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SUMMER PROGRAMME

Saturday 14th June

BRIDGET JONES: MAD ABOUT THE BOY



Starring: Renée Zellweger, Chiwetel Ejiofor, Leo Woodall

Bridget Jones navigates life as a widow and single mum with the help of her family, friends, and former lover, Daniel (Hugh Grant). Back to work and on the apps, she's pursued by a younger man (Leo Woodall) and maybe - just maybe - her son's science teacher (Chiwetel Ejiofor).

Saturday 12th July

JUROR #2



Starring: Nicholas Hoult, Toni Collette

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Saturday 9th August

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WELCOME

Already 6 months into the year and we have experienced a wide range of weather but whether chilly, warm, rain or sunshine the residents of Bawdeswell and Foxley are in the main an active, healthy lot. One can observe people jogging through the villages, walking their dogs, riding bikes, playing bowls, attending one of the several exercise classes at the Village Hall or just taking a leisurely walk either down a nearby country lane or just up the road around Bawdeswell Common or a visit to Foxley Woods. And for those of you who love gardening, the odd hour or two spent hoeing, planting, mowing or weeding is wonderful exercise too!

The village playground offers an outlet for toddlers to learn new skills and for the older children to expend their energy and build up stamina. The local school will soon be having their sports day and although the football and rugby seasons have now finished, there is cricket, athletics and tennis to view on the TV or maybe even to watch live.

Do continue to make use of all the wonderful facilities which are on offer or within easy reach of where we live; it keeps us all fit and healthy and contributes to our well-being.

Anne and the team

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WHAT'S ON

June Events

Event	Date	Location/Time
Café Philosophique	Tues 3 rd June	Bawdeswell Village Hall 7.30pm
Foxley Coffee Morning	Weds 4 th June	Foxley Village Hall 10am
Bawdeswell Parish Council Meeting	Thurs 5 th June	Bawdeswell Village Hall 7pm
Bawdeswell Primary School 150 th Birthday Spectacular	Sat 7 th June	Bawdeswell Primary School, 12-4pm, see pages 24/25 for details
Knit and Natter	Thurs 12 th June	Bawdeswell Village Hall 2-4pm
Book Group	Thurs 12 th June	Bawdeswell Village Hall 7.30pm
Bawdeswell Village Cinema	Sat 14 th June	Bawdeswell Village Hall 6.30 for 7.30pm
Midsummer Family BBQ	Sat 21 st June	Bawdeswell Village Hall, 6.30-9pm, see page 20 for details
Mobile Library	Tues 24 th June	From 11.10am see page 35 for details
Soup and Pud	Thurs 26 th June	Bawdeswell Village Hall 12-2pm
Knit and Natter	Thurs 26 th June	Bawdeswell Village Hall 2-4pm
Bawdeswell Parish Council Meeting	Thurs 3 rd July	Bawdeswell Village Hall 7pm



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Zumba Fitness	Mon 10 – 11am	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
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
Reepham Lions Table Top Sale	Sat 14 th June	2-5pm, Stimpsons Piece, Reepham, see page 15 for details
Reepham Gardening Club	Tues 17 th June	7.15pm Reepham Town Hall, see page 11 for details
Reepham WI Meeting	Thurs 19 th June	7.30pm St Michaels, Reepham, see page 11 for details

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EVENTS INFORMATION

REEPHAM GARDENING CLUB

Tuesday 17th June 7.15pm

‘The Diversity of the British Garden’ - Kathy Gray, Programme Organiser for Norfolk Plant Heritage.

This talk covers 4 very different gardens highlighting what a diverse number of plants we can grow.

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 19th June 7.30pm

‘Scams’ - Stephen Maunder, Trading Standards, Norfolk County Council

With all the different types of scams out there, like online, banking, or even dating scams, it’s crucial to understand how to recognise and protect ourselves from them.

A big part of staying safe is reminding ourselves to question things that feel too good to be true or seem a little off, even if the person on the other end sounds convincing. Sometimes, just stepping back for a moment or checking with a friend can prevent us from falling into these. Stephen will be giving you tools to take control in those situations.

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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VE Afternoon Tea at Foxley Village Hall

Having just returned from celebrating VE Day at Foxley Village Hall listening to entertainment provided by the Fakenham Ukeleles and the most scrumptious Afternoon Tea provided by residents from Foxley village and friends from round and about, a very big thank you is owed to Linda and her small band of helpers who organised the event.

We were welcomed into a Hall festooned with Union Jacks, lighting, tables and chairs invitingly set out and a groaning buffet of sandwiches, savouries, pastries, buns, cakes and delectable sponges of every flavour. Dietary requirements were catered for and there were endless cups of tea, coffee, soft drinks and even the odd glass of wine on offer. Payment for the refreshments was by donation to be divided between the Fakenham Ukeleles and refurbishing the Foxley War memorial with the addition of the names of young men from two planes who sadly lost their lives when their planes crashed in the vicinity of the village during WW2. In the event the band offered their share back to the village, what a wonderful gesture!

The entertainment was superb with a wide variety of well-known songs of the era with many of us all joining in with gusto. One member of the band had a particularly high voice for which the compere apologised, saying that was not an air raid siren, just our Luscious Linda!

Towards the end we heard a poem written about a soldier who sadly did not return home and we ended singing 'We'll meet again', needless to say there were a few tears around the room.

A wonderful and enjoyable afternoon with residents from both Foxley and Bawdeswell villages and further afield attending and a very real sense and feeling of community. A special mention to Mel and Jamie who enhanced the event with their 1940's costumes.

LETTERS

Support Local



Please come and support this worthwhile cause.

LETTERS/NOTICES

Reepham Lions – June 2025

Table Top Sale Planned for June and Funding for First Responders

Reepham Lions are planning to host a Table Top Sale in the hall at Stimpson's Piece, Reepham on Saturday 14 June 2025 from 2pm to 5pm. If you've been having a Spring clear-out, this is the perfect opportunity for you to make some money out of your unwanted items.

If you would like to book your table, please contact us by emailing reephamlions2@gmail.com or call Brenda Gostling on 07760 458957. A table costs just £5 for private individuals/families. If you are a commercial organisation and would like a table, or a gazebo outside the hall, please contact us to discuss an appropriate rate.

Bargain hunters can browse amongst the tables throughout the afternoon and enjoy tea, coffee and cake which will be sold by the Lions. Visitors will also have the opportunity to buy tickets for Reepham Lions' annual prize draw. Money raised by Reepham Lions is donated to good causes, mostly in the Reepham area.

During May, members of the club presented a cheque for £275 to the First Responders group in Fakenham. The money will be used to fund licences for a phone app that allows rapid communication both from the emergency response controllers to the responder unit, and from the responders themselves to the controllers when requesting additional support. The licences are paid annually and this is the second year that Reepham Lions has provided the funding to cover them. The First Responders are all volunteers who attend emergency situations in the local area providing early care in the time before an ambulance or paramedic arrives.



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To Friday 6 th June			
Thurs 5 th June	Kew Gardens	8.15am	£55
Sat 7 th June	Tower of London	8.15am	£65 (C £40)
	London Day Out		£37 (C £20)
Fri 6 th June	Lionel Ritchie - O2 Arena - Coach travel	1.30pm	£55
Sun 8 th June	Lavenham Open Gardens	9am	£38
Sunday 8 th June	Lakeland High Adventure	7.30am	from £760
To Friday 13 th June			
Tues 10 th June	Canal Cruise & Lunch - Penkridge Staffs	7.30am	£70
Wed 11 th June	Bury Market Day	9am	£28
Thurs 12 th June	Tutankhamun Immersive & Greenwich	7.30am	£58
Sat 14 th June	Leonardslee Gardens & Lakes	7.30am	£55
Sat 14 th June	Paddington Experience	9am	£68
Sun 15 th June	Lionel Ritchie - O2 Arena - Coach travel	1.30pm	£55
Wed 18 th June	Bat Out of Hell - Milton Keynes	9am	£93
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Wed 18 th June	Rag 'n Bone Man - Thetford High Lodge Coach	3pm	£37
Thurs 19 th June	James - Thetford High Lodge	3pm	£37
Thurs 19 th June	Capel Manor Gardens- Enfield	8.15am	£45
Fri 20 th June	The Script - Thetford High Lodge	3pm	£37
Fri 20 th June	Dua Lipa - Wembley Concert travel	1.30pm	£50
Fri 20 th June	Ministry Of Sound - Newmarket Nights	2.30pm	£37
Sat 21 st June	Gary Barlow - High Lodge Thetford	3pm	£37
Sat 21 st June	Dua Lipa - Wembley Concert travel	1.30pm	£50
Sun 22 nd June	Duxford Summer Airshow	8.30am	£80
Monday 23 rd June	Teignmouth & South Devon	7.30am	from £560
To Friday 27 th June			
Wed 25 th June	Highgate Cemetery + Fish & Chip lunch	7.30am	£80
Thurs 26 th June	Lavenham & Beth Chatto Gardens	8.30am	£46
Thurs 26 th June	Guns & Roses - Wembley Concert travel	1.30pm	£55
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VILLAGE VIEWS

This is a true story but in the true-honoured tradition of journalism, names have been changed to safeguard identity.

Ermentrude and Algernon retired to Norfolk some years ago. A benefit of anno domini is the provision of a free bus pass and they enjoyed many a jaunt out, both together and separately.

One fine spring morning, Ermentrude was frankly bored and thought a joint venture out would cure this. Maybe a trip to Cromer or Sheringham breathing in the ozone, or a wander around a market town, Aylsham, Swaffham or Wymondham - so much choice, popping into a Teashop for a toasted teacake perhaps?

Fancy a bus ride? No, I'm watching the footie.

Feeling rather fed up with her so-called better half, Ermentrude made a decision:- she would catch a bus into Norwich to Anglia Square, alight, and jump on the next one which turned up, an adventure! Arriving at her destination, excitement mounted but was instantly dispelled as with horror the first approaching bus was destined for 'PARK and RIDE'.

She supposed she could while away an afternoon peering into other peoples' cars but then could be taken for a peeping Tom or the female equivalent or arrested for loitering with intent to steal contents foolishly left on display or even worse, glancing down at her rather capacious ancient scruffy shopping bag, be stigmatised as a 'bag lady'. Get a grip, she admonished herself, just jump on the next bus, so she did and found herself in Wymondham.

She had a lovely afternoon, the sun shone, people were friendly, she explored the Abbey, visited a lovely bookshop treating herself to the latest Elly Griffiths novel, bought a jigsaw for her grandson and a pair of socks adorned with footballs for him indoors. A welcome pot of tea and cheese scone completed her trip.

Belatedly phoning Algernon on her return journey to check all was well, she grasped that it wasn't. I got hungry, turned on the Air Fryer, it caught fire, he explained. But not to worry, I'm pleased you phoned as I'm in Currys replacing it. Do you want a silver or black one?

Dear Readers, you do not want to hear the response.

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Bawdeswell Village Hall Update

Every month sees a small keen group of Volunteers meet up at the Village Hall to plan for the next four weeks. The meeting is chaired by Carolyn, minuted by Colleen with Jo sitting alongside with her diary of events that have been booked but which need all types of cover. These range from volunteers who will open and close the Hall at differing times ranging from a very early start to a late-night closure; an invitation for people to make Soup and Puddings for the monthly Soup and Pud event; setting up the various rooms, sometimes very simply with chairs and tables but occasionally with a range of more technical equipment which people have requested together with any refreshments as well. These can vary from providing a breakfast whether it be a bacon sandwich or a basket of pastries along with the ubiquitous cup of tea or coffee or just tea and biscuits. Surprisingly nothing appears to phase the Volunteers! There is no shortage of people who say 'yes, I can do that', 'leave it to me', and often people buddy up when there is a more challenging or complex request. Recently a request was made to clear and sort the now defunct changing rooms. A small band of people volunteered, turned up and hey presto, the job was not only sorted in record time, they tidied out an outside shed as well! However, from time to time we do need to call upon more professional help for things which frankly need an expert eye and the right know how. When the Village Hall was erected, it took a wide variety of different professionals and trade to ensure it was built safely and complied with all the relevant legislation and regulations. On an on-going basis we do still need to enlist the help and expertise of professional trades to ensure its smooth running and for it to continue being an important, integral and vital asset to our village. So, this is a shout -out and a THANK YOU to all of you who from time to time come to our assistance and provide advice and guidance when there is a bit of a problem or it's time for some refurbishment with upkeep and maintenance.

We have found you very willing and happy to help, often at very short notice, when there has been the odd emergency or otherwise providing an excellent standard of workmanship, advice and information so we can make informed decisions on the best way to tackle a problem or issue, and to ensure everything is smart, neat, tidy and continues to be of a high standard. The Village Hall is a credit to all of you who have provided us with your expertise over the past few years and have carried out work for us. So once again, a very big THANK YOU!

As well as all of us who live in Bawdeswell, we have visitors who use and visit our Village Hall from across Norfolk and further afield, all of whom are very complimentary about what is on offer and the standard of facilities available. This reflects the high standard from all our contractors and tradespeople and we could not do this without you, so a credit to all of you in enabling us to provide a continuous and consistent high standard. You are all very much appreciated!

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Foxley Village Hall

It has been a busy few weeks for the Foxley Village Hall Committee. We had our first valuation day on Saturday 26th April and then only two weeks later we had an afternoon tea to celebrate 80 years since VE day.

The **valuation day** was much enjoyed by all who attended and many thought they had learnt a lot from Charles and Keith, who valued everyone's items. Many were delighted with the valuations and put items forward to be sold at auction. Whilst for some the draw was to see Charles Hansen from Bargain Hunt:- he kept everyone's attention with detailed and interesting descriptions and explanations about the objects people brought in.

The **Afternoon Tea** on Bank Holiday Monday turned out to be a very popular event and a huge thanks to all who attended and enjoyed a delightful afternoon with plenty to eat and drink and entertainment from the Fakenham Ukulele players. It was a very special afternoon and there are many people who I must thank for their time and effort, without which we would not have been able to host such a successful event. Such as those who provided cakes: Helen, Liz, Josie, Carol R, Carol M, Margaret, Gail, Angel and Thea. Those who helped decorate the hall and put out chairs and tables: Nicky, Helen, Vic and Jo. Those who helped in the kitchen: Mark, Liz, Kate. Of course we owe a huge debt of thanks to the Fakenham Ukulele players but most of all to all who came along, gave so generously and enjoyed the afternoon with us. If I have forgotten anyone, I'm sorry.

We had so much help it was a wonderful village event.

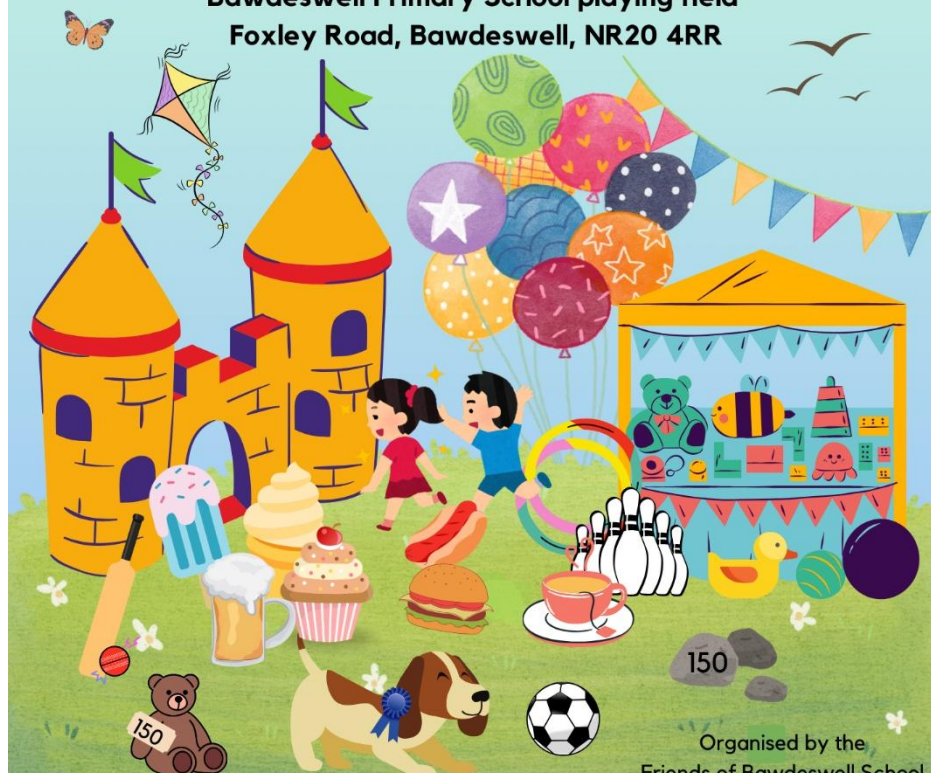


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VILLAGE NEWS



Bawdeswell Primary School Fete*

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All funds raised will support fun resources and experiences for the pupils at the school.

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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 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.

“Lessons in Chemistry” by Bonnie Garmus



The author has said that whilst she was a copy writer of many years' experience, she had a 'bad day at the office' and she dashed off the opening chapters to this book. What a start. This is now a global best seller in many languages. A financial triumph. A last laugh perhaps, over her previous colleagues.

The hero of the book is a woman, who strives to work as 'A Scientist', not 'A Female Scientist'. She wants recognition for her work, without the gender adjective. However, life doesn't run smoothly and her circumstances mean that she has to find a way to cope and survive. She is offered an opportunity to becoming a TV cook, or in her terms, a 'food scientist'. She's a sensation on the afternoon, graveyard, slot.

This book is a 'page-turner' with some 'laugh-out-loud' moments. It especially resonated with those in our book group who had been working in the fifties, sixties and even the seventies. Although we are of a certain age, I doubt if younger readers would not be affected by the issues this hero has to battle against.

At our meeting on 12th June we will discuss ***“The Year of Sitting Dangerously”*** by **Simon Barnes**

Enquiries: Carolyn 01362 688944

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 for an initial conversation - you would be most welcome!



Bawdeswell Bowls Club

We have started the new season. With the weather being very dry, the green needs watering every two to three days. The first two games the temperature was good then the temperature dropped several degrees.

Here are the first results

Bawdeswell 80 Gaywood Park 27

Bawdeswell 58 Swanton Abbot 38

Bawdeswell 59 King's Lynn 49

Bawdeswell 45 Gressenhall 47

If anyone is interested in playing bowls contact **Paul** mob **07796964574** or 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.

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**

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Bawdeswell Knit and Natter

June dates are 12th & 26th

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

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

The summer bowling season has arrived!

Roll ups continue every Tuesday afternoon from 2pm;- all are welcome to come along and give bowls a try.

All Cawston, Age UK and Hempton league fixtures have been arranged for the 2025 season and can all be seen on our website: bintreebowlsclub.co.uk under FIXTURES.

We have 33 members registered for the 2025 season and we are looking forward to a summer of outdoor bowls.

Nick Mears – Chairman. Tel 01362 688251 or you can track us on our website, bintreebowlsclub.co.uk.

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Short Mat Bowls

Foxley Village Hall Every Monday and Friday **2 - 4pm**

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To find out more, call **Frank** on **01362 688089** or **Carole** on **01362 688567**.



Cafe Philosophique

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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 3rd June – ‘Once more The Game’**

Contact: **Peter: 01362 688944**



Foxley Village Hall Coffee Morning

Our next Coffee Morning will be on **Wednesday 4th June 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.

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Or find us on Facebook (North Elmham Countrysiders) or by calling the Norfolk County office: 01603 748931

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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 are trialling a new idea on June 6th; a 'twilight' walk, meeting at the new cemetery at 6.30pm. Our next longer walk is planned for the end of July when we will catch a train to Thuxton.

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 19th June - Conor Jameson 'Saving Norfolk's Birds. The W H Hudson story'

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But there is always a **but**.

This scheme can't continue unless we can find enough volunteer drivers to fulfil the requests.

So, this is an urgent appeal for new volunteer drivers. Please come forward and help with an occasional journey. There is no minimum or maximum, simply what you can manage to help your neighbours.

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David Wheeler, Volunteer Coordinator

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

PARISH COUNCILS

THE BAWDESWELL ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 1st MAY 2025 AT 7pm

Present: D. Shannon (Vice Chair), C. Good, A. Hartley-Walder, M. Bailey and R. Hannent, Mrs. J Boxall (Clerk) Members of the public – 3

Annual Parish Meeting

David Shannon (as Vice Chair) gave a brief report on the Council's past year. The minutes from this meeting can be viewed online.

The Managing Director of Abel Homes gave a presentation on the proposed site North of Foxley Road (opposite the school).

He confirmed that they were having conversations with Breckland and carrying out tests on the site. 50 – 60 dwellings were proposed with a mixture of bungalows / chalet style bungalows (positioned on site to maintain existing views of the church tower) and two storey dwellings. Affordable housing would account for 25% of the scheme. Access was proposed from Foxley Road, to the left of Tilney Farm (it was suggested it may be better for access to be on the straight part of the road) with a proposed drop off point for the school accommodating 30-35 cars. They would look to introduce / improve traffic calming measures as part of the scheme. Public open space was proposed in a loop around the outside of the development and it was confirmed that drainage would be dealt with on site (Anglian Water had confirmed there is capacity). Electricity would be supplied from a UKPN cable, with a substation on site.

Concerns were raised about access and the need for traffic calming (The PC were chasing the 20MPH outside the school) There was the question of who would maintain the public open spaces as it was acknowledged that the Council's ground maintenance contractor may not wish to take on additional space.

The need for additional infrastructure in the village was highlighted.

Bawdeswell Heath - In order to pursue the option of renting the Heath (including PC land) to the Norfolk Wildlife Trust (NWT) further legal advice is required to ascertain what maximum lease the Charity Commission would accept (without considering it similar to a sale) and what minimum lease the NWT would accept. Current suggestions of an annual rent of £400/year for the whole Heath would not bring in much income for the PC, but as there was no current financial benefit this was not a major issue.

PARISH COUNCILS

Bawdeswell continued.....

Planning

No planning applications were received. It was understood that the Solar Farm at Pettywell has been approved.

Local Plan

No date had yet been received for the Council's meeting with Breckland. As it was expected that the next consultation would be open until the end of July, it was agreed to defer formulating a more detailed assessment of the possible Bawdeswell development sites until the next meeting.

HUGE THANKS

The Parish Council would like to say a **HUGE THANK YOU** to all those residents who work hard, often behind the scenes, to make Bawdeswell the lovely community it is. They would like to Thank those residents who removed weeds and grass from the pavements outside their houses, in the absence of NCC Highways carrying out the work, to help keep the village looking nice.

Finance

As the end of year accounts have been prepared, the annual gross income for the year 2024/25 was £39609.29 and annual gross expenditure was £32527.41. The closing balance of cash books as at 31st March 2025 was £53328.92 with general reserves of £38579.06. The Internal Auditor's report has been received and published on the website alongside the accounting documents which were approved. The period for the exercise of public rights was agreed as 3rd June to 14th July. All documentation has been published on the website. The accounts have been submitted to the external auditor following approval.

The balance of the Community account as at 30th April 2025 was confirmed as £29,271.32, Business Money Manager (Earmarked reserves) was £38635.46.

The next Parish Council Meetings will be held on the 5th June and 3rd July. These meetings will be held at the Village Hall. Members of the public are warmly invited to attend. The Council usually meet on the first Thursday of every month except for January & August. Please check the website or noticeboard for any changes. If you have any concerns please contact the Parish Clerk Jo Boxall, White House, Pettywell, Reepham, NR10 4RN, Tel: 01603 879480, Email: bawdeswellpc@hotmail.com

Full draft minutes from this meeting and minutes from previous meetings, including financial / audit information and policies can be found on the Parish Council website <http://bawdeswell.norfolkparishes.gov.uk>

PARISH COUNCILS

THE FOXLEY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING & ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS WERE HELD ON THURSDAY 8th MAY 2025 AT 7 / 7.15pm

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.

Election of Chair / Vice Chair

Cllr N. Mears was re-elected as Chair and Cllr G. Blatchford was elected as Vice Chair

Finance

The Annual Accounts 2024-25 were approved, and copies of these documents can be seen on the Council's website. The Council declared themselves exempt from Limited Assurance Review.

The Chairman's annual report

The past year has seen a new Clerk appointed and we welcomed Jo Boxall, an experienced and qualified professional to keep us in order and guide us through the ever-increasing maze of regulations imposed on us by central Government. My thanks to our previous Clerk, Ali Blatchford, and to Linda Rose for stepping in to assist in the transitional period.

After many years of campaigning to improve the state of the two lay-bys in the village on the A1067 road, the installation of signs and the cutting down of vegetation has considerably reduced the amount of litter and fly tipping in these areas and my thanks to Bill Borrett for his help and persistence in achieving this, and also to Linda Rose for arranging our regular Litter Picks to try and keep the village tidy.

We have installed two new dog fouling signs in the village and repaired one dog bin to help with the ever-increasing number of dogs in the village.

A new Local Plan is being instigated by Breckland. The target for Breckland Housing has been raised from 625 dwellings per annum to 903 by Central Government which is a considerable challenge.

Only one site in Foxley has been submitted which seems to have been rejected as totally unsuitable in the initial review.

The population of Foxley has increased from 285 in 2011 to 349 in 2021, an increase of 22%, the highest percentage increase in any Breckland community.

PARISH COUNCILS

Foxley continued.....

Many people would feel Foxley has taken its share of development for a village with minimal facilities, although it looks as Bawdeswell is earmarked for yet another large expansion.

My thanks to the Village Hall Committee for their continued efforts to keep the Hall thriving and vibrant, particularly to Gillian and Linda who without their enthusiasm we would not see the Hall functioning at its present level.

My thanks also to Gordon Bambridge and Bill Borrett for the input and help and also to my fellow Councillors.

The next meetings of the Parish Council will be on 17th July 2025. This meeting 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

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CHURCH NEWS

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Important Announcement:

We regret to announce that Chapterhouse Theatre Company has officially ceased trading as of 06/05/2025 and, as a result, has cancelled all upcoming performances including ours at Bylaugh Hall on July 27th.

We share your disappointment and sincerely apologise to those who had been looking forward to this event.

We are working to find an alternative production company to work with next year;- watch this space, we'll keep you informed!

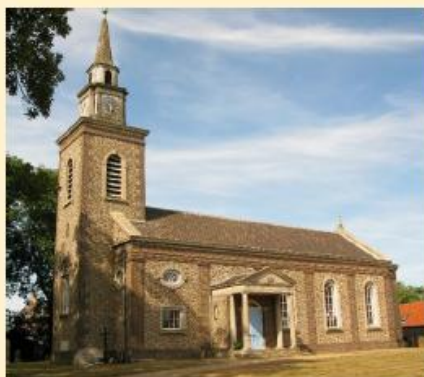
Thank you for your understanding, we are all devastated!

2025 events:

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CHURCH NEWS

Bawdeswell Church News



In Holy Week in April we held a *Compline* (Evening Prayer) on Tuesday 15th and at Foxley the following evening.

On Good Friday 18th April we had a *Walk of Witnesses* from Foxley to All Saints Bawdeswell where at 2pm we spent “*An Hour before the Cross*”. The Bawdeswell Festival Choir helped to make this very special.

On Easter Sunday the church was brightly decorated again. Thank you Julie for your beautiful arrangement and those who decorated the windows and the porch.

Cemetery work party. Thank you so much everybody who turned out on 12th May to tidy up the overgrown cemetery hedges, too many names to mention here. We don't have any regular funding for the upkeep and rely on volunteers every year. A great job was done. A special thank-you to Trevor Buck who gallantly carted away truckload after truckload of branches and greenery, and Josie and Sandi who provided us with coffee and bacon butties half way through the morning.

Robin Taylor, Churchwarden

Church Roof Repairs. Although we have had word that we are eligible for a grant from the NCT we do not get this until the work has been completed and passed as OK by an architect. We still need to raise £10k to cover all costs and would be very grateful if anyone could see their way into making a contribution. To quote Tesco “Every Little Helps” and if we want our church to continue secure and weather proof and to ensure it survives for future generations this work has to be completed before any further damage is done.

It is widely thought by some that we are subsidised by the Diocese/Church of England but this is not so. All repair work has to be funded by the congregation and The Friends of the Church. Do please consider making a contribution. If you are a tax payer, we can claim gift aid on donations and all transactions are confidential. I always have payment details with me wherever I go!

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Reverend Richard Reflects

As I write this, I am about to go away for two nights on a conference. It is an 'Incumbency Skills Conference' which is compulsory for all priests in a first-time incumbency post (or equivalent) and designed to help equip us for the tasks we may face in the coming years. The handout for just one of the sessions (financial and legal matters) is 93 pages long: I think I'll follow it on my laptop rather than print it out!

But it made me think about what people are expected to do in their daily role that is not necessarily something you might automatically assume was their responsibility.

When you become a vicar (or whatever the actual job title happens to be) you take on the cure of souls for a parish (or parishes). You know that you will have to attend PCC meetings. You know that you will take funerals, weddings, and baptisms, along with Sunday services. You know that you will be expected to pray daily. What is not normally advertised when you apply for a role, and is tacitly assumed that you will understand, is that you will probably become a trustee of a certain number of historic charities, and maybe a school governor, a children's worker, a social media content creator, and perhaps other things too. All of this is par for the course. But it is also generally assumed that a calling to look after the spiritual wellbeing of a group of parishes will automatically gift you with the skills and knowledge to navigate your way through church law, and through finance matters, and to be an expert on almost every situation that comes across your prayer desk.

Priests are not alone in this. Many other vocations seem to rely on the person being called having a skill set beyond the immediate and obvious demands of their role. Teachers are just one more example of this.

For my part, I know that I cannot do everything that is needed on my own. I also know, as it was part of my ordination service, that I don't do anything in my own strength, but with the grace and power of God. Still, it is reassuring to know that there are many people whose particular skills also support me in my calling. So, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to all those people, and to all those who support and help anyone else in their vocation. You are invaluable. You are a gift. We thank you.

Revd Richard Turk

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June 2025

Sun 1 st June	Sun 8 th June	Sun 15 th June	Sun 22 nd June	Sun 29 th June
Easter 7	Whitsun	Trinity Sunday	1 st after Trinity	Peter and Paul Apostles
10.30am Word & Praise <i>Lay Led</i>	10.30am <i>Holy Communion</i>	10:30 Family Service <i>Lay Led</i>	10.30am <i>Holy Communion</i>	* See below

* Benefice service location to be announced
Please watch notice boards

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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