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Saturday 8th February The Critic



Starring: Ian McKellen, Mark Strong, Lesley Manville, Gemma Arterton

Set in 1930s London, *The Critic* revolves around a feared theatre critic named Jimmy Erskine (Ian McKellen), his loyal assistant, a newspaper owner (Mark Strong) who wants to get rid of the critic, and an actress (Gemma Arterton) who has been devastated by his excoriating theatrical reviews. The critic's determination to survive ensures that the other characters are caught in a web of blackmail, deceit and murder.

Saturday 8th March Paddington in Peru



Starring: Hugh Bonneville, Ben Wishaw

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Saturday 12th April Small Things Like These



Starring Cillian Murphy, Emily Watson

Based on the novella by Claire Keegan. Bill Furlong (Cillian Murphy) is a coal merchant in small-town 1980s Ireland. Everybody in the town knows that the local convent is one of the infamous Magdalene Laundries, but everybody feigns ignorance because the nuns have far-reaching power and influence in the community. When Bill, himself the child of a single mother, finds a bruised and shivering young woman locked in the convent coalshed on a bitterly cold December day, he knows that any action on his part will cost him dear.

Cinema:- Doors, Bar/Cafe open 6.30pm, Film starts at 7.30pm
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WELCOME

Hoping that January was a good month for you despite the very stormy start to the month.

Here's looking forward to a successful New Year for us all with a wide range of activities, meetings and happenings in our very vibrant village.

2025 sees our local Bawdeswell School celebrating 150 years.

The Village Hall, a veritable centre and hub of activity continues to have lots on offer, as well as fundraising for solar panels to become more eco-friendly and to save energy costs. Please support this initiative.

Last but by no means least All Saints Church needs urgent repairs to a leaking roof so plans are afoot to both fix this and to raise the money needed. So look out for HAMPERFEST where during 2025 for £1 you could win one of a variety of hampers to suit all tastes, interests and hobbies!

More information in next month's magazine, so be sure to read it cover to cover and look out for information around the village.

Enjoy February!

Anne and the Team

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WHAT'S ON

February Events

Event	Date	Location/Time
Mobile Library	Tues 4 th Feb	From 11.10am see page 35 for details
Café Philosophique	Tues 4 th Feb	Bawdeswell Village Hall 7.30pm
Foxley Coffee Morning	Wed 5 th Feb	Foxley Village Hall 10.30am
Bawdeswell Parish Council Meeting	Thurs 6 th Feb	Bawdeswell Village Hall 7pm
Bawdeswell Village Cinema	Sat 8 th Feb	Bawdeswell Village Hall 6.30 for 7.30pm
Knit and Natter	Thurs 13 th Feb	Bawdeswell Village Hall 2-4pm
Book Group	Thurs 13 th Feb	Bawdeswell Village Hall 7.30pm
Soup and Pud	Thurs 27 th Feb	Bawdeswell Village Hall 12-2pm
Knit and Natter	Thurs 27 th Feb	Bawdeswell Village Hall 2-4pm
Mobile Library	Tues 4 th Mar	From 11.10am see page 35 for details
Foxley Coffee Morning	Wed 5 th Mar	Foxley Village Hall 10am
Bawdeswell Parish Council Meeting	Thurs 6 th Mar	Bawdeswell Village Hall 7pm
Bawdeswell Village Cinema	Sat 8 th Mar	Bawdeswell Village Hall 6.30 for 7.30pm

OTHER LOCAL EVENTS

Event	Date	Location/Time
Reepham Gardening Club	Tues 18 th Feb	7.15pm Reepham Town Hall, see page 9 for details
Reepham WI Meeting	Thurs 20 th Feb	7.30pm St Michaels, Reepham, see page 9 for details

WHAT'S ON

Regular Events	Time/Date	Location
Zumba Fitness	Mon 10 – 11am	Bawdeswell Village Hall
FitSteps	Mon 11 – 12pm	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Short Mat Bowls	Mon 2 – 4pm	Foxley Village Hall
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
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

EVENTS INFORMATION

REEPHAM GARDENING CLUB

We hope everyone has had a lovely Christmas and New Year and are looking forward to getting back out into the garden. We would like to invite everyone to our next meeting, so if your New Year resolution includes sorting out the garden, being more active or to help nature, come and hear all about that favourite flower of an English country garden: Peonies.

Tuesday 18th February 18, 7.15pm

Sarah Hammond, - 'English Peonies'

With many years' experience Sarah will give expert advice in growing and caring for peonies. Sarah's family have been growing a range of peonies, with other flowers, in their North Norfolk family farm for the last 50 years.

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 or email jeffandcaroljohnson@yahoo.co.uk.

Reepham WI

Thursday 20th February, 7.30pm

Angela Bishop, - 'A Trip Down Memory Lane'.

A mini travelling museum, full of items from days gone by.

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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Unfortunately, recently, some patients are failing to collect these and the shop has been left with packets of medication, some of which are more than a month old!

Please, please, if you do use this very useful and valuable service, remember to pick up your prescription. The shop has only limited storage and is not set up to store drugs, so if prescriptions are not collected then the current service may well be affected.

Did you know that if you are unable to either travel to collect your prescription or cannot get to the shop, you can request a home delivery? However, you must be at home when the prescription is delivered otherwise it won't be left.

So, a New Year's resolution to all of us who use the service, if you order a prescription COLLECT IT!

LETTERS

All Saints Church

If you walk or drive along The Street in Bawdeswell from the village shop end, you will see a large Church on your right. This is All Saints Church, a vibrant community Church holding a regular Sunday service, renowned for its Organist and Choir who rehearse there twice a week, and which also provides a drop-in Post Office twice a week on a Tuesday and Friday. Our local primary school visits the Church every term and the Church is open daily for visits and quiet reflection. Of course, 'life' family events are a key component for our villagers for baptisms, weddings, funerals and remembrance services.

There has been a Church on this site since Norman times, the original Church collapsing in the 1700's and then being rebuilt in 1844 during the reign of Queen Victoria. Sadly, in 1944, a Mosquito aircraft returning from a bombing raid over Germany crashed into the Church, completely destroying it and killing the pilot and navigator. The Church as it stands now was rebuilt between 1952 and 1955 in a Neo-Georgian style. It is a listed building.

A few items including the Roll of Honour were salvaged from the wreckage and metal from the Mosquito was used to create a memorial to the Airmen who died. The cross from the original tower survived and this also commemorates the Airmen, James Maclean and Melvin Tansley.

Unfortunately, disaster has struck again - fortunately, not the complete devastation of the 1940s but the use of inferior felting on the roof in the 1950s. The roof is now leaking and needs urgent repairs and contrary to what the person in the street may think, local Churches have to meet the cost of maintenance themselves, not the Church of England. If only! There are grants available but are not accessible until one has raised at least 50% of the repair cost. It is estimated we will need around £40,000 so plans are afoot to try and raise these funds to ensure the future of our Church in Bawdeswell. Please if you feel you can help or contribute in any way, look out for posters, information in the monthly magazine, The Reeves Tale or contact one of our Churchwardens.

We are aiming to run a HAMPERFEST to start our fundraising with themed hampers up for grabs. The first one will be one supplied by Jarrolds in Norwich, with others such as an Afternoon Tea Hamper, a Beauty Hamper, a DIY Hamper, a Gardening Hamper, so hopefully something that might appeal to a large number of people. Tickets will be £1. So please look out for further information and for other fundraising events.

Thank you for reading this.

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
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- Tap a magazine on your [Magazine Rack](#) to start reading.

Happy reading!

LETTERS

Christmas Trees Delight Again

The 2024 Christmas Tree Festival held in St Mary's Church in Reepham during early December was once again a wonderful event, enjoyed by over 600 visitors. Twenty-six trees were sponsored and decorated by businesses, organisations, charities and people with connections to the town. Decorations were once again varied and imaginative, ranging from beautiful dried flowers to classic tinsel and baubles, with a sprinkling of hair curlers, bottle tops and car parts...

Visitors voted for their favourite tree, with the overall winning tree being the one decorated by the Bircham Centre. Special awards were also given to Reepham Primary School and Reepham Scouts.

We're delighted to report that a grand total of £1,359 was raised over the course of the Festival. This fantastic sum is the highest raised over the four years that the Lions have organised the Festival, and has been shared between Reepham Lions and St Mary's Church. Reepham Lions would like to thank everyone who supported the Festival in some way.

Reepham Lions will continue to fundraise to support good causes in the Reepham area, including Bawdeswell, throughout 2025. The Lions motto is "we serve" and our purpose is to help anyone in need, if we can. We give grants to individuals, groups and organisation; just email us at reephamlions2@gmail.com or complete the contact form on our website <https://www.reephamlions.org.uk/> to tell us if you know where we might be able to help.

We welcome visitors and prospective new members to join us at our monthly meetings which are held in St Michael's Church Hall, usually on the first Thursday of the month at 7.30pm. Why not join us one month to find out more about who we are and what we do?

LETTERS

Fakenham Choral Society

Come and Sing, Saturday 1 March

Join Fakenham Choral Society for a day singing choruses from Verdi's fabulous Requiem on Saturday 1 March. The day will be led by FCS's musical director, Mark Jones.

Verdi's Requiem is a highlight of the choral repertoire but opportunities to sing this wonderful work do not come round very often so this is your chance to reprise or learn some of the iconic choruses. We'll also be raising money for @nelsonsjourney, which supports bereaved children and young people.

More details & registration at

<https://www.fakenhamchoralsociety.org/come-and-sing-full-info>

Spring Concert

Elgar's 'The Music Makers', Saturday 22 March at 7pm

Elgar's 'The Music Makers' and his 'Sea Pictures' will be paired with Hubert Parry's 'Blest Pair of Sirens'

The 1874 poem 'Ode' by Arthur O'Shaughnessy provides the text for 'The Music Makers', set in its entirety by Elgar. 'Sea Pictures' is a song cycle for mezzo soprano, consisting of five pieces written by various poets and premiered on 5 October 1899 at the Norfolk and Norwich Festival. At the concert in March, this will be performed by mezzo soprano, Judy Brown. Hubert Parry's 'Blest Pair of Sirens' is a setting of John Milton's ode 'At a solemn Music.'

Venue: Fakenham Parish Church

Admission: early bird price of £15 before 8 March; £18 after 8 March or on the door

Information about the choir can be found

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Sat 8th Feb	Ely Cathedral Luxmaralis Light Event	11.30am	£45
Sun 9th Feb	Birmingham International Tattoo	7.30am	£72
Thurs 13th Feb	Anglesey Abbey Snowdrops	9.30am	£46 (RHS/NT £30)
Sat 15th Feb	Devitt Motorcycle Show - London Excel	8am	£56
Wed 26th Feb	Battersea Park & Power Station	8am	£36
Thurs 27th Feb	Moulin Rouge	8am	£105
	London Day Out – Piccadilly Circus/Covent Garden		£37

March 2025

Sat 1st Mar	Newmarket Quilt Show	9.30am	£38
Sun 2nd Mar	Bletchley Park	8.30am	£59
Wed 5th March	The Lion King	8.00am	£87
	London Day Out – Strand/Covent Garden Area		£37
Mon 10th March	Valkenburg & The 3 Countries	7am tbc	from £595
To Fri 14th March			
Wed 12th March	Bury Market Day	9am	£28
Sat 15th Mar	London Festival of Model Railway	8am	£55
Sun 16th Mar	Creative Craft/Sewing For Pleasure/Fashion Embroidery	7.30am	£45
Fri 21st Mar	Stitch Festival	8am	£58
Fri 21st Mar	Come Alive! The Greatest Showman	8.10am	£105
Sat 22nd March	Thriplow Daffodil Weekend	9am	£32
Sun 23rd March	Thriplow Daffodil Weekend	9am	£32
Wed 26th Mar	Sutton Hoo & Woodbridge	8am	£55 (NT £40)
Thurs 27th March	Les Miserables	8am	£90
	London Day Out – Piccadilly/Covent Garden	8am	£37

April 2025

Wed 2nd April	Symphonic Soul – Royal Albert Hall	1pm	£82
Sat 5th April	Windsor & Windsor Castle	8am	£68
		Coach only	£40
Sun 6th April	Abba Voyage	8am	£115
Thurs 10th April	Stratford Upon Avon at Leisure	7.30am	from £40

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VILLAGE NEWS

Bawdeswell Village Hall Update

Well, what happened to 2024? Gone in a flash! However, we did manage some notable achievements at our Village Hall! It has seen lots of events, local, corporate, private and from further afield with visitors complimenting us on the facilities provided, the standard and comfort of the building and the ease of parking. A big thank you to the many volunteers who at the larger events provide a very welcoming, friendly and professional service as well as producing delicious refreshments. The weekly Tuesday Coffee Morning continues to be well attended. We have noted some new faces who have become regular ones, so we must be doing something right! So, if you haven't tried us do come along, you would be most welcome. There's a choice of coffee, a variety of teas and a selection of homemade sweet and savoury items. A small contribution to cover costs is requested but just put in what you can afford, we all know money can be tight. A monthly Soup and Pudding event is held on the last Thursday of the month. Again, thank you to all those who produce the goodies!

During 2024, the Hall was redecorated so it is looking fresh and bright, and a new sound system was installed. The hall also benefitted from a professional deep clean of floor and carpets and our wonderful Cleaning Team remain with us. Thank you to them. Looking forward to 2025, we are hoping to fundraise to install solar panels to both help with our electricity bills and ensure we are more eco- friendly. Please support any schemes around this if you are able.

A highlight of the year was the celebration of 100 years of a Village Hall in Bawdeswell. The event was very well attended, the weather was warm and sunny, a variety of different stalls offering items for sale and several games to try one's hand at, together with a Hog Roast and delicious refreshments, something for everyone. Volunteers had collected a wide variety of photographs, pictures and articles on our village which were of great interest to residents and visitors of all ages. A successful Dog Show was held on the field so even our four-legged friends were catered for. The icing on the cake was that the event generated some income which was not the purpose of the day but nevertheless was most welcome and will be invested back into the Village Hall for the benefit of all. Throughout the year there has been a good turnout at the monthly Cinema, Opera and Ballet events. In December we welcomed an Afternoon Theatre production, a first for our village hall. It was very well attended with the audience coming from several neighbouring villages and towns with lots of very positive feedback. Let's hope we are able to repeat this.

Contacts:

Chair: Carolyn Good - 01362 688 944

Bookings: Jo Porter – 01362 688 887



BAWDESWELL VILLAGE HALL

FUN AND FUNDRAISING IN 2025

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Cinema Quiz – Saturday 29 March

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Wednesday 12 March, Wednesday 9 April, Wednesday 14 May

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Friday 4 April- 7:00 for 7:30

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Midsummer Night's Evening BBQ with Music

Saturday 21 June from 6:00

Adult Tickets £10 - Children's' Tickets £5 *

**** Places need to be booked and paid for in advance as there are limited places available.***

Contact Carolyn at Coffee Hub or by calling 01362 688944

VILLAGE NEWS

Bawdeswell Village Hall

This picture commemorates all the generous local donors who contributed towards building our new village hall in 2015, raising £70,000 from our local community through our 'Buy a Brick' campaign. This was added to the grant from the Big Lottery alongside smaller grants from other funding bodies. We have updated the picture as a lasting tribute to that tremendous achievement.



We continue to enjoy and make good use of our Village Hall and are delighted that our hirers are appreciative of our comfortable and welcoming building. However, we cannot sit still. Electricity costs will continue to rise, but we do not want continually to have to increase our hire rates: we need to keep our Hall viable for our community who will want to use this facility into the future. We want to continue making improvements, and so we are now bidding for grants from funding bodies in an attempt to 'Go Green - Go Solar'.

Please help us.

Our new campaign, 'Sponsor a Solar Panel' will raise money to add to any grant money we are awarded.



We plan to install solar panels and the necessary batteries which will help us store electricity for our use as well as 'selling' it back to our provider, thus reducing our electricity costs.

Sponsor a Solar Panel for £100 and your name will appear on our next fundraising picture (unless you'd prefer to remain anonymous).

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What's on in Foxley

Foxley Village Hall

Coffee Morning

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Community Evening

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VILLAGE NEWS



Bawdeswell Primary School is turning 150 Years old.

This year is the 150th Anniversary of Bawdeswell Primary School. We are wanting to celebrate this in style and we are looking for your help. Did you attend the school or work here at any point? Do you have stories to tell? Please get in touch or come and see us at the school. We will be organising Alumni events over the next few months so please look out on our Facebook page or village noticeboards for updates.

The school, its building and its bell have been part of the Bawdeswell Community for over a century. Unfortunately, the bell has been silent for a number of years. We would very much like to ring in the 150 Year birthday but it is currently not working. We are looking for advice and help to get it and the surrounding structure repaired. If you are able to help in any way or know someone with building knowledge or bell expertise, please encourage them to get in touch with the school. They can ring, email or contact us through Facebook.

Together let's celebrate the school's part in the Bawdeswell community and ring in another 150 years!

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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.

“The Case of the Missing Servant” by Tarquin Hall



We are introduced to Vish Puri, India’s most famous private investigator, in his eyes, if not others. He is portly, persistent, and cuts a determined path through modern India’s swindlers, cheats, and murderers. He’s in hot and dusty Delhi, where call centres and malls are changing the ancient fabric of Indian life. His usual work comes from screening prospective marriage partners, a job once the preserve of aunties and family priests, but he then takes a case where a seemingly honest lawyer is accused of murdering his maidservant. All of Puri’s resources are needed to investigate.

The book has for some of us a humorous tone, although another view was that the author appeared to dislike Indian life. However, he does give us a glance into life in South Delhi and there is a glossary to help with some of the Indian phrases which are used.

We discussed our ‘*Secret Santa Books*’ at our January meeting. We enjoyed talking about all of these, and realised that this way (choosing them without seeing the cover or knowing the author’s name), we might not have picked them up. An interesting insight into why we choose the books we do.

At our 5th February meeting we will discuss “*The Details*” by *Ia Genberg*

Enquiries: Carolyn 01362 688944





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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 pjilwall@hotmail.com for an initial conversation - you would be most welcome!



Bawdeswell Bowls Club

We are now preparing the green for winter. We have shallow spiked then overseeded the green, followed by a spray with an autumn/winter fertiliser plus heptasol to control the moss. We continue to mow when needed. One problem we get is from the falling leaves, which can increase disease problems which are expensive to control.

That's all for now but if anyone wants to give bowls a try, contact Paul on 01362688615 Mob07796964574 email 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.

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Bawdeswell Knit and Natter

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Enquiries: **Josie Beach 01362 688869.**



Bell Ringing at Foxley Church

If you would like to try bell-ringing, we ring occasionally at St Thomas, Foxley or St Mary's, North Elmham. There is no charge for learning to ring the bells and it is a safe, interesting and sociable activity as well as a gentle form of exercise.

Contact: **David Wheeler, Tower Captain on 07909 901015.**

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 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 or you can track us on our website, bintreebowlsclub.co.uk.

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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.

Next meeting: **Tuesday 4th February – ‘Awkward Truths – Comfortable Lies’**

Contact: **Peter: 01362 688944**



Foxley Village Hall Coffee Morning

Our Coffee Morning will be on **Wednesday 5th February at 10 am**.

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



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 note - sessions usually cost £4/child, annual subscription applies.

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CLUBS AND SOCIETIES



Lakeside Pilgrims Bowls Club

A great season of outdoor bowls for The Club. Apart from a wet spring the rest of the season was ideal for players and our Green which is one of the best in the County. In the three leagues in which we compete we came first in the EBA, second in the Whissonsett and fourth in the Cawston.

We will be looking for new players for 2025, so please contact either:-
Chris Binns on email "cbinns@uwclub.net" or Cyril Janes on email 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**.



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.

We have two regular walks each month.

Our shortest, easiest walk of around two miles is on the second Tuesday of the month and a slightly longer one of around four miles is on the first Friday of the month.

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.

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 20th February – Steve Cale- local artist and birding guide. Topic- Antarctica.

OUTDOOR - Sunday 23rd February – Stiffkey Raptor Roost.

For info please refer to the website or email wvbs.publicity@gmail.com

SERVICES



Community Car Scheme: Bawdeswell, Bylaugh, Foxley

“If we always helped one another, no one would need luck” (Lions Club International). This quote resonates with me as we celebrate another successful year for our local community car scheme.

We are all volunteers. The notion of volunteering has always struck me as a particularly British idea, but a few seconds research online finds that indeed the concept is truly international. Although perhaps our breadth of volunteering activities marks us out as really special. That said, if you want to volunteer in France as a British citizen, you will of course need the appropriate visa.

Our amazing volunteers undertook 97 return journeys to local surgeries and hospitals in 2024 giving up hundreds of hours. This was split Bawdeswell 45 and Foxley 52. This varies from year to year, but 2024 shows that Foxley was under-represented among our volunteer drivers (although the Coordinator comes from Foxley!)

So if you are a Foxley or Bawdeswell resident and want to do your bit in 2025, “Let’s be ‘aving you”, as Delia so memorably once said. Whilst we do our very best to help with a journey, there are the odd occasions we can’t help. Our volunteer drivers are reimbursed at 45p per mile but of course give their time.

We are very fortunate to have this scheme which is funded by our parish councils and we welcome new passengers in 2025. 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.

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

SERVICES



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Tuesday 4th February

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BAWDESWELL	CHAUCER CLOSE	11.55 – 12.10
FOXLEY	VILLAGE HALL	12:20 – 12.35

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PARISH COUNCILS

THE BAWDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 5th DECEMBER 2024 AT 7pm

Present: J. Mallen (Chair), D. Shannon, A. Hartley-Walder, C. Good, P. Craven and R. Hannent, Mrs. J Boxall (Clerk) Members of the public – 2
District Cllr G. Bambridge and County Cllr B. Borrett were not in attendance

Planning – There were no planning applications, late applications or decisions.

Bawdeswell Heath

Cllr Shannon confirmed that he attended a meeting with the Bawdeswell Heath Trustees where the response from the Charity Commission was examined in depth. The Heath Trustees elected to recruit a legal opinion to fight the letter subject to an estimate of likely costs.

Dog / Litter Bins

Permission was received from Norfolk County Council to site a dog bin outside the Jubilee Gardens. Breckland confirmed 'When they (NCC) have considered the request and given their approval, we would instruct Serco to add it to the schedule once the Parish Council had purchased and installed the bin. As there was a financial implication of purchase, installation and emptying of the bin and concern that an additional bin may not improve the situation regarding the dog mess acknowledging that there are already two dog bins either end of The Street, it was unanimously agreed to take no further action. It was agreed to continue using the bottles and provide dog mess bags for use. The Clerk has notified Breckland of the new location of the litter bin on Greenhouse Road / Bluebell Rise. This bin has been added to Serco's schedule for emptying.

Hedges

Please could residents check their hedges and ensure that they are not encroaching on pavements as there are some hedges around the village that are restricting access.

Finance

The balance of the Community account as at 30th November 2024 was confirmed as £21,901.01, Business Money Manager (Earmarked reserves) was £36,012.90. Budget figures were circulated to Council for consideration. An internal control check was carried out, no concerns were raised.

Following discussion and consideration of the proposed budget and earmarked / general reserves, it was unanimously agreed to request a precept of £31500 for 2025/26.

The next meetings of the Parish Council will be on 6th February 2025 and 6th March 2025.

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
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THE FOXLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 9th JANUARY 2025 AT 7pm

Present; Cllr N. Mears (Chair), Cllr G. Blyth, Cllr L. Rose, Cllr G. Blatchford and Cllr M. Watson, Mrs. J Boxall (Clerk) Members of the public – 1

District Cllr G. Bambridge & County Cllr B. Borrett were not in attendance.

Planning – No planning applications or decisions were received.

Finance

The balance of the main account at 31st December 2024 was £3,615.93, the balance of the savings account was £2,543.72.

Budget Figures were circulated for consideration ahead of the January meeting where the Council set the precept for 2025/26 (the precept is the amount of money the Parish Council requires from Council Tax payers in Foxley) Following discussion it was agreed to increase the precept to £7479 with a view to building reserves for the future maintenance of the village hall / war memorial.

A reserves policy was drafted, considered and approved and can be viewed on the Council's website.

Other matters

Cllr Rose confirmed that she would be happy to arrange the litter pick for April.

Cllr Blatchford agreed to make enquiries with Highways regarding a pedestrian crossing sign. It was acknowledged that the deadline for Parish Partnership applications had passed but another grant opportunity would be available later this year.

Bus shelter lights – Cllr Blatchford and Cllr Mears agreed to have a look at how to add lights to the bus shelter (it may be necessary to add a post) solar lights have been purchased.

The next meetings of the Parish Council will be on 8th May. The Annual Parish Meeting will start at 7pm and will be an opportunity for residents to meet with the Council and put forward issues they would like addressed and at 7.15pm for the Annual Parish Council Meeting. These meetings will be held at the Village Hall. Members of the public are warmly invited to attend. The Council usually meet four times per year. 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: foxleyparishclerk@outlook.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 <https://foxleyparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk>

CHURCH NEWS

The Friends of Bawdeswell Church
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A BIG, thank you to everyone who was able to support the Christmas Wreath Fair, which was held in the church on Saturday the 7th December. We think it was our best ever, raising over £1800! We must thank Julie Smith and all our wonderful wreath makers, everyone commented on how beautiful they were and we sold out. Thank you to everyone who made the event possible and to all your contributions.

We kick off the year with the 100 club member's annual drinks party on 25th January. A lovely annual event where we host and thank our members for all their support during the year, and we hope they might consider renewing.

Also, do put **March the 22nd** in your diary when we have the **Gala Bingo & Supper Evening** at the Village Hall, 7pm. Tickets will be on sale very soon and it should be a great evening for all the family with prizes galore.

With the success of last year's Pride & Prejudice event still clear in our minds we are pleased to announce that Chapterhouse will be returning next year on **Sunday the 27th July 2025** with a production of:



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2025 events:

Jan 25 th	Annual Friends Members Party	Church View 7pm – 9.30pm
March 22 nd	Gala Bingo & Supper Evening	Village Hall 7pm Door Open
July 27 th	Alice in Wonderland	Bylaugh Hall 12pm Gates Open
Dec 6 th	Christmas Wreath Fair	The Church 10am – 1pm

All ticket information and further enquiries from 01362 688499 or pililwall@hotmail.com James Lilwall – Chairman, David Shannon – Treasurer, Peter Jervis – 100 Club Secretary, Committee Members – Robin & Sandi Taylor, Angela Shannon, Jamie Duncan & Melanie Pratt, Jo Porter, Anne Toomey and Josie Beach.

CHURCH NEWS

Bawdeswell Church News



Thank you all who attended our Carol Service the Sunday before Christmas. It was a full house.

With thanks also to The Festival choir and their Leader James Lilwall for helping us to raise the roof, especially with the traditional carol descants. Also, those who provided the mulled wine and mince pies afterwards. A great occasion and one to look forward to next Christmas.

Looking ahead, our new vicar The Revd Richard Turk is to be inducted by the Bishop on Saturday 1st February at Elsing church, part of our new Benefice.

The next day, Sunday 2nd February there will be no service in Bawdeswell or Foxley as we have agreed to hold a Benefice wide service at Foulsham at 1030. Please do try and support this special occasion.

From then on, our pattern of services is to change but there will always be a service of some kind at Bawdeswell at 1030 every Sunday, as in the past, except the months when there are five Sundays when we will take it in turn.

RT Churchwarden

CHURCH NEWS

Church Letter

Dear Friends,

I hope I am not too late to wish you all a happy New Year! Hopefully all of your New Year resolutions are still going strong.

'Thirty days hath September, April June and November; all the rest have thirty-one, excepting February alone, which has about **SIXTY**'. At least that is how it feels as we wait for the spring to truly arrive. 'As the days do lengthen, the cold doth strengthen,' really does ring true this month and perhaps we may get some snow. There is nothing sweeter than seeing the first spring flowers peeking out from beneath the snow. However, with extremes of climate change bringing problems for many around the world, we are truly fortunate here in our part of the U.K. and should count our blessings. The snowdrops, or Candlemas bells, may be small and delicate but they push through with a regularity of strength and endurance that should give hope to us all. Pick one and savour it's delicate perfume as, surprisingly, many varieties are scented.

In the church, the 2nd of February marks the end of Christmas and Epiphany with Candlemas, the feast of the presentation of Jesus Christ. It is a time of hope toward new beginnings with the arrival of new plant growth and the birth of animals and birds of spring. As I write this in the middle of January the birds already have a different song and there are flowers on the winter jasmine and the hazel.

In our church we are preparing for our new Benefice structure as we leave the Heart of Norfolk Benefice and form a new benefice with part of the Reepham group. We welcome Richard Turk as the new leader of our group from February 1st.

We celebrate many saints during February but of course the best known is St Valentine on the 14th. Perhaps the opportunity of beginning new relationships or celebrating existing ones. So, while we are back in ordinary time, let's think of the extraordinary things to come.

Yours in Faith

Colin Ferris

Authorised Worship Assistant, Heart of Norfolk Benefice.

BAWDESWELL CHURCH SERVICES

February 2025

Sun 2 nd Feb	Sun 9 th Feb	Sun 16 th Feb	Sun 23 rd Feb
Candlemass	4 th Before Lent	3 rd Before Lent	2 nd Before Lent
-	The 10:30	10.30am HC <i>Rev Jane Nursey</i>	10.30am Word & Praise

Sunday 2nd Feb. Benefice HC at Foulsham

A reminder that you can join us on Zoom
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