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Saturday 24th February – 7pm start

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WELCOME

Reminders for next month

With this being our penultimate edition before the end of the year, we need to just share a couple of quick reminders.

Firstly, to our advertisers. We'll be in touch shortly to ask you to consider advertising again in 2018. We will be holding rates the same as the previous two years. Details can be found at thereevestale.co.uk/advertising.

Secondly, to any contributors. Please remember that the next edition is a 'double' - it covers December and January. So please bear that in mind when you're thinking about what you'd like to let people know about. The deadline for content is the 15th November.

Thanks all!

Emma and Gavin

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15th November 2017

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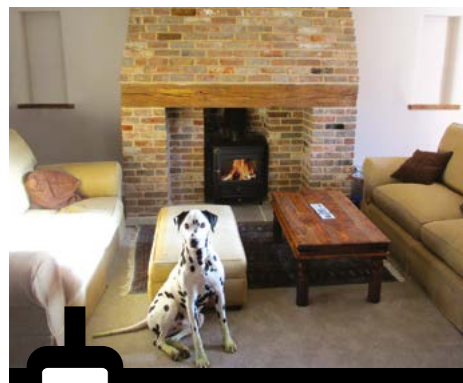
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November Events

Event	Date	Location(s)
Bawdeswell Parish Council	Thurs 2nd Nov	Bawdeswell Village Hall; 7.30pm
Book Club	Thurs 2nd Nov	The Old Workhouse; 8.00pm
Autumn lunch	Sun 5th Nov	Foxley Village Hall, 12.00pm
Flower Arranging	Tues 7th Nov	Bawdeswell Village Hall; 2.00pm
Knit and Natter	Thurs 9th Nov	Bawdeswell Village Hall; 2.00pm
Cafe Philosophique	Thurs 9th Nov	The Old Workhouse; 7.30pm
Bawdeswell Village Cinema	Sat 11th Nov	Bawdeswell Village Hall; 7.00pm
Foxley Coffee Morning	Wed 15th Nov	Foxley Village Hall; 10.30am
Bintree Bowls Bingo	Sat 18th Nov	Foxley Village Hall; 7.30pm
Flower Arranging	Tues 21st Nov	Bawdeswell Village Hall; 2.00pm
Knit and Natter	Thurs 23rd Nov	Bawdeswell Village Hall; 2.00pm
Flower Arranging	Tues 28th Nov	Bawdeswell Village Hall; 2.00pm
Soup and Pudd Lunch	Thurs 30th Nov	Bawdeswell Village Hall; 12.00pm

Please note: Bawdeswell Village Hall is not available from the evening of Friday 3rd November until midday on Sunday 5th November.

Other local events

Event	Date	Location(s)
Sparham Village Cinema: Beauty and the Beast	Friday 8th December, 7.00pm	Sparham Old School Room. Contact Sara Ward on 01362 688597 for more information.



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Regular Events

Event	Time/Date	Location
Slimming World	Mon. 5.00pm	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Table Tennis	Mon. 7.30pm	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Beck WI	2nd Mon. of each month 7.30pm	Old Schoolroom, Sparham
Short Mat bowls	Mon. 7pm - 9pm & Fri 7pm- 9pm	Foxley Village Hall
Hub Cafe	Tues. 9.30am - 12pm	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Pilates	Tues. 6.15pm	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Bridge	Tues. 7.15pm, Friday 2.00pm	Tues: Foxley Village Hall, Friday: Bawdeswell VH
Zumba Gold	Wed. 9am to 10am	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Yoga	Wed. 10.30am to 11.30am	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Youth Football Club	Wed. 6.00pm - 8.00pm	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Table Tennis	Wed. evening	Foxley Village Hall
Little Monkeys	Fri. (term time) 9.30 - 11.30am	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Games Afternoon	Sat. 1.30pm	Bawdeswell Village Hall

Secretary Vacancy

The Trustees of Bawdeswell Village Hall are looking to appoint a new voluntary secretary to join them as soon as possible. The role requires the taking of minutes, general correspondence and administration, liaising with the charity commission and the national lottery. The role is rewarding and flexible and isn't time consuming.



If you can help us we would love to hear from you. Please contact the chairman, James Lilwall, in the first instance on 01362 688499 for more details.

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Thank you from Betty

Having had an operation to my ankle in August I would like to thank Foxley Village Hall for the lovely flowers and also the FAB Club for the lovely rose plant they sent me. Also thanks to my friends from Bawdeswell, Foxley, Reepham and Norwich and also Bintree Bowls Club for all the lovely cards gifts and flowers. Once again, many thanks.

Betty Beresford

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thanks to all you wonderful people who helped raise £420 for the MacMillan Coffee Morning on Friday 29th September. It's such a worthwhile cause. This was up on last year.

Well done Bawdeswell!

Jo Porter

Craft Fair and Table Sale, Foxley, 30th September

On a lovely sunny day we had a most successful fundraising sale in the village hall. In total, we raised £1005. We split the funds, donating £750 to Cancer Research UK and £255 to the Council of Protection for Rural England (Norfolk).

Very many thanks indeed to everyone who came to the sale, spent money and hopefully enjoyed the occasion. Grateful thanks to all who helped in so many different ways.

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VILLAGE NEWS

Dorcas Downs

15/08/1934 – 25/09/2017

The funeral of Dorcas Downs was held at All Saints' Church, Bawdeswell on the 9th October. She died peacefully at home on the 25th September after bravely fighting Alzheimer's Disease for a number of years. Her funeral was very well attended – a reflection of how well she was thought of.

Dorcas was born in Swannington, the eldest of four children, and lived in Bawdeswell for most of her married life. Last year she celebrated 60 years of marriage and her family – husband Peter, children Lorna and Paul, and grandchildren Tom and Sophie – were the centre of her life. Although her memory had started to deteriorate in the last few years, she still knew and recognised her family and friends, and enjoyed their company.

Before her marriage, Dorcas was a hairdresser at Plumes in Reepham, and also ran the Sunday School at Swannington, where, when younger, she was responsible for “pumping” the Church organ in the days when manual effort was required to enable the organist to play!

She was a keen and skilled flower arranger, and it was her suggestion that she and Peter start growing flowers on their land next to the bypass, and selling them at prices such that people could afford to have them at home, and to remember loved ones in church and in the graveyard.

Peter, Lorna and Paul would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their kind words and sympathy since Dorcas' death. She will be sorely missed but fondly remembered.

Elmham and Swanton Morley Surgeries Practice Patient Participation Groups – What is their role? What are they doing? Why not join us?

The Surgery has two Patient Participation Groups (PPGs), one for the Elmham Surgery and one for Swanton Morley Surgery. They both have six meetings a year, alternate months, with the Elmham PPG meeting in the Staff Room of North Elmham School and the Swanton Morley PPG in Hoe and Worthing Parish Room (next to Hoe Church).

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Bawdeswell Village Hall



October has been a wonderfully busy month. We've had all our regular events going on as well as a few new meetings and get-togethers.

These have brought people from across Breckland, Broadland and further afield, into our Hall. We are pleased that organisations, such as The Womens' Institute and The Conservation Volunteers say that our Hall is such a lovely and friendly building to come to, and that they are recognising us as a useful resource for them because we're 'the heart' of Norfolk.

It seems a long time ago now when we wrote our bid to The Big Lottery seeking finance to start our build, but in those early days, we had to imagine how a new Hall would benefit our community. We knew that we wanted to have a facility that could offer activities for young people as well as older residents and we hoped that more people would be able to use the Hall for a wide variety of leisure and sporting activities.

Now that we have come to the end of our second year, we have been comparing what is actually happening to what we had imagined. Our bookings and the number of people coming to the Hall each week shows us how well we are doing at achieving those imagined aims. Nowadays the Hall can be very busy with different things happening in our different spaces, indeed sometimes, there's not much room. It's great!

We are delighted to be welcoming a new Trustee too. Welcome Rebecca; it's lovely to have an eighteen year old Trustee. She is going to propel us towards the world of social media and we hope that this will help us advertise our events and happenings more quickly for everyone.

As I said, we've been rather busy, which is wonderful. Now we need to grow our volunteer team. We would love to have more people working with us, helping to maintain and develop new things for our Village Hall. We are especially keen to attract someone with secretarial skills who could take our minutes and support the administration requirements that our charity needs. If you might be able to help us, please do get in touch.

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Book Club

“Swimming Home” by Deborah Levy

A family and friends summer holiday in the south of France. What could go wrong? A lot! This isn't a typical story; it's not a summer murder or even love story. It's far more. An indication of its depth is that, as you begin to read, you realise that this thinnish book is going to pack a lot in. It doesn't start at the beginning, instead, as we read, we begin to understand that the events described in the first few pages are going to happen in the future.

I suppose it's fair to let you know that our group had different feelings about this book. 'Like', doesn't come into it, which is why it provided us with a really long discussion, unpicking the characters and the plot.

At first glance, it's a quick read, but as you get to the last page, you realise it's much, much more complex. The ending is a shock and it made me go straight back to the beginning. I began to read it again, slowly, to pick up on the clues that I'd missed. A lot happens 'off the page', between the chapters and you have to work out what is happening although it is not being openly said.

So here are the bare bones of the story:

A famous poet, Joe, is on holiday in a rented house near Nice with his wife and daughter. They also have two friends staying with them. His wife, Isabel, is a war correspondent, often away on assignment with the result that Joe has been the stay-at-home parent during Nina's childhood. She's now 14 and is on the brink of early womanhood. Their friends have a business selling antique guns and artisan goods. Into this uncomfortable house comes a young woman, Kitty Finch. She gate-crashes into their holiday with the hope that Joe will read her poem. Her arrival starts, or may be it just coincides, with a chain of events that will change all their lives.

None of these characters are 'loveable', it isn't easy to identify with any of them and it's hard, as the reader, to be on anyone's side. They all have histories and flaws. Some more devastating than others. I don't want to spoil your chance of reading this, so haven't needed a 'spoiler alert'. I just hope you might want to read it yourself: then you and I could really talk about it!

The Book Club meets in the 'Lounge' outside 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 "This must be the Place" by Maggie O'Farrell for discussion at our meeting on 2nd November and will read "The Noise of Time" by Julian Barnes for our discussion on 7th December. New members always welcome. **Enquiries: Carolyn Good 01362 688944**

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Bawdeswell Knit and Natter

Just to show you the results of our efforts towards the Flower Festival from the Craft Club. We are now busily knitting for our stall at the Christmas Wreath sale in the church in December. Our two meetings for November are the 9th and 23rd.

Enquiries: **Josie Beach 01362 688 869.**



Bridge Club

Sponsored by Bawdeswell Village Hall (Registered Charity No 800970)

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.



Flower arranging

Future dates: 7th Nov, 21st Nov, 28th Nov,
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Foxley Village Hall Coffee Morning

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Short Mat Bowls

Foxley Village Hall

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



Bawdeswell Bowls Club

The 2017 season is almost over. Bintree, Lakeside and Foulsham have had a mixed season. Bawdeswell has had a more successful season winning Cawston and Dereham leagues and just missing out in the County league, finishing second. Bawdeswell also won the Dereham hospital triples knock out cup. Final winning three: T Briggs, R Cooper, M Jacobs and congratulations to M Jacobs for Norfolk selection. Well done everybody!

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Beck WI

The Beck is an enthusiastic group which meets on the second Monday of each month at 7.30pm in the Old School Room at Sparham.

Our October meeting was a social event during which, unusually for us, we had a considerable period of silence, whilst members in small groups concentrated on competing against one another to complete 500-piece jigsaws! It was a very enjoyable experience though most of us ran out of time!

Our next meeting on November 13th is our Annual Meeting – non-members please consider coming along to learn more about our WI!

We continue to run a very varied programme in 2017 and non-members are always welcome to join us.

We are always looking to recruit new members. Please contact Liz Waddy on 01362 688910 or Carole Nottage on 01362 688569 for further information.



Cafe Philosophique

Our next short talk and discussion will be;

THE INNER GAME OF... (The Timothy Gallwey way of learning and coaching): Thursday 9 November, 7.30pm in the new pub lounge.

Contact: Andrew Toomey on 688447



Wensum Valley Birdwatching Society

Indoor meetings at Great Witchingham Village Hall, 7.30pm. All welcome. (There is a £2.00 charge for non-members)

Thursday 16 November – Winter Birding in Japan by James Lowen
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Fri 24th Nov	Bury St. Edmunds Xmas Fayre	9am	£18
Sun 26th Nov	Birmingham Frankfurt Xmas Market		£28
Thurs 30th Nov	Wicksteed Park Xmas Show with Xmas lunch & afternoon tea	9am	£50
Fri 1st Dec	Burnham Deepdale Christmas Mkt	9.30am	£18
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Fifty and Beyond (FAB)

FAB meets on the first Wednesday of every other month at 10.00am - 12.00pm in Foxley Village Hall.

We always advertise on the Notice Boards outside Bawdeswell Stores and in The Reeve's Tale with details of who our speaker/entertainer will be. This is nearly always lighthearted and informal. There are refreshments, home made cakes, a Jigsaw Swap table and our famous raffle - you never know what you might get!

Our next meeting is the Christmas Lunch on 6th December - admission is by ticket only, see Reeve's Tale ad for details

If getting there is a problem we can arrange transport. For this or any other enquiries, ring Bill and Jackie Cunliffe on **688956** or Janet Cockburn on **688749**.



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This month sees our teams begin in their respective cup tournaments. The girls and under 13s go straight into a knock out tournament while our younger teams enter their cups in a round robin league basis, playing every team once to form a league table. The top two teams will play each other in the final at the Norwich FDC centre in Bowthorpe.

Good luck to all our players in these games.

Games are coming thick and fast and we would welcome anyone who would like to come and give our teams some support on match days. The under 11 Girls teams play on Saturday mornings and the other four teams on a Sunday morning. The cafe is open in the hall on match days for teas, coffees and now even cuppa soups too. It really is a pleasure to see so many kids enjoying sport in our small but fantastic village.

I would also like to put it out there that, although we are predominantly a village team for Bawdeswell and Foxley children, we still welcome players from all our surrounding villages. I'm pleased to report that we currently have players from Swanton Morley, Lyng, Reephams, Guestwick as well as a few from further afield too. We are always on the look out for more players so if you know of any children who would like to join a local friendly club please feel free to send them our way.

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To book a community car, please ring Jackie Cunliffe on 01362 688956. 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. Should Jackie be unavailable, contact Angela Shannon on 01362 688111.

Jackie Cunliffe Co-ordinator



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Monday	Wood Dalling Village Hall	1.15pm - 3.15pm
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
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Friday	Bintree Church	12.30pm - 2.30pm

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PARISH COUNCILS

Foxley Parish Council Meeting held on 12th October 2017

Present: N. Mears (Chair), N. Hatch (Vice Chairman), D. Barrett, M. Watson, L. Rose (Clerk) and 10 residents

Apologies for absence: G. Bambridge (District Councillor)

Co-option of councillor:

Gillian Blyth was co-opted as a councillor on Foxley Parish Council. For the first time in many years Foxley now has its full quota of councillors.

Planning Matters:

18 dwellings on Old Fakenham Rd – rejected by 6 votes to 5 votes.

Saffron Housing Trust – an enquiry about the possible development of 6 homes on Old Fakenham Road, continuing the line of houses on the East side down towards the war memorial, has been received. There was much support for the need for rented houses in the area. There was also some support for some shared ownership homes. However, concern was expressed that the houses would be outside the development guidelines and whether allowing 6 houses would then lead to more houses on that site. At the end of the debate a vote was taken on the motion that Foxley Council welcomes the possible development and would support it: the residents present narrowly voted against but the councillors voted for the scheme. Clerk to inform Saffron Trust, who may, or may not, choose to pursue the scheme and make a formal planning application.

Bus shelters:

A site meeting took place to consider the position of the proposed bus shelters. There is room behind both bus stops for a small shelter to be erected. The enclosed shelters would be made of clear polycarbonate with a barrel roof. The cost for manufacture and erection of the two shelters would be £9,842.00 but hopefully the parish council could get a grant for 50% of the cost. It was decided that, on the condition the council get a grant, they should go ahead with the two bus shelters.

Finance:

The financial plan for 2018-19 was discussed but it was decided to defer the setting of the precept so that the councillors could seek further advice.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 7th December 2017

A full copy of the draft minutes is available at <http://foxleyparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk>

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PARISH COUNCILS

Bawdeswell Parish Council Meeting held on 8th October

Present: B.Cunliffe (Chair), J. Mallen, A. Toomey and J. Lilwall, Mrs. J Boxall (Clerk)
Members of the public: 0

The following information relates to information taken from the July, September and October meetings.

BT Phone Box - Following discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council would not enter into a land lease agreement with BT. The phone box has now been painted and as it is located in a conservation area, the box will not be removed so no further action should be taken.

Planning - The Parish Council revised their Statement of Future Development. A copy of which can be found on the website.

3PL/2017/0035/F - Residential development of 40 dwellings, open space, associated infrastructure and vehicle access via Hall Road at Hall Road, Bawdeswell.

At the Parish Council meeting held on the 20th July, Councillors agreed unanimously to object to the above planning application. These objections were voiced by Cllr Cunliffe at the planning committee meeting held at Breckland on the 31st July where, despite the objections, the scheme received approval from the planning committee. Cllr Cunliffe has written a report which can be viewed on the Parish Council's website under planning.

As Breckland District Council will not be interested in taking on ownership of the proposed open space, the Parish Council will need to consider if they wish to take on ownership and responsibility. This will be considered as a future agenda item.

Confirmation that the application for 36 dwellings at Hall Road has been approved has now been received.

The Breckland Local Plan Pre-submission Document includes the Two Fields Way site already approved by Breckland Planning and is shown as within the proposed new settlement boundary. Following discussion the Parish Council unanimously agreed that they had no further comments to make with regards to the Local Plan document.

Finance - Expenditure for the year to date was £10,502.79, income to date was confirmed as £20,445.55. The Parish Council have begun to consider the precept requirements for 2018/19. The precept will be set at the December meeting. A Parish

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Date of next meeting: Thursday 2nd November 2017 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Councillor vacancy

It is hoped that the Councillor vacancy will be filled by co-option at the next Parish Council meeting as an application has now been received.

If you have any concerns please contact the Parish Clerk Jo Boxall, White House, Pettywell, Reepham, NR10 4RN, Tel: 01603 879480, Email: bawdeswellpc@hotmail.com

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CHURCH NEWS

The Friends of Bawdeswell Church

The September Flower Festival was very well attended. Thank you all who supported it...

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- Gorgeous Displays
- Wonderful Church
- Beautiful
- Lovely to have visited Flower Festival
- Really enjoyed our visit
- Lovely Church, splendid eats!
- Words cannot describe this splendid church, inside and out
- Really lovely
- Knitted vegetables are fantastic!



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Next event: Sat 16th Dec : 'Christmas Fair with Wreaths', 10am – 2pm at the church

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Angela Shannon, Nicholas Ward and Susan Lilwall.



Fifty And Beyond

Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 6th December
12.30pm at Bawdeswell Village Hall

Our next FAB meeting will be our Christmas Lunch.
The tickets are £4 each for FAB members
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There will be mulled wine on arrival, a full Christmas lunch,
raffle with great prizes, a free ticket draw for a Christmas
Hamper and entertainment!

We still have a few tickets left so please call
Bill & Jackie on **01362 688956**.

Please ring for any other information, any dietary
requirements or to arrange transport.

New members are always welcome!



CHURCH NEWS

Bawdeswell Church News

Two funerals to report. **21st September:** Olive Curtis who was born in Bawdeswell and once lived in the house called Curzon in Norwich Road. Olive was on the Parish Council and the church PCC. **9th October:** Dorcas Downs, another long time resident, who lived down the Drift on Dereham Road. You probably knew her from the flower stall on the Bawdeswell by-pass.

After the September Flower Festival we had a full church for a Service of Thanksgiving, with some wonderful singing by the All Saints Festival Choir, their leader James Lilwall.

Two weeks later an enjoyable Harvest Supper was organised by the Church Friends in the Village Hall. It was attended by 90 people who enjoyed a traditional meal and a light hearted quiz. Thank you all who muscled in to help out with that.

We held a Harvest Festival service in October as did the School a little later in the month, and the church was full as many of you will know.

On 29th October we are scheduled to host a Benefice Eucharist for all 13 churches in our group, and on November 5th our Patronal Festival (All Saints Day) a Choral Eucharist with the Festival Choir followed by Bucks Fizz and light refreshments. Sounds worth attending!

The Festival Choir will also be singing some moving music on November 12th at our Remembrance Day service (10.45am). Please join us if you can.

The Heart of Norfolk Benefice meeting in the village hall at the end of September had to move into the main hall, so many people turned up. The Revd Sally and Father Christopher implored us to be less dependent on our church buildings and more willing to get in the car and share our worship wherever we can meet as a larger group, instead of single figure congregations in scattered medieval churches. It is demoralising for them and for us.

A working group of one representative per parish was agreed, to replace the existing Team Forum, to meet regularly and work out a new strategy. Options include grouping parishes, to share services on a rota, and/or closing down most churches and keeping open just two or three. Bawdeswell is not one suggested for closure, but Foxley is.

For a more detailed report, read Christopher Davies letter on the next page.

Robin Taylor, Churchwarden

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CHURCH NEWS

Letter from Christopher

In late September well over 60 people gathered in Bawdeswell Village Hall for an open meeting about the future of the 13 churches in the Heart of Norfolk Benefice. The meeting was called following the repeated failure of advertisements to attract a new full-time priest to serve as a colleague for Sally.

There was wide recognition that things cannot continue as they are with multiple, often very small, congregations struggling to maintain medieval buildings. There was also the feeling that we need to seriously re-engage with what it means to be "church". The comment was well made: "how wonderful it would be if all those gathered in the hall were able to come together for worship on a Sunday!"

The number of church buildings we have is an accident of history and, fine as they may be, the fact is that they have never been fully used as places of worship. Current registers show that the numbers worshipping in the late 1940s was little different to today.

As a result of the Bawdeswell meeting a steering group, representing each of the 13 parishes has been formed to look at how we can be more effective in our witness without being hidebound by so many buildings. Inevitably this will mean change.

In a recent address Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, said "changes are always very difficult to deal with, and in most generations we imagine that we are facing the most difficult changes that any human being has ever faced in the whole of history". The Archbishop went on to explain the account in the Old Testament book, Deuteronomy, of Moses being about to undergo the biggest change that can ever happen to a person, namely his death. Yet the account focusses not on Moses' death but about the process of handover and continuity and flexibility to be adopted by Israel if God's purposes are to be fulfilled.

It may be that some of the things that we cherish will have to change if the message of the Gospel is to be effectively handed on to the next generation. This may disturb us for a while but we must set alongside our own feelings the overriding and glorious commission to "share the good news". That is our principal task and our joy.

With every Blessing,
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CHURCH SERVICES

Bawdeswell & Foxley Church Services

November 2017

Date	05 Nov	12 Nov	19 Nov	26 Nov
Season	All Saints Day	Remembrance Sunday	2 nd before Advent	Christ the King
Colour	W	R	R/G	R/W
Bawdeswell	1030 HC1 Patronal Festival	1045 Remembrance Service	10:30 All age service	10.30 Words & Praise
Foxley	09.30 HC(PB)	with Bawdeswell	1100 HC1	18.00 EP(BCP)

Key:

HC1: Holy Communion, Common Worship Order 1
 HC(PB): Holy Communion, Book of Common Prayer
 EP(BCP): Evening Prayer, Book of Common Prayer
 The 10:30 All age worship with Music Group
 Words and Praise: New Expressions

Service of Light and Remembrance, Saturday 4th November

You are invited to a Service of Light and Remembrance on Saturday 4th November, 4pm, at St Mary's North Elmham, where we will remember loved ones who have died. If you would like their names included, please contact the Rector, Revd Sally Kimmis, on 01362 668850 or via heartofnorfolkchurches@gmail.com

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