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Saturday 10th February The Great Escaper

Starring: Michael Caine and Glenda Jackson

Biographical drama film based on the true story of 89-year-old British World War II Royal Navy veteran Bernard Jordan who "broke out" of his nursing home to attend the 70th anniversary D-Day commemorations in France in June 2014.

Saturday 9th March The Old Oak

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Saturday 6th April * A Haunting in Venice

Starring: Kenneth Branagh, Michelle Yeoh, Jamie Dornan

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^k Date changed from normal 2nd Saturday

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This is the first opportunity we have had to wish you a Happy New Year! We hope 2024 has started well for you and will continue to do so.

We've just been through our annual task of checking in with all our advertisers to see if they'd like to continue advertising in 2024. It's great that so many of them continue to support us each year – thank you to all who have renewed.

We really hope the reason many businesses renew year after year is because they do get a good response to their adverts. We know we certainly turn to the magazine to find local people who can help when we need a job doing.

So, how about making 2024 the year you choose to use local businesses as much as possible?

Anne and team

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WHAT'S ON

February Events

Event	Date	Location/Time
Bawdeswell Parish Council	Thurs 1 st Feb	Bawdeswell Village Hall 7pm
Foxley Community Evening	Sat 3rd Feb	Foxley Village Hall 6-9pm
Mobile Library	Tues 6 th Feb	From 11.10am see page 31 for details
Café Philosophique	Tues 6 th Feb	Bawdeswell Village Hall 7.30pm
Foxley Coffee Morning	Wed 7 th Feb	Foxley Village Hall 10am
Knit and Natter	Thurs 8 th Feb	Bawdeswell Village Hall 2-4pm
Book Group	Thurs 8 th Feb	Bawdeswell Village Hall 7.30pm
Bawdeswell Village Cinema	Sat 10 th Feb	Bawdeswell Village Hall 6.30 for 7.30pm
Knit and Natter	Thurs 22 nd Feb	Bawdeswell Village Hall 2-4pm
Soup and Pud	Thurs 29 th Feb	Bawdeswell Village Hall 12-2pm
Foxley Community Evening	Sat 2 nd Mar	Foxley Village Hall 6-9pm

OTHER LOCAL EVENTS

Event	Date	Location/Time
Reepham WI Meeting	Thurs 15 th Feb	7.30pm St Michaels, Reepham, see page 11 for details
Reepham Gardening Club	Tues 20 th Feb	7.15pm Reepham Town Hall, see page 11 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
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
Move it or Lose it	Wed 10 – 11am	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
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EVENTS INFORMATION

REEPHAM GARDENING CLUB

Tuesday, 20th February 7.15pm

Guy Barker aka The Naked Gardener

'Snowdrops and Winter Treasures'

Sorry ladies I understand that Guy keeps his clothes on for the talk, which should be very apt for this time of year.

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

For more information call Jeff Johnson on 01362 680066 or visit our website: www.Reepham garden club.org.uk or email Jeff at jeffandcaroljohnson@yahoo.co.uk

Reepham WI

Thursday 15th February 7.30pm AGM

Time to review the past year and elect the new committee for the year to come.

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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We start with 3 dances that incorporate aerobic activity and are designed to raise the heart rate, burn calories and get the muscles nice and warm.

We then move on to the strength element: we use resistance bands (you may have used one of these if you have ever had physiotherapy), we also use resistance balls and sometimes we just use our own body weight as resistance. This section improves muscle tone, which is vital as we get older, the exercises keep you strong, enabling you to carry out your day to day activities with ease.

Next comes boxing: we get the heart rate back up by completing a boxing routine set to music (a great chance to let out all your frustrations with some punching!).

We then move on to balance exercises, a vital activity to practice as we get older to help prevent falls.

We finish the session with a cool down which everyone does seated: we start to cool the body down with some relaxing stretches.

All the above is set to great music from days gone by - we have lots of fun and laughter along the way.

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LETTERS

Sue Lilwall RIP

Thank you to everyone who has supported us after the sudden and unexpected passing of Sue on the 17th November.

The many messages, letters and cards of condolence have been a great comfort at this sad time.

Sue loved the village and its community, being involved in events and fund raising at the school, the village hall and her beloved All Saints Church over many years.

It was fitting that the cortège slowed at the village sign so that we could acknowledge the part the village had played in Sue's life. So comforting that a group came out to receive that acknowledgment from us all and more importantly raise a glass to Sue, thank you.

We were overwhelmed by the numbers that attended the services and thank Canon Christopher and Rev. Sally for their comforting support and leadership during this difficult time.

May she rest in peace and rise in glory, a life well lived!

We thank you all most sincerely, Peter, Richard, James and Christine.

Wreath Sale Thank You

Thanks to all helpers, bakers, preserve and marmalade makers, and all who donated to the stalls in December. We surpassed other years in total, and it was a real compliment to 'Mum' Sue Lilwall, who started the whole idea. Angy Shannon

Elmham Surgery Refurbishment Project

We would like to make our patients aware that on the 12th February 2024 we will commence a project which will see our 5 GP rooms refurbished and new flooring throughout the building. We estimate completion of the works by the end of March 2024.

Plans are currently being finalized and we will keep you informed via our website, facebook and signage in the surgery. We will endeavor to minimize any disruption to our services, however there may be some.

We ask for your patience and understanding during this time.

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To Tues 6th Feb			
Fri 9th Feb	Anglesey Abbey Snowdrops		(NT £28)
Sat 10th Feb	Kew Gardens Orchids	8am	£55
Sun IIth Feb	Birmingham International Tattoo	7.30am	£70 (Child £54)
Thurs 15th Feb	Motorhome & Caravan Show NEC	7.30am	£58
Sat 17th Feb	Direct from Gracelands: Elvis	8.30am	£68 (C £48)
Sun 18th Feb	Devitt MCN Motorcycle Show – Excel	8am	£54
Wed 28th Feb	Moulin Rouge	8am	£102
Thurs 29 th Feb	Les Misérables	8am	£86
	London Coach only		£32
Mar 2024			
Fri I= March	OVO Wembley – Niall Horan	1.30pm	£45
Sat 2 nd March	Bletchley Park	8.30am	£57
Sun 10th March	Duxford IVM with Quilt Show option		t Show £38
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Sat 16th March	London Festival of Model Railway	8am	£52
Sun 17th March	Thriplow Daffodil Weekend	9am	£30
Sat 23rd March	Stitch Festival – Islington	8am	£48
Sat 30 th March	Springfields Shopping & Baytree Nursery	8am	£27
Apr 2024			
Wed 3rd April	Bury St Edmunds Market Day	9am	£25
Fri 5+ April	Michael McIntyre – O2 – Coach Travel	1.30pm	£50
Sat 6th April	Michael McIntyre – O2 – Coach Travel	1.30pm	£50
Wed 10th April	Colchester Zoo	8.30am	£55 (C £35)
Thurs 11th April	Legoland 6.30am £75 (£	35 under 3/90cm or (coach only)
Fri 12th April	Michael McIntyre - O2 - Coach Travel	1.30pm	£50
Sat 13th April	Michael McIntyre – O2 – Coach Travel	1.30pm	£50
Sun 14th April	Camden Market	8am	£38
Tues 16th April	Ely at Leisure	9am	£35
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VILLAGE NEWS

Bawdeswell Village Hall Update

So, a new year! How have we done in 2023 and are you pleased with what we have provided? On the whole we here all agree that 2023 has been a very good year for the Village Hall. After many months of working to sort out the leaking roof we now feel that we have conquered those problems and are enjoying using a venue that is warm, dry and a pleasure to welcome folk into. Hopefully a good many of you have had an opportunity to visit the Hall, either for an event, a class or a cup of coffee, and found it a pleasant and welcoming place to spend a while. Anyone who has seen the big planters outside the patio and front door will agree that the winter planting in them is looking stunning and a big thank you goes out to all those who have planted and looked after them so well.

Unfortunately, in the last few weeks, we have come across a couple of issues that are causing us concern. Filled rubbish sacks are being found at the back of the Hall by the bottle banks. Any hirers that use the hall are asked to take their rubbish away or are shown the key to open the big bin to put their rubbish in, these details are printed on their booking forms. If it is not from them, we can only conclude that some people are bringing their rubbish on site and leaving it when they bring their glass down to recycle. We would ask that this practise be stopped as it is unpleasant for our volunteers to clear these bags up. We do have to pay for every load of rubbish removed.

We have also found, of late, that a few hirers are not adhering to their booking requirements and are being less than thorough with their clean-up once their event/party is finished. A damage/cleaning deposit of £50 is charged for hires over £100 which the Trustees have the right to keep if the building is left in a dirty or damaged condition, to pay for the extra cleaning or repairs needed. We are saddened by the few groups recently that have breached those conditions while using a facility that is as well presented as it is, and that is mainly through the good offices of the wonderful volunteers who give up their time and effort to keep the building looking so good. Those volunteers do not need to be met by rubbish and even faeces smeared over a toilet door as was found recently. This is not what we expect from our hirers: we know that it is only a very small percentage but hirers should bear in mind that the hall CCTV cameras enable us to follow these incidents up.

On a more positive note, do keep your eyes open in this magazine and posters in the village for all upcoming events we have on offer this year and we hope to be seeing as many of you as possible taking part in all that will be available in 2024. May it be a good year for us all.

Contacts:

Chair: Carolyn Good - 01362 688 944 Bookings: Jo Porter – 01362 688 887







Bawdeswell Little Monkeys



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Little Monkeys Update

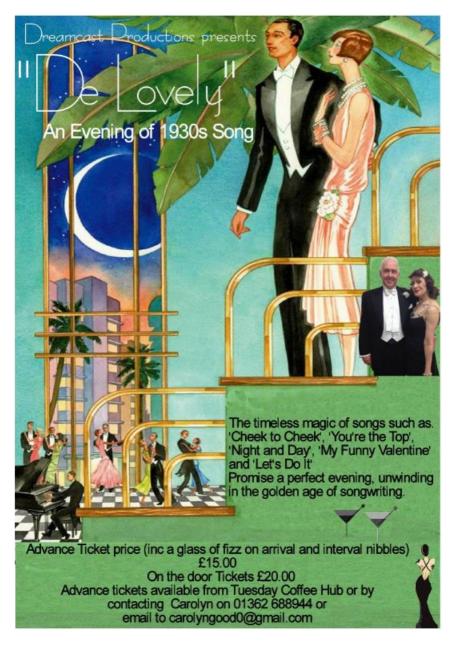
The Little Monkeys enjoy their play sessions on Friday mornings but sadly we only have a few who come. We need to attract more families to use this community resource, otherwise we will need to close.

We are very grateful to the Hall's Volunteers for their help in running this group, to Bawdeswell Entertainments Group for subsidising the funding and to the Parish Council for their support. All these groups help Little Monkeys exist.

We understand child care provision is continuing to develop through government funding and we are forced to question whether this Little Monkeys community resource is still useful and viable for our community.

We would like to hear from any families who could support the group by attending and contributing to the running of Little Monkeys.

Please let us know what you think by the end of February. Have your say by emailing Anne at <u>annetoomey@googlemail.com</u> or ring her for a chat on 01362 685308.



Saturday 23rd March, 6.30 for 7.30pm

VILLAGE NEWS

Foxley Village Hall

Coffee Morning

The date of the next coffee morning will be **Wednesday**, **7**th **February at 10:00 am**. It will be the closest coffee morning to Shrove Tuesday, so come and enjoy the pancakes. In March our Coffee morning will be on Wednesday **6**th **March at 10:00 am**

Community Evening

Our next Community Evening will be on **Saturday 3rd February from 6** – **9 pm**. Do come and join us for a drink and a chance to chat to your neighbours. In March our community evening will be on **Saturday 2nd March**.

For more information please contact Linda 688488 or Gillian 688955.

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Book Group

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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.

"Juliet, Naked" by Nick Hornby

Annie loves Duncan. Or she thinks she does. After all they've been together for fifteen years. It would be a bit of a waste, wouldn't it, if she doesn't or doesn't anymore?

Duncan is obsessed by Tucker Crowe, a reclusive singer songwriter who faded from view and his adoring public over twenty years ago. Duncan along with other fans spend hours on the internet interpreting Tucker's music and lyrics. Fed up, Annie also uses the internet, but she's more direct and she starts an email correspondence with the man himself.

Tucker is actually living in rural Pennsylvania whilst Annie is in Gooleness, an unlovely northern seaside town. It seems they are both lonely and looking for ways to break out from the boredom currently engulfing them.

This book has some laugh out loud moments as well as poking fun at fanobsessiveness. But it also highlights loneliness and how and why it can be so difficult to live up to the ideal of what someone 'should be'.

We also discussed and shared our thoughts on our '*Secret Santa Books*' and we reviewed all the books we've read during 2023. Some were unforgettable and some were, sadly, just forgettable.

We are currently reading *"Hamnet"* by *Maggie O'Farrell* for discussion at our meeting on 8th February.

Enquiries: Carolyn 01362 688944



Bawdeswell Festival Choir

The choir is an all-female group who meet at All Saints Church for an hour on a Wednesday evening and Saturday morning.

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 <u>pjlilwall@hotmail.com</u> for an initial conversation;- you would be most welcome!



Bawdeswell Bowls Club

It has been a very difficult end to December and start to the new year with so much wet weather, we have not been able to work on the green so it has not been possible to do any spiking or moss treatment which could become a problem if not treated soon. At least the treatment for fusarium and dollar spot in late November has been very successful. We have been very busy arranging fixtures for the coming season which will start in late April

Bawdeswell Bowls club will be holding an open afternoon for anybody who would like to give bowls a try;- bowls will be available. If interested call Paul on 01362688615 Mob 07796964574 email <u>paul.digby5@hotmail.co.uk</u>



Bridge Club

Sponsored by Bawdeswell Village Hall (Registered Charity No 800970)

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.

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



Bawdeswell Knit and Natter

Dates for **February are 8th** and **22nd** 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

Preparations are well underway for the new season, with fixtures being made and other bits and pieces being arranged. We play in 4 Leagues, the Cawston League and the Elmham and District League which are both Evening leagues and the AgeUK League and the Hempton League which are afternoons. We usually start around the 3rd week in April, with league games beginning in early May and continue to early September.

Last year we played 70 competitive games in the Leagues, Cups and a few friendlies. This worked out a more than a game every two days so it is a busy summer. We play on the Green behind Bawdeswell Village Hall which is one the best in the leagues we play in, if not the best. We have over 30 members, men and women, but are always on the lookout for new members to help with our busy schedule.

If you live in Bawdeswell or Foxley(but you do not have to) the chances are you already know someone who is a club member, so why not ask them about us or get in contact with me. It does not matter if you are experienced or have never played before. Tuition can be given and we will lend you some bowls to start with. All you will need is a pair of flat soled shoes. Get outside, meet new friends and chat and laugh on those warm summer evenings.

Nick Mears – Chairman. Tel 01362 688251



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 6 February - "Elderly care"** 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 7th February at 10am.** It will be the closest coffee morning to Shrove Tuesday, so come and enjoy the pancakes.

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.

£3 for you and your child, 50p for each additional child. Includes snacks. For more information, contact **Anne** on **01362 685308**. Find us on Facebook: Little Monkeys Bawdeswell.



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 <u>cyriljanes@btinternet.com</u>



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. There is a programme of longer walks planned for 2024 as well as continuing our walks of just two miles for those beginning their walking experience.

For up-to-date information, please check our website

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

email Ken Hawkins: <u>ken-hawkins@tiscali.co.uk</u> 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 15th February – Molotovs and Merlins by Gordon Hamlett. Thursday 21st March – Wild Ken Hill by Dominic Buscall (Dominic founded and manages Ken Hill and we will follow this by a guided walk in late May).

OUTDOOR - Sunday 25th February – Scuthorpe Moor HOT. Sunday 31st March – The Brecks, including Lynford Arboretum and Santon Downham.

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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 this year. 2023 has been another successful year with 87 journeys completed by our volunteer drivers who have covered almost 2,000 miles.

We have taken passengers to medical appointments in Cromer, Fakenham, Dereham, Norwich, Reepham, Wymondham, Postwick and of course to our local surgeries.

We are very fortunate to have this scheme which is funded by our parish councils and we welcome new passengers in 2024. 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.

If you think you could offer the occasional lift to a local resident in 2024, do please get in touch with me – the more drivers we have the lighter the load on everyone. Drivers are reimbursed for mileage expenses at 45p per mile. It's a great way of meeting your neighbours and making friends.

Do keep the requests for assistance coming in <u>with as much notice as</u> <u>possible please</u> and we will try our best to help if a volunteer driver is available. I am sometimes unavailable to take calls, so please leave a message for me and I will get back to you. Thank you.

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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.

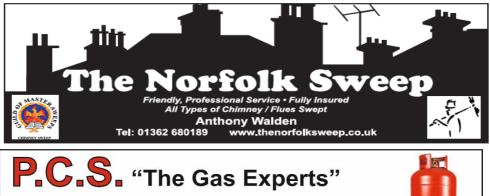
Check Facebook - Breckland Mobile Food Store for details.

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 7th DECEMBER 2023 AT 7.00pm

Present: J. Mallen (Chair), D. Shannon, A. Hartley-Walder, C. Good, R. Reed and P. Craven. Mrs. J Boxall (Clerk) Members of the public – 3

Councillor resignation

Cllr Reed tended his resignation and was thanked for all his hard work over his time as Councillor. The Notice of Vacancy has been displayed. The Council are looking for individuals interested in becoming a Parish Councillor. Please contact the Clerk in the first instance for further information.

Grounds Maintenance

Following discussion, it was agreed to accept Mr Williamson's ground maintenance proposal on the proviso that the Council can find the capital to purchase the equipment (capital outlay confirmed as £8700 + VAT). A risk assessment had been carried out as it was accepted this was a new venture for the Council. It was confirmed that there would be an annual cost of £4770 (£2000 to Contractor with additional expenditure for fuel, servicing & repair and depreciation) with an additional £180 to be paid to the Contractor to cover the volunteer's public liability. It was agreed to utilise the kind offer from a parishioner to secure the mower and equipment in their locked garage, as long as insurance is in place, thus eliminating the need for a storage container. 16 pallets required for containing grass cuttings had been kindly offered free of charge from Bawdeswell Garden Centre.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would employ a local contractor to cut the hedges around the recreation ground up to a maximum of £200/year.

It was agreed that in order to achieve the £8700 required for outlay of equipment, £5000 should be taken out of the earmarked reserves for Bluebell rise and £3700 taken out of earmarked reserves for the driveway; £8700 to be repaid within 3 years as per reserves policy (approved at this meeting).

It was confirmed that two quotes were received to fulfil the weed / prune specification. Following consideration of both quotes it was agreed to accept the quote from Muddy Badger for the Village green, jubilee garden, churchyard and Adams Pit with a one-off clearance of the Jubilee Garden as per quotes received.

Breckland Call for Sites

Following discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council should comment as part of the public participation on the latest local plan consultation papers. Councillors will review ClIr Shannon's draft response and let him have any comments / amendments by 15th January, following which the document will be finalised, circulated and submitted to Breckland by the Clerk. -Joanne Medler Hypnotherapy

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Bawdeswell continued:

Planning

3PL/2023/1097/HOU - Proposed cart lodge with storage room above at The Old Rectory Foxley Road, Bawdeswell.

It was agreed that the Council had no comment or objection, assuming that the upstairs storage facility is not used for residential accommodation.

Late planning application –

3PL/2023/1145/F - Proposed change of use of land for the formation of 1no. Gypsy/Traveller pitch, comprising 1 static caravan (mobile home), 1 touring caravan, and erection of 1 dayroom, and use of land for equestrian purposes.

Land off Reepham Road, Grid Ref 605624 321639

It was agreed to object to the application on the grounds of road safety (Highways previously agreed with the Parish Council's objection for development of the site as visual splay at entrance not wide enough) and the development is outside the settlement boundary.

Finance

The balance of the Community account as at 30th November 2023 was confirmed as £28,865.07, Business Money Manager (Earmarked reserves) was £39299.29. Budget figures were circulated to Council and can be viewed on the website.

Precept requirements for 2024/25 - The Clerk circulated the financial report / budget. It was unanimously agreed to increase the precept to cover all expenditure and request a precept of £28700 for 2024/25 in order to meet current financial commitments.

The next Parish Council Meetings will held on Thursday 1st February 2024 and Thursday 7th March 2024. 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

PARISH COUNCILS

Meeting of FOXLEY PARISH COUNCIL on Thursday 11 January 2024 at 7:00 pm.

Present: Nicky Mears (NM) Chair, Mark Watson (MW), Gillian Blyth (GJB), Linda Rose (LR) also fulfilling role of temporary clerk at the meeting, Gordon Bambridge (GB) District Councillor. Members of the public: 1

- 1. Apologies for absence: Giles Blatchford. Did not attend: Bill Borrett.
- 2. Declarations of Interest of Council Members were recorded for Linda Rose on items concerning St Thomas' Church
- 3. Following the resignation of Ali Blatchford as Parish Clerk, Councillor Linda Rose has offered to cover temporarily until a replacement is found. Ali Blatchford will continue as RFO and to do most of the work of the clerk until year end.
- 4. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 12 October 2023 were signed and approved.
- 5. Report on the progress of items from the previous meeting not on this agenda:
- 5.1. Drains on The Street opposite Lawrence Place; this is being dealt with, waiting on a repair to the drain which will mean the closure of The Street and they hope to do this in the early part of the new year.
- 5.2. Lay-by on A1067 going towards Fakenham. Highways have come back with a quote of £2353.00 which is to be paid by Foxley Parish Council for the cutting back of the vegetation to make the lay-by less visible and therefore less likely to attract fly tipping. We may have missed applying for the parish partnership to help towards this cost. It was felt the cost was too much for Foxley and it would need re-doing in a couple of years as the vegetation grows back. There was surprise that Foxley Parish Council have been asked to pay for this. Action: clerk to contact Bill Borrett to check if local council would have to pay.
- 5.3 Straw and Mud on the Street. Mentioned about the straw coming off at certain properties where the hedges are over hanging "The Street" and dragging straw from passing vehicles. Highways have been notified that we still have one issue and awaiting on St Thomas Church to apply for planning permission to trim back the yew and holly trees in the church yard that overhang "The Street". Permission has been obtained from church authorities for this and planning permission is now awaiting approval.
- 5.4 Dog Fouling and Fly tipping Signs, NM and GWB erected a post in each layby awaiting the Fly tipping signs to be put up, Breckland have been advised. We are now awaiting the signs to be delivered/erected by Breckland. Clerk to chase this again.

PARISH COUNCILS

Foxley continued:

- 5.5 Mobile Surveillance Cameras Breckland District Council have been advised regarding that we are very keen to have these cameras in our laybys Breckland advised this is still in the early stages. More fly tipping at the layby heading to Fakenham. Clerk to contact Breckland. NM considers this is the most likely way to deter fly tipping on the lay-by. GB will investigate this. It was suggested that it might be worth contacting the landowner to erect a fence, as most of the fly tipping is not on council land.
- 5.6 Highways and the government grant to deliver local highway improvements of which the grant would pay up to 50% of the costs. Giles Blatchford has advised that Highways have costed the two proposed trods. Which are: Along the B1145 from Mill Road to the Fakenham Road A1067 totalling £87,168.49 and along the Fakenham Road to the Lay-by totalling £34,873.61. They have put down that they would need to put in curb stones on each case, which seems excessive considering they are only trods and not actual pavements. A great idea but sadly something that Foxley Parish Council could not afford without further government or outside help with.
- 5.7. "The Street" sign has gone missing from the triangle by the Main Road Highways have been asked if the posts can be removed, again this does not meet their intervention criteria. GB considered that road signs are Breckland's responsibility. GB will investigate.
- 5.8 Leeds Trust NM updated the council. The committee have asked for applications from the 2023 and 2024 leavers and several applications have been received. There was concern that the 2022 leavers had been left out and questioned whether applications from this year group could be reconsidered. Also concern expressed that parents have been asked to apply for this as those who need it most may not do so, but it was explained that the committee have no other way of finding the names of those pupils who qualify.
- 5.9 Free Wi-Fi at the village Hall the equipment has now been installed and free Wi-Fi is now available in the village hall for all to use.
- 5.10 Memorial to the Airman who died in Foxley no further action to report.
- 5.11 Following a resident's concern over the traffic and their speed down Mill Road once out of the 20mph. Parish Clerk contacted Highways and they did not feel that there was enough traffic travelling down Mill Road to warrant extending the speed limit or to make it Residents and Service Access only. Traffic calming measures would need a survey costing £7, 000 -£20, 000.

PARISH COUNCILS

Foxley continued:

- 6 Planning applications:
- 6.1. Church View, Chapel Road, NR20 4QS 3PL/2023/0825/HOU- Permission granted.
- 6.2. Platinum Farm, The Street, NR20 4QP 3PL/2023/0898/HOU– Permission granted.
- 6.3. Kingsmead House Old Fakenham Road NR20 4QJ -3PN/2023/0036/PNE -Prior Approval Status not required.
- 6.4. St Thomas Church, The Street Foxley NR20 4QP TPO 1985/08 reduction to branches over the road back to the boundary wall, approximately 1.5 meters and to reduce branches back on the church side by 1.5 meters access to church on the pathway. Undecided Discussed; all in favour.
- 7. Finance
- 7.1. Clerk salary. Hours worked:1 October 2023 to 31 December 28 hours Total salary for the period
- 7.2. To approve and sign the Summary of Accounts for the period from 1 October 2023 to 31 December 2023. Proposed by GJB Seconded by MW
- 7.3. Additional Payments:
- 7.3.1. Ali Blatchford for the purchase of Posts for fly tipping signs £140.90
- 7.3.2. Breckland District Council uncontested elections held in 4th May 2023 -£75.00
- 7.3.3. Village Hall C Ledbury Plumbing and Heating repair to the water leak in the village hall. £319.20
- 7.3.4.Foxley Village Hall: Final donation payment £295.90 to go towards
Robin Taylor Hearing Aid Loop and PA system£888.91
- 7.4.Authorise payments:£397.88Clerks Salary:£397.88Clerk for the purchase of posts for fly tipping signs£140.90Breckland District Council:£75.00Village Hall Committee:£319.20Village Hall Committee:£295.90Breckland District Council: for signages already paid£199.20

£397.88

PARISH COUNCILS

Foxley continued:

Budget for 2024/25 to be considered and approved, including the precept for 2024/25:

7.5. Precept for 2024/25

Option 4 was agreed. To increase budget to £5540, with Council Taxpayers in a Band D property would look at paying £2.36 extra per year.

- 7.6. Budget. Three versions submitted for consideration. This is due to the keeping the precept low for Council Taxpayers but there is a deficit on each one, the only way to remove the deficit would be to increase the Precept. This led to a lot of discussion, but it was felt that the budget information, whilst guiding the setting of the precept should not hold the councillors to individual items at this stage. The decision on what amount to spend on each item should be made at the time that they are requested.
- 8. Should we organise another Litter Pick, yes. LR agreed to contact Breckland Council and organise the litter pick.
- 9. Could solar lights with PIR be fitted to both bus shelters, to help keep pedestrians safe at night. Is this something the Council could do with Highways approval? This was to be a good idea. Action: Clerk to explore cost of installation and maintenance.
- 10. Highways matters. Recently a long vehicle was stuck on The Street at the bends by the farm and eventually had to reverse back to the A1067. Would it be possible to have a sign warning drivers that the road is unsuitable for long vehicles. Clerk to contact highways.

Date of the next meeting. 9th May 2024 at 7 pm in Foxley Village Hall



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CHURCH NEWS

The Friends of Bawdeswell Church 'protecting & enhancing this unique building for the future'



We were very sorry to hear that Sue Lilwall passed away suddenly on the 17th November. Our sympathy goes out to Peter and all the family. Sue was one of our founding members and she will be greatly missed. Sue was instrumental in so many of our fund-raising events, from flower festivals, to harvest suppers and Christmas wreath fairs, Sue would be there taking a leading role. Thank you Sue for all you did in making the Friends such a success.

The Christmas Wreath Fair we held on Saturday the 16th of December in the church, again a great success. The event made over £1300, which was more than last year, amazing. Thank you to everyone who was able to support us. A big thank you to Julie Smith and all those that made wreaths and to Angy who provided cakes and conordinated the produce stall. Also to Tony for the hamper donation, what an amazing team effort, thank you!

A date for your diary and one not to be missed is the return of the popular Race Night with supper, which is being held at the Village Hall on Saturday the 13th of April. Door open at 7pm for the first race at 7.30pm. Tickets will be on sale soon; you can sponsor a race and even buy a horse, prizes all-round. A great family night out. Also don't forget the very exciting news, 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!

There will be retail stalls, food outlets and a live band. Bring a picnic if you wish and please your own chairs. Tickets are on sale now via <u>www.ticketsource.co.uk</u> <u>2024 events:</u>

Jan 20th100 Club members Annual Drinks Party- 7pm - Church ViewApril 13thRace Night with Supper- Doors open at 7pm, first race 7.30pm - Village HallJuly 28thBylaugh Hall - Pride & Prejudice- Gates open at 12pm performance 2pmSep tbcHarvest Supper- Doors open at 7pm for 7.30pm - Village HallDec 7thChristmas Wreath Fair with Craft & Seasonal produce 10am-1pm - The Church

All ticket information and further enquiries from 01362 688499 or

<u>pjlilwall@hotmail.com</u> 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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CHURCH NEWS

Bawdeswell Church News



December was a very busy month for the All Saints Festival Choir. It started with the Advent Carol Service at the beginning of the month, followed by Christmas carol services at Foxley, Bawdeswell and Belaugh. Most poignant of all was their beautiful singing at Sue Lilwall's funeral just before Christmas.

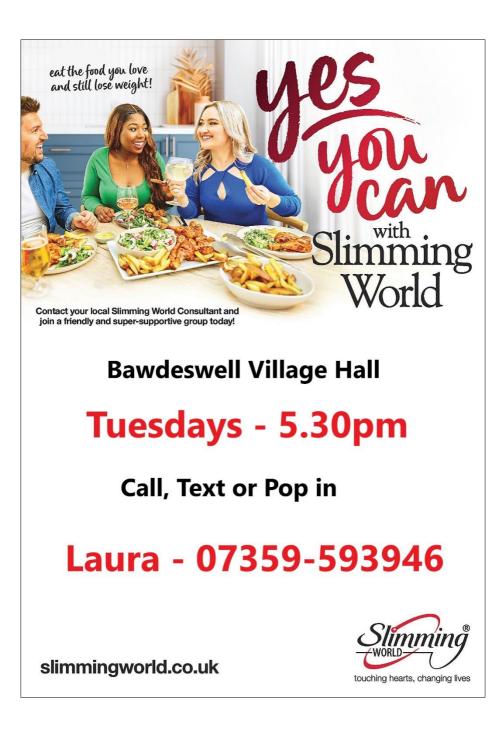
Sue was a regular supporter of All Saints Bawdeswell for many, many years and will be greatly missed. She was responsible for organising Flower Festivals and Christmas Tree Festivals in the past and led a group of regular flower arrangers ensuring the church was always beautifully decorated when appropriate. She also instigated the ever-popular annual Wreath and Craft Sale in December.

Sue, we will miss you and your great enthusiasm for all things Bawdeswell.

A special thank you to James Lilwall as choirmaster and organist for soldiering on in this very difficult time.

Your Mum was so proud of you.

Thank you, RT Churchwarden.



CHURCH NEWS

Church Letter

After the excitement and joy of Christmas, January can feel like a long and rather bleak month. As we move into February, we sense the lengthening of days and hopefully some bright winter sunshine. In the Church calendar, we celebrate 'Candlemas' on 2nd February (or the nearest Sunday – this year, 28th January).

Candlemas remembers 'the Presentation of Christ in the Temple', when the infant Jesus was taken to the Temple by his parents, Mary and Joseph *(Luke 2:22-38).* It's a charming story and the subject of many paintings down the centuries – perhaps most notably the 17th century work by Ludovico Carracci. We see Mary handing her baby to an old man called Simeon. God had promised Simeon that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah and this was the moment!

Simeon gave us the beautiful canticle usually referred to as the *Nunc Dimittis*, Lord, now you are dismissing your servant in peace. Then he blesses Mary and Joseph and tells her that Jesus is destined for great things, although there is a dark undertone, when he tells Mary that a sword will pierce her soul. He is foreshadowing the grief and agony Mary will experience when her son is arrested and crucified some 33 years later.

Going back to Simeon's canticle, Jesus is to be 'a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel'. This tiny baby will bring about the salvation of all people, of every nation, throughout time.

There is another character in this story, who is often overlooked. The elderly Anna, a widow who spends all her time in the temple, fasting and praying. She, too, can see that this child is the one promised by God. Overwhelmed with joy, she begins to praise God and to speak to everyone she meets about this child and the promise of redemption.

February is also the month when we see signs of new growth, especially aconites and snowdrops. The snowdrop has a nick-name, the *Candlemas Bell*, popping out of the earth like little candles with their delicate bell-shaped flowers and reminding us of God's promise.

Happy Candlemas! Yours, in Christ, Revd Sally

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BAWDESWELL & FOXLEY CHURCH SERVICES

Date	Sun 4 th February	Sun 11 th February	Sun 18 th February	Sun 25 th February
Season	2 nd before Lent	Next before Lent	1 st of Lent	2 nd of Lent
Bawdeswell	10.30am HC	The 10:30	10:30am HC	10.30am Words & Praise
Foxley	-	-	-	-

February 2024

HC Holy Communion The 10:30 with Music Group

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