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Programme

At Reepham Town

Due to the rebuilding of our own Village Hall we have moved temporarily to Reepham Town Hall. We will be back in the NEW Bawdeswell Village Hall in 2015. In the meantime, come and join us in Reepham where you will find just as friendly a welcome.

Saturday 14th February - 7pm for 7.30 start What We Did On Our Holiday

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It's about a warring couple on the brink of divorce, Doug (**David Tennant**) and Abi (**Rosamund Pike**) who take their three children to the Scottish Highlands for Doug's father Gordie's (**Billy Connolly**), who has terminal cancer, on the occasion of his 75th birthday. It's soon clear that when it comes to keeping a secret under wraps from the rest of the family, their children are their biggest liability...

Saturday 14th March - 7pm for 7.30 start Mr Turner



An exploration of the last quarter century of the great, if eccentric, British painter J.M.W. Turner's [**Timothy Spall**] life.

Saturday 11th April - 7pm for 7.30 start The Imitation Game



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Welcome

How do we look?

Whilst writing this, I know that we're planning on making this the first edition of The Reeve's Tale to be printed in full colour which is pretty exciting. In doing so, we've had to search high and low for a printer who can offer us the best price so we're using someone new. And what I therefore can't quite predict is exactly how the magazine is going to come out. So, hopefully as you're reading this you'll be admiring how splendid it looks in colour. If it doesn't turn out quite as planned, well, there's always next time!

A big thank you goes out to all our advertisers who have continued to support us in 2015 by taking space. Without you, the magazine wouldn't exist. Where possible, we've used colour versions of your ads, or added some colour where we can. But if any of you would like to resupply new ads to make the most of our new technicolour status, please do.

Finally, local business owners - we want you! We'd like to include a short feature each month on a different business. This is your chance to tell people what you're up to in 2015. If you're interested, get in touch.

Fmma and Gavin Raines

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Letters

Aileen Mears

"Aileen Mears passed away peacefully at Brambles, Blackhorse Meadow, Bawdeswell, on 7th November 2014. Thank you to everybody who helped support the family – my brother Nicholas, Helen, Kevin, Paul, Sheila, Jessica and myself – during this sad time."

Suzanne Ryan

School production triumph

"I have just been to watch the Bawdeswell Primary School production of "Archie Dobson's War". This was a very moving production performed by a very professional group of 9 to 11 year olds. A great credit to the school and the local community – thank you."

Gillian Blyth

Calling all runners

"I'm looking for people who are interested in jogging around the local area in the evenings. About 3-6 miles and roughly 10mile pace. If you're interested, please email me: l_a_cook@hotmail.co.uk. I'm also a member of the Wensum Cycle Group that meet up around twice a month. It's free to join, just a friendly group of amateur cyclists! Get in touch if you'd like to know more."

Lucy Cook

All is not lost!

"Our mysterious gang of village pensioners, bored with life and getting their kicks from damaging the environment, struck again over Christmas. This time they lit a fire in the bus shelter by the school.

Out for an evening stroll I came across a young man, equipped with a broom, busy removing the burnt material and sweeping up the debris. He said he was "disgusted" by the damage particularly because his mother was a frequent bus user.

I confess, in an age when civic pride is unfashionable, I was much heartened by this chance encounter. Bravo!"

Peter Good

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Letters

A plea to dog owners

"Over the past few months it would appear that there has been a large increase in the number of dogs being walked along The Street and round the village.

The pavements have become thoroughly unpleasant to walk along, as the dogs have been permitted to foul wherever they are, and in some cases mothers and their push chairs have had to negotiate the way through. Apart from the unhygienic side of this, it is socially unacceptable, irresponsible and against the law.

There are plenty of places to walk dogs, bags to put the mess in AND BINS PROVIDED for the disposal of them – so what more can be done to make dog owners realise that they make the environment unpleasant for the rest of the village? Someone had very kindly picked up their dog's mess, put it in a bag, and then dumped the bag on the pavement!

Dog owners – please do your bit to keep this village a place to walk and enjoy, especially as there are so many children and mothers with pushchairs to consider."

Anon

Thanks for your letter. Other villagers have also noticed an increase in this problem. On a related matter, David Cockburn pointed us towards this article about dog wardens in the district:

http://www.breckland.gov.uk/content/new-contract-will-provide-more-less

Sparham Autum Bazaar

"It was thankfully a fine day for our Autumn Bazaar, nicely supported by parishioners from Sparham and our other parishes. A very big thank you goes to all who manned stalls, the refreshment bar and generously provided raffle prizes. We made £442.95 which goes to St. Mary's Church."

Mary Humphrey

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What's on?

February Events

Event	Date	Location(s)
Bawdeswell Parish Council meeting	Mon 2nd Feb	Bawdeswell Church; 7.30pm
FAB	Wed 4th Feb	Foxley Village Hall; 10.30am
Book Club	Thurs 5th Feb	The Old Workhouse; 8pm
Mobile Library	Wed 11th Feb	Bawdeswell; 10am - 11.40am Foxley; 11.45am - 12pm
Ladies' Craft Club	Thurs 12th Feb	Please call Marietta on 01362 688400 to check venue
Bawdeswell Village Cinema: What We Did On Our Holiday	Sat 14th Feb	Reepham Town Hall; 7pm for 7.30pm
Foxley Coffee Morning	Wed 18th Feb	Foxley Village Hall; 10.30am
Quiz Night	Thurs 19th Feb	The Old Workhouse; 7pm
Ladies' Craft Club	Thurs 26th Feb	Please call Marietta on 01362 688400 to check venue

Regular Events

Event	Time/Date	Location	
Short Mat bowls	Every Monday & Friday 2.30pm	Foxley Village Hall	
Bridge	Tuesday 7.15pm, Friday 2.15pm	m, Friday 2.15pm Tues: Foxley Village Hall, Friday: call for details	
Table Tennis	Wednesday evening	Foxley Village Hall	
Table Tennis	Monday 7.30 - 9.30pm	Lyng Village Hall	
Seekers	First Sat of the month 10am	Bawdeswell Church	
Little Monkeys	Every Fri (term time) 9.30am - 12pm	Foxley Village Hall	
Youth Club	Thursday 7pm – 9pm	m – 9pm Foxley Village Hall	
Pilates	Fridays 7pm	Bircham Centre, Reepham	



Foxley Village Hall

Wednesday 4th February at 10.30am

Come along and join us for our first meeting of 2015. There will be teas and coffees on sale as well as homemade cakes and as usual a *FAB* raffle.

We are also pleased to welcome ~

Lynda Hind

who is a Helpline Nurse for
Parkinson's UK. She will come along and
talk to us about her work and give us a
light-hearted insight into her fundraising
for Parkinson's UK.

Look forward to seeing everyone there!!

What's on?

Other Local Events

Event	Time/Date	Description
Soup and Afters, Sparham Old School Room	Tues 10th Feb; 12.30pm - 2pm	All proceeds to Sparham Bells. Places will be limited so please book your ticket (£5.00 per person) by calling: Pam Fuller: 01362 688220 Gill Page: 01362 688379
Saturday Market, Elsing Village Hall	Sat 14th Feb; 10am - 12pm	Delicious breakfasts will be available as usual!

If you would like your event listed in The Reeve's Tale email hello@thereevestale.co.uk

Also on **thereevestale.co.uk** website: find out about forthcoming events at Dereham Memorial Hall.

Quiz Night at The Old Workhouse

Thursday 19th February; 7pm Entrance fee £1 per person, max. 4 to a team Call Kenny for more information: **01362 688882**

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Bawdeswell Village Hall

By Royal Appointment...! Wonderful news came through over Christmas that six of the team have been invited



to a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace this year. John, Marietta, William, Karin, David and Janet have all been recognised in this way for the tremendous amount of work, effort and support they have given the project over many years. It goes without saying that our dream, now becoming a reality, would not have been possible without all of their hard work. Congratulations, enjoy your day and I'm sure we all look forward to hearing about it later in the year.

The hall is progressing well and we should see the roof starting to go on very shortly. There has been some delay because of the weather and shortage of bricklayers, but some of this time is now being made up with weekend working. The new handover date is now expected to be on the 30th April.

Our plans have been focused on the fixtures, fittings and furniture required to get the hall fully mobilised. We've created a 'wish list' so we can focus on the various zones of the building and how they might be used so we don't fill the spaces with inappropriate kit.

If anybody would like to help 'sponsor' any item the full list is available from us. The list ranges from trolleys for the kitchen to flexible staging in the main hall, some items are essential, others are nice to have.

There was a very successful 'open' coffee morning at Church View on Saturday 10th January where over 20 attendees helped us to start to shape the open weekend planned for the 25th and 26th July. Thank you to everybody who gave of their time so freely and for all the energy and enthusiasm.

We'll start to shape this up now into a plan and structure for further consideration.



Save £££'s on your heating oil!

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The oil club has launched a heating oil club for our village. If you would like to join or find out more about the club, please visit the web site: http://www.oil-club.co.uk.

The benefits are:

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- O Reduced carbon exhausted into our environment
- Reduced heavy goods vehicle traffic through our village

About The Oil Club

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Village News

New Village Hall Grand Opening 24/25/26 July 2015

Although the building will be complete by the end of April and previous regular users will start returning to the new hall in May/June 2015, it will take a while to completely fit out the new spaces and we are planning a Grand Opening weekend to present this wonderful new facility to the Villagers of Bawdeswell and surrounding areas. We have just started the planning process for this so if you have any ideas or would like to become involved please contact us.

Contacts:

Treasurer William Mason 01362 688 338 Chairman James Lilwall 01362 688 499 Secretary Marietta Menzies 01362 688 400





The Children's Society

As the fate of children seems to reach ever more distressing levels in our hedonistic and money-centred society, our charity's work becomes ever more vital. To add to what we already know, I've read that around 2.5 million children are living in families with debt problems. This leads to all sorts of deprivation, parental depression, addiction, health problems through inadequate diet, including rickets, apparently even bullying of children by better off pupils at school.

So, yet another project for our numerous Children's Centres – the "Debt Trap Campaign", giving advice and guidance about the lure of pay-day loans etc. There is also an "Essentials Project" to provide help to buy basics like toiletries, cleaning products, even nappies. Asylum seekers are also being helped; a figure of 6,000 destitute families was quoted recently. In addition the Street Safe programme continues to save children and teenagers from sexual exploitation, drug abuse and so on; often runaways from dysfunctional or cruel homes. I could go on!

Anyway, the generosity of our Housebox Holders and other supporters is well worthwhile. The box total last year was the best ever, £1331.39! The coffee morning made £272.40, Lyng Christingle, which was incredibly well attended, raised £194.16 and with donations of £50.00 the total for 2014 reached £1847.95. So well done everyone and Thank You!!

We still welcome unwanted clothing, household goods and small electrical items, which can be left in our car port, or we'll collect them. Please remember to put worn out clothing in a separate bag marked "Rags". Alas, the Fakenham shop has closed,

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but the one in Dereham is very grateful for our offerings. If anyone would like to take on a Housebox, do let me know. It's a fairly painless way to support a very necessary charity.

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

Although we try to accommodate all the news, events and reports we receive for inclusion in the magazine, it's not always possible due to lack of space. However, we do include as much as we can on the website **www.thereevestale.co.uk** including reports from the Wensum Valley Birdwatching Society, forthcoming performances by the North Norfolk Chamber Opera and the latest courses at Reepham High School.



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This novel, and it is fiction, is played out during those 24 hours. I think it's one of McEwan's finest novels, but then I am a fan. And I have to admit, not everyone in the book club is a fan. However most readers thought it was 'worth the read' and some even hugely enjoyed it!

It follows the events in Henry Perowne's day. He is a neurological surgeon. An unusual day unfolds, from him waking in the early hours and thinking initially that he's seeing a comet, then realising it is a plane, on fire, flying over London, and worrying over what he is seeing. Should he inform the authorities? Which authorities? Should he wake his wife to witness it too? Would it make a difference to the outcome of what is to happen? He decides against taking any action apart from cuddling up to his wife, and then trying to follow the story on TV. There are no news reports on what he has seen. The TV screen is only filled with pictures and stories of the protest and its impact on the London streets.

The rest of his day is taken up with domestic and social activities; shopping for a large family gathering, playing squash, visiting his mother who is suffering from dementia, cooking a meal, chilling and opening different wines. But in the course of the day an early encounter is going to subvert the coming family events, culminating in a violent outcome and then an attempt at forgiveness and healing.

But I don't want to spoil the plot by telling you about this extraordinary 'event', because I hope I can tempt you to want to read it yourself. I think it's definitely worth a few hours of your time. Ian McEwan is a master of detail. I can visualise just what Henry sees, what he and the other characters look like and how he and the others think as the story unfolds. I can even recreate his complex fish stew from his descriptions instead of being given a recipe in the usual format. Not many stories give you that.

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 Americanah by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie for discussion at our meeting on 5th February 2015 and plan to read And the Mountains Echoed by Khaled Hosseini for discussion at our meeting on 5th March. New members are always welcome. Enquiries: Marietta Menzies 01362 688 400.

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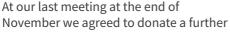
The JayCee Bridge Club holds weekly sessions. We meet every Tuesday evening at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start at Foxley Village Hall, and every Friday afternoon at 2.15pm for a 2.30pm start. Please contact Roger or Patsy to determine the venue for Friday afternoons, for information, or to confirm a session is to take place. Roger Fryatt: 01362 688627 or Patsy Catchpole: 01362 688352.

Foxley Village Hall Coffee Morning

18th February 10.30am

A warm welcome to all. On the third Wednesday of each month. Come along and join us for a coffee and a mardle.

Bawdeswell Ladies' Craft Club





£70.00 of our accumulated funds to the New Hall fund. We have begun 2015 making decorations for the opening of the hall in the summer. Other than that we continue with our own projects and jumpers for charity.

Our charge is only £2 and new members are welcome. Our future meeting dates are 12th and 26th February. Please ring to check the venue.

Marietta Menzies, 01362 688 400.



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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 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 members. And who knows? You may even be a natural!

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



Bawdeswell Table Tennis Club

Lyng Village Hall Every Monday 7.30pm – 9.30pm

Come and join us for a couple of hours. We have three tables so, depending on the number of people attending each week, there's the chance to play a singles game as well as doubles. Players at all levels of experience are welcome.

Adults: £2.50. Under 16 years: £1.50. Please note: children under 16 years must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information, contact **Janet Cockburn** on **01362 688749**.



Fifty and Beyond (FAB)

If you're over 50 and live in or near Bawdeswell or Foxley - then come along and join us at FAB.

Enjoy tea/coffee and homemade cakes together with good company and entertainment. Membership and admission is free.

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Angela Shannon CCS Co-ordinator



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Weekday	Location	Opening Times	
Monday	Lenwade, Bridge Inn 8.30am - 10.00ar		
Monday	Attlebridge Church 10.45am - 12.45p		
Tuesday	Bawdeswell Church	9.00am - 12.00pm	
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	nurch 12.30pm - 2.30pm	

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Bawdeswell Parish Council

Bawdeswell Parish Council met on Monday 1st December

The Council accepted the resignation of Alex Kirby, thanks were extended to her for all her hard work whilst on the Parish Council. It was felt appropriate not to fill the vacancy at this stage, pending outcome of elections in May 2015. However if anyone is interested in becoming a Councillor, please contact the Clerk.

Precept consideration for 2015 /2016

The Parish Council does not expect to need to assign additional funds (above the £50,000 already allocated) to the Village Hall Project following receipt of a positive financial update from the Village Hall Committee. It was recognised that there would need to be future discussion about the driveway and car park. The Clerk presented budget figures for consideration. There will be a large underspend in this year's budget due to provision for loan repayment/s that will now not be taken until May 2015.

The Clerk expressed concern about the Council's position with regards to provision for play area inspections, risk assessments and financial regulations. She agreed to make a list of items needing review and bring back to Council. It was agreed that the Clerk's additional hours (accrued from taking over the position and additional work to ensure the council are fully compliant with governance, accountability, finance and employment issues) would be covered by the year's underspend up to £1,500. A review of Clerk's salary and hours will be carried out in April.

Village maintenance was discussed and it was agreed that additional funds must be allocated to cover future costs in light of the decreasing number of volunteers.

As income was expected to be in line with expenditure and a healthy reserve, Cllr Mason proposed the precept remain at £17,500 (excluding the additional grant payment), seconded by Cllr Mallon and approved unanimously.

Breckland Council Local Plan – Issues and Options consultation

Following discussion (including comments received from residents) It was agreed unanimously that whilst the Council were pleased to be offered the opportunity to comment on the consultation document, it was difficult to read and overly concentrated on housing to the detriment of the infrastructure. The PC saw merit in a settlement boundary and particular merit in retaining the existing settlement boundary. As a community it was felt the village lacked the infrastructure to sustain any major development. It was agreed to include the previously approved policy which states PC will consider development plans on a case by case basis. Unless

Parish Councils

sustainability arguments are solved the PC cannot support any major development within the village. Development should be small in nature and gradual. It was agreed that traveller sites were not suitable within small communities.

Residents were encouraged to submit their own comments directly to Breckland and confirmed the deadline as 9th January.

Project Bawdeswell

As Alex Kirby would no longer be leading on this project the PC agreed to take responsibility for Project Bawdeswell. It was unanimously agreed that the £1,820 grant from Breckland DC would be used to cover the cost of the junior swings and to provide benches for the play area. Money received from recycling would be used to provide additional benches.

Planning

A late planning application was received. Reference 3PL/2014/1193

Proposal – Amenity / Storage Building Location – Land off Woofal Drive, Reepham Road, Bawdeswell, Norwich, NR204RU Applicant – Mrs Fitzhugh

The Council agreed that whilst it had no objection in principle to the application, it notes that development on this site and in this area is increasing and would wish to see that the building is not given any residential permission.

To confirm the date of the next meeting

The next meeting was confirmed as 2nd February 2015 at 7.30pm in the church.

On behalf of the Parish Council, I wish you a Happy New Year!

Mrs Jo Boxall, White House, Pettywell, Reepham, NR10 4RN Tel: 01603 879480 Email: bawdeswellpc@hotmail.com

Foxley Parish Council

Digest of the minutes of the meeting held 18th December in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Councillors Harvey JH (Chairman), Mears NM (Vice-Chairman), Barrett DB, Hatch NH, Mrs E Buck (Clerk) Mr G Bambridge (District Councillor) and 7 parishioners. Apologies: Mr Harvey was late for this meeting so Mr Mears took on the role of acting Chairman for the meeting.

Parish Councils

Minutes of Meeting:

The minutes from the last Parish Council meeting held on 30th October 2014 were agreed and signed.

Declarations of Interest:

None

Matters Arising not Covered Elsewhere on Agenda:

Highway issues:

The fencing posts along the pathways West side of Foxley and the pathway from the main road to the school have been reported again to both farmers who have assured the Parish Clerk that these will be dealt with as soon as possible.

The Parish Clerk will also email Highways on an update of Chapel Road West (The Ditch).

Foxley Boundaries:

The Parish Clerk, Chairman and Dennis Barrett all attended the discussion sessions at Breckland on the 17th December which finishes on the 9th January. There was nothing more to be learnt from these discussions, it was now for the Parish to decide on what would be best for Foxley as a whole. A vote was taken and three of the Parish Council voted to retain the Village Boundary and One voted to extend. The Parish Clerk will inform Breckland of their decision by the 9th January.

Finance:

Summary of Accounts: The financial report for the period 31st October to 17th December 2014 were present and signed.

Clerks expenses were agreed cheque no: 100393 £27.81

Planning:

3PL/2014/0999/F Mews Cottage, The Street: Planning Permission with 10 conditions. Village Matters: None.

Date of Next Parish Council Meeting:

Thursday 12th February at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Contact Details for the Parish Clerk Emma Buck Tel: 01362 688299/07771 654277 Email:emma.buck1973@btinternet.com

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There will be a lot going on this year so please keep an eye on this page in the magazine and on your pew sheets and/or church noticeboards. Here are a few advance notices.

We start off with Pancake Day on Shrove Tuesday, the 17th
February at 11am at the Rectory. As it's also half term we'd like
to find out just how many pancakes the children can consume!
Ash Wednesday 18th February in the evening will be a service including the
imposition of ashes.

On Saturday 28th March we have planned a Lent Meal at 6.30pm, venue to be confirmed. This will include cold lamb, bread, apples, fruit juice and wine and will be in the form of an enactment of the Last Supper. This is open to adults and children but of course we will need an idea of numbers for catering. So, if you are interested please contact Sandi on 01362 688268 to say if you would like a ticket.

Maundy Thursday, on the 2nd April evening will see a Eucharist service including foot washing followed by a vigil.

On Good Friday, on the 3rd April, there will be the usual walk (details to follow) at 10am followed by a short service at 11am then on to the Rectory for hot cross buns and refreshments. From 2-3pm there will be a service in some of the churches but again please keep an eye on local noticeboards.

Easter Day will start with a dawn joint Eucharist with the lighting of the Paschal candle. Each church will then take a light to their own churches to light their Paschal candle at their own service.

Turn over for all our forthcoming Lent services and events

Deanery Lent Evensong Services

Sunday	Time	Benefice	Venue	
Feb 22nd	4pm	Foulsham	Foulsham	
March 1st	4pm	Elmham	Bintree	
March 8th	4pm	Wensum	Weston Longville	
March 15th	Mothering Sunday - No Benefice Lent Service			
March 22nd	4pm	Reepham	Reepham	
March 29th	4pm	FLEBBS	Bawdeswell	
	Palm Sunday, Preacher the Reverend Tim Dean			

Events for Feb

Date	Event	Time
Tues 10th Feb	Soup lunch at Old School Room; £5. Tickets from Gill Page 01362 688379	12.30pm
Sat 14th Feb	St Valentine's Day Coffee Morning in Lyng Church	10.30am - 12pm
Wed 18th Feb	Coffee Morning, Foxley Village Hall	10.30am
21st Feb - 1st April	Lent Course at Rectory	7.30pm
Wed 4th Mar	Lent Lunch, 3 Hill Paddocks; £5. Details from Jennifer 01603 879 452. Proceeds to St Margeret's Fabric Fund	-



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The year ended with our annual Christmas Wreath & Produce Fair, which took place in the church on

Saturday 13th December between 10am and 2pm. It was a great success, in fact our best ever. It was lovely to welcome everybody through the door and there was a truly festive atmosphere, with seasonal music and refreshments; the church had a real buzz about it. The hamper raffle, kindly given to us by the post office, was won by Irene Burning from Reepham Road and the total profit at the end of the day was £666! An amazing result. Thank you to everybody who supported us, to all those that made the wreaths, Tony for the hamper donation and those that helped steward, serve and sell on the day.

Our end of year balance looks a healthy £6,149 and we have paid out £4,341 on various maintenance and building projects during last year. The full accounts are displayed on the noticeboard at the back of the church if anybody is interested.

We have once again organised a number of fundraising and interesting events for the year as follows:

Event	Time/Date	Location
Quiz Night with Supper	14th March	Foxley Village Hall
Festival Players	13th June	Bawdeswell VH
Harvest Supper & Ceilidh	26th Sept	Bawdeswell VH
Christmas Wreath and Fair	12th Dec	Church

Keep an eye out for further details as they become available.

Thank you to everybody who supports our fundraising efforts; it is greatly appreciated, even more so this year as the PCC has planned some major repairs and maintenance that need completing before the year is out to keep the building in good shape for the future.

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Quiz night and Supper

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Saturday March 14th

7pm for 7.30pm

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Letter from Lyn

During January in the church, we have celebrated the baptism of Christ. It is the season of Epiphany when God revealed himself to us. During Epiphany, we think of the meaning of baptism, God with us and the Holy Spirit working in our own lives.

Baptism is sometimes called Christening. Baptism is offered by the six churches free of charge to all who live in the benefice. Baptism is something that happens once in your life and it is recognised by all of the main Christian denominations. Therefore, there is no need to be re-baptised if you change churches.

If this note gets you thinking about yourself or another who has been considering baptism, or perhaps you are a young child or baby's parents; please do not hesitate to arrange to have a chat with me or one of the churchwardens.

Adults may wish to consider confirmation as well as baptism. Confirmation is where the bishop confirms a group of candidates as members of the Church of England and these services are held two or three times a year in various locations. This may be for you if you want to get a better understanding of the Christian faith.

During February, our thoughts begin to turn to Easter and our preparations for Lent. As part of my Lenten preparations I will be enjoying a weekly local walk in the six weeks leading up to Easter. These walks will be during the day on the same days as the evening Lent course starting on 25th Feb with the last one in Easter week on the 1st April. If you are interested in participating in these walks, please contact me either by email lyn.page@willow-bank.co.uk or phone 01603 872 381. See the Benefice Events for February in this magazine for more details about the Lent course.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy New Year,

Lyn Page

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Advent and Christmas have been and gone and we are now looking forward through Lent towards Easter. We marked Advent Sunday with an Advent Carol Service led by the Bawdeswell Festival Choir and, of course, our organist James Lilwall. Lots of candles reminded us that we were looking forward to the coming of Jesus, the light of the world, and the lovely carols and readings reinforced the message.

We welcomed the school for their Carol Service on the Friday before Christmas which was also the end of term. It is always lovely to see all the children packing the front of the Church and standing room only for the families in the nave and gallery. If the school gets any bigger, perhaps we will have to move the pulpit!

The choir were with us again for our Christmas Carol Service, in the afternoon this year which seems to be popular. We had the traditional pattern of Carols and Readings and Lyn blessed our Christmas Crib, pointing out that we'd have to wait until Christmas Day for the arrival of the baby Jesus. Thanks also to everyone who helped with flowers and decorations inside and outside the Church – it looked lovely.

We had our Christmas Communion service on Christmas Eve and then our Christmas GiG on Christmas morning, by which time baby Jesus was there for all to see. We looked at the Christmas message with the help of quite a few of those attending and there were festive treats to eat afterwards. There is a GiG every month on the third Sunday – everyone is welcome and families with children will find it relaxed and informal.

We took collections for charity at the Carol Service and at the GiG and were able to send £301.50 to St Martin's Housing Trust and £276.94 to East Anglian Children's Hospice.

February starts with the Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple which marks the end of Christmas-tide. Lent begins in mid-February – see the Benefice article for details.

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We then enjoyed mince pies and mulled wine and a chance to talk to our fellow locals. The Flower Ladies had done a splendid job too; not with flowers, but with the traditional holly and ivy and glowing light from many candles.

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Date	01/02	08/02	15/02	22/02
Season	Fourth Sunday of Epiphany	The Second Sunday Before Lent	The Sunday Next Before Lent	The First Sunday of Lent
Colour	White	Green	Green	Purple
Foxley	09.00 HC LP	10.30 OMS LP	10.30 HC 1 LP	Deanery Lent Evensong at Foulsham
Lyng	09.00 HC 2 RH1		15.30 EP PB LP	10.30 W&P CW
Elsing	10.30 HC LP		10.30 W&P CW	09.00 HC 1 LP
Bawdeswell	10.30 HC RH1		10.30 GiG Team	10.30 W&P CW
Bylaugh		09.00 HC PB LP		09.00 MP CW
Sparham	10.30 OASIS Team		09.00 HC PB LP	10.30 HC PB LP

Key:

LP: The Reverend Lyn Page

RH1: The Reverend Canon Richard Hanmer

W&P: Words and Praise Oasis: Cafe Service

HC 1: Holy Communion Order 1

HC 2: Holy communion Order 2

PB: Prayer Book GiG: Family Service



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Steamed Brancaster Mussels chorizo & tomato broth, granary bread, paprika & tarragon butter

Olive & Ricotta Pâté sun blush tomatoes, mixed leaf, toasted ciabatta



Strawberry & Passion Fruit Sorbet



Chargrilled 10oz Rib Eye Steak sun blush tomato salad, caramelised shallots baked porcini mushroom, chunky chips

Sauté Fillet of Sea Bass ribboned carrot, fennel, spinach garlic & chervil crushed new potatoes, sauce vierge

Pan Seared Breast of Chicken dauphinoise potato, leeks & pancetta wild mushroom sauce

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