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WELCOME

Spring is here!

Well, Easter this year is right on the cusp of 2 months, with Easter Sunday with its Church services and Easter Egg hunts on 31st March and Easter Monday, a welcome Bank Holiday and April Fool's Day on 1st April.

The surrounding countryside has looked beautiful over the past few weeks with snowdrops, aconites, crocus, pussy willow, catkins, primroses, daffodils all taking their turn and fresh green leaves uncurling on stems and branches and blossom cascading from shrubs and trees.

We are so lucky in Bawdeswell, surrounded by lovely countryside and a few minutes' walk brings one out of the village enjoying the wondrous BIG skies of Norfolk and the twittering of birds in trees and hedgerows. Our gardens are starting to 'wake up', those of you who are keen gardeners are busy planting crops to harvest later in the year, planting flowers that can be picked for the house or as a gift and all of us have the benefit when we take a walk of enjoying the endeavours of our neighbours' gardens.

Let us hope that we have a reasonable few months weather-wise ahead of us! Please no extremes but with climate change that may unfortunately not be possible, one can only hope!

Anne and team

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April Events

Event	Date	Location/Time
Mobile Library	Tues 2 nd Apr	From 11.10am see page 35 for details
Café Philosophique	Tues 2 nd Apr	Bawdeswell Village Hall 7.30pm
Foxley Coffee Morning	Wed 3 rd Apr	Foxley Village Hall 10am
Bawdeswell Parish Council	Thurs 4 th Apr	Bawdeswell Village Hall 7pm
Foxley Community Evening	Sat 6 th Apr	Foxley Village Hall 6-9pm
Bawdeswell Village Cinema	Sat 6 th Apr	Bawdeswell Village Hall 6.30 for 7.30pm
Knit and Natter	Thurs 11 th Apr	Bawdeswell Village Hall 2-4pm
Book Group	Thurs 11 th Apr	Bawdeswell Village Hall 7.30pm
Foxley Litter Pick	Sat 13 th Apr	Foxley Village Hall 10am
FoBC Race Night	Sat 13 th Apr	Bawdeswell Village Hall 7pm
Model Railway Exhibition	Sat 20 th Apr	Bawdeswell Village Hall 10-4.30pm
Bintree Bowls Club Quiz	Sat 20 th Apr	Foxley Village Hall 6.30 for 7pm
Soup and Pud	Thurs 25 th Apr	Bawdeswell Village Hall 12-2pm
Knit and Natter	Thurs 25 th Apr	Bawdeswell Village Hall 2-4pm
Quiz Night	Sat 27 th Apr	Bawdeswell Village Hall 6.30 for 7.30pm
Foxley Coffee Morning	Wed 1 st May	Foxley Village Hall 10am
Bawdeswell Parish Council	Thurs 2 nd May	Bawdeswell Village Hall 7pm
Foxley Community Evening	Sat 4 th May	Foxley Village Hall 6-9pm





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
Bridge Club	2 nd and 4 th Tues 7pm	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Move it or Lose it	Wed 10 – 11am	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Move it or Lose it	Wed 11.30 – 12.30pm	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Youth Football Club	Wed 6 - 8pm	Bawdeswell Village Hall
FitSteps	Thurs 7 – 8pm	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Little Monkeys	Fri (term time) 9.30-11.30am	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Bridge Club	Fri 1.30pm	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Short Mat Bowls	Fri 2 – 4pm	Foxley Village Hall
Hatha Yoga	Sat 8.45 – 9.45am	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Games Afternoon	Sat 1.30 – 4.30pm	Bawdeswell Village Hall

OTHER LOCAL EVENTS

Event	Date	Location/Time
Reepham Gardening Club	Tues 16 th Apr	7pm Reepham Town Hall, see page 11 for details
Reepham WI Meeting	Thurs 18 th Apr	7.30pm St Michaels, Reepham, see page 11 for details
Fakenham Choral Society Concert	Sat 20 th Apr	7pm Fakenham Parish Church, see page 17 for details
Elsing Tractor Run	Sun 21 st Apr	10am Elsing Village Hall, see page 15 for details
Bawdeswell Festival Choir Concert	Sun 28 th Apr	3pm St Marys Whinburgh, see page 44 for details

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EVENTS INFORMATION

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Tuesday, 16th April, - 7pm

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Ellen has been listed in the Top 5 Women Influencers in Horticulture by Grow Your Own Magazine! She has appeared on many TV programmes and is the Horticultural Co-Ordinator for the Royal Norfolk Show.

After her excellent talk in 2020 on 'Plants and Nature for Wellbeing' we have invited Ellen back to give us a talk on USA gardens. This will be a visual tour of outstanding gardens and planting from her travels including Longwood Gardens in Pennsylvania, Phoenix Botanical Garden and the New York High Line to name a few. If you haven't had the chance to go and see these gardens, this talk will take you on a walk as if you were there yourself!

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.Reepham garden club.org.uk or email jeffandcaroljohnson@yahoo.co.uk.

Reepham WI

Thursday, 18th April 7.30pm Open meeting, limited spaces

Mary Newton coming to give us a talk on her career as a Forensic Scientist. She was involved in several high-profile cases and latterly served as an advisor on the Silent Witness series. She is now retired and serves as President of Framingham WI.

Members will be free, guests £10 each, to include refreshments. Spaces are limited, for more information please contact Christine on 01603 870486.

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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DOG FOULING IN BAWDESWELL

Bawdeswell Parish Council has been inundated with complaints about dog fouling in the village, in particular on the recreation ground near play equipment and on the football pitch.

As this has become a serious issue, the Parish Council is seeking support from Breckland District Council dog warden and has also requested further CCTV cameras be installed so that offenders can be caught and prosecuted. Residents are asked to support the Parish Council and report offenders.

A reminder to dog owners, if you are letting your dog off the lead in any public space, please keep an eye on them. Bawdeswell residents are lucky to have such a lovely, well-kept green open space within the village, and a small number of dog owners are making it unpleasant for other users by neglecting their duty in picking up after their dogs. The law states that being unaware a dog has fouled or not having a suitable bag is not a reasonable excuse! There is already CCTV at the village hall and, if reported to us by witnesses, we may be able to identify the offenders and pass the images to the police. Failing to pick up after your dog in a public space is a chargeable offence, IT IS ILLEGAL and can attract a fine of up to £1000.

Little Monkeys Update

Following our alert in last month's edition, asking for families to use and support our village Play Group on Friday mornings, we have been delighted to welcome some new Little Monkeys with their grown-ups.

We hope to continue growing with more Little Monkeys coming to play.

After the Easter school holidays our next sessions will continue to be on Fridays 10:00-11:30 from 19^{th} April to 24^{th} May.



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Wed 10 th April	Colchester Zoo	8.30am	£55 (C £35)
Thurs 11th April	Legoland 6.30am £75 (£35 unde	r 3/90cm or co	ach 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
Wed 17th April	Hever Castle Celebration of Spring	7.30am	£53
	+ 2 -course lunch		£78
Thurs 18th April	Belvoir Castle & Gardens	8.30am	£52
Sat 20th April	Battersea Power Station & Park	8am	£37
Sun 21st April	Jimmy's Farm & Ewa The Polar Bear	9am	£39/£35/£15
Sat 27th April	Lincoln at Leisure	8am	£38
Sat 27th April	Welsh Association of Male Voice Choirs - Royal Albert Hall	12 noon	£70
Mon 29th Apr	Holland, Amsterdam & Keukenhof	6am tbc	from £645
To Fri 3rd May	Half board	oun oc	II OIII LO IS
May 2024			
Wed 1st May	Lavenham, Dedham & Flatford Mill	8am	£35
Fri 3rd May	Fred Olsen Scenic Isles of Scotland Cruise	7am tbc	from £849
To Wed 8th May			
Sun 11th May	Spalding Flower Parade	8am	£30
Sat 11th May	Film Music Gala – Royal Albert Hall	8.30am	£75
Sun 12th May	Abba Voyage	8am	£115
Sun 12th May	Stratford, Gin Distillery & Warwick	7.30am	from £145)
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Wed 15th May	Wells, Stody Lodge Rhododendrons	9am	£46
	& Cream Tea		
Thurs 16th May	Leonardslee Gardens with opt. Cheese & Wine tasting	7.30am	from £57
Fri 17th May	Derbyshire Mystery Day Trip	6am	£65
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7th Reepham Food Festival to be held on 26 May 2024.

Once more Reepham Town Square will be closed for an entertaining day of food and fun. The festival will again be organised by a team from Reepham Rotary Club.

Around 40 food and drink stalls will include many old favourites and some exciting new tastes and textures to try and buy: sizzling hot food, delicious cakes and interesting tipples will make for an entertaining visit. There will be plenty of space in the square and the garden to sit and enjoy your purchases and lots of goodies to take home for your store cupboard.

All stall holders are local producers showing the best of the region and the skills and hard work of our local suppliers.

The town's cafes and pubs will be open to welcome guests and some of the town's shops will be open too. There will be music in the air from local venues and performances by students from Reepham High School.

Please come and join us. It's a fun day out for all the family - and it's free!

10 am - 4 pm. Parking at Reepham High School and Stimpson's Piece.

www.reephamfoodfestival.org.uk

More info Richard Cooke 07889 036852 publicity@reephamrotary.org.uk

Elsing Heritage Tractor Run

Due to take place on Sunday April 21st. Assembling at the Church/Village car park (NR20 3EA) from 9 am. Breakfasts at the Village Hall. Setting off at 10 am for the Acorn Hut at Mattishall, back later for refreshments and raffle prizes. Drivers £10, passengers £5. Proceeds in aid of the Heritage Society, Church, and Village Hall.

Contact Sally Hautot, 01362 637660 schboo@gmail.com

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Prestigious performance from Fakenham Choral Society

Tickets are in high demand for the highlight of Fakenham Choral Society's 50th anniversary season. Performing Verdi's dramatic 'Requiem', this highly regarded choir's concert is sure to be a sell-out. The event will take place at Fakenham Parish Church on Saturday April 20th at 7.00pm.

"We are delighted to have attracted such prestigious singers to join us" says choir vice-chairman, Rosemary Dear. "It's only very rarely that a concert on such a grand scale comes to Fakenham, and it's a real privilege to be able to perform this amazing work for our location community." Mark Jones, the choir's musical director, will lead the chorus, full orchestra and international soloists Claire Weston, Beth Mackay, Daniel Bartlette and Alex Ashworth in what is sure to be an unforgettable night of music making.

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Look out for more information in the Reeves Tale from now until August.

VILLAGE NEWS

Bawdeswell Village Hall Update

It's time again to update on what has been happening in the Village Hall lately and advertise what is happening over the next few months.

March has been a very busy one for the Hall and enquiries and bookings are keeping our wonderful Booking Manager Jo very busy, as well as all the brilliant volunteers who help her with opening the hall, meeting and greeting hirers, setting out seating and tables when needed and making wonderful buffet lunches when requested. Our catering team are second to none and hirers who request lunches are always impressed with what they are served. The favourable comments that we receive about the Hall in general and service it provides is very much appreciated and we hope that we can continue to deliver such a good venue and service.

Of course, all this comes at a cost. With the price of electricity as it is the Hall has to pay its way by being as busy as we can make it. But also, we have a volunteer who is very experienced in finding and filling out Grant Applications that we can apply for and we have been successful in quite a few of these which really do help with the costs of running a building as generous in space and facilities as it is.

We'd like to thank Norfolk Community Foundation for their grant which has contributed towards our background costs, enabling us to continue running our weekly Tuesday morning Coffee Hub, and our last Thursday of the month Soup 'n' Pud Hub. This grant has helped us keep people warm in our Hall during the winter months. Like everyone else, our electricity bills have been very high and without this support our Hall would have been a much colder place.

Now to give a little taster of what is to come – apart from our usual events which we run each month. We hope that you will be keeping the 18th August 2024 free in your diaries as we are working hard to put on a magnificent celebration of 100 years of this village having a hall. Starting with a wooden hut in the Street which was provided for the men and boys of the village as a Reading Room to our wonderful building now we are organising a celebration on the playing fields and in the Hall for all the village to take part in and enjoy. From Punch and Judy, Bouncy Castles and Storytelling for the children to a Dog Show, Hog Roast, Plant Stall and much more. Lots more things to come as we get nearer to the date but do keep your eyes open for posters and advertising which will be coming up over the coming weeks and months. We want this to be a special celebration that all the village can enjoy.

Do please come along and support the Village Hall – it is your Hall and we, as the committee and volunteers really want to know what you feel about the things we organise and whether there are other things that you would like to see going on as well.

Contacts:

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



Come and join us on the

Foxley Litter Pick



When: Saturday 13th APRIL 2024 at 10:00 am

Where: Meet at Foxley Village Hall

All equipment provided with coffee and cake to follow for all litter pickers.

Bring your children, your dog, your mates!

All welcome

Help us make Foxley a litter free village.

Need more information: please contact Linda: 688488

or Gillian: 688599

VILLAGE NEWS

Foxley Village Hall

Coffee Morning

The date of the next coffee morning will be **Wednesday**, 3^{rd} **April**, 10 - 12 **noon**. In May the coffee morning will be on Wednesday 1^{st} May.

Community Evening

Our next Community Evening will be on **Saturday 6th April, from 6 – 9 pm**. Do come and join us for a drink, a chance to chat to your neighbours and listen to music. In May our community evening will be on Saturday 4th May.

Afternoon Tea

We were hoping to hold an afternoon tea at Foxley Village Hall on **Thursday 11**th **April, 2pm to 4 pm** a traditional afternoon tea, but this has unfortunately had to be **postponed** until a later month.

Litter Pick

The next litter pick in Foxley will be on **Saturday 13th April from 10 to 11 am**. All welcome to join with us in keeping our village clean and tidy. It is usually a very friendly affair and a good way to meet some of your neighbours. We all work in pairs and it only takes about an hour with coffee and cake to follow!

Bintree Bowls Club Quiz

Put on your thinking caps, sharpen up your wits and set aside the date, as the Bintree Bowls Club Quiz will take place at Foxley Village Hall on **Saturday April 20**th, **6.30 for 7pm**.

Please book in advance as a team of 6 or 8, or you can join in and make up a team on the night. There will be a bar and a light supper.

Tickets cost £10 and can be obtained from Helen Mears 01362 688251, Gillian Blyth 01362 688955 or Dave Beresford 01362 688855

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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, currently £20, 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.

"A Single Thread" by Tracy Chevalier



It's 1932 and Violet Speedwell has become a "surplus woman".

The Great War has taken both her beloved brother and her fiancé. She is one of a generation doomed to a life of spinsterhood after the war killed so many young men.

She rebels from the task of caring for her grieving, embittered mother with countless meals of boiled eggs and dry toast. She finds a job in Winchester and although her pay barely covers the rent of a room, it does give her some newfound freedoms.

Violet joins a group of women, engaged in a centuries-long tradition, embroidering kneelers for the Cathedral. Here she finds support and community and enjoys a growing friendship with Gilda.

Tracy Chevalier conjures up a bare life with few fripperies. It is the story of friendship and love. Of a young woman striving to come to terms with the England of the 1930s.

We are currently reading "Tail of the Blue Bird" by Nii Ayikwei Parkes for discussion at our meeting on 11th April.

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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 last 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

The new bowl season is approaching fast and the green is slowly drying out so I am now cutting weekly to about 8 mm. It will also need scarifying plus spiking with finger tines which will help to let the liquid fertiliser get down to the roots where it needs to be. My target is to open the green on the 19th of April. Bawdeswell's first game is away at Fakenham Town Tuesday 30th of April in the County league and the first home game is against Swanton Abbott on 2nd May. If there is any body interested in having a go at bowls please give **Paul a call on 01362 688615 Mob 07796964574** email paul.digby5@hotmail.co.uk P.S. bowls are available in different sizes.



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

Bintree Bowls Club



Saturday 20th April 2024

At Foxley Village Hall

6:30 for 7:00 pm start

Light supper

Bar

Book in as a team of 6 or 8

or make up a team on the night

Tickets in advance £10

From

Helen Mears 01362 688251 Gillian Blyth 01362 688955 Dave Beresford 01362 688855

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Bawdeswell Knit and Natter

Dates for **April are 11**th and **25**th 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

A new season is almost here, all fixtures are made and we just hope for some dry and warm weather. Our first roll up will be on Tues 23rd April at 2.00pm(weather permitting) at the Green behind Bawdeswell Village Hall and continuing every Tues throughout the season. Anybody is welcome to come along and have a go, just bring some flat soled shoes.

Some of you may wonder why Bintree Bowls Club has an entry in the The Reeves Tale. We do not know when the club was formed but we do know it was in existence in 1924, so is now at least 100 years old!

The club played in 3 different locations in Bintree over the years, the last one being adjacent to Bintree Village Hall. In 2009 the club lost the use of the Green when arrangement of the fees could not be agreed with the owners, the Holkham Estate. An agreement was reached for the club to move to Bawdeswell, sharing the Green, where it has remained ever since, and the Green sharing has worked very well, giving us an excellent playing surface and good facilities with the use of the Village Hall. Many of the members who left the Bintree Green were residents of Bawdeswell and Foxley anyway and more have joined since. We just have one Bintree resident as a member now. The club will be holding a Quiz night at Foxley Village Hall on Sat 20th April,

Nick Mears - Chairman, Tel 01362 688251



Short Mat Bowls

see page 28 in this magazine for more details, all are welcome.

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.



Saturday 27th April

at Bawdeswell Village Hall

Either make up your own team of 6-8 or join up with others at the hall.

This is a light hearted fun Quiz with rounds on General Knowledge, Geography, History, Sport, True or False & Food & Drink.

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Hall and Bar/Cafe Open 6.30pm - Quiz Starts at 7.30pm

Adults £5, Over 60 £4.50, Under 18 £3, Family (2A+2C) £14 + £2 each extra child

To book your place please contact Carolyn Tel: 01362 688944.







CLUBS AND SOCIETIES



Cafe Philosophique

Finding good reasons for everyday beliefs

We 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 2nd April - "Censorship"

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 April at 10am.**If you need transport, please contact Jo 688981 or for any other enquiries please contact **Linda 688488 or Gillian 688955.**



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.



North Elmham Countrysiders Club

Meet at The Memorial Hall, Holt Road, North Elmham.

Every other Monday evening 7pm - 8.30pm (term time only). Open to ages 10-16 yrs. We are part of the Norfolk Young Farmers clubs and are actively involved in all areas within the organisation. This includes competitions, sports days and social events. Other activities include team building sessions, farm visits, and outside activities. Please come along and enjoy **2 free sessions** to decide if you want to join our club too! (Please note - sessions usually cost £4/child, annual subscription applies). For more information, please email: north_elmham_cs@norfolkyfc.co.uk Or find us on Facebook (North Elmham Countrysiders) or by calling the Norfolk County office: 01603 748931



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CLUBS AND SOCIETIES



Lakeside Pilgrims Bowls Club

We are looking for Outdoor Bowlers who are either wishing to play at a new club or are keen to start playing outdoors.

We originated from the Indoor and Outdoor Lakeside Club at Lyng but when it was closed in November 2014 the outdoor club reformed as Lakeside Pilgrims and are based at the Bawdeswell Bowling Green.

Last Summer we played in 3 Leagues and for the 2024 Summer Season we are looking for new members. At Bawdsewell we have facilities for after match refreshments in the adjacent Village Hall where we sit and relax with Tea/Coffee and Biscuits. Our current match fee is £3.00 and for home matches we also run a football card to pay for the refreshments and hopefully make something for Club Funds.

If you are interested, then please contact either **Cyril Janes on 07966 169806** or **Bernie Jones on 07711 210078** or **Sue Purse on 07765 446907**.



Dereham Walkers are Welcome

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



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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.

On Saturday April 20th we will meet outside Church House for a short walk before our AGM. For up-to-date information, please check our website http://www.derehamwaw.org.uk/,

email Ken Hawkins: ken-hawkins@tiscali.co.uk or call him on 07505 426750.



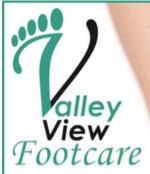
Wensum Valley Birdwatching Society

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

INDOOR - Thursday 18th April – AGM, followed by Patrick Barkham : The Swimmer – Roger Deakin, environmentalist and nature lover, founder of wild swimming.

OUTDOOR – Saturday 27th April – Billingford Lakes.

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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 with as much notice as possible please 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.

David Wheeler, Volunteer Coordinator 07909 901015



Current Opening Hours and Locations

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

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BAWDESWELL	PARADISE ROAD	11:40 – 11.50
BAWDESWELL	CHAUCER CLOSE	11.55 – 12.10
FOXLEY	VILLAGE HALL	12:20 – 12.35

Breckland Mobile Food Store

Update on this community facility's availablity for Bawdeswell and Foxley Residents.



The current arrangements for The Breckland Mobile Food Store at the Village Hall have finished. Future arrangements have not as yet been organised.

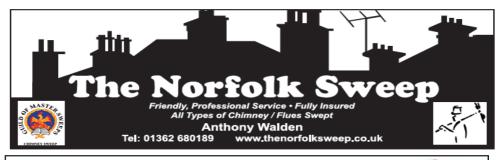
Please check Facebook - Breckland Mobile Food Store for updates and details.

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.









PARISH COUNCILS

WANT TO BE A PARISH COUNCILLOR? POSSIBLY NOT, BUT CONSIDER THIS!

Yes, the Parish Council is the lowest tier of Local Government but is also closest to their communities with Councillors drawn from that community and focusing on those really important local issues, especially with proposals in Breckland's local plan for up to 245 houses in Bawdeswell!

Yes, it's true to say that on their own, the Parish Council has limited powers to make decisions, but does have the ability to negotiate with, and the power to influence, those other organisations that do make the final decisions (such as Breckland District Council - The Parish Council is a statutory consultee on all planning matters on behalf of the village, Norfolk County Council on Highway matters, health authorities, police etc.).

You don't need any professional or formal qualifications to be a councillor. You just need to be able to be part of the team. Individual councillors do not have, and cannot be given, powers to make decisions on behalf of the parish council, but every Councillor's view matters and collectively the Council works for the benefit of the local community. You can help shape the future of Bawdeswell!

Those interested need to be able to attend an evening meeting once a month (except January & August) and commit to engagement between meetings by email with the Clerk and Councillors. Bawdeswell Parish Council meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7pm in the Village Hall

Undecided? Why not come to a meeting and see what it's like? Meetings are open to members of the public. Come and watch the Parish Council in action and see what issues are currently being debated.

It's a fact that Councillors lead the local conversation: you can be part of that to make your area the best place it can be!



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PARISH COUNCILS

MEETING OF BAWDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 7th MARCH 2024 AT 7.00pm

Present: J. Mallen, D. Shannon, A. Hartley-Walder, C. Good and P. Craven. Mrs. J Boxall (Clerk) Members of the public – 2

Councillors

The Council are still looking for new Councillors. If you think you'd like to join the Parish Council or would like to know more, please get in touch with the Clerk or a Councillor who would be happy to talk with you about the role and what's involved.

Bawdeswell Heath

It was agreed that the Council would submit the approved draft (seeking approval for the sale of 2 acres on Bawdeswell Heath) to the Charity Commission and to support the initiative of the Parish Council taking over Bawdeswell Heath Trustee role with a view to the distribution of funds following completion of sale, as agreed by Bawdeswell Heath Trustees.

Breckland Call for Sites

It was agreed to submit site specific commentary to Breckland ahead of Breckland's April publication of proposed sites for consideration.

Planning

PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF HOUSEHOLDER DEVELOPMENT CONSULTATION - Prior approval for proposal to erect a single storey rear extension projecting from the original rear wall by 4.74m deep, with a maximum height of 4m and eaves height of 2.40m The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) - Schedule 2, Part 1, Class A at 40 Hall Road, Bawdeswell (for notification only)

Other Matters

The Council will be taking further action to tackle the issue of dog mess following complaints received.

An email response was received from the NCC Highway Engineer regarding concerns raised over parking / speeding on The Street. The full response can be read in the minutes on the website but it was confirmed that 'the extension of the 20mph speed limit to include the school has been put forward via the Local Safety community fund Scheme and is awaiting approval.'

Finance

The balance of the Community account as at 29th February 2024 was confirmed as £16338.62, Business Money Manager (Earmarked reserves) was £30772.09

The next Parish Council Meetings will held on Thursday 4th April 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

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The Friends of Bawdeswell Church

SATURDAY 13th April 2024

BAWDESWELL VILLAGE HALL
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First Race at 7.30pm

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April 2024

CHURCH NEWS

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



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. You can buy a horse for £3.50 and win a prize if your horse comes first, sponsor a race for £25. Doors open at 7pm for the first race at 7.30pm. Tickets are on sale now at £7.50 and under 16 £5. A great family night out for all the family!

Further details from Jamie on 07766 801937 or jrd608@hotmail.co.uk

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 bring your own chairs.

Tickets are on sale now via www.ticketsource.co.uk

2024 events:

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

All ticket information and further enquiries from 01362 688499 or pjlilwall@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.



Pride and Prejudice

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Bylaugh Hall

Bylaugh, Norfolk, NR20 4RL Sunday 28th July Gates open at 12.00pm, Performance starts at 2.00pm

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CHURCH NEWS

Bawdeswell Church News



March was a busy month for our church. Five Sundays plus Good Friday saw a regular attendance and the Zoom coverage remained popular.

On Good Friday we also had the added joy of the renamed "Festival Choir, Bawdeswell", a choir based in our church but gathering talented singers from a wider area. Also making a name for itself performing elsewhere around Norfolk.

We are a friendly welcoming church and invite you to come along any Sunday morning at 1030 and join in, or come an hour later for a mug of ground coffee and a sociable natter after the service.

Alternatively have a peep on Zoom. You don't need to show your face!

Meeting ID: 825 4276 0074

Passcode: 823350

Thank you,

RT Churchwarden.

April 28

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CHURCH NEWS

Church Letter

Welcome to Eastertide

Eastertide officially started on the last day of March, Easter Sunday, and lasts for 50 days and is a time for celebrating Jesus' resurrection. So in the church we have a month of celebrating, starting with Easter Monday, a bank holiday! Also being April Fool's Day, there is surely time for a lot of fun.

With the longer days of British Summer Time and with such a mild spring so far, and with Easter being early, the year really does seem to be racing along. People often remark on the seemingly strange timing of Easter being anywhere within a 5-week window. Well the timing is organised using the spring equinox, the full moon and of course a Sunday. Easter Day is the Sunday next after the Paschal full moon (the full moon on or after the equinox on March 21st); thus, it could be as early as March 22nd or as late as April 25th.

April comes from the Latin *aperire* meaning "to open". This refers to the spring blossoming of flowers and opening of leaves. The birth-flowers for the month are the common daisy and the sweet pea, while the wildflowers to expect include anemone, iris, cowslip and bluebell. Of course, nowadays it seems difficult to predict what will flower when, especially as we have had such an early spring this year. However, I can predict with reasonable certainty that there will be April showers and some strong sunshine, and the lawns will definitely need mowing and I will be battling with the weeds! I will also be eating my rhubarb.

Towards the end of the month, we will be celebrating Saint George's Day. He was an officer of the Praetorian Guard for the Roman emperor Diocletian. He opposed the persecution of Christians and was beheaded on the 23rd of April in the year 303. This date was once very highly celebrated, on a par with Christmas, but its popularity waned in the 18th century after the union of England and Scotland. It is becoming more popular again (perhaps another bank holiday to look forward to in the future) and is to be celebrated with typical English food and drink. So cheers to that!

Wishing you all a great Eastertide.

Yours in Faith Colin Ferris

Authorised Worship Assistant, Heart of Norfolk Benefice.

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BAWDESWELL & FOXLEY CHURCH SERVICES

April 2024

Date	Sun 7 th April	Sun 14 th April	Sun 21 st April	Sun 28 th April
Season	Easter 2	Easter 3	Easter 4	Easter 5
Bawdeswell	10.30am HC	The 10:30	10.30am HC	10.30am Words & Praise
Foxley	-	-	-	-

HC Holy Communion The 10:30 with Music Group

All our services are also available on Zoom. Please email heartofnorfolkchurches@gmail.com for the link.

Revd Sally Kimmis Team Rector:

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