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WHAT'S ON

December and January Events

Event	Date	Location/Time
Foxley Quiz	Sat 2 nd Dec	Foxley Village Hall 6.30 for 7pm
Advent Carols Service	Sun 3 rd Dec	Bawdeswell Church 4pm
Cafe Philosophique	Tues 5 th Dec	Bawdeswell Village Hall 7.30pm
Foxley Christmas Coffee Morning	Wed 6 th Dec	Foxley Village Hall 10am
Bawdeswell Parish Council	Thurs 7 th Dec	Bawdeswell Village Hall 7pm
Bawdeswell Village Cinema	Sat 9 th Dec	Bawdeswell Village Hall 6.30 for 7.30pm
Mobile Library	Tues 12 th Dec	From 11.10am see page 37 for details
Book Group	Thurs 14 th Dec	Bawdeswell Village Hall 7.30pm
Wreath, Craft and Produce Sale	Sat 16 th Dec	Bawdeswell Church 10am- 1pm
Foxley Carol Service	Sat 16 th Dec	St Thomas's Church Foxley, 3.30pm
Bawdeswell Carol Service	Sun 17 th Dec	Bawdeswell Church 4pm
Foxley Coffee Morning	Wed 3 rd Jan	Foxley Village Hall 10am
Foxley Community Evening	Sat 6 th Jan	Foxley Village Hall 6-9pm
Mobile Library	Tues 9 th Jan	From 11.10am see page 37 for details
Knit and Natter	Thurs 11 th Jan	Bawdeswell Village Hall 2-4pm
Foxley Parish Council	Thurs 11 th Jan	Foxley Village Hall 7pm
Book Group	Thurs 11 th Jan	Bawdeswell Village Hall 7.30pm
Bawdeswell Village Cinema	Sat 13 th Jan	Bawdeswell Village Hall 6.30 for 7.30pm
Knit and Natter	Thurs 25 th Jan	Bawdeswell Village Hall 2-4pm
SkyLight	Sat 27 th Jan	Bawdeswell Village Hall 6.30 for 7.30pm
Bawdeswell Parish Council	Thurs 1 st Feb	Bawdeswell Village Hall 7pm



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WHAT'S ON

Regular Events	Time/Date	Location
Zumba Fitness	Mon 10 – 11am	Bawdeswell Village Hall
FitSteps	Mon 11 – 12pm	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Short Mat Bowls	Mon 2 – 4pm	Foxley Village Hall
Hub Cafe	Tues 10 – 12pm	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Slimming World	Tues 5.30pm	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Bridge Club	2 nd and 4 th Tues 7pm	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Youth Football Club	Wed 6 - 8pm	Bawdeswell Village Hall
FitSteps	Thurs 7 – 8pm	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Little Monkeys	Fri (term time) 9.30-11.30am	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Bridge Club	Fri 1.30pm	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Short Mat Bowls	Fri 2 – 4pm	Foxley Village Hall
Hatha Yoga	Sat 8.45 – 9.45am	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Games Afternoon	Sat 1.30 – 4.30pm	Bawdeswell Village Hall

OTHER LOCAL EVENTS

Event	Date	Location/Time
Reepham Christmas Tree Festival	29 th Nov – 3 rd Dec	St Marys Church, Reepham, see page 12 for details
Reepham Festival of Light	Sun 3 rd Dec	Reepham Market Place, 2.30-5pm
Reepham Gardening Club	Sun 10 th Dec	1pm Reepham Town Hall, see page 11 for details
Sunshine Café Open Day	Thurs 14 th Dec	10-12 noon St Michaels, Reepham, see page 15 for details
Reepham WI Meeting	Thurs 14 th Dec	7.30pm St Michaels, Reepham, see page 11 for details
Reepham Gardening Club	Tues 16 th Jan	7.15pm Reepham Town Hall, see page 11 for details
Reepham WI Meeting	Thurs 18 th Jan	7.30pm St Michaels, Reepham, see page 11 for details

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EVENTS INFORMATION

REEPHAM GARDENING CLUB

Reepham Gardening Club
Sunday, 10th December 1pm

It's Christmas Party Time, starts at 1pm.

Members only.

PLEASE NOTE NEW DATE AND TIME

Tuesday, 16th January 2024 7.15pm

Martyn Davey 'Plant Pests and Diseases'

Martyn features with Alan Gray on BBC Radio Norfolk's Garden Party. Martyn has given us excellent talks in the past and as an expert in plant pests and diseases this talk is bound to be very interesting and informative.

New members and visitors always welcome. Members, £1.00 non-members £3.00 (inc. tea/coffee and cake)

For more information call Jeff Johnson on 01362 680066 or visit our website:

www.Reephamgardenclub.org.uk or email Jeff

at jeffandcaroljohnson@yahoo.co.uk

Reepham WI

Thursday, 14th December 7.30pm

Christmas Social - A 'Folk' Christmas

With entertainment by Penny Doe

PLEASE NOTE NEW DATE

Thursday 18th January 7.30pm

Resolutions 2024

Discussions of the merits of the resolutions proposed for the National AGM later in the year.

Location: St Michael's Church Hall, Reepham.

For more details or if anyone is interested in becoming a member of the WI, please contact Christine Smith, Reepham WI Secretary,

at williamsmith110@btinternet.com.



REEPHAM CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Presented by Reepham Lions Club

St Mary's Church, Reepham

Wednesday 29th November to Sunday 3rd December 2023

OPENING TIMES

Wednesday 29th November 10.00 am to 4.30 pm

Thursday 30th November 10.00 am to 4.30 pm

Friday 1st December 10.00 am to 4.30 pm

Saturday 2nd December 10.00 am to 4.30 pm

Sunday 3rd December 11.30 am to 5.30 pm

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This community event will involve residents, groups and businesses from Reepham and the surrounding area, as sponsors, tree decorators or visitors.

There will be an opportunity for visitors to make voluntary donations, the proceeds of which will be shared between Reepham Lions and St Mary's Church, Reepham

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LETTERS

The passing of Betty Patricia Slattery

We are very sad to announce the passing of Betty Patricia Slattery (nee Murray), longtime resident of Foxley, at the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital on the 26th September 2023, aged 90.

Betty Murray was born in Charlton, South London in 1933. She was the youngest of 8 children. She continued to live in Charlton until she met and married Charlie from Dagenham. They went on to have four sons, Michael, Garry, Kevin and Graeme. The family moved to 8 Lawrence Place (or 'New Estate' as it was then) from Dagenham in January 1967, and Betty continued to live there until her passing.

Betty and her family loved the pace of village life compared to that in Essex and soon settled in. Betty and Charlie had a daughter, Jo, to complete the family in 1969. Over the years, her sons all married and raised families of their own, meaning Betty eventually had 9 grandchildren and around 12 great-grandchildren at the last count.

Betty was well known around the villages of Foxley and Bawdeswell and many people have told us how they remember seeing her on her bike whilst on her many trips to the shops in Bawdeswell – both for herself and some of her friends on occasion. She would often attend - and also help out at – coffee mornings and other events in the village hall at Foxley, and was also a member of the local Fab Club, where she enjoyed meeting her many friends and neighbours. She always seemed to do well in the raffles they held at these events!

Betty's fulltime job was looking after her family, though she also did several cleaning jobs and the occasional babysitting role, all of which she really enjoyed. She always liked meeting and talking to people – and their pets!

Her funeral, on the 24th October 2023, was a two-part affair with a private committal service at Breckland Crematorium, attended by 20 family members, and a Service of Thanksgiving at St Thomas' Church, Foxley, where they were joined by another 38 of her friends (with a further 5 representations). Revd Sally Kimmis officiated at both services, with the church organ being played by James Lilwall. A celebration gathering was held at Bawdeswell village hall where people could reflect on Betty's life over a cup of tea and a delicious buffet spread. Many thanks to all who had helped behind the scenes and on the day itself to make this all happen. It all went off really well. A collection in Betty's memory for the PACT animal charity has so far raised over £250 and counting.....Thank You.

Betty's ashes will be interred at St Thomas' church and a memorial tablet will be installed in due course to provide a permanent place of remembrance for Betty.

God Bless you Betty, mum, nan, great-nan, you will be forever in our hearts.

FESTIVAL OF LIGHT

Christmas in Reepham
Market Place

2023

SUNDAY
3rd DEC
2.30-5.00
pm

Christmas
Trees
For sale

Stalls

Food

Music

Late shopping

Crafts

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Entertainment

Community
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Santa



Merry Christmas Everyone

LETTERS

Open day at cafe for those living with dementia and their carers.

14th December 10am to 12 noon.

The Sunshine Memory Cafe, which meets regularly at St Michaels Church Hall in Reepham, is celebrating two successful years by inviting potential visitors to their Christmas get together.

The Cafe provides a warm and welcoming environment with games, entertainment, music and a chance to chat over coffee and cake. Many experienced helpers are on hand to make sure the morning goes smoothly and everyone can relax; they can also point visitors to local services who can help with specific needs.

Joy Flint and daughter Jackie have been coming to the cafe since it opened. "We look forward to our morning out, with a chance to see the friends we have made and enjoy some games and a drink. The helpers are really friendly and always make us feel at home".

All are welcome. There is no need to book and nothing to pay. Meetings are on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month from 10-12. The Christmas party will be held on the 14th December.

The cafe was founded by the Reepham Rotary with help from the Reepham Coop and other donations.

For more information please contact Peter Williams 01362 686860

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Community Charity Christmas Card

Once again, this year the PCC has arranged for there to be a Community Charity Christmas Card located in the Church during December for people to sign in lieu of sending each other cards.

Donations can be left in the wall safe by the door and these will be added to the collections over Christmas at the church and given to the St. Martins Housing Trust, caring for the homeless over the winter.

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To Mon 4 th Dec			
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Thurs 7 th Dec	Tina The Musical	8am	£82
	London Coach only		£32
	Thursford Christmas Spectacular	5pm	£74
Fri 8 th Dec			
Sat 9 th Dec	Birmingham Frankfurt Xmas Market	7.30am	£42 (C £27)
Sun 10 th Dec	Kentwell Hall Christmas	9am	£58 (Child £37)
Mon 11 th Dec	Hever Castle & Christmas Lunch	7.30am	£78
Wed 13 th Dec	Lion King Musical	8am	£84
Wed 13 th Dec	Bury St Edmunds Market	12 noon	£28
Thurs 14 th Dec	Wicksteed Park Xmas Dinner & Show	8.30am	£72
Sat 16 th Dec	Cromer Pier Xmas Show	11.30am	£50
Sun 17 th Dec	Carols @ The Royal Albert Hall	8.30am	£86
Mon 18 th Dec	Holkham Hall Candlelit Tour	3.45pm	£50
Wed 20 th Dec	Thursford Christmas Spectacular	12 noon	£74
Thurs 28 th Dec	Kingdom of Winter – London Excel	8.30am	£70 (Child £50)
Fri 29 th Dec	Harry Potter Studio Tour	12.30pm	£84 Child £72
Sat 30 th Dec	Kew Christmas Lights	10am	£60 (C£50 £20)

2024

Jan 2024

Tues 2 nd Jan	Peter Pan – London Palladium	8am	£89
Wed 3 rd Jan	Mamma Mia The Party	2pm	£165
Sun 7 th Jan	Abba Voyage	7.30am	£115
Sat 20 th Jan	Strictly On Tour	7.30am	£100
Sun 21 st Jan	Cirque De Soleil - Alegria	11am	£115 (C £100)

Feb 2024

Thurs 1 st Feb	The King & I	8am	£78
Fri 2 nd Feb	Bournemouth Winter Warmer	7am	from £245
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Alistair Hunter

I would like to thank everyone who offered their kindness and support after my partner Alistair Hunter sadly died suddenly at the end of September. I'm so grateful for all the cards I received from friends and neighbours with telephone numbers to call if I needed anything. It meant so much when I was feeling so overwhelmed.

I haven't been able to thank everyone individually, however I will in time, and I'm so grateful – thank you.

Fiona Macfarlane - Rose Cottage, Foxley.

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The income was to be used in assisting pupils leaving Bawdeswell School by paying a grant to help those in need of financial assistance (eg. School Fees, Uniforms, Books, Equipment etc.) at the Discretion of the Trust.

The trust functioned for many years, but fell into abeyance in 2022 when the last trustee passed away and they had neglected to appoint any new trustees, meaning nobody could authorise any payments.

After a lengthy and complicated procedure the Trust has now been re-established and is now in a position to make grants again.

If any parents/guardians would like to make an application for consideration of a grant please do so, initially either by letter or email to myself, giving child's name and age, date of leaving, and parents/guardians names and address. Eligibility is pupils leaving Year 6 and they must be resident in Bawdeswell or Foxley.

We will consider pupils who left in 2023 and will be leaving in 2024.

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LETTERS

Bawdeswell traffic issues –an update

There are no updates to report on the wind farm cabling projects since my article in the last edition of The Reeve's Tale. However, I felt residents might like to be updated on the issue of speeding in the village -particularly on the B1145 from the garden centre Norwich Road through Reepham Road to the village boundary.

The traffic census I managed last year near the garden centre - with the support of residents, confirmed what many had suspected that there was widespread flouting of the 30mph speed limit. Since then, from my own observations of daily use of the road and talking to other residents, it seemed that they had seen no improvement.

In conjunction with several concerned residents, we recently took this up with Norfolk Police who agreed to fit a black Pele case to a fixed post on the 30mph section of the B1145 for an 8-day period around the middle of October. This recorded traffic 24 hours a day both travelling towards Reepham and from the direction of Reepham. No images were recorded.

The Results -the data recorded showed that 63% of vehicles (nearly 15000) exceeded the 30mph limit over this period. 34% of vehicles (nearly 8000) exceeded 35 mph and in the worst cases, those travelling down the Norwich Road from Reepham direction, some 15% or nearly 2000 travelled at 40mph and more.

The Next Steps -these results were of such concern that the police will now set up a manned site using handheld safety cameras which will be used to record and issue fines. This has been classified as a red site which will mean at least 4 visits per month. The site has been made ready for this to commence as soon as resources allow.

From my observations and talking to residents who live on this stretch of road – the 40mph section of the B1145 Reepham Road up to the boundary of the village also has a serious issue with speeding motorists. The restricted nature of this road would mean that it would not be practical to have a manned site, but we are investigating if it is possible to similarly quantify the extent of the speeding problem, to consider next steps.

We would, of course, urge all our residents to observe the speed limits when travelling through our village (and others!). This can mean the difference between life and death if there is a collision particularly involving pedestrians.

I fully support our Parish Council in their call for volunteers to form a community speed watch team (and have volunteered myself). The police activity will be time limited because of the huge demands on their limited resources, and communities can make a big difference in deterring speeding motorists in their villages and towns.

David Coles

A great new venture for 2024 - Bawdeswell Entertainments Group can now screen some plays from the National Theatre.

Do come for “a Night Out at the Theatre” at Bawdeswell Village Hall on

SATURDAY 27 JANUARY AT 7:30

Skylight

by David Hare
directed by Stephen Daldry



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VILLAGE NEWS

Bawdeswell Village Hall Update

The Village Hall has been buzzing with activity more and more lately. New hirers, as well as our usual ones, are requesting various parts or all of the Hall for different events, including Birthday parties, Wakes, Committee meetings, Lapwing Education sessions, Exercise classes of various types, Craft groups, and Table tennis Club to name just a few. So many and varied are the activities going on in the Hall on a weekly basis, alongside the usual Tuesday morning Coffee Hub, monthly Soup and Puds and exercise classes, that our volunteers are kept very busy meeting and greeting hirers, setting out tables and chairs, and making teas and coffees for various groups.

The Trustees and committee are so proud of the volunteers that do such a wonderful job helping our hirers to have a good experience when they hire the Hall, and we have such good feedback from hirers who have been so pleased with all the help they receive. Feedback is always welcome – whether good or not so good – so that we can keep up our high standard for everyone who comes through the doors.

The large planters outside the patio doors and the one by the front door have recently been replanted with winter plants and we hope that they help to give a good colourful welcome as people approach the building. The entrance hall is now sporting a good selection of books and jigsaws for anyone to borrow to keep boredom at bay during the winter doom and gloom, so do make use of them any time that the hall is open.

Something to look forward to in the New Year – and a new event from the Bawdeswell Entertainment Group – is the screening of some plays from the National Theatre here at the Hall. The first one will be shown on Saturday 27th January 2024 at 7.30pm, doors opening at 6.30pm. If you enjoy a night at the theatre do look out for the posters around the village.

Also keep your eyes open in the Reeves Tale, as well as on posters around the village, for upcoming events this month as we get closer to Christmas and the New Year. Our last coffee Hub for the year will be on the 19th December and the first one in the New Year will be on the 2nd January. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Peaceful New Year.

Contacts:

Chair: Carolyn Good - 01362 688 944

Bookings: Jo Porter – 01362 688 887



Foxley Village Hall



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VILLAGE NEWS

Foxley Village Hall

Hearing Loop and PA system

Foxley Village Hall has had a new hearing loop and PA system installed. Our thanks to Robin Taylor, who did the lion's share of the work, and to Chris Leppard and Nick Mears, who helped. We hope this will make our events more accessible to all.

Coffee Morning

The date of the next coffee morning will be **Wednesday, 6th December at 10:00 am** - note the earlier starting time. This will be a special Christmas coffee morning with music from the Fakenham Ukeles and special Christmas raffles.

Our first coffee morning for 2024 will be on **Wednesday 3rd January at 10:00 am**.

Community Evening

There will not be a community evening on 2nd December as that will be the evening of the Quiz. Our first Community Evening of New Year will be on **Saturday 6th January from 6 – 9 pm**. Do come and join us for a drink and a chance to chat to your neighbours.

St Thomas's Church Foxley

The carol service this year will be on a **SATURDAY 16th December at 3:30 pm**. There will be a mix of carols and readings with refreshments to follow.



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New members are welcome and will be able to come for two meetings before deciding to join the group and pay their subscription.

"Lady in Waiting" by Anne Glenconner



This book was a change for us. An autobiography rather than a work of fiction. However if we hadn't known this in advance, we could have thought we were reading a fictional story. This book details drama, tragedy, and royal secrets.

Anne Glenconner has been at the centre of the royal circle from childhood, growing up at Holkham Hall. Though the firstborn child of the 5th Earl of Leicester, as a daughter she was deemed "the greatest disappointment" and was unable to inherit.

This book is a witness to moments in royal history. She was Maid of Honour at Queen Elizabeth's coronation, and a lady-in-waiting to Princess Margaret until her death in 2002.

Her story covers her 54-year marriage to the volatile Colin Tennant, Lord Glenconner, who left his fortune to a former servant. She also describes how she coped with the death of two of her adult sons, including nursing a third back from a six-month coma following a motorcycle accident.

We are currently reading "*Juliet, Naked*" by **Nick Hornby** for discussion at our meeting on **14th December**.

We plan to discuss our 'Secret Santa Books' at our first meeting of 2024 on **11th January 2024**.

Enquiries: Carolyn 01362 688944

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They were fully launched as a regular concert performing choir earlier this year and gave a sellout performance back in June and again in September.

The music repertoire is broadly '**Bach to Broadway**'. We strive to perform at the highest possible level.

If you like the sound of what we do, have some singing experience, and can commit, we have vacancies in all departments.

Please contact the MD, **James Lilwall on 01362 688499** or pjililwall@hotmail.com for an initial conversation, you would be most welcome!



Bawdeswell Bowls Club

Not much to report this month, still spiking when weather allows and mowing when necessary leaves beginning to be a problem. There is about eight Bawdeswell players playing indoors at Roundwood through the winter. Bawdeswell Bowls club will be holding an open day in late April for anybody who would like to try bowls, more information later.

That's all for now, for more information call **Paul on 01362688615, Mob 07796964574** or email paul.digby5@hotmail.co.uk



Bridge Club

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The JayCee Bridge Club meets in the Village Hall on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of every month at 7pm and on Friday afternoons at 1.30pm. Whilst we aspire to play well, our range of bridge abilities means that it's really bridge for fun. No regular partners are needed. If you think you might like to start playing bridge then you are welcome to come along and watch to begin with.

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Bawdeswell Knit and Natter

No meetings in December. Dates for **January are 11th and 25th**
2 - 4 pm at the Village Hall.

Come along and join us. Refreshments will be available.

Enquiries: **Josie Beach 01362 688869.**



Bell Ringing at Foxley Church

Bell ringing takes place by arrangement on the first Sunday of the month at Foxley and occasionally at North Elmham Church. Visitors and learners are very welcome. Please call me beforehand to check if we are ringing, thank you.

If you would like to help in any way, please contact: **David Wheeler on 07909 901015 or 01362 688796, Email: davidawheeler@sky.com**



Bintree Bowls Club

The 2023/24 indoor bowls season at the Gallow Indoor Bowls Club at the Fakenham Leisure Centre is now in full swing, where we also have our Wednesday afternoon roll-up for any Bintree member who wishes to partake, followed by a visit to a local hostelry for eats.

By the time this issue will be in circulation, our AGM will have been held on 30th November at Foxley Village Hall. Our Xmas Dinner and Presentation Evening is being held on 16th December at Gallow. The final 100 club draw for this year will be made then as well. New members are always welcome and you can track us on our website, bintreebowlsclub.co.uk.

Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year to one and all!



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CLUBS AND SOCIETIES



Cafe Philosophique

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There will be no meeting in January.

We continue, hopefully, to learn and to entertain, on a wide range of subjects.

Contact: **Peter: 01362 688944**



Foxley Village Hall Coffee Morning

The next coffee morning will take place on **Wednesday 6th December at 10am**. This will be a special Christmas coffee morning with music from the Fakenham Ukeleles and special Christmas raffles.

Our first coffee morning for 2024 will be on **Wednesday 3rd January at 10am**.

If you need transport, please contact Jo 688981 or for any other enquiries please contact **Linda 688488 or Gillian 688955**



Short Mat Bowls

Foxley Village Hall Every Monday and Friday **2 - 4pm**

New members welcome.

To find out more, call **Frank on 01362 688089** or **Carole on 01362 688567**.



Little Monkeys Parent and Toddler Group

Bawdeswell Village Hall every Friday morning during term time, 10am – 11.30am.

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Lakeside Pilgrims Bowls Club

This season has been a very successful season on two counts. We won the Whissonsett League, came second in the EBA North1 League and were in the running for a place in the Cawston League up to the start of August and then we blew it – finishing in fifth place.

But, the other success was that we were the club responsible for the Cawston League Charity for the season and we raised £4070 for the Alzheimer's Society. We hope to play next season in the same three Bowls Leagues, Whissonsett, Cawston and the Norfolk EBA North 1 league but we are finding the lack of players a trying time so even though the season is over we would still like anyone interested in playing for us to let us know – normally players will get at least two games per week.

After our home games we have refreshments of tea or coffee and biscuits or cake and a chance for after match socialising. Anybody who is interested in playing for us contact **Cyril on 07966169806** or Email cyriljanes@btinternet.com



Dereham Walkers are Welcome

Dereham Walkers are Welcome is a not-for-profit organisation.



Please come and join us for a walk in the local area.

Our short walk of around four miles is always on the first Friday of the month. As usual, we are celebrating the beginning of the New Year with a longer walk (around 6 miles) on Monday January 1st as well as continuing our walks of just two miles for those wanting an easier walking experience. For up-to-date information, please check our website <http://www.derehamwaw.org.uk/>,
email Ken Hawkins: ken-hawkins@tiscali.co.uk or call him on 07505 426750.



Wensum Valley Birdwatching Society

Indoor meetings at Great Witchingham Village Hall at 7.30pm. All are welcome but there is a small charge for non-members.

INDOOR - Thursday 14th December – Christmas social including a talk from Steve Cale. Thursday 18th January – Reflections from Mark Avery.

OUTDOOR - Sunday 7th January – Annual Bird Count in the Wensum Valley. Do get in touch if you would like to take part – we may be able to arrange some small teams. Saturday 27th January – Horsey, Brograve and St Benet's Abbey.

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Community Car Scheme: Bawdeswell, Bylaugh, Foxley

Thank you to our wonderful volunteer drivers and our Parish Clerk Jo Boxall for their service so far this year - we truly live in the presence of angels! It has been a pleasure to be your coordinator.

We have seen a noticeable upturn in requests for help from the Community Car Scheme in 2023. So far, we have completed 41 journeys in the first half of the year or almost 2 a week. It is good to see that the scheme is being utilised and providing a valuable service for local residents. I heard recently that it cost £40 to travel to Cromer by taxi for a medical appointment, so there is a cost saving too at just 20p per mile paid by the passenger and of course the return journey too.

We are very fortunate to have this scheme which is funded by our parish councils and we welcome new passengers and drivers. For new passengers there are just a few questions to answer, such as the mobility of the passenger (we can't help with wheelchairs) and general health. Drivers are reimbursed for mileage expenses at 45p per mile but give their time freely.

Do keep the requests for assistance coming in **with as much notice as possible please** and we will try our best to help if a volunteer driver is available. Thank you.

David Wheeler 07909 901015



Current Opening Hours and Locations

Tuesday	Bawdeswell Church	9.00am - 12.00pm
Friday	Bawdeswell Church	9.00am - 12.00pm



With Christmas and New Year coming up, this is always a very busy time within the Surgery.

How You Can Help Us during this busy Festive Period:

- Please order your medication no later than 8th of December
- Ensure you have ordered enough to last you over the Festive Period
- Ensure you have enough medication to last you until the next delivery slot and check with your remote delivery site when their opening hours are to ensure you have collected your medication before they close for the festive period.

Please note: Any orders received after the 8th of December, will make it harder for us to guarantee your medication will be ready in time.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR 2023 OPENING TIMES AND BANK HOLIDAYS

	Elmham Surgery	Swanton Morley Surgery	Toftwood Medical Centre
Friday 22nd	08:30 – 18:30	08:30 – 18:00	08:00 – 18:00
Saturday 23rd	<u>CLOSED</u>	<u>CLOSED</u>	<u>CLOSED</u>
Sunday 24 th	<u>CLOSED</u>	<u>CLOSED</u>	<u>CLOSED</u>
Monday 25 th	<u>CLOSED</u>	<u>CLOSED</u>	<u>CLOSED</u>
Tuesday 26 th	<u>CLOSED</u>	<u>CLOSED</u>	<u>CLOSED</u>
Wednesday 27 th	08:30 – 18:00	08:30 – 18:00	08:00 – 18:00
Thursday 28 th	08:30 – 18:30	08:30 – 18:00	08:00 – 18:00
Friday 29 th	08:30 – 18:30	08:30 – 18:00	08:00 – 18:00
Saturday 30th	<u>CLOSED</u>	<u>CLOSED</u>	<u>CLOSED</u>
Sunday 31 st	<u>CLOSED</u>	<u>CLOSED</u>	<u>CLOSED</u>
Monday 1st	<u>CLOSED</u>	<u>CLOSED</u>	<u>CLOSED</u>
Tuesday 2nd	08:30 – 18:30	08:30 – 18:00	08:00 – 18:00

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BAWDESWELL	CHAUCER CLOSE	11.55 – 12.10
FOXLEY	VILLAGE HALL	12:20 – 12.35

Breckland Mobile Food Store

This new community facility is available to Bawdeswell and Foxley Residents.

The Breckland Mobile Food Store will be at the Village Hall on Tuesdays from 11am – 12pm.

Check Facebook - Breckland Mobile Food Store for details.

The store will follow a regular route around rural areas of Breckland, providing a way to shop for healthy, nutritious food and store cupboard staples at a reduced price. If increasing living costs or difficulty getting to the shops are problems for you, the store is a way to help.

The Breckland Mobile Food Store is funded by Breckland Council and Norfolk Community Foundation and run by local charity Kickstart. Friendly expert staff on the bus are also trained to offer wider support. If you need advice on things like debt management, mental health and wellbeing, chat to the staff and they'll connect you to a range of services.

To use the Breckland Mobile Food Store you'll need to become a member. You'll make a one-off payment of £3.50 per household and be issued with a membership card. Membership applications can be completed on your first visit to the bus, or online at breckland.gov.uk.



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PARISH COUNCILS

MEETING OF BAWDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 2nd NOVEMBER 2023 AT 7.00pm

**Present: J. Mallen (Chair), D. Shannon, A. Hartley-Walder, C. Good and P. Craven.
Mrs. J Boxall (Clerk) Members of the public – 1**

Grounds Maintenance

The Council agreed to defer approval of the Grounds Maintenance Contract until December when it was hoped the Council would have more information to be able to consider all proposals.

Breckland Call for Sites

Robert Walker Deputy CEO of Breckland Council and Andrew Darcy Planning Policy Manager for Breckland Council were in attendance. It was confirmed that the Local Plan process has taken longer than expected due to the large volume of correspondence received regarding the proposed New Town. It was acknowledged that there is a need to find 4000 new homes across Breckland to meet housing needs and sites would be considered to ensure they are available, suitable and that the scheme proposed is deliverable.

The next key date will be end of November (27th) where general broad locations will be debated, these will be definitive in March.

Whilst it is preferable for development to be on brown field sites, a lack of these sites in Breckland means that other types of land will be considered.

It was confirmed that the infrastructure requirements behind development is outside Breckland's control and that although site promoters will need to tick the infrastructure box, Norfolk County Council will be involved in the process after November.

The Parish Council queried Bawdeswell's designation as a Local Service Centre given the lack of a Doctors or Dentist in the village. As the methodology used to designate LSC's was deemed to be robust by the independent inspector on the current Local Plan, an alternative development strategy was unlikely. The PC will have the opportunity to comment on their LSC status as part of the consultation.

The Council were advised that they did not need to submit a site specific response until it is known if Bawdeswell has any housing allocations. The PC were invited to submit comments ahead of the March draft plan but would not receive a response until after March. It was confirmed that the recent housing development would not be taken into account when considering allocations.

The planning officers were thanked for their attendance.

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Highway

A letter was sent to Highways and copied to the District and County Councillors and the local MP highlighting the concerns raised about vehicles parking on The Street and by the school.

Play Area

Play area repairs have been carried out to the slide and toddler swings. The Council agreed to repairs to replace the climbing board on the tractor and approve repairs to the roto bounce.

It was acknowledged that there is an issue with dog mess on the recreation ground and it was hoped that the new signage would help draw attention to this. It was agreed to contact the Dog Warden to raise concerns and seek further help.

It was agreed to review the situation regarding surfacing under some items of play equipment until the spring.

The play inspection of Bluebell Rise play area was received and was circulated for consideration. As there were no items of immediate concern, it was agreed to defer consideration of the report until the spring.

Planning

No planning applications, late applications or decisions were received.

Finance

The balance of the Community account as at 31st October 2023 was confirmed as £32164.34, Business Money Manager (Earmarked reserves) was £39234.64. Budget figures were circulated to Council for consideration.

The Parish Council would like to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

The next Parish Council Meetings will be held on Thursday 7th December at 7.00pm and 1st February 2023. These meetings will be held at the Village Hall. Members of the public are warmly invited to attend. The Council usually meet on the first Thursday of every month except for January & August. Please check the website or noticeboard for any changes.

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

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>

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PARISH COUNCILS

Foxley Parish Council

WANTED

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- Maintaining/updating files and documents
- Implementing the Council's decision
- Attending to all correspondence including letters and emails
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Bawdeswell

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

All Saints Festival Choir
Directed by James Lilwall

Sunday 3rd December
4pm

Seasonal music starts at 3.50pm for prayer & reflection
refreshments follow the service

CHURCH NEWS

The Friends of Bawdeswell Church
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The Christmas Wreath Fair with Craft & Seasonal produce will be held on **Saturday the 16th of December, 10am – 1pm in the church**. Always a great occasion, so do come along and give us a look, you'll get a warm seasonal welcome! There will be a hamper raffle and plenty of seasonal refreshments to enjoy. A big thank you to Julie Smith and all the volunteers this year who have offered to make wreaths. We couldn't do it without you! If you would like to pre order a wreath and have it ahead of the 16th please contact pjilwall@hotmail.com or 01362 688499.

Planning is well advanced for next year's events, kicking off with the annual 100 Club members drinks party at Church View on Saturday the 20th January. If you are interested in joining for 2024 do please get in touch with any of us below who can give you more details, now is the time to join! You can jointly buy one membership if you wish, there are no restrictions, we would love to have you.

Very exciting news for next year's events to share, we have been able to secure the **Chapterhouse Theatre company** for our joint fund raising performance at Bylaugh hall. The date is to be **Sunday the 28th July** and the show will be **Pride & Prejudice**, very fitting for the venue we think!

We have been considering our long running partnership with the International Festival Players for some time and it seemed the time was right for a change. We thank them for all the support over the many years and wish them all the best for the future. Tickets we hope will go on sale before Christmas but in the meantime do have a look at their website and face book pages, <https://www.chapterhouse.org/>

2024 events:

Jan 20th 100 Club members Annual Drinks Party - 7pm - Church View
April 13th Race Night with Supper - Doors open at 7pm, first race 7.30pm – Village Hall
July 28th Bylaugh Hall – Pride & Prejudice - Gates open at 12pm performance 2pm
Sep tbc Harvest Supper – Doors open at 7pm for 7.30pm – Village Hall
Dec 7th Christmas Wreath Fair with Craft & Seasonal produce 10am-1pm – The Church

All ticket information and further enquiries from 01362 688499 or pjilwall@hotmail.com James Lilwall – Chairman David Shannon – Treasurer Peter Jervis – 100 Club Secretary Committee Members – Robin Taylor, Sandi Taylor, Angela Shannon, Jamie Duncan & Melanie Pratt, Jo Porter, Anne Toomey and Josie Beach.



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Saturday 16th December
10am – 1pm

CHURCH NEWS

Bawdeswell Church News



Remembrance Sunday. Thank you all who turned out for this special service. It was good to have the church fill up to share in this annual event.

Our grateful thanks to the All Saints Festival Choir for their wonderful singing and their choirmaster and organist James Lilwall for all the work they put into it. The singing was beautiful and a great credit to them all.

The church was decorated with hundreds of poppies knitted for this occasion some time ago by the Knit & Natter Group at the Village Hall.

In December we look forward to the choir returning for the Advent Carol Service on Sunday 3rd and the Christmas Carol Service on Sunday 17th, both at 4pm. These services are not to be missed!

Our Christmas communion will be held on Christmas Eve at 7pm, and on Christmas Day an informal family service at 10.30am.

Dereham Food Bank. Please get your donations to Bawdeswell church by the second week in December

Thank you, RT Churchwarden.



St Thomas's Church, Foxley

Welcomes you all to a

Christmas Carol Service

With carols and readings

**On Saturday 16th December 2023 at
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CHURCH NEWS

Church Letter

Soon be Christmas!

If I had a pound for every time I have heard these three words before December, I would be a rich man. However, we really are now in advent, the countdown to Christmas. Nowadays we start on the first day of the month, opening a window each day on our advent calendars. Maybe even to find a little piece of chocolate inside; certainly an image of something to remind us of what is coming. For the church, advent (which means 'the coming') starts on the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day, so we start on December 3rd this year.

So, what is to come? Presents, parties, cake, decorations, and lots more. Amongst all this we should remember the true message of Christmas and what is to come. Each Sunday we will light a candle, four candles for the four themes; Hope, Peace, Joy and Love; represented by the Patriarchs, the Prophets, John the Baptist and finally the Virgin Mary. On Christmas Day we will light the fifth candle to celebrate the Nativity, Christ's birth and arrival as a light in the world. I look forward to the advent hymns and Christmas carols that we will singing at our church services and making Christingles with the children.

The Christmas rose *Helleborus niger*, with its white flowers representing purity, is a common plant grown at this time of year. But perhaps the most popular plant is the poinsettia with its leaves growing in a star shape and bracts that turn red to symbolise the blood shed by Jesus. Christmas tide, or the twelve days of Christmas, takes us to January 5th and into the New Year. While the weather may be harsh at this time, the winter aconites and snowdrops may start peeking through. Lots of new beginnings to look forward to.

So, while you are opening your presents, celebrating and enjoying all the wonderful things that these two months bring, take some time to remember the true message of Christmas.

I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Yours in Faith
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Season	<i>Advent 1</i>	<i>Advent 2</i>	<i>Advent 3</i>	<i>Christmas Eve</i>	<i>Christmas Day</i>
Bawdeswell	4pm Advent Carols	10.30am The 10:30	4pm Carol Service	7pm HC	10.30am Family Service
Foxley	Carol Service Sat. 16th Dec. 3.30pm				
Sunday 31 st Dec. Benefice HC at Worthing					

January 2024

Date	Sun 7 th January	Sun 14 th January	Sun 21 st January	Sun 28 th January
Season	<i>Epiphany 1</i>	<i>Epiphany 2</i>	<i>Epiphany 3</i>	<i>Epiphany 4</i>
Bawdeswell	10.30am HC	10.30am The 10:30	10.30am HC	10.30am Words & Praise
Foxley	-	-	-	-

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