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# WELCOME

'When that Aprill with his shoures soote, the droughte of March hath perced to the roote', so begins Chaucer's Canterbury Tales in which we find the Reeve who came 'of Northfolk biside a town men clepen Baldeswelle' who is described as an old hot-tempered man. Certainly no one like that in Bawdeswell currently!

How lucky are we to live in such a vibrant, active village which you can note from the many activities described throughout our magazine, ranging from the regular exercise classes and cinema club to the newly launched cream tea at the village hall or the opportunity to win a Hamper in a raffle that will help to fund the repairs to All Saints Church roof.

Do enjoy reading our magazine and why not try something new!

A very Happy Easter to you all!

Anne and the team

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# WHAT'S ON

## April Events

Event	Date	Location/Time
Mobile Library	Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> Apr	From 11.10am see page 35 for details
Café Philosophique	Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> Apr	Bawdeswell Village Hall 7.30pm
Foxley Coffee Morning	Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Apr	Foxley Village Hall 10am
Bawdeswell Parish Council Meeting	Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> Apr	Bawdeswell Village Hall 7pm
Cream Tea with Country Dancing	Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Bawdeswell Village Hall 2.30pm See page 18 for details
Knit and Natter	Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Bawdeswell Village Hall 2-4pm
Book Group	Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Bawdeswell Village Hall 7.30pm
Foxley Litter Pick	Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Foxley Village Hall 10.30am
Bawdeswell Village Cinema	Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Bawdeswell Village Hall 6.30 for 7.30pm
The Importance of Being Earnest	Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> Apr	Bawdeswell Village Hall 2-5pm
Soup and Pud	Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Bawdeswell Village Hall 12-2pm
Knit and Natter	Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Bawdeswell Village Hall 2-4pm
Valuation Day and Talk	Sat 26 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Foxley Village Hall 11am – 2pm See page 20 for details
Mobile Library	Tues 29 <sup>th</sup> Apr	From 11.10am see page 35 for details
Bawdeswell Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting	Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Bawdeswell Village Hall 7pm
80 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day Afternoon Tea	Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Foxley Village Hall 2-4pm
Bawdeswell Village Cinema	Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Bawdeswell Village Hall 6.30 for 7.30pm

# 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 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> 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
FitSteps	Thurs 7 – 8pm	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Move it or Lose it	Fri 10 – 11am	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
Gala Concert and Tea	Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> Apr	3pm St Mary's Church, Reepham, see page 46 for details
Reepham WI Meeting	Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> Apr	7.30pm St Michaels, Reepham, see page 9 for details
Reepham Gardening Club	Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> Apr	7.15pm Reepham Town Hall, see page 9 for details

# EVENTS INFORMATION

## REEPHAM GARDENING CLUB

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 7.15pm

**AGM at 7.15 followed by: Speaker TBA due to last minute cancellation.**

Meetings held at 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](http://www.Reephamgardenclub.org.uk) or email [jeffandcaroljohnson@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jeffandcaroljohnson@yahoo.co.uk).**

## REEPHAM WI

Thursday 10th April 7.30pm – Open Meeting

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- **Non-members: A suggested donation of £10 (including refreshments).**
- **Tickets are limited, so please book in advance to secure your spot and avoid disappointment.**

We look forward to seeing you there!

**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](mailto:williamsmith110@btinternet.com).

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# LETTERS

## THE JOHN LEEDS EDUCATIONAL TRUST

After falling into abeyance for a couple of years, the Trust is now firmly re-established due to the hard work of our Secretary, Mary Derbyshire.

The Trust owns land in Foxley originally donated by John Leeds in 1728, with the purpose of distributing the income from the rent of the land by way of grants to the children of residents of Bawdeswell and Foxley leaving Primary School in Year Six to assist them with the purchase of uniforms for starting Secondary Education.

There are 5 Trustees;

The Chair of Bawdeswell Parish Council

The Chair of Foxley Parish Council

The Vicar of Bawdeswell and Foxley

A member of the NCC Education Authority

Mary Derbyshire.

Applications are now invited for 2025 School Leavers (Year 6). You must be resident in Bawdeswell or Foxley but can attend other schools, not just Bawdeswell.

To apply please forward the following details by e-mail.

Parents/Guardians names.

Child's Name

Address

Bank Account Sort Code and Account Number.

Please apply to Nick Mears – e-mail – [nickandhelen@mypostoffice.co.uk](mailto:nickandhelen@mypostoffice.co.uk) by May 31<sup>st</sup> 2025.

Grants for 2023/24 were £350 per child but this may alter depending on the number of applicants and availability of funds.

If there are any queries, please telephone 07947860922.

*Nick Mears*

*Trustee*

# LETTERS/NOTICES

## Cemetery Plea

Please could people remember to take their rubbish away when they have visited the cemetery as there is no bin unfortunately and rubbish is just being thrown down near the water tap! This looks untidy as you enter. There are plastic flower pots, old oasis, empty plastic milk cartons and there is also a piece of old artificial grass matting that's been there since the beginning of November 24.

*A concerned visitor*

## The Bircham Centre, Reepham - Our Garden for All Seasons

The Bircham Centre Walled Garden is a beautiful haven in the centre of our lovely town. It features bench seating and gorgeous planting so why not pop in for quiet contemplation, a takeaway coffee or your packed lunch, especially if the sun peeps out as we move into spring.

We are so lucky to have a team of amazing volunteers who ensure that the garden is a beautiful, inspirational space all year round. We can already see signs of spring flowers, with bulbs starting to shoot and shrubs beginning to produce buds, promising a wealth of colour in a few weeks' time.

Our garden volunteers meet every Friday morning between 10 am and 1 pm. They're a fabulously friendly bunch comprising helpers with all levels of garden knowledge and experience. Whether you're a beginner, a keen enthusiast or an Alan Titchmarsh, you will be welcomed! The ground is warming up now and there are lots of jobs to be doing; why not pop along one Friday to meet them and lend a hand? There's no commitment to be there for every session – but we know what happens when you get the gardening bug!

The garden is open every day except for when we hire it out for private events. If you are planning something for the months ahead, you can hire the garden either on its own or alongside one of our lovely event rooms. You can find details of our hire charges on our website at <https://www.birchamcentrereepham.org/room-hire/>.

# VILLAGE VIEWS

## Behind the scenes at the Village Hall!

If you, like me are a member of a regular meeting club at our Village Hall and are perhaps thinking of joining another one, the occasional glimpse of what other people who are in other clubs are up to can be enlightening.

I have always thought that I needed to get more exercise so had been toying with the idea of perhaps joining one that might enhance my body, imbue me with more energy, make me feel more alive as well as introducing me to a new group of people.

Recently attending an evening meeting, of the sedentary kind, I espied a small group of ladies seemingly enjoying themselves gyrating to uplifting music. I took a closer look, oh dear! although beautifully turned out in figure hugging Lycra there appeared to be a slight problem. The music ceased at which point one participant literally grasped the wall, but wait I thought , maybe this was part of the exercise? Well, one has heard of tree-hugging, maybe, just maybe, the latest trend is for wall hugging. Or maybe she was inspecting the newly decorated wall and thinking that the same colour was just what she needed in her kitchen at home. No, as I gazed, she slowly slithered down the wall, collapsing in a small heap. I averted my gaze and passed on to the next. She had grabbed a towel and was vigorously mopping her brow, her cheeks, her neck. Modesty prevented me from dwelling on her figure for a moment longer, on to the next. This one was lying prone on the floor, grimacing, gasping for breath. Should I rush in and resurrect the first aid skills I had learnt years ago when working for my Brownie First Aid badge? I might be a bit rusty but surely this poor woman could benefit however poorly applied!

As I was contemplating what I should do, the music started up again, the ladies to my astonishment placed themselves back in line and proceeded to give what I can only describe as a performance befitting Pan's People or verging on performances one has admired on Strictly Come Dancing, Eurovision or Top of the Pops, whatever is your bag. No hint of exhaustion, smiling faces, lithe bodies, in step, rhythmical, just astounding.

Reluctantly, I realised this particular activity would not be for me, I need to leave it to those who have the stamina and willpower to put themselves through it and still come up smiling. Well done Ladies, you have an admirer!

*Maide of Baldeswelle*

## Bawdeswell Village Hall News Flash

### Great News!

You will know from previous updates in earlier copies of this magazine that we have been working towards our Solar Panel Project. We have wanted to install solar panels and batteries to help us reduce our huge electricity costs.

We are delighted to let you know that we have been successful in our two applications we made for grant funding.

We have been granted £10,000 from the Norfolk Offshore Wind Zone Community Fund through Norfolk Community Foundation and £12,500 from the National Lottery's Community Fund.

This leaves us only £3,000 to fundraise.

We are grateful to the sponsors in our community who have been generous as they are helping us to whittle down the amount we still have to raise.

We'd love it if you could help us further. Every penny helps!

Bank account: 44414136

Sort code: 40-35-09

Reference: Solar Project

With grateful thanks from Carolyn and All our Trustees

### Thank You Everyone!



# VILLAGE NEWS

## Bawdeswell Village Hall Update

How lovely for us all to have recently experienced some wonderful spring days! It has meant that there has been a wonderful turnout to the regular Tuesday coffee mornings and the February soup and pudding event was PACKED! Extra tables and seating had to be found and sadly, there were NO second helpings on the pudding front! Thank you to the small band of regular volunteers who conjure up the wide variety of choice for both the soups and the desserts and for the time and creativity they expend ensuring there is something to suit everyone. Although there is no stipulation on how much one contributes to the soup and pud meal, it is rather disappointing when people have worked so hard to provide the food to find a pebble and a foreign coin in the bucket! From now on it has been suggested that £5 each would seem a reasonable amount to place in the bucket so it is hoped that this would be an acceptable donation, (of course if you feel like upping that amount, it would be gratefully received). It is understood that for some people even £5 may be a bit of a stretch , so if you can't manage that, what you are able to afford will still be most welcome.

We now have a new Volunteer Co-ordinator, Colleen Harris, Tel: [01362 688835](tel:01362688835) who has taken over from Lin Leppard. A big thank you to Linda for all the time, effort and expertise she brought to the post ensuring we all knew what we were doing (or were supposed to be doing!), for her administrative skills, her tenacity in chasing up both people, organisations and others, her patience in dealing with a wide variety of both people and tasks and always being so accommodating and happy in sorting out last-minute hiccups.

As you may be aware, the Village Hall is currently raising money to install solar panels. The bill for last month's use of electricity was over £1,900! However good news, although we have still not reached our target of just over £25,000, we have been successful in obtaining two grants from Wind Farms and the National Lottery so hopefully with a last concerted effort we will make it. Although the forthcoming Italian Evening sold out quickly, the take up on the proposed Afternoon Teas for March was not sufficient for it to go ahead, both fundraising initiatives for the solar panels. However, the proposed dates of the 9th April and 14th May are still going ahead but at £5 a head for a Cream Tea rather than an all singing and dancing Afternoon Tea. The good news is that if you come to the April event, there will be dancing as a local group will be giving a demonstration of Country dancing. So why not indulge with a scone, jam and cream and help us raise the last few £'s for the solar panels.

### **Contacts:**

Chair: Carolyn Good - 01362 688 944

Bookings: Jo Porter – 01362 688 887



**Come and Join us on the**

# **Foxley Litter Pick**



**When:** Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 10:30am

**Where:** Meet at Foxley Village Hall

All equipment provided  
with coffee and cake to follow

# VILLAGE NEWS

## What's on in Foxley

### Foxley Village Hall

#### Coffee Morning

The date of the next coffee morning will be **Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 10:00 – 12 noon**. There will not be a coffee morning in May as we are holding a special **afternoon tea** to commemorate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE day on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May** between 2 and 4 pm. We will be joined by the Fakenham Ukeleles to make it a special celebration. There is no need to book but please let us know if you have any dietary requirements.

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April between 11am and 2pm** we will be holding a **valuation day** with Charles Hanson from Bargain Hunt. Charles will give a short talk shortly after 11 and will then value any of your items you would like to have valued.

At **10.30am on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April** we will be having a **litter pick** in Foxley. Please join us, the more the merrier, all welcome. We will only be litter picking for about an hour and then there will be cake and coffee to follow.

At St Thomas' Church Foxley at **7 pm on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April** there will be a celebration of **compline** (evening prayer).

On **Good Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April** a **walk** is planned **from Foxley to Bawdeswell Church**. Setting off from Foxley church porch at 1 pm to arrive at Bawdeswell in time for the 'Hour before the cross' service at All Saints at 2 pm. Join in for just the walk or the walk and the service.

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# VILLAGE NEWS



## **Bawdeswell School Fete - a date for your diary**

Join us on the school playing field - **Saturday 7th June, 12-4pm** for an afternoon of fun and games. This year will be extra special as we celebrate the 150th birthday of Bawdeswell Primary School.

There will be inflatables, a fun dog show, BBQ, bar, ice creams and other goodies, raffles and tombolas, craft stalls, games and sports and more. Monies raised will be used to provide resources and memorable experiences for the children while they are at the school.

If you would like to be involved, have a craft stall or donate a prize, please email [bawdeswellfriends@gmail.com](mailto:bawdeswellfriends@gmail.com) or call the school office on 01362 688282.

See you there!

Friends of Bawdeswell School (FOBS)



Foxley Village Hall



**Valuation Day with**

**Bargain Hunt's Charles Hanson**

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

**11 am – 2 pm**



There will be a short talk from Charles at 11am  
followed by valuation of your items  
Light refreshments will be available



# CLUBS AND SOCIETIES



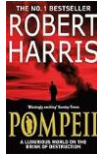
## Book Group

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 of £28 to cover our room hire and library charges.

New members are welcome and are invited to attend for two meetings before deciding to join the group and pay their subscription.

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### *"Pompeii" by Robert Harris*



It's August 24<sup>th</sup> 79 A.D. And we know what happened, but this fills in some fictional details giving us an 'action-packed history thriller'. The Roman empire's richest citizens are enjoying the last days of summer. Like today, the tourists are spending their money in the seaside resorts of Baiae, Herculaneum, and Pompeii. But their lifestyle and gorgeous weather deflects them from recognising the impending cataclysm. Only one man is worried. Marcus Attilius Primus is the aquarius. He's young and has just taken charge of the enormous aqueduct that brings fresh water to a quarter of a million people in nine towns around the Bay of Naples. He should be worried:- his predecessor has disappeared and the springs are failing for the first time in generations. But Attilius is honest and incorruptible and he believes he can repair the aqueduct before the reservoir runs dry. But Pompeii proves to be a corrupt and violent town. Attilius soon discovers that there are powerful forces at work, both natural and man-made and they are threatening to destroy him.

Robert Harris creates a vivid world. One that is on the brink of disaster.

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At our meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> April we will discuss

*"Someone Else's Shoes" by Jo Jo Moyes*

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## CLUBS AND SOCIETIES



### 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 [pjlilwall@hotmail.com](mailto:pjlilwall@hotmail.com) for an initial conversation - you would be most welcome!



### Bawdeswell Bowls Club

The new season is getting close so there's lots to do on the green I have just sprayed the first spring fertiliser on the green and I have just spiked the green 4 inches deep to let the air in. I will start to lower the mower each cut and give it a light scarifying this will make it run quicker.

I'm hoping to open the green on Monday 14th April for roll ups weather permitting.

The first league game is on Tuesday 29th so if everyone wants to give bowls a try call **Paul** on **01362 688615**, mobile **07796964574**. Email: [Paul.digby5@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Paul.digby5@hotmail.co.uk)



### 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.

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## CLUBS AND SOCIETIES



### Bawdeswell Knit and Natter

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Contact: **Peter: 01362 688944**



## Foxley Village Hall Coffee Morning

Our Coffee Morning will be on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 10 am**.

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We will be looking for new players for 2025, so please contact either:-  
Chris Binns on email "[cbinns@uwclub.net](mailto:cbinns@uwclub.net)" or Cyril Janes on email [cyriljanes@btinternet.com](mailto:cyriljanes@btinternet.com)

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**.



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We have a longer walk planned for the middle of May which will involve catching a bus to Beetley and then walking back to town.

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Once again I must pay tribute to our amazing volunteer drivers who give up their time and energy so that this valuable local voluntary service can continue. Not all local villages are so fortunate to have such a scheme so we are truly grateful.

Service is often done by the few for the many, as of course in WW2, our very few brave airmen, soldiers and sailors gave their lives for so many of us to enjoy freedom today. Long may our local voluntary services continue.

**We do however welcome new drivers who would like to give a few hours a month for the Community Car Scheme. It's a great way of meeting new people and gaining the satisfaction and wellbeing from volunteering.**

The system operates by our volunteer drivers collecting 20p per mile from the passenger and the balance of 25p per mile being paid by Bawdeswell or Foxley Parish Councils, making up a total of 45p per mile. Interestingly the statutory mileage allowance increased to 45p per mile on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2011. Hopefully this will be increased again at some point!

Whilst we do our very best to help with a journey, there are the odd occasions we can't help, so do please **give as much notice as possible** 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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If after 12 noon you believe your problem is urgent, please telephone the surgery.

For all non-urgent requests made after 12 pm, patients will be signposted for them to access care elsewhere where appropriate,

- Pharmacies are now able to see patients with coughs, colds, sore throats, earaches, infected insect bites, impetigo.
- The Walk in Centre in Norwich is open (7 am to 9 pm) for all acute minor illnesses and injuries.
- GP Front Door – this service can be found at the NNUH and Queen Elizabeth Hospital Kings Lynn.
- Community Urgent Eyecare Service, who deal with all sore, red, or painful eyes, loss of vision or foreign body in eyes.

We aim to respond to all medical requests within 48 hrs

If you cannot access the internet, or do not have a smartphone, you can call the surgery between 10 am -12 noon. A Patient Service Advisor can then complete the online triage form for you on your behalf, alternatively paper copies of the form can be found in reception at the surgery.

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## Covid Vaccinations – Spring 2025

We will be carrying out covid vaccinations again this year, the clinics will be run from our Swanton Morley Surgery Site.

Those eligible for the vaccine will be the over 75-year-olds and those who are severely immunosuppressed, we will not be able to vaccinate under 18-year-olds.

We will be starting vaccination clinics at Swanton Morley Surgery in the w/c 14 April. We will be sending out the invites to all eligible patients via SMS again, as we have done in previous years, this will then allow you to book an appointment using the link that is sent to you.

We will also be contacting the housebound patients from 1st of April onwards to arrange vaccinations for those patients who are completely housebound and have no means of being able to attend the surgery clinics.

## Patient Contact details

Please could we ask all our patients to ensure we have the correct contact details and that they have opted to receive SMS. This is how we keep our patients informed of changes etc. Anyone who has not given us a mobile number or think their mobile number that we have on their records is not up to date to please let us know by going to [www.elmhamsurgery.com/form-change-of-contact-details](http://www.elmhamsurgery.com/form-change-of-contact-details).

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Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> April	Abba Voyage	8am	£115
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Stratford Upon Avon at Leisure	7.30am	from £40
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> April	Ball & Boe Together at Home (NEC)	1.30pm	£125
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Camden Market	8am	£39
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Jeff Wayne's War of the Worlds – bp Pulse arena Birmingham	2pm	£120
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Coventry Cathedral/Guildhall/Motor Museum Add Motor Museum option	7.30am	£55 £13
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Torvill & Dean – bp Pulse arena Birmingham	12 noon	£110
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Hever Castle Tulips	7.30am	£55
Tues 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Lavenham & Constable Country	8am	£35
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> April	War Horse – Milton Keynes	9am	£90
	Coach Only – MK Shopping		£37

### May 2025

Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Andre Rieu – Resorts World Arena	1.30pm	£150
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Derbyshire – Bakewell & Crich Tramway	6am	£75
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Ely at Leisure	9am	£35
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> May	National Flower Show – Hylands Hall	9am	£47
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Greenwich at Leisure	7.45am	£40
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Wells & Stody Lodge Rhododendrons With Cream Tea	9am	£46
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Norwegian Fjords Cruise – Fred Olsen	7am tbc	from £906
To Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	inc Coach transfer		
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Epping & Ongar Railway + Fish & Chips	9.15am	£65

### June 2025

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# PARISH COUNCILS

THE BAWDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 6<sup>th</sup>  
MARCH 2025 AT 7pm

Present: D. Shannon (Vice Chair), C. Good, A. Hartley-Walder, P. Craven, M. Bailey and R. Hannent, Mrs. J Boxall (Clerk) Members of the public – 2  
District Cllr G. Bambridge

## Matters arising

### Local Plan

District Cllr Bambridge gave an update on district matters including the Local Plan. The increase in housing numbers to 903/year in the district will mean a further call for sites, in addition to the sites currently proposed. There will be further consultation. District Cllr Bambridge was asked to seek reassurance on behalf of the Parish Council that previous objections will stand. It was confirmed that the Parish Council will be invited to a meeting to discuss potential for building houses in the village and review new sites. Bawdeswell would remain a Local Service Centre.

### Football Club

It was reported that the Football Club had sadly ceased and the Parish Council had been offered the storage container. Subject to further discussion regarding finances, the Parish Council agreed that the container would be a useful asset.

### Village Hall Driveway

The driveway was inspected and several pot holes identified, some of which were a health and safety concern. Although it was acknowledged that the pot holes slowed traffic, it was agreed that the pot holes causing most concern needed to be filled. Cllr Shannon and Cllr Bailey kindly offered to carry out the repairs.

### Planning

There were no new planning applications, late applications or decisions from Breckland.

### Finance

The balance of the Community account as at 28th February 2025 was confirmed as £18446.28, Business Money Manager (Earmarked reserves) was £36180.14.

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# PARISH COUNCILS

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The Council has requested an update from Norfolk County Council Highways on the proposed 20 MPH speed limit outside the school and raised other matters of concern around the village including requesting reinstatement of the white lining on The Street.

If anyone has any concerns about highway damage (including pot holes!), road signage or an issue with a public right of way then please report the issue directly to Norfolk County Council via their portal.

**<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/article/39652/Report-a-highways-problem>**

**The next meetings of the Parish Council will be on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025. The Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> May. 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](mailto: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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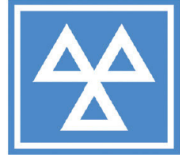


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# CHURCH NEWS

## Bawdeswell Church News



Easter is always a busy time in the church calendar.

On Ash Wednesday at the beginning of March there was the customary Communion service with the Imposition of Ashes ceremony at St Thomas' Foxley.

Coming up in April we are holding a Compline (Evening Prayer) service at Bawdeswell church at 7pm on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>.

On Good Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April we plan a Walk of Witnesses from Foxley to All Saints Bawdeswell where at 2pm we will spend "An Hour before the Cross". The Bawdeswell Festival choir will be in attendance.

On Easter Sunday the church will be decorated (maybe some Easter eggs!) and we will be having a Family service at 10.30am with Communion for those who wish it.

Donations to our church roof repair appeal at Bawdeswell are coming in pleasingly but we still have quite a long way to go.

Thank you to those of you who have already donated.

And thank you to Lis Glen for organising a series of Hamper Raffles to raise money that way.

Please contact our church treasurer Sandi Taylor on 01362 688268 or email [bawdeswellchurch@gmail.com](mailto:bawdeswellchurch@gmail.com) if you can help.

*Thank you to Brian Nursey for making a "Thermometer sign" at the church gate to show how the money is coming in.*

*RT, Churchwarden*

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# CHURCH NEWS

## Church Letter

For some of you reading this, this is a hello from someone new. For others, it is another reflection from someone you already know. I started my new role at the beginning of February, and this month sees the first time I have contributed to two of the three magazines that cover this new area. And I say new area quite deliberately, because I can't call it a benefice yet (it's still 8 parishes from 2 different benefices), and I can't use its name because it doesn't have one! As you might be able to tell, we're in a period of transition.

Yet this time of transition could be useful. It gives us a little bit of space to think about our identity as we move forwards. We do, after all, need to think of a name for our new group of parishes, after which we can continue the process of becoming a benefice. But we also need to think about how we will express ourselves as a new benefice. What are our priorities going to be? How will we worship together? What do we *need* to do to the buildings in our care and what else *could* we do with them? How will we relate to one another and work together?

All of these questions will produce different responses from each individual who chooses to answer. And that's good. One of the challenges for us will be to try and make everyone welcome. It will also be one of the joys.

At the moment, we are in the season of Lent. It is a time for self-examination and reflection, and for preparation. As the communities in the new benefice-to-be, and the communities in the existing benefices that are changing, it is perhaps an ideal time for us to think about our identities. As we approach the great celebration of Easter, when we proclaim the risen Christ, I encourage you to consider how we can make the most of this new beginning for the Heart of Norfolk, Reepham and Wensum Valley, and the benefice-yet-to-be-named. And if you feel inspired about something, do let us know!

Revd Richard Turk

Curate-in-Charge of the parishes of Foxley, Foulsham, Lyng, Elsing,  
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**SUNDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> APRIL | 3PM**

**TICKETS £10**

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## April 2025

Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> April	Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Tue 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> April
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent	Palm Sunday	Holy Week	Good Friday	EASTER	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter
<b>10.30am</b> <b>Word &amp;</b> <b>Praise</b> <i>Lay Led</i>	<b>10.30am</b> <b>HC</b> <i>Revd</i> <i>Jane</i> <i>Nursey</i>	<b>7pm</b> <b>Compline</b> <i>Revd</i> <i>Richard</i> <i>Turk</i>	<b>2pm</b> <i>An hour</i> <i>before the</i> <i>cross</i>	<b>The 10:30</b> <b>HC</b> <i>Revd</i> <i>Jane</i> <i>Nursey</i>	<b>10.30am</b> <b>HC</b> <i>Revd David</i> <i>Head</i>

A reminder that you can join us on Zoom  
for the Bawdeswell service any Sunday - Meeting ID: 825 4276 007  
Passcode: 823350

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