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This hasn't been a problem in the past, but a recent exchange of letters – and the further letters that have since arrived in our mailbox on the topic – has made us think hard about our letters policy. From now on, we won't be publishing letters that we feel could provoke strong feelings or heated debate, or which we feel will compromise our impartiality.

In the meantime, please keep sending your news, announcements and messages to us at magazine@bawdeswell.net

Anne and team

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Saturday 13th May
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In a British seaside town during the early 1980s, Hilary (Olivia Colman) works at the fading Empire cinema. When new employee Stephen (Michael Ward) joins the team, the pair forge a romance — but her mental-health issues, and the turbulence of the times, threaten to drive a wedge between them.

Saturday 10th June
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PG-13

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WHAT'S ON

May Events

Event	Date	Location/Time
Mobile Library	Tues 2 nd May	From 11am at Paradise Road
Foxley Coffee Morning	Wed 3 rd May	Foxley Village Hall 10.30am
Foxley Coronation Celebration	Sat 6 th May	Foxley Village Hall 6.30 for 7pm
Ring for the King	Mon 8 th May	Foxley Church 11 – 12pm
Bawdeswell Coronation Celebration	Mon 8 th May	Bawdeswell Village Hall 2-5pm
Cafe Philosophique	Tues 9 th May	Bawdeswell Village Hall 7.30pm
Knit and Natter	Thurs 11 th May	Bawdeswell Village Hall 2-4pm
Foxley Parish Council with Annual Meetings	Thurs 11 th May	Foxley Village Hall 7.30pm
Book Group	Thurs 11 th May	Bawdeswell Village Hall 7.30pm
Bawdeswell Village Cinema	Sat 13 th May	Bawdeswell Village Hall 6.30 for 7.30pm
Bawdeswell Parish Council with Annual Meetings	Thurs 18 th May	Bawdeswell Village Hall 7pm
Soup and Pud	Thurs 25 th May	Bawdeswell Village Hall 12-2pm
Knit and Natter	Thurs 25 th May	Bawdeswell Village Hall 2-4pm
Mobile Library	Tues 30 th May	From 11am at Paradise Road
Foxley Community Evening	Sat 3 rd June	Foxley Village Hall 6-9pm

OTHER LOCAL EVENTS

Event	Date	Location/Time
Reepham Gardening Club Annual Plant Sale	Sat 13 th May	From 8.30am, Reepham Market Place
Reepham Gardening Club	Tues 16 th May	7.30pm Reepham Town Hall, see page 11 for details
Reepham WI Meeting	Thurs 18 th May	7.30pm St. Michaels Church Hall, Reepham, see page 11 for details
Reepham Food Festival	Sun 28 th May	10am - 4pm Reepham Market Place, see page 13 for details

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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
Paracise	Wed 11.15 – 12noon	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
Hatha Yoga	Sat 8.45 – 9.45am	Bawdeswell Village Hall
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Saturday May 13th from 8:30am.

Annual Plant Sale

Reepham Market Place from 8.30am until sold out.

Tuesday, 16th May 7.30pm.

Fritha Waters – ‘The Experiences of a Jobbing Gardener.’

You might see the gardener just once a week but what are they doing the rest of the time?

Fritha Waters leads you up the garden path of her time as a gardener and designer in Norfolk, her observances and experiences whilst working in the gardens of others. She examines how nostalgia and history influence our tastes and how gardening has crept into other aspects of her life, seemingly without her knowing it.

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, 18th May 7.30pm.

Resolutions plus talk by Norfolk Knitters and Stitchers

A discussion on National Federation’s chosen Resolution “Clean Rivers for People and Wildlife, followed by a presentation by Linda Brown of Norfolk Knitters and Stitchers. Linda will talk about the charity - a group of more than 2,800 people across Norfolk who knit and sew for charities at home and abroad.

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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Update from Reepham & District Rotary

More food fun in Reepham.

The sixth **Reepham Food Festival** will be on **Sunday May 28th**. The Festival is organised by Reepham Rotary Club with help from other local organisations. The Festival concentrates on food production by local businesses, so you can know that the tastes you try are available on your doorstep. Some producers have been with the Festival since it started, but every year there are new businesses looking to show you something different.

The Market Square will be packed with more than 30 stalls presenting new tastes in food and drink from a wide range of producers. Enjoy freshly cooked snacks, great baking and new tipples.

Our pubs and cafes will be buzzing with visitors. Food experts from Reepham WI will be offering tips on recipes and techniques to give you new ideas for your cooking. The Bircham Centre will be open for you to enjoy your purchases on the day at picnic chairs and tables.

The Festival is from 10am to 4pm. There is free parking at Reepham High School or at Stimpsons Piece. Thanks to generous sponsorship from Vattenfall all entrance is free.

Bring your taste buds and a shopping bag and we will see you there.

www.reephamfoodfestival.org.uk

More information Richard Cooke 07889 036852

publicity@reephamrotary.org.uk

Gwendoline Emma Wright (Gwen)

Formerly of Meadow View, Reepham Road, Bawdeswell.

Died peacefully at Eckling Grange Care Home after a short illness. She had been resident there for the last 15 years. Worshipped at Bawdeswell Parish Church. A Celebration of her life will be held at Eckling Grange Dereham at 2pm on Tuesday 16th May. If anybody wishes to attend please ring Christopher on 01263 821754.

LETTERS

Reply to Bawdeswell Parish Council Letter

I was surprised and disappointed to read the article in the last edition of The Reeve's Tale concerning my time on the Council last year and my aspirations for the council for the future. It was a distorted and one-sided piece from the Chairman creating a false impression of my involvement. As such I cannot let this go unanswered.

My Time On The Council – I joined the Parish Council on 3rd March 2022 and resigned following the Council meeting on 6th October. I attended every council meeting in this period and regular readers of The Reeve's Tale will know that I made a big contribution to a number of projects in the village. I resigned because of what occurred at the October meeting, where efforts were made to micromanage my work on the wind farm cabling projects and the hostile response I received from some Councillors present at that meeting. This also caused another Councillor to resign over the way I was treated. The Chairman, who was absent from the meeting, later sent us both a written apology when he found out what had occurred.

My Working Style –John is correct that in my resignation letter I referred to the different style of working I was used to in my career –this was one of agreeing clear, measurable objectives which are regularly reviewed and then empowering staff to deliver against these. Far from being peculiar to industry, my opposite number on Cawston Parish Council has said that this is exactly the approach he uses in his many meetings with the wind farm developers.

The role of the Parish Council –Parish Councils are responsible for managing numerous activities that impact on their communities. It is commendable that this work is carried out by volunteer councillors. However in my time on the Council there were activities that could have been dealt with much more effectively. I will pick two –**the Speed Awareness Units (SAM2) Project** –this and related projects were managed by myself and regularly reported in The Reeves's Tale. I managed the traffic census monitoring on the B1145 Norwich Road last April which showed wholesale speeding on this 30mph stretch of road -over 500 vehicles over 12 hours in one direction alone. As a result I made the case to Council that we should explore purchasing this new generation of speed monitoring equipment that records speeds of every passing vehicle, which can then be downloaded, analysed and presented as evidence for speed enforcement. The case was accepted and I then held meetings with Highways to agree the 4 location points in the village, with technology specialists to explore costs and with our Police Beat Manager to discuss the speeding issues that we have. A Memorandum of Understanding was unanimously agreed at the September meeting for the funding application for the Sam2 devices. The cost was £7500 for the units and £4000 for the village gates –if we wished to have these as well. Half of these costs would be met by Highways under the partnership funding agreement. Whilst these costs are not small – the benefits of being able to gather hard evidence of speeding, plus the deterrent effect of a speed display on the

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Reply to Bawdeswell Parish Council Letter (continued):

monitors would be considerable. It is disingenuous to say that “the way to solve this is enforcement” as without being able to gather hard evidence of the scale of the problem, we are very unlikely to persuade the Police to make our village a priority in the face of the well reported scourge of speeding in Norfolk towns and villages. This has been grasped by numerous Parish Councils and these new units have been installed in Wood Dalling, North Elmham, Billingford and Swanton Morley amongst others. After I had left the Council they then carried out an about turn and decided at the November meeting that they would “delay the speed reduction project... until the appointment of the new Council in May due to the present lack of volunteers”. I am surprised that the Chairman is now saying that “they were unconvinced this would be effective or worth the money”. This was not recorded in the November minutes or in any since. Regarding the lack of volunteers to move the units, I saw no requests for help from residents for the limited work involved - had there been such a request I would, of course, have volunteered. As far as costs are concerned, compared to the cost of the play equipment (which the Chairman has said is his special interest) and the repairs to the village hall roof –this appears exceptional value for money for the benefit it would bring. This is an important project for the village and for the Council to now dismiss these concerns so lightly speaks volumes.

The 2nd example was their failure to engage with the wind farm developers after I had stepped down. The Parish Council cancelled a meeting I had arranged with Hornsea for October and decided they would not engage with them until a new Council was in place in May. Hence why I have continued to represent Bawdeswell and report direct to residents.

The future for the Parish Council

Contrary to what the Chairman has said I have no desire “to wield power”. I had offered to return to help steer through important improvements in the way meetings are conducted. I was disappointed to read that at the February Council meeting “there was unanimous agreement that they did not feel that any action was appropriate”.

I agree with John’s view that “Bawdeswell Parish Council is far from perfect” and support his plea for volunteers to step forward to refresh the Parish Council. Apart from their request for “enthusiastic” persons, from my experience I would add energetic, motivated and with the ability, time and commitment to make a real difference. As a final point, can I thank those residents who have sought me out to express their support for me over the Chairman’s article (and to state their own frustrations and disappointment with the Parish Council!). I remain open to the idea of a return to the Council in the event of a change of personnel after May or a change of heart in the way the Parish Council operates.

David Coles

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Bawdeswell Parish Council : A Brief Reply

Careful reading of my letter showed that after mentioning Mr Coles criticism in the first paragraph it was mainly concerned with how Parish Councils operate and how they reach their decisions. This was not only for clarification. It was an attempt to encourage volunteers for the new Council in May who would then know that the procedures would help and support them. It also assured residents that the actions of the Parish Council are properly considered in the light of the needs of the community we live in and the financial burden it places on the Parish. Bawdeswell Parish Council has always operated within the rules and procedures set out by Parliament.

The answer to these concerns was obvious; volunteer for the new Council and encourage those of similar views to also volunteer.

It is true that I suggested this in February, and had it been acted on then there would have been no need for further comment. Instead, people critical of the Council could directly participate in the discussions and promoted their ideas for these practices. Again, new practices would have to be within the rules and procedures set out by national law.

A new Parish Council will be installed this month, with new members who will need encouragement and help. Everyone can do their part by attending the meetings and feeding back to the members their thoughts and opinions directly. Each meeting allows residents to comment on items on the Agenda, so, if one felt that mobile speeding units are a real deterrent to speeding or just very good value for money one can say so. The same applies to village gates, to play equipment, to planning items and to attendance at meetings. If you do not feel confident enough to do that, then talk directly to a member of the Council. That is why Parish Councils exist and operate, they take democracy to the local level where people can make a difference.

John Mallen

Retiring Chair of Bawdeswell Parish Council

Bawdeswell Primary School

Fete

Saturday 17th June 2023

12 to 4pm

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VILLAGE NEWS

Bawdeswell Village Hall Update

With Easter behind us we are now looking forward, hopefully, to some good weather and the completion of the Hall roof repairs. These have been held up solely because of weather conditions being so changeable, but as I type this the sun is out and the builders have started work!

That all aside, the Hall bookings are coming in thick and fast, and our volunteers are busy setting up and taking down chairs, tables etc, making teas and coffees, doing lunches for meetings and generally making welcome all who wish to use the Hall. We cannot thank enough the willingness and great help that all our volunteers give. You are a wonderful group of people.

Our numbers at Cinema night have been increasing month on month, which is very good to see. The bar is open before the film starts and at half time for those who would like to have a drink and socialise and the atmosphere is always convivial. Do come and see for yourself if you haven't experienced one of our nights yet.

Of course, our biggest event coming up shortly is our Coronation Celebrations on the Village Hall site – outside if the weather is kind and inside the Hall if weather is inclement. We have much to be enjoyed from 2.00pm to 5.00pm including a Bouncy Castle, a busker, tombola, races and tug of wars for children (and adults if they would like to join in), a dance display by the school children and the judging of a design a Crown competition done by the children at school and we look forward to seeing them all wearing their Crowns on the day. A wonderful group of quilters who use our Hall regularly have made and gifted a beautiful Coronation Quilt to us to be raffled at the Coronation event – all proceeds to go towards the Roof fund. We will be setting out a celebration tea for all to sit down and enjoy at 3.30pm – all free of charge – and we hope that as many of you as possible will join us. During the celebrations a tree, given by Bawdeswell Garden Centre, will be planted in the BBQ area to the side of the Hall in commemoration of the occasion. Thank you to the Garden Centre for their generosity. The afternoon will be concluded by the Magician who enthralled us all at the Jubilee Celebrations giving us another wonderful show for us to watch and be part of. Don't miss his remarkable ability to trick our senses and confuse our minds with his sleight of hand.

Anyone who would like to be part of our band of volunteers and to join in the fun that we have working together do please contact me, Lin Leppard, on 01362 688774.

Contacts:

Chair: Carolyn Good - 01362 688 944

Bookings: Jo Porter – 01362 688 887



Bawdeswell Entertainment Group Presents
"In aid of the Village Hall roof repair"
"Non Je ne Regrette Rien"

An evening celebrating the life and songs of Edith Piaf
June 24th 2023.

Doors and bar open 7.00pm.
Performance starts 7.30pm



Advance Ticket price £15.00 On the door Tickets £20.00
Advance tickets available from Tuesday Coffee Hub or contacting
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Ticket price includes welcome glass of Fizz and French Supper of
Pate, Cheese and Bread

VILLAGE NEWS

Bawdeswell Entertainments Group presents ...

We have been working with our Volunteers to bring you some new entertaining and fundraising events. Do put the dates into your diaries.....

.... don't miss the ***Coronation Afternoon Celebration on Monday 8th May.*** See our advert with all the information about this FREE event for all the family.

.... don't "Regrette Rien". Instead, remember to book your tickets to come to our ***French Evening, celebrating the life and songs of Edith Piaf. Saturday 24th June performance starts at 7:30.***

Edith Piaf was a French singer, lyricist and actress. She held a reputation as France's national chanteuse. She was born in 1915 and died sixty years ago in 1963.

Our French Evening will start with a glass of fizz on arrival, a 45 minute live performance, then a supper of pate, cheese and baguettes, followed by a further 45 minute performance.

We are looking forward to a very enjoyable evening.

.... do pencil in our end of summer event (hopefully by then we'll have enjoyed a gloriously warm and sunny one). Come to our ***Afternoon Party in the Park on Sunday 3rd September.***

And on ***23rd September,*** we have an evening of entertainment including a ***concert performance of "Songs from the Shows".***

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Foxley Village Hall

Coffee Morning.

The date of the next coffee morning will be **3rd May at 10:30 am**. This will be the last opportunity to buy tickets for the Kings Coronation Party on Saturday evening 6th May. Details below.

In June the coffee morning will be on **June 7th at 10:30 am**. A warm welcome and coffee and cake awaits you all.

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

Community Evening.

There will not be a community evening in May as it will be the evening of the King's coronation, but it will be back again on 3rd June between 6 and 9 pm

King's Coronation Celebration Party.

Foxley Village Hall will be hosting a party to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III on Saturday 6th May. There will be live music, a bar and a two-course buffet style meal, all for just £7:50 a head. Tickets will be limited, so don't delay and contact one of the committee members for your ticket: Jo (688981) Bonnie (688976) Gillian (688955) Linda (688488). Tickets will be available until the coffee morning on Wednesday 3rd May.

If anyone would be willing to contribute towards the catering by making a dish (e.g. a quiche or a salad or a dessert) in advance please contact Linda 688488.

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Book Group

The Book Group meets in the Village Hall. We meet on the **second Thursday** of each month, starting at **7:30pm**. Each member pays an annual Group Subscription Fee to cover charges for our room hire and library charge.

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

'The Confession' by Jessie Burton

This is a tale of secrets and, we thought, attempts at self-discovery.

The story takes place in two time periods, 1982 and 2017, and the reader has to navigate the chapters which weave between these two periods. The story ends thirty-five years from where it begins, except perhaps it doesn't 'end' as the reader needs to imagine 'what happens next'.

When Elise Morceau meets the writer Constance Holden, she quickly falls under her spell. Connie is sophisticated, bold and alluring – everything Elise feels she is not. She goes with Connie to California, but in this place of make-believe and 1980s razzle-dazzle, Elise feels more and more out of her depth until she makes an impulsive decision that will change her life and others' lives forever.

Some three decades later in London, Rose Simmons is trying to uncover the story of her mother, who disappeared when she was a baby. Having learned that the last person to see her was now a reclusive novelist, Rose finds herself at the door of Constance Holden's house in search, she hopes of a confession. . . .

Talking together about the story at our meeting helped us 'pull it apart'; we had questions about the plot and the characters. Although we had some doubts about the credibility of the story, we all enjoyed the book.

We are currently reading ***"Old Baggage"* Lissa Evans** for discussion at our meeting on **11th May**. Our next book will be ***"How it All Began"* by Penelope Lively** for discussion in June.

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Bawdeswell Bowls Club

Bawdeswell Bowls Green is almost ready for the 2023 season cutting two times a week gradually dropping mower to playing height which is 5 to 6 mm. I will need to cut three times a week most of the time.

Fixtures for May are:

Tuesday	2nd May	Marham	Home
Thursday	4th May	Swanton Abbott	Away
Friday	5th May	Cawston	Away
Tuesday	9th May	Swanton Morley	Away
Thursday	11th May	Holt	Home and Away
Friday	12th May	Matishall	Away
Tuesday	16th May	Wooton park	Away
Wednesday	17th May	Broom Green	Away
Thursday	18th May	Bintree	Home
Friday	19th May	Lyng	Away
Monday	22nd May	North Walsham	Home
Thursday	25th May	Sheringham	Away
Tuesday	30th May	Fakenham Town	Away

For more information call **Paul on 01362688615 Mob 07796964574 email paul.digby5@hotmail.co.uk**



Bintree Bowls Club

By the time this issue is released, the summer bowling season will have arrived!

Our first roll-up on 25 April and our Opening Day on 30 April will have taken place. Our first league game is on 10 May. All Cawston, Elmham, Age UK and Hempton league fixtures have been arranged for the 2023 season and can all be seen on our website:

bintreebowlsclub.co.uk under FIXTURES.

The winter season of indoor bowls at the Gallow Sports Centre, Fakenham has been completed. Finals week culminated in Presentation Night on 21 April. Alistair Hunter's team won the Australian Pairs League and Nick Mear's team in the Evening League were pipped into 2nd place by the last bowl of the season. Alistair and Nick won the Over 60 pairs title. Dave Beresford's two teams in Division 1 of the Afternoon league and Friday league both did well, finishing in the top half of both. Colin Harris's team enjoyed their first season in Division 3 of the Afternoon league.

We have 32 members registered for the 2023 season and we are looking forward to a summer of outdoor bowls. New members are always welcome and you can track us on our website bintreebowlsclub.co.uk

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Bawdeswell Knit and Natter

Dates for **May 11th** and **25th**. 2 - 4 pm at the Village Hall.

Come along and join us. Refreshments will be available.

With the repairs to the Village Hall roof being carried out this month, please be aware meetings may be cancelled at short notice due to accessibility. As soon as I am aware of this affecting our meetings I will be in touch. Thank you.

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*.

We are hoping to have a short practice at 1pm on Sunday 7th May, then ring for the King from 11-12pm on Monday 8th May at Foxley.

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

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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.

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Cafe Philosophique

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Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 9th May** (a week later than usual) "**Long Termism**". 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 3rd May at 10:30 am**. This will be the last opportunity to buy tickets for the Kings Coronation Party on Saturday evening 6th May. 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 **Katie** on **07340776441**.

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.

INDOOR - Thursday 18th May – Summer Social

OUTDOOR - Sunday 28th May – RSPB Minsmere and Westleton (for Nightingales).

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Lakeside Pilgrims Bowls Club

We are one of the three clubs that plays at the Bawdeswell Bowls Green and have been there since April 2015 when the Lakeside Indoor and Outdoor club at Lyng was closed in November 2014. We kept the outdoor club running renaming it to the current name.

We play in three Bowls Leagues, two under Federation rules, Whissonsett and Cawston Leagues and the Norfolk EBA league with matches played against clubs in the Northern area of Norfolk. Last season we won the Whissonsett League, came second in the Cawston League and third in the EBA League.

We have a small membership and are looking for additional members to boost our playing capacity – 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.

In addition, we have an after-match Football Card to raise money for club funds but this coming season all profits will be going to the Alzheimer's Society.

Anybody who is interested in playing for us contact **Cyril on 07966169806** or Email cyriljanes@btinternet.com



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To Sat 13 th May			
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Fri 19 th May	National Flower Show	9am	£40
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Thurs 25 th May	Chelsea Flower Show	7am	£115
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Thurs 8 th June	Derbyshire Lunch Canal Cruise & Bakewell	6am	£66
Thurs 8 th June	Holkham Hall & Lunch	9.30am	£58
Sun 11 th June	Portsmouth Historic Dockyard	6am	£85
Tues 13 th June	York Day Trip with River Picnic Cruise	7am	£66 (£40 coach only)
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I am delighted to welcome some new volunteer drivers which will hopefully help to ensure the future success of the scheme, but we will continue to welcome new drivers because the more volunteers, the lighter the load on all of us.

I would like to express our thanks to Bob Kuczma for his service over the years. Bob has retired for the time being from the scheme.

I feel strongly that, as the demand upon our NHS grows, we should help each other to attend medical appointments, as 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.

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 **with as much notice as possible please** and we will try our best to help if a volunteer driver is available. Thank you.



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FOXLEY	VILLAGE HALL	12:10 – 12.25

Breckland Mobile Food Store

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

The Breckland Mobile Food Store Update

The Breckland Mobile Food Store will be at the Church on Tuesdays from 11am – 12.30pm. (card payments only)

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 7th April 2023 at 7pm

Present: J. Mallen (Chair), A Hartley-Walder (Vice-Chair), J. Lilwall, A. Toomey, R. Reed, Mrs. J Boxall (Clerk), County Councillor B. Borrett & District Councillor G. Bambridge.

Members of the public – 4

Breckland Call for Sites

The consultation was circulated to Councillors for consideration. Following discussion it was unanimously AGREED that in light of discussions that have taken place over the past meetings responsibility should be delegated to the Chair to complete the questionnaire on behalf of the Parish Council focusing on questions regarding the settlement boundary and the proposed new town. Concern was expressed about the technical language used in the consultation document (document designed for the planners) but answers can be missed where they were deemed unnecessary.

Public Works Board Loan (PWLB) application

The Department for Levelling up Housing and Communities confirmed that Bawdeswell council's loan application is currently waiting to be reassessed and put up to approvers. Applications are going up in order of submission unless there is an urgent deadline that requires them to be pushed ahead. The Council will be advised when it has been looked at by approvers.

The Clerk has contacted PWLB and stressed the matter as urgent, given contractor's timescales already provided and highlight that due to the amazing fundraising efforts, the Village Hall were now looking to borrow £15000.

Other matters –

The 2023 local election date is Thursday 4th May. Councillors would ordinarily take office on Monday 8th May but as this is a bank holiday to mark the coronation of HM King Charles III, new councillors will now take office on Tuesday 9 May making the relevant 14-day meeting period for the purposes of paragraph 7 (2) of Schedule 12 to the Local Government Act 1972 Wednesday 10-Thursday 25 May inclusive. It was therefore agreed to hold both the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council meeting on the 18th May starting at 7pm.

Elections

There will be an uncontested election in Bawdeswell as only one nomination was received. As existing Councillors will 'retire' from office on the 9th May, and the Council need a minimum of 3 Councillors to be quorate, this will leave the Council with a shortage of Councillors. Breckland District Council will now step in to provide officers (usually the County and/or District Councillor) to run the Council pending co-option of new Councillors. **If anyone is interested in joining the Parish Council, please contact the Clerk in the first instance to register your interest. The Council are hoping to co-opt new Councillors at their meeting on 18th May. Please don't hesitate to contact the Clerk or current Councillors if you would like any further information about the role. Council funded training will be offered.**

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Finance

The balance of the Community account as at 31st March 2023 was confirmed as £19053.51, Business Money Manager was £34959.16. It was agreed to transfer £3901.84 from the Community account (general reserves) to the Business Money Manager (earmarked reserves) account making balance of earmarked reserves £3886. The Council approved delegated function to the Clerk to continue to pay invoices as necessary in accordance with the budget pending appointment of new signatories.

The Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting are scheduled to be held on Thursday 18th May 2023 starting at 7.00pm. Please check the website for any changes. 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>

Foxley Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting will be held after the Parish Council Elections, that are being held on the 4 May 2023. The meeting will be on the 11 May 2023, at 7.30pm at Foxley Village Hall. There will be 3 meetings, the Annual Parish Meeting followed by Annual Parish Council Meeting and then the Parish Council Meeting.

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 Notice boards

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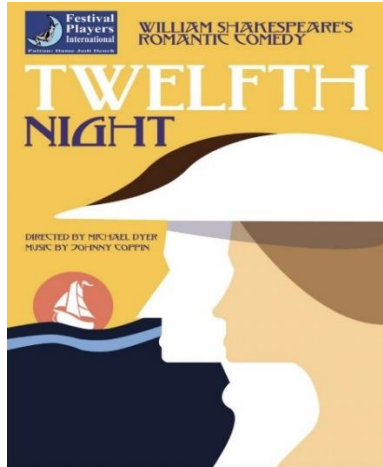
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CHURCH NEWS



Bawdeswell Church News

Another year in the Church Calendar has passed.

We celebrated Holy Week with a Palm Sunday service led by our Rural Dean the Revd Keith Rengert. On Good Friday afternoon our Team Rector Revd Sally Kimmis led us in a special service “An Hour before the Cross”, with the help of our Festival Choir and as on Palm Sunday an “army” of readers. Thank you all. Easter Sunday the service was on a more cheerful note, with a large congregation and beautifully decorated church.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting was on April 16.

Robin Taylor and Linda Rose were reappointed as Churchwardens.

Revd Sally Kimmis reported that a decision had been made to appoint a part time assistant priest to the Benefice though the process might take several months and would be dependent on someone applying.

In the meantime, we are seeking help from retired priests and others who can occasionally fill in. We will have a service every Sunday at 1030 come what may.

We hosted a Benefice Service on 30th April. On this occasion all the elected churchwardens from around the Benefice were sworn in by Sally the Team Rector.

Thank you,

RT Churchwarden.

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CHURCH NEWS

Church Letter

This joyful Eastertide

We start the month with May Day bringing festivities and a bank holiday! May is a beautiful and welcome transition between the seasons with the last month of Spring, and with summer just around the corner. Bird song is in full force and the wild flowers bring colour to the roadsides. Insects are plentiful now with the humming of bumblebees, the bright flash of the holly blue butterfly, the presence of hawk moths and dragonflies and maybe an encounter with impressive maybugs or cockchafers. On a May evening you could be enchanted by the song of a nightingale.

Flowers of the month include the lily of the valley, cowslips and of course the flowers of the hawthorn otherwise known as mayflower. This flower heralds the start of the warmer weather, as reminded by the old saying “ne’er cast a clout till may be out.” So now you should be safe to put those warm clothes into storage. However, it is best to remember the old saying that it’s very unlucky to bring mayflowers indoors.

According to legend, the Glastonbury Thorn is a may tree said to have sprung from the staff of Joseph of Arimathea when he visited England to set up the very first Christian church here. For the church, this month celebrates Eastertide and the resurrection of Jesus. Eastertide started last month on Easter Sunday and runs for fifty days up to Pentecost which this year is on the last Sunday of the month. Pentecost, or Whitsunday, proclaims the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ. Just cause then for celebration and another bank holiday.

Of course, we cannot forget that this month brings us the Coronation of King Charles III involving street parties and revelry, along with, yes, another bank holiday. We really do have a lot of reasons to enjoy this month!

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Obtainable from Jo (688981) Bonnie (688976)

Gillian (688955) Linda (688488)

Tickets will be limited and will only be available
to purchase in advance until 3rd May

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