100 years ago, she was the eldest of ten children of whom five survive her.

Leaving School at 14 Kathleen Hudson entered Service in three different houses before she met Reggie Amiss and was married in 1936 at Swanton Morley Church. Before moving into The Orchard Cottage in Reepham Road in Bawdeswell, where she lived for almost 80 years until two years ago. She had two children, four Grandchildren, ten Great Grandchildren, and five Great Great Grandchildren with more expected! A huge dynasty.

She became Cook for 25 years at Bawdeswell School. I have yet to hear any complaints about her! She developed a great skill in producing Christmas, Easter, and Wedding Cakes. She also cooked for Bernard Matthews, for four generations of Gurneys at Bawdeswell Hall and accompanied that Family to Scotland on many occasions on their fishing holidays where she became firm friends with so many of their guests, including Peter Nott, Bishop of Norwich. 'Her Bishop' as she called him, who called to see Kathleen only four weeks ago.

In her youth she used to attend many Whist Drives in the Village and was an active Member of the Community as a whole.

Her epitaph: 'small in stature with a big heart – she was friend to all!'



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Hazel Loose

Many of you will have known Hazel Loose, who lived for many years at The Thatched Cottage, Bawdeswell Hall, and has sadly died in October. She was born in 1921 and was brought up in Sedgeford, as the eldest daughter of Edward and Charlotte Jane Critcher. After school and working for a while in Surrey, she lied about her age and joined the ATS when it was formed in 1938. She always liked the Military (and men in uniform) and she married her husband Ray Loose in 1941 and subsequently transferred to the WRENS (Ray was in the Royal Navy throughout the War).

In 1956 Hazel and Ray started working for Mr and Mrs Richard Gurney initially at Keswick near Norwich. In 1969 they moved with Mr and Mrs Gurney to Bawdeswell Hall living initially in a wing of the Hall and then in The Thatched Cottage. She continued to live there alone after Ray's death in 2002 until four years ago when, at the age of 90, she went to live with her daughters.

Earlier this year she moved into Hill Barn Care Home in Sparham where she died peacefully a few days after her 94th Birthday.

She was a Founder Member of the Triangle Club (Bawdeswell, Billingford and Foxley) which was a successor to the WI.

Hazel was friendly, kind, generous, vivacious – a truly lovely lady – and she will be greatly missed by her Family and her many friends.

Sponsored Cycle Ride, Sparham

Saturday 12th September 2015

Once again we had the Sponsored Cycle Ride for church funds. Weather for the day was perfect. Our cyclists and drivers thoroughly enjoyed the day and although one or two regulars couldn't join us this year, we succeeded in raising £582.50, half of which comes back to St. Mary's and half goes to Norfolk Churches Trust.

Our thanks to everyone who took part, those who visited the various churches, those who gave their time to be recorders in church and to our very generous sponsors.

Mary Humphrey



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I won't mention them all by name – they know who they are – but in recent weeks, it is they who have done sterling service in undertaking the annual clear up of Adam's Pit and, more recently, the Jubilee Garden. Thank you all once again; your efforts are much appreciated.

David Shannon

Another plea to dog owners

Yet another plea for dog owners to be responsible for clearing up after their dogs. The Street has an increasing number of deposits on the path, making it very unpleasant for anyone walking, besides the mothers with young children and push chairs.

There have also been complaints from people living in the area of Folland Court, Two Fields Way and Hall Road. The alley ways between these areas have become a general dog depositary, again affecting children who may be playing in the area.

The advice is to catch the offenders by photos on a mobile phone, and then action can be taken against the owners. There is little excuse for leaving mess on the pavements, using a polythene bag to clear it and either taking the contents home or using one of the many dog bins that are in the village makes disposal easy. That will make all the walkers' lives more pleasant. Thank you.

This issue has been mentioned to us several times in passing. We know that the majority of dog owners in the village are responsible and clear up after their four-legged friends. Hopefully those less conscientious will follow their example and make village life more pleasant for us all.

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The Foodbank Collection Point in Dereham is still receiving boxes of goods to keep up with requests for emergency food packs. So, please continue to give generously via the Foodbank boxes in Bawdeswell Church. It would be good to include some Christmas 'treats' as well as the usual staple items. Thank you so much to one and all for your contributions. It is much appreciated.

Please note: All contributions must be within 'use by' date

Open Meeting to discuss the Recreation Ground and the surrounding environment

Thanks to everybody who kindly gave up their evening on Monday 19th October to discuss the future opportunities, needs and priorities for the area.

The group discussed the various areas, some at length including the drive and car park which is now suffering badly with all the rain and increased usage. Volunteers are now coming up with plans and costs that can be considered for funding by the Parish Council in 2016.

Watch out for progress and future updates...

Church Men's Breakfast

On Saturday 24th October, the FLEBBS Benefice held a Men's Breakfast in Foxley Village Hall. Some 28 guests came from several villages, and everyone had a good time. A collection was taken for the international medical charity, Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF), at the request of the volunteer lady cooks, and, after expenses, this realised £212.00. The money was passed through the account of St. Thomas', Foxley, and the appropriate Gift Aid refund, a further £53.00 has been accrued.

The total of £265.00 has been paid to MSF, and they have written a grateful letter of acknowledgement thanking everyone for their contributions and including some interesting news from their work in Pakistan. A copy of the letter can be seen on the Foxley Church noticeboard.

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Thank you to all who supported our Harvest Supper. We made a profit of £485 to be shared with our church and the Village Hall. Special thanks to our ladies and Frank for doing all the cooking.

The Hub Cafe

Thank you to everybody who has supported and helped run the Hub Cafe since we started. It's been more of a success than we had first thought, so much so that we extended the opening time to help accommodate the mums after the school run.

The team are now looking at how they take this forward in the new year and we'll keep you posted with new details. We hope to see you before Christmas, just pop in, we'd love to see you. Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy new year.

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Bawdeswell Village Hall



The usage of the hall is growing week on week. When we did our sums we found that in September and October the footfall for each of those months was over 1,000! Pretty amazing numbers!

There have been several large functions in the last couple of months, including private parties, a wedding, the Harvest Supper, The Black Heart Band, the first music gig, and there's more to come: The FAB Christmas Party on 2nd December, The Swan Lake film and the RNLI Cabaret evening.

A first for the Hall, and The Friends of the Church, was the Cookery Demonstration by Mary Kemp and Vanessa Scott and the launch of their new book "Everything Stops for Tea", in early November. Coffee and lunch was served to the 90+ attendees. The demonstration was done in the hall and due to the expertise of Robin Taylor and David Cockburn, all that they were doing was also being filmed and shown on the big cinema screen simultaneously, so all could see. We are very grateful to Robin and David for making this possible. All the books were sold which was a great result as the sale proceeds were in aid of Marie Curie. All areas of the hall were used that day and functioned well.

The Hub Café on a Tuesday morning from 10.00 am to 12.00 noon is well attended most weeks. People pop in for approximately 40-45 minutes, have a cup of coffee, tea or soft drink and a piece of cake that one of the helpers has made, enjoy a quick chat and return to whatever is their routine for the day. Parents with children, dog walkers, users of the recycling bins etc. – all are welcome.

We are pleased to report that Table Tennis has returned to the hall on a Monday evening and we continue to receive requests about exercise classes. So plenty of opportunities to keep fit!

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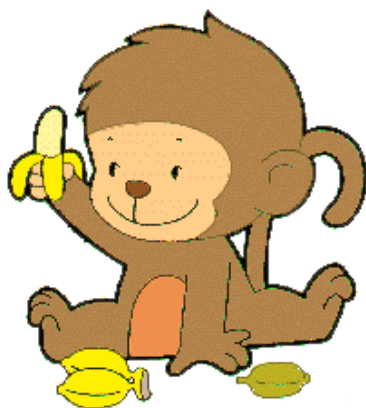
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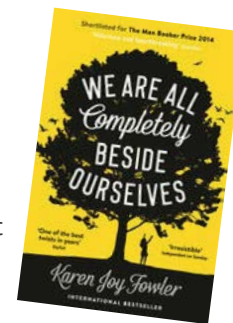


Clubs and Societies



Book Club

“We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves”
by Karen Joy Fowler



I first read this book in April 2015, when I found it didn't live up to my expectations. Returning to this book for the Book Club, it transpires that in the height of my previous blinding emotion, much of the goodness of the book had been lost to me.

So now six months later, I think it is actually really very good and I would definitely recommend it. Its main theme is about loss. At the age of five the protagonist loses her sister. She is unable to articulate her feelings and is not listened to, or even allowed to talk about it. I am not a believer that children are resilient. The trauma always comes out in the end, one way or another. It did here.

It is a credit to Karen Joy Fowler that the reader grasps the pain and grief suffered by the family. When I first read it, the title gave me no clues, but now I see that as well is ostensibly about grief and its effect on all the immediate family. They all go to their own different extremes to cope with the major loss of a family member and are not united by the common grief.

Karen Joy Fowler's background of being raised by psychologists meant she didn't "have to make that part up at all", but she had to do a lot of research to cover the, not insignificant, issues raised by the book. Her background and research have resulted in a very interesting read on subjects that affect all of us.

The members of the Book Club were in total agreement that it definitely didn't deliver on the humorous label it had been given. In fact it was agreed that it is a very sad story about a badly conceived idea going wrong, and the lasting negative effect of it on all those involved.

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 "Chapman's Odyssey" by Paul Bailey for discussion at our meeting on the 3rd December and will read "The Luminaries" by Eleanor Catton for discussion at our meeting on the 7th January 2016. New members are always welcome. Enquiries: Marietta Menzies 01362 688400.

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FiftyAndBeyond **Christmas Buffet** **Lunch**

Wednesday 2nd December
12.30pm for 1.00pm start
at Bawdeswell Village Hall

Our next FAB meeting will be the Christmas Buffet Lunch. There will be a really super raffle with great prizes including Luxury Christmas Hampers plus a free Lucky Ticket draw - not to mention lots of festive food, spirit and entertainment!

The tickets are only £2 each for FAB members (£3 for non-members/guests).

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Clubs and Societies



Bawdeswell Ladies' Craft Club

The Craft Group enjoyed its last meeting for 2015 on 26th November. Reflecting on the year, which began with us having to meet in members' homes, we are very pleased to have settled now into the Committee Room of the new hall for our meetings. It is just the right size for the group and, with the new and very comfortable arm chairs, is great for us. We are also pleased to have been able to donate over £300 towards the new hall this year.



We will have a stall in the Church on the Wreath sale day 12th December and will have items we have made for sale. We look forward to seeing lots of people there.

Our meetings for 2016 will follow the same pattern as always; taking place on the 2nd and 4th Thursday afternoons of each month. The January dates are the 14th and 28th at 2.00 pm, finishing around 4.30 pm. The charge will remain at £2.

Enquiries: Marietta Menzies 01362 688400



Bridge Club

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The JayCee Bridge Club holds two weekly sessions. We meet every Tuesday evening at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start at the Foxley Village Hall, and every Friday afternoon at 2.15pm for a 2.30pm start at the Bawdeswell Village Hall in the Meeting Room. Please contact Roger or Patsy for information, or to confirm a session is to take place. Whilst we aspire to play well, our range of bridge playing abilities means that it's really bridge for fun! No regular partners are needed.

Roger Fryatt: 01362 688627 or Patsy Catchpole: 01362 688352.



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Contact **Paul Digby** on **01362 688615, 07796 964574**, or email **paul.digby5@hotmail.co.uk**. Bawdeswell also host Bintree, Foulsham and Lakeside.



Short Mat Bowls

Foxley Village Hall
Every Monday 7pm - 9pm and Friday 2pm - 4pm.

To accommodate people who can not make evening sessions, Friday has now changed to an afternoon session. Our short mat bowls is not the game you may have watched on TV 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 (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 members. And who knows? You may even be a natural!

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Design 1: Christmas Tree

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Design 2: Hanging Christmas Basket

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Look forward to seeing you there!

Contact **Sue Lilwall** on **01362 688240** for further information.



Beck WI

We are a very enthusiastic group who meet on the second Monday of each month at 7.30pm in the Old School Room at Sparham. Our recent AGM was well attended and celebrated, (with a few glasses of wine!), a very successful year in 2015.

We are rounding the year off with a Christmas Meal on December 11th which will replace our usual meeting.

There is already a varied programme arranged for 2016 which starts in January with a talk from Mr Ernie Mann on the background to Sunset Boulevard without revealing the ending!

Guests and new members are always welcome.

Please contact Christine Woor on **01603 872427** or Liz Waddy on **01362 688910** for further information.

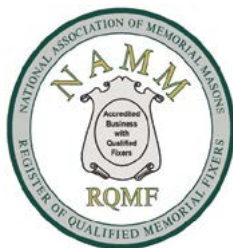
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Tuesday	Foulsham, New Frost Hall	12.30pm - 3.30pm
Wednesday	Bintree Church	8.30am - 10.30am
Thursday	Foulsham, New Frost Hall	8.30am - 11.30am
Thursday	Lenwade, Bridge Inn	12.00pm - 2.00pm
Friday	Bawdeswell Church	9.00am - 12.00pm
Friday	Bintree Church	12.30pm - 2.30pm

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Parish Councils

Bawdeswell Parish Council Meeting 2nd November 2015

Present: D. Shannon (Chair), J. Mallen, R. Reed, B. Cunliffe and T. Smith
Mrs. J. Boxall (Clerk).

Members of the public: 1

At the previous meeting, the PC agreed in principle to assisting with the repair of the church clock as it was deemed to be of community benefit. Recycling credits of £897.41 were confirmed as being available for community projects. The Council **Resolved to approve** allocating the recycling credit monies for 2015/16 up to £879.41 to the repair of the Church Clock on the understanding that the Parochial Church Council obtain competitive quotes.

The Council received an update on future projects with regards to nominating a scheme to register for open space and play space provision and improvement. Following an initial meeting a few minor projects are in hand for the Village Hall environs and recreation ground including a BBQ area, fencing and play equipment.

Breckland District Council as the Local Planning Authority, will be going out to consultation on possible areas of land for development in Bawdeswell in a few weeks, although the date is still uncertain and will depend upon the decision of elected members. It is understood that areas have been put forward in Bawdeswell, although it is not expected that specific areas will be highlighted at this stage.

The Parish Council recognise that residents would welcome the opportunity to see and understand the proposals and therefore when the consultation dates are confirmed, the PC will be asking Breckland to organise an 'event' (hopefully in the Village Hall) at which they will present their proposals and will be available to answer any questions.

Bawdeswell Parish Council have already approved a general policy and approach to Possible Village Development in any Future Breckland Local Development Framework and a copy of this is available to view on the PC website.

The next PC meeting will be held on Monday 7th December 2015 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. There is not usually a meeting in January.

The PC will be discussing and considering the precept request for 2016/17. A Parish Council gets its funding by receiving an amount of the local Council Tax which is known as the precept. The Parish Council need to consider how much money they

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need in order to meet their financial obligations for 2016/17.

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Email: bawdeswellpc@hotmail.com

Full draft minutes from this meeting and minutes from previous meetings, including financial/audit information and policies can be found on the Parish Council website: <http://bawdeswell.norfolkparishes.gov.uk>

The Parish Council would like to take the opportunity to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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The Friends of Bawdeswell Church

It was a privilege to welcome Mary Kemp and Vanessa Scott, the well-known food writers and chefs, to the cookery demonstration and book launch 'Everything Stops for Tea' on the 5th November. Over 100 people attended which was brilliant. Once again the village hall worked so well for us that everybody was delighted.

Thanks to Robin and David Cockburn who put so much time and expense in to all the technical side so that we could all hear and see on the big screen what was going on up front, wonderful!

Over 50 books were sold in aid of Marie Curie, this was fabulous and I know both Mary and Vanessa were delighted. At the time of writing it looks like we made around £600 profit, which is a fantastic result.




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By the time you read this I'm hoping that our joint venture on Saturday 28th November with the Cinema Club will have gone well. The screening of Matthew Bourne's Swan Lake, recorded live, will be something special I know. If it goes well we'll look in to the other opportunities this now presents.



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Finally don't forget the Christmas Wreaths, Crafts and Seasonal Produce Sale in the Church on Saturday 12th December, 10am to 2pm. Refreshments available, hamper raffle and lots of fun. If you would like to preorder a wreath, flower arrangements or Christmas cake, please call Sue Lilwall on 01362 688240. Please feel free to just drop in, there is always a lovely atmosphere and no pressure to buy!

We have an exciting 2016 programme:

- Jan 23rd: '100 Club Members' Thank You Reception – 7pm, Village Hall
- March 10th: 'Mind the Gap' – keeping the border full throughout the year' illustrated talk by well-known garden designer, writer and consultant Shelagh Ashe – 2pm talk followed by tea, Village Hall
- April 16th: 'Race Night' with supper – 7pm, Village Hall
- July 10th: Concert and Picnic with Taverham Brass Band' Last Night of the Proms – gates open at 6.30pm, Village Hall
- Oct 1st: 'Harvest Supper with Quiz' – 7pm Village Hall
- Dec 10th: 'Christmas Wreaths, Crafts and Seasonal Produce Fair' – Church 10am – 2pm

Thank you to everybody who has supported us over the year, this support is vital and much appreciated by us all - thank you!

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Letter from Lyn



At the beginning of December we enter the season of Advent. Advent is a time of reflection and waiting. It is traditional to mark this time with an Advent calendar. Today these calendars are often filled with treats, each day you open a new window and the treat is revealed.

In some churches the season of Advent is also marked with an Advent wreath. At Christmas, wreaths can be found in both the parish church and in the home. The Advent wreath is a more recent tradition than the calendar, it began to be used widely in the 1930s. It is often circular, representing God's eternity, and it can include four candles. Each of the four candles are lit on successive Sundays of Advent.

It is a bit like a countdown to the big event. The Advent calendar giving a treat, a glimpse of the goodies in store while the Advent wreath acts as a reminder of God's eternal nature and the light he brings into each of our lives. As the candles are lit, first one, then two, then three and then four. The intensity of the light increases as the time of Jesus' birth draws near.

We often live in anticipation of something good, it may be a time when we can retire and do those things we dream of. Or it could be a holiday to a favourite place with the people we love. Whatever it may be for you personally, even if the reality does not match the dream, the hope is worthwhile.

How much more is it worthwhile, when we can hope for the light and love which God brings to us in Jesus. I pray that God will grant you many Blessings this Christmas.




Lyn Page



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All Saints', Bawdeswell

New Team Ministry

We recently attended a Conference at the Frost Hall in Foulsham to discuss a reorganisation of the Sparham Deanery.

From early next year our present Benefice, comprising Foxley, Lyng, Elsing, Bawdeswell, Bylaugh and Sparham, will become part of a new Team Benefice which will include the Reepham group of churches and some of the Wensum group churches.

The present vicar of Reepham will become Team Rector and our Lyn Page will become the Team Vicar but with continuing pastoral responsibility for Foxley, Lyng, Elsing, Bawdeswell, Bylaugh and Sparham. This reorganisation is to cut down on the overall number of clergy and is a process being carried out across the Diocese. We can expect some sharing of talents across the new grouping and the opportunity to meet new people in our worship and subsequent social gatherings. The news is positive really.

Parish Share Support

A second meeting we attended was at Diocesan House to explain our financial situation and to ask for a reduction in our Parish Share for 2016. This will be considered along with all the pleas by other churches and we will get an answer sometime soon we hope.

As a church with less than 20 people on its Electoral Roll, it is hard to pay the Diocese in the region of £15,000 a year to have a priest in our parish and pay our share of training new priests in the region etc. Next year the sum being asked is scheduled to go up by £2,250. The maintenance of the building is paid for by the generosity and support of The Friends of Bawdeswell Church who run fundraising events throughout the year, as you know. This takes a huge burden off our shoulders.

The cost of having a priest to conduct our worship, baptisms, weddings, funerals and our share of other expenses is met by a very small number of individuals who make regular monthly payments, and some who put money in the collection plate whenever they attend church.

£1 a week from every household in the village would more than cover the cost, but it is not reasonable to ask everyone to do this. If just an extra 44 of the 800 people in Bawdeswell would do so, then that would help us to meet next year's commitment,



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Seasonal Refreshments

Christmas Day

10.30am

GiG Family Service

Short informal service with
readings & carols

Seasonal Refreshments

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and help to maintain baptisms, weddings, funerals etc. for another year in what is Bawdeswell's Village Church.

Carol Service

A traditional start to Christmas week – Sunday 20 December at 4.30pm.
Carols and readings with refreshments afterwards.

Christmas Day

Family Service at 10.30am with refreshments afterwards.
A very popular family gathering for all ages.

Our Christmas collections go to local charities for the homeless.

A happy Christmas to you all.

Robin Taylor, Churchwarden

St. Thomas' Church, Foxley

Happy Christmas 2015

You are all invited to this year's Christmas services. Visitors to Foxley will be especially welcome.

The Annual Carol Service will be on Sunday 13th December, at 4.00pm and will be conducted by the Revd. Lyn Page. Please stay for mulled wine, mince pies and conversation afterwards.

On Christmas Eve, Thursday 24th December, there will be a service of Holy Communion at 11.15pm which will be conducted by the Revd. Lyn Page.

The proceeds of the collections at the services in Foxley will be divided equally between the East Anglia Childrens' Hospice (EACH), and Medecins Sans Frontieres, the international medical and relief charity.

You may wish to give a gift at Christmas to one or both of these charities, even though you cannot be at one of the Christmas services. If you give your gift to John Harvey (Foxley Lodge – 688650) or Nigel Hatch (1 Jubilee Court – 688432) it will be passed on with the collections proceeds. Alternatively, we can let you know the address for you to write directly.

John Harvey and Tony Rushbrook, Churchwardens

Church Services

December Church Services

Date	06/12	13/12	20/12	24/12	25/12	27/12
Season	Second Sunday of Advent	Third Sunday of Advent	Fourth Sunday of Advent	Christmas Eve	Christmas Day	Holy Innocents
Colour	P	P	P	W	W	R
Foxley	09.00 HC PB	16.00 Carols		23.15 HC 1		10.30 United HC 1
Lyng	09.00 HC 1		18.30 Carols	16.00 Christingle	10.30 HC1	
Elsing	10.30 HC 1		16.00 Carols		With Lyng	
Bawdeswell	10.30 HC 1		16.30 Carols	With Foxley	10.30 GiG	
Bylaugh		09.00 HC PB	15.00 Carols			
Sparham	10.30 Oasis	10.30 OMS	10.30 Carols		10.30 HC	

Key:

W&P: Words and Praise
Oasis: Café Service
HC: Holy Communion
HC 1: Holy Communion Order 1

GiG: Family Service
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Church Services

January Church Services

Date	03/01	10/01	17/01	24/01	31/01
Season	Second Sunday of Christmas	Baptism of Christ	2nd Sunday of Epiphany	Conversion of Paul	Fourth Sunday of Epiphany
Colour	White	W or Gold	White	White	White
Foxley	09.00 HC PB	10.30 OMS	10.30 HC 1	18.00 EP PB	
Lyng	09.00 HC 1 + Tony		15.30 EP PB	10.30 W&P	10.30 United HC 1
Elsing	10.30 HC 1		10.30 W&P	09.00 HC 1	
Bawdeswell	10.30 HC 1 + Tony		10.30 GiG	10.30 W&P	
Bylaugh		09.00 HC PB		09.00 MP PB	
Sparham	10.30 Oasis		09.00 HC PB	10.30 HC PB	

Key:

W&P: Words and Praise
Oasis: Café Service
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Monday 7th December

Folk Night

From 8pm

Monday 21st December

A Very Festive Quiz Night

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Sunday 13th December

Christmas Sing-Along

With the May Singers
at 8pm

Christmas Eve

Open as Normal

Christmas Day

Closed

Boxing Day

Carvery

12 – 2pm

Flying Folk Club

3 – 6pm

Sunday 27th December

Carvery

12 – 2pm

New Year's Eve

Bar Open as Normal

7 Course Dinner in Restaurant

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New Year's Day

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