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WHAT'S ON

February Events

Event	Date	Location/Time
Bawdeswell Parish Council	Thurs 2 nd Feb	Bawdeswell Village Hall 7pm
Foxley Community Evening	Sat 4 th Feb	Foxley Village Hall 6-9pm
Carmen	Sat 4 th Feb	Bawdeswell Village Hall 7 for 7.30pm
Cafe Philosophique	Tues 7 th Feb	Bawdeswell Village Hall 7.30pm
Mobile Library	Tues 7 th Feb	From 11am
Knit and Natter	Thurs 9 th Feb	Bawdeswell Village Hall 2-4pm
Book Group	Thurs 9 th Feb	Bawdeswell Village Hall 7.30pm
Bawdeswell Village Cinema	Sat 11 th Feb	Bawdeswell Village Hall 6.30 for 7.30pm
Foxley Coffee Morning	Wed 15 th Feb	Foxley Village Hall 10.30am
Radio& Podcasting Workshop	Wed 22 nd Feb	Bawdeswell Village Hall 1-3pm
Knit and Natter	Thurs 23 rd Feb	Bawdeswell Village Hall 2-4pm
Foxley Parish Council	Thurs 23 rd Feb	Foxley Village Hall 7.30pm
Foxley Community Evening	Sat 4 th Feb	Foxley Village Hall 6-9pm
Bawdeswell Parish Council	Thurs 2 nd Mar	Bawdeswell Village Hall 7pm

OTHER LOCAL EVENTS

Event	Date	Location/Time
Reepham WI Meeting	Thurs 16 th Feb	7.30pm St. Michaels Church Hall, Reepham, see page 9 for details
Reepham Gardening Club	Tues 21 st Feb	7.45pm Reepham Town Hall, see page 9 for details

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
Zumba Fitness	Mon. 7 – 8pm	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Hub Cafe	Tues. 10 – 12pm	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
Bridge Club	Fri. 2pm	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Short Mat Bowls	Fri. 2 – 4pm	Foxley Village Hall
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Jane Steward - 'The Wonderful Medlar, Our Forgotten Fruit'

Jane is owner of Eastgate Larder, specialist grower and producer of medlar preserves. Jane will talk about her passion for reviving the medlar and the orchard they have planted at Eastgate.

Location: Town Hall, Church St, Reepham NR10 4JW

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, 16th February 7.30pm

AGM

All welcome, plus new committee members wanted.

Thursday, 16th March 7.30pm.

Susan Dawson. - Bed and Breakfast to Bed & Bondage:

Her talk tells her story of how she got into the Bed & Breakfast trade, after coming to Norfolk from London and how she accidentally became a Miss Whiplash!

It is a funny talk, with various stories about the people that she came into contact with. The talk is definitely not offensive or rude, in fact it will open your eyes to another world.

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.



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LETTERS

Laptops for Burkina Faso.

Thank you to The Reeve's Tale which has greatly helped with the publicity to encourage people to donate their laptops. They will be most appreciated for students and Pastors in Burkina Faso. Thank you so much for all you have done. I was delighted that there were so many of them. He also tells me that they have been kindly cleared of any personal files and photos.

In Burkina they are changed to French with French keyboard (using stickers to correspond to the new layout) and we put on a free antivirus. The laptops were loaded onto a container on Friday up in Hull. I will try and give you further news about who has benefited and why we have chosen that person.

Once again thanks.

Jeremy Nash

Conversing with the Psalms

A new monthly ecumenical study group open to all on the fourth Wednesday of the month.

1st meeting 22nd February in Stibbard Methodist Chapel starting at 2.30 pm.

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Latest news from Reepham Rotary

Share the warmth for Ukraine tops £5,000 - and counting.

The Reepham Rotary campaign to support the people of Ukraine during the horrors of a winter under attack has now raised over £5,000 with the help of members and others in the community.

As government energy support payments began to arrive, many members felt that there was a greater need than ours right now. Reepham Rotary has established a direct link with the Rotary Club of Kyiv so we can be certain that money reaches the right place and we can hear how it is used.

Through leaflets, collecting buckets and on-line donations the appeal -with gift aid- has now topped £5,000 according to Reepham Rotary President Jim Frazer.

There are many needs in the world and at home and we respond where we can. However the unnecessary suffering created by this war on a civilian population has touched many hearts, particularly as there are now refugees welcomed among us in Reepham. Many thanks to all who have contributed so far.

The initial money raised is now being sent, although the appeal will remain open as the need will continue.

If you would like to join us in helping the people of Ukraine you could donate on line at bit.ly/ReephamUkraine22.

Alternatively donations can be sent

via BACs to the Club's trust Fund, Sort code 20-03-26 A/C 90387088.

cheques to Reepham Rotary Club to Jim Fraser at Newington House, Booton, NR10 4NZ.

There are also cash collection points at the Post Office and around the town.

More information from Richard Cooke 07889 036852 Jim Fraser 07736 416869. www.reephamrotary.org.uk.



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Sun 12 th Feb	Birmingham International Tattoo	7.30am	£65
Thurs 16 th Feb	Chippenham Park Snowdrops	9.30am	£36
Sat 18 th Feb	Devitt Insurance Motorcycle Show	8am	£48
Thurs 23 rd Feb	Anglesey Abbey Snowdrops	9am	£38 (NT £23)
Sun 26 th Feb	Kew Gardens Orchids	8am	£50

March 2023

Wed 1 st March	Moulin Rouge	8am	£99
Thurs 2 nd March	Jack The Ripper Tour – London	12 noon	£50
Sat 11 th March	Windsor Castle & Windsor	8am	£54 (£32 Travel)
Sat 18 th March	London Model Railway Show	7.30am	£45
Wed 22 nd March	Matilda The Musical	7.30am	£72
Fri 24 th March	Classic Car Restoration Show NEC	7.30am	£52
Sat 25 th March	Stitch Festival – Islington	8am	£45
Sun 26 th March	Thriplow Daffodil Weekend	9am	£28
Sun 26 th March	Michael Buble O2 Concert Travel	1.30pm	£40

April 2023

Tues 4 th April	Music of Bond - Royal Philharmonic	1.30pm	£70
Tues 11 th April	Colchester Zoo	8.30am	Adult £50 Child £35
Wed 12 th Apr	Elton John – O2 Arena	1.30pm	£145
Sat 15 th April	Andre Rieu Resorts World Arena	1.30pm	£115
Sun 16 th April	Elton John – O2 Arena	1.30pm	£145
Wed 19 th April	Bury St Edmunds Market Day	9am	£22
Fri 21 st April	Norway Fjords Cruise	6.30am	from £1049
To Fri 28 th April			

May 2023

Mon 1 st May	Duran Duran O2 Concert Travel	1.30pm	£40
Wed 3 rd May	Constable Country & Lavenham	8.30am	£35
Sun 7 th May	Abba Voyage	7.30am	£98
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Bawdeswell traffic issues –an update

Following my article in the November edition of The Reeve's Tale, I can now let you know the developments on these issues for our village.

Wind farm cabling projects –Vattenfall and Hornsea

Vattenfall have now advised me that they are "at least 7 months away from beginning installation of the cable ducting across their cable route". They do not have any information regarding traffic management in and around Bawdeswell at this stage but will ensure that "this is discussed in person well in advance of the works commencing". I will follow up with them and have sent them a detailed list of questions regarding anticipated HGV levels, road closures etc, that they say they will respond to.

Hornsea – the cabling work with this developer is more advanced with roadworks and closures currently taking place in and around Cawston. I requested a meeting with Hornsea in November which, whilst they initially agreed to, then said they "would only meet with Bawdeswell Parish Council elected representatives". The PC minutes from November state that "future meetings with windfarm developers will need to be deferred until new councillors can be recruited". I would again urge the Parish Council to give this matter a high priority as they are in danger of missing the opportunity of influencing and mitigating the impact of these works on our village. I wrote to the Parish Clerk and Chairman on December 9th offering my help with the proposed meetings and it is disappointing that I have not received a reply. I have sent a detailed list of questions to Hornsea that they have promised to respond to. I will also be going to the Hornsea project team meeting in Cawston on 3rd February where I will be putting all the questions I have raised to them.

Advanced speed monitoring cameras - it was disappointing to see from the November PC minutes that the "speed reduction project (village gates and SAM2 cameras) will need to be deferred until the appointment of the new council in May due to the present lack of volunteers". Because of the timing of the funding applications this is likely to result in a 12 month delay. Again, this is a missed opportunity by the Parish Council to reduce speeding in the village and it is hoped that when the new Parish Council is in place in May they will have more time to devote to important issues affecting our village and residents.

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There is also a programme of longer walks planned for later in the year.

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<http://www.derehamwaw.org.uk/>,

or email Ken Hawkins: ken-hawkins@tiscali.co.uk

or call him on 07505 426750.

Phone Box

The free books library has now moved to the Village Hall, you can find them in the foyer. You can check on the website to see when the hall is open on [www. bawdeswellvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.bawdeswellvillagehall.co.uk) . It is also open every Tuesday for 'The Hub' 10-12pm.



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Community Car Scheme: Bawdeswell, Bylaugh, Foxley

2022 has been another busy year for the Community Car Scheme! We have covered over 60 journeys which is a fantastic achievement with very few volunteer drivers.

A very big thank you to our volunteer drivers who by giving their time to help others, contribute so much to our local community. I am especially grateful for the voluntary service of Liz Ollier, Phil Ollier and Roger Fryatt who after many years' service have retired from the scheme in 2022. Our heartfelt thanks to you all.

I feel strongly that, as the demand upon our NHS grows, we should help each other to attend medical appointments they are hard enough to get in the first place. I know that requests for help under the CCS are a last resort so it becomes doubly important to offer help if we can.

But my fear for 2023 is that **unless we can recruit some more volunteer drivers, then this scheme will not be able to provide the service we would all like to provide.**

So I would urge you to consider whether you could give a little time for an occasional journey to help a neighbour attend a medical appointment, whether it be to the N&N or a local doctor's surgery? You will be reimbursed for mileage expenses.

Please give me a ring to volunteer - **David Wheeler on 07909 901015.**

Meantime, do keep the requests for assistance coming in and we will try our best to help if a volunteer driver is available. Thank you and best wishes for the New Year.



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BAWDESWELL	CHAUCER CLOSE	11.45 – 12.00
FOXLEY	VILLAGE HALL	12:10 – 12.25

Breckland Mobile Food Store

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



Breckland Mobile Food Store

The Breckland Mobile Food Store will be at the Village Hall on Tuesdays from 11am – 12.30pm.

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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Foxley Village Hall

Coffee Morning

The Christmas Coffee Morning on the Wednesday before Christmas was well attended and appreciated by all. My thanks to everyone who baked a good selection of sausage rolls and mince pies plus the usual range of cakes. The raffle was well supported, and special hampers provided by Frank and Bonnie rounded off a most enjoyable morning. The raffle and the donations for coffee and cakes raised over £180 for the Dereham Foodbank, our thanks to all who attended.

The February coffee morning will be on **Wednesday, 15th February 2023 at 10:30 am**, we look forward to seeing you all there.

Community Evening

The next Community Evening will on **Saturday, 4th February 2023 from 6pm to 9 pm**.

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VILLAGE NEWS

Bawdeswell Village Hall Update

Happy New Year! And hopefully it will be a really good one for us all.

Our Village Hall is being used by lots of different people and community groups, and our feedback is that it is “well-loved”.

However, we do have a problem with a faulty roof, leading to leaks. We have plans in place to ‘fix’ this in March. Please read the following letter. This is being sent to all our users, hirers and friends, explaining our fundraising appeal. We will have a huge bill to pay, but it’s absolutely essential that we get the work completed.

Bawdeswell Village Hall
Reepham Road
Bawdeswell

Dear Everyone

I am writing on behalf of all our Hall Charity Trustees to ask if you can help us.

We all love our Hall and how it enhances and supports our wider community. We are also so pleased to receive good feedback from our many users. We are grateful to have a vibrant Volunteer Group who help us to look after our building and all of our users.

However, we have a problem. Unfortunately, a rather large one. **We have a “leaky” roof.**

Over the past 5 years (and our building was only opened in 2015), we have attempted to ‘fix’ this and have spent large sums of money on suggested ways to stop the rain leaking in above our Activities Room. However, none of these ‘fixes’ has resolved the issue.

During last year we, with the help of our architect and roof manufacturer, conducted a major survey to pin-point the exact source of the leak. Extensive research and tests showed that the roof had been incorrectly installed. Further research identified that we have no redress as the construction company and roof sub-contractor are no longer in existence, and our building insurance will not cover any subsequent claim on faulty work.

We know we have to resolve the leaking roof once and for all; otherwise our beautiful Hall will deteriorate and become a sad version of itself. We need to keep our hall functioning as the centre of our community. To this end we have engaged a roofing company and corrective building work will start in March. Part of the roof will be lifted off, re-fitted, and at the same time, new gulleys will be installed.

The cost will be £65,000.

We have already committed £20,000 from our Hall’s savings, and we have received a further £15,000 from generous donors and grants. We recognise that additionally we are going to have to borrow money through the parish council to make up the difference, but of course this will create a long standing debt against our Hall that we’ll be repaying the loan from our income over many years.

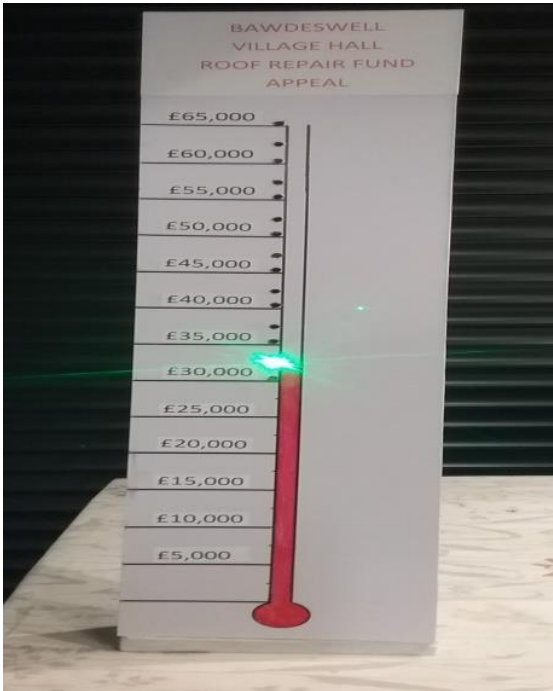
We are therefore writing to all our Users, Hirers and Friends to ask if you could help us to reduce the amount we will need to borrow by making a donation to our Roof Fund. Every £ will help!

if you can help us, we will be so grateful.

You can make a cash donation in our Roof Collection Bucket in our Reception Foyer, or through on-line banking (Sort Code 40-35-09, Account Number 44414136, reference Roof Fund), or by cheque to Bawdeswell Village Hall.

With our hopeful and grateful thanks,

Carolyn Good, Chair of Trustees



This is our new ‘barometer’ showing we’ve reached £35,000. But we’ve still a long way to go.

Could you help us raise money for our Roof Repair Fund?

Lastly, all the Trustees want to say a huge ‘thank you’ to our departing Chair, James Lilwall, who stepped down at our AGM in December 2022. James began Project Bawdeswell, which was instrumental in raising funds towards building a big, vibrant community space with good facilities. He galvanised a team of volunteers who worked together to realise the ambition of opening the doors to our new Village Hall in 2015.

Contacts:

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Book Group

The Book Group now meets in the Village Hall. We meet on the second Thursday of each month, starting **at 7:30pm**. Each member pays a Group Subscription fee; currently £12. New members are welcome and will be able to come for two meetings before deciding to join the group and pay their subscription.

At our first meeting of the New Year we discussed our choices from our ***Secret Santa***: each Christmas time it has become our custom to contribute a book we have enjoyed. We wrap it into brown paper, then we 'pick' one that attracts us from a short descriptive sentence. It's surprisingly difficult to make a choice when you're not beguiled by a design, picture or author.

Next Months' Book Group Choice:

Our next meeting is on **9th February** when we will discuss ***'The Keeper of Lost Things'*** by ***Ruth Hogan***

Enquiries: Carolyn 01362 688944



Bawdeswell Bowls Club

With the weather being kind we have got the main part of the Autumn work done. It will need to be cut at least two or three times depending on the weather. We like to keep it down to eight to ten millimetres when possible.

We will then need to chisel tine to four inches in depth. Our next problem is leaves which bring disease if left on the green which is getting very expensive to control.

The 2023 season starts mid-April, so if you are interest in trying bowls it's a game for both men and women.

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Come along and join us. New and current members welcome.
Refreshments will be available.
Enquiries: **Josie Beach 01362 688869**.



Bell Ringing at Foxley Church

Ring for the King

Throughout the country plans are being made to **Ring for the King** at the Coronation of King Charles III on 6 May 2023.

For hundreds of years church bells have rung out, not only to call communities to worship, but also to celebrate special occasions, in remembrance of others and to signify special events. They are part of the soundscape of the UK. In June 2022 we all celebrated Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee with the sound of bells. Bells also rang out with a muffled sound throughout the nation as a mark of respect at her passing in September 2022.

Following the announcement of King Charles' Coronation, the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers has initiated an appeal to recruit more ringers so they are trained in time to *Ring for the King*.

If you're interested in learning to Ring for the King, find out what it takes to become a bellringer:- <https://ringforthe king.org/learning-to-ring/>

You can learn to ring the bells at St Thomas Church, Foxley.

Contact: **David Wheeler on 07909 901015 or 01362 688796**

Email: davidawheeler@sky.com



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 2pm. 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.

Please contact Roger or Patsy for information, or to confirm a session is to take place.

Contact: **Roger Fryatt 01362 688627 or Patsy Catchpole 01362 688352**

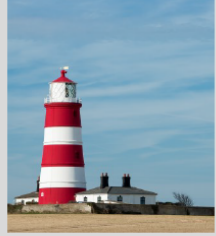
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Bintree Bowls Club

Happy New Year everyone!

By the time this issue is circulated, spring will be on the way and we can look forward to playing outdoor bowls again. All Cawston and Elmham league fixtures have been arranged for the 2023 season which can be seen on our website: bintreebowlsclub.co.uk under FIXTURES.

At the time of writing this article, our teams in the indoor leagues at the Gallow Sports Centre, Fakenham are doing well. Nick Mear's team are top of the Evening League and Alistair Hunter's team is top of the Australian Pairs League. Dave Beresford's two teams are in the top half of the Friday and Afternoon Leagues. Who knows where we will finish at the end of the season?

We held our Xmas Dinner and Presentation Evening at Gallow on 17 December 2022. A yummy dinner was enjoyed by all followed by the presentation of trophies for club competitions for the 2022 season. One sad piece of news to report, however, is that Frank "Chippy" Moore has decided to retire from his duties as our social convenor. The photo below shows Frank hosting at our Xmas dinner. He will be sadly missed!!



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Cafe Philosophique

Finding good reasons for everyday beliefs

We now meet in Bawdeswell Village Hall, every first Tuesday at 7:30. Everyone coming is asked to contribute to the cost of our room hire fee.

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 7 February – What is Woke?**

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 **Wednesdays 15th February at 10:30 am.**

There will be the usual mix of coffee, cakes, chat plus a raffle.



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 – 12pm.

£2 for you and your child, 50p for each additional child. Includes snacks.

For more information, contact **Tara** on **01362 422212**.

Find us on Facebook: Bawdeswell Little Monkeys.



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.

16th February – Nick Acheson on his biking birding. **16th March** – Drew Lyness on the Mid-Yare Valley (Strumpshaw Fen and around).

OUTDOOR - Sunday 26th February – Breydon Water. Saturday 25th March – Sculthorpe Moor.

For further information on any events please refer to the website or email

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page 39.**

PARISH COUNCILS

MEETING OF BAWDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 1st
DECEMBER 2022 AT 7pm

Present: J. Mallen (Chair), A Hartley-Walder (Vice-Chair), A. Toomey and R. Reed, Mrs. J Boxall (Clerk). Members of the public – 3

District Councillor G. Bambridge, County Councillor B. Borrett and the Police were not in attendance

Public Works Board Loan application

A report was circulated to Council, a copy of which can be viewed on the Parish Council website. It was RESOLVED to seek the approval of the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities to apply for a PWLB loan of £40000 over the borrowing term of 10 years for the repair to the Village Hall roof. The annual loan repayments will come to around £4913.80. It is not intended to increase the council tax precept for the purpose of the loan repayments as the Village Hall Trustees will be repaying the loan from income taken from the Village Hall.

Play area

The barked area under the climbing frame has been refurbished. HUGE thanks to all the Volunteers who helped move the large amount of bark.

Other matters

An email was circulated to Councillors confirming the Registration for project Sheringham and Dudgeon Extension Projects with the Planning Inspectorate.

It was confirmed there will be a meeting on 20th December at Breckland to participate in a presentation and discussion about the next stage of the Local Plan Update focusing on the Issues and Option consultation which it is anticipated will commence in early 2023.

A resident had kindly offered to make a donation towards the cost of a set of gates on the Reepham Road but the Council confirmed that they were not proceeding with the project at the present time.

The Village Volunteers have renovated the white stones on the Village Green, thanks were extended to them.

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PARISH COUNCILS

Bawdeswell continued:

Finance

The balance of the Community account as at 30th November 2022 was confirmed as £23,428.49. Business Money Manager was £36189.55 with £16.90 interest received 28th November.

Precept requirements for 2023/24 - The Clerk circulated the financial report / budget. It was unanimously AGREED to increase the precept to cover all expenditure and request a precept of £27000 for 2023/24 in order to meet current financial commitments.

May elections

On 4th May the local Council elections will be held. Some of our Councillors have said that they will be standing down from office so it is going to be essential to recruit new Councillors and find residents willing to put themselves forward for election. If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor, why not come along to one of the Council meetings and see what goes on? Or please contact the Clerk or one of the Councillors who will be happy to answer any questions.

The next meetings of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 2nd February and 2nd March 2023 starting at 7.00pm. 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.

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>

PARISH COUNCILS

Minutes of FOXLEY PARISH COUNCIL on Thursday 1st December 2022 at 7:30pm in FOXLEY VILLAGE HALL

Present: N. Mears (NM), G Blyth (GB), G Blatchford (GWB), Ali Blatchford (clerk). Members of the public: 1

Path on A1067 beside Floranova tree roots coming through which is a trip hazard. Clerk reported to Highways. Highways advised they will deal with this problem.

Sink hole outside Everglades on Old Fakenham Rd. Clerk reported to Highways - work completed mid November 2022.

Straw on The Street - NM spoke to farmers but nothing was carried out. We will try again next year and speak to them before harvest. May contact the Community Police Officer in 2023 near the time to see if they can help.

Breckland Mobile Shop - advised they have already amended routing recently but have added us to the list for when they do the next changes.

Planning applications

Two Cottages, The Street, NR20 4QP. Replacement dwelling.
3PL/2021/1542/F - Permission granted.

Poultry Farm Bungalow applied to extend present property to a second storey. 3PL/2022/0849/HOU Permission granted and work started.

Foxley Lodge, Old Fakenham Road, NR20 4QJ. Replacement of metal paddock gate at the front of the property with gated entrance in Georgian Style. 3PL/2022/0953/HOU - Permission granted.

The Old Forge, Mill Road, NR20 4T. Oak tree located at front of property. Application for 2ft crown-lift to 12ft above ground level. 2.5m crown reduction with 3m reduction in height (Tree Work App TPO).
TRE/2022/0301/TPO - There were no objections to the work to be carried. Clerk to advise Breckland Council Planning.

PARISH COUNCILS

Foxley continued:

Finance: The Summary of Accounts for the period from 18 Aug 2022 were approved and signed.

Clerks salary approved.

Budget for 2023/24

Precept agreed to be increased in line with the number of new houses in village. Increase payment to Reeves Tale to keep this parish magazine going.

Co-option of Parish Councillor – Linda Rose.

Provision of camera in lay-by on A1067 – to be discussed with Gordon Bambridge District Councillor.

Items from the public

To receive and consider any items raised by members of the public, including “highways” matters.

Themelthorpe road, outside Foxley Wood getting bad for low sitting cars – Highways to be contacted.

John Hoskins from Bintree County School talk regarding the plans for new town in neighbouring villages. Delayed for the time being until we know more.

The date of next meeting is Thursday 23th February 2022 at 7:30 pm in Foxley Village Hall.

A full copy of the draft minutes from the meeting and a full account of the finances are available at

<http://foxleyparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk> or on the Parish

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The Christmas wreath fair took place in the church on Saturday the 10th of December and once again we had great support, thank you. So much hard work and time goes in to the preparation, thanks to Julie Smith and all her wreath making helpers, without you it wouldn't be possible. Thank you to all those that produced wonderful seasonal produce to sell, those that helped with refreshments, Tony our postmaster for the donation of the hamper, those that had stalls and all those that came to help, a big thank you! We made around £1200 which again is a great result!

Thank you to David, Robin and James who erected and decorated the trees at the church and to the garden centre who very kindly again donated the Christmas tree. It's much appreciated by us all and the trees look fabulous during the Christmas period.

Our thoughts have turned to this year's events and kicking us off will be the annual Friends 100 club reception on **Saturday 28th January at 7pm, Church View.**

It's our opportunity to 'thank' our members for their past and hopefully continued support. The 100 club membership makes such an important annual contribution to our overall income.

If you are interested in joining do get in touch or you can find leaflets at the back of the church. Membership is £26 and you get entered in to each quarterly draw, first prize being £100.

We have also confirmed the date with the International Festival Players, Sunday 23rd July at Bylaugh Hall, more details to follow.

2023 events:

July 23rd - International Festival Players Twelfth Night, Bylaugh Hall 12 for 2pm

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.

CHURCH NEWS

Bawdeswell Church News



We welcomed the school back into the church for their end of term concert and Christmas celebration, the first time since the two years of *Covid* lockdown. They put on a very happy and polished performance and were a great credit to their teachers.

Our own carol service was well attended too and we thank the All Saints Festival Choir for making it such a special occasion with their singing, and all the readers that took part.

Christmas day was also very special with a record attendance of 65 people.

Services have continued throughout January largely with their usual pattern and time at 1030 every Sunday. We hope to keep this up in the coming months with the help of visiting priests.

There are to be two weddings, one in February and one in March which we look forward to. Father Christopher will return to conduct these as promised.

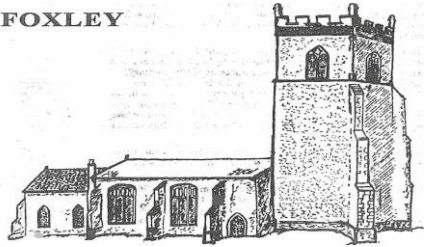
We continue to stream all our services on Zoom every Sunday and have a regular following. To join in that way please go to the Benefice website for a link: www.heartofnorfolkchurches.org.uk

Robin Taylor, Churchwarden

CHURCH NEWS

Foxley Church News

FOXLEY



Despite the freezing weather and horribly slippery roads the Christmas Carol Service at St Thomas's Church, Foxley on 11th December was the best attended for several years and it was particularly pleasing to see several children in the congregation.

My thanks to Rev'd. Christine Wheeler who took the service and All Saints Festival Choir with their director and organist James Lilwall, who really boosted the singing. The Foxley Bellringers rang before the service, and several joined us afterwards swelling our numbers. It is not easy to read in church, in front of friends and neighbours, but David, Emily, Gillian, Giles and Helen bravely volunteered to read at the service.

My particular thanks go to Mary and Monica who helped to clean and decorate the church beforehand; Christine and David, who cleared up the church afterwards, and especially to David who helped grit the roads beforehand, making it safe for people to get to church.

Over £110 was raised for the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal.

Thank you for all who attended making it such a special Christmas Service.

CHURCH NEWS

Church Letter

I know it may a bit late but I would like on behalf of the Heart of Norfolk Ministry team to wish you a Happy New Year.

Christmas seems such a long time ago and life has swiftly moved on. In the Church Lent will soon be on us. Having it seems, just celebrated the birth of Jesus we now start to reflect on the end of his ministry on earth.

However, one of the great messages of Christmas comes from Isaiah “the people who have walked in darkness have seen a great light”. Although we don’t know if Jesus was born in December, it is probably no coincidence that the early leaders of the Church chose this time. It is just after the winter equinox when in the northern hemisphere (remember that in Jesus’ time the Northern hemisphere was most of the known world) the days begin to lengthen, a sign of the light overcoming the darkness.

This is, of course, the practical darkness that we experience, but what about the other kinds of darkness we might experience?

There is perhaps the darkness within us. There is the darkness of war, of the refugee crisis, the cost of living problems, homelessness. The list could go on and on.

The message of Christmas, in fact, of Jesus’ entire ministry is Hope. Hope is the light that shines in the darkness. If we lose hope for a better world then we will be dragged down into dark despair, something none of us want.

The New year brings us a new hope, a chance to repair damaged relationships, a chance to look forward and leave the cares of the old year behind.

I hope and pray that as the light returns we will all find ourselves in a better place.

Norman Johnson
Licensed Lay Minister
Heart of Norfolk Benefice.

BAWDESWELL & FOXLEY CHURCH SERVICES

February 2023

Date	Sun 5 th Feb	Sun 12 th Feb	Sun 19 th Feb	Sun 26 th Feb
Season	<i>3rd before Lent</i>	<i>2nd before Lent</i>	<i>Sunday next before Lent</i>	<i>1st Sunday of Lent</i>
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