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WELCOME

How lovely to have seen so much sunshine during the month of April. Walking around Bawdeswell and Foxley the gardens you have all taken pride in have looked so colourful with an abundance of spring flowers, colourful shrubs and bushes and beautiful blossom on the trees. A big thank you to all you wonderful hardworking gardeners for making our villages such delightful places to live. The first four months have seen lots of different events and activities and there are many more to come!

In Bawdeswell a midsummer family barbecue is planned for 21st June, the school will be celebrating 150 years with a school fete on 7th June plus all the on-going activities at the Village Hall.

Foxley is celebrating the 80th anniversary of VE Day with an Afternoon Tea in their Village Hall on 5th May.

The first Hamperfest raffle was a resounding success with a second one planned for May/June. Our Village Hall has had solar panels installed and work will start shortly repairing the Church roof. Thank you to all of you who have supported these.

Anne and the team

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WHAT'S ON

May Events

Event	Date	Location/Time
Bawdeswell Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting	Thurs 1 st May	Bawdeswell Village Hall 7pm
80 th Anniversary of VE Day Afternoon Tea	Mon 5 th May	Foxley Village Hall 2-4pm
Café Philosophique	Tues 6 th May	Bawdeswell Village Hall 7.30pm
Knit and Natter	Thurs 8 th May	Bawdeswell Village Hall 2-4pm
Book Group	Thurs 8 th May	Bawdeswell Village Hall 7.30pm
Bawdeswell Village Cinema	Sat 10 th May	Bawdeswell Village Hall 6.30 for 7.30pm
150 th Birthday Alumni Celebration	Fri 16 th May	Bawdeswell Primary School, see page 23 for details
Knit and Natter	Thurs 22 nd May	Bawdeswell Village Hall 2-4pm
Mobile Library	Tues 27 th May	From 11.10am see page 35 for details
Soup and Pud	Thurs 29 th May	Bawdeswell Village Hall 12-2pm
Foxley Coffee Morning	Weds 4 th June	Foxley Village Hall 10am

WHAT'S ON

Regular Events	Time/Date	Location
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 WI Meeting	Thurs 15 th May	7.30pm St Michaels, Reepham, see page 9 for details
Reepham Gardening Club	Tues 20 th May	7.15pm Reepham Town Hall, see page 9 for details
Reepham Food Festival	Sun 25 th May	10am – 4pm Reepham Market Place, see page 14 for details

EVENTS INFORMATION

REEPHAM GARDENING CLUB

Tuesday 20th May 7.15pm

Andrew Sankey - 'A Year in the Life of a Cottage Garden'

After his hilarious and very informative talk in 2023 on 'Cottage Cures & Superstitions', we have invited Andrew back to give us a talk on the workings of a Cottage Garden.

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 15th May 7.30pm

David Broome of Keys Fine Art Auctioneers of Aylsham

David will be sharing his insights on the evolving world of auctions in the digital age—online and across the worldwide web. Beginning his career in a traditional Norfolk country auction house and living locally, David brings a unique and personal perspective on how the auction industry has transformed over the past decade.

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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Hamperfest

A very successful first Hamperfest Raffle took place during March and April and raised over £500 towards repairing All Saints Church roof in Bawdeswell. The draw has now taken place with the winner of the first prize, a Jarrold's Hamper, coming from Reepham. The winner purchased the ticket after attending a concert at Reepham Church which featured the Bawdeswell Festival Choir conducted by James Lillwall, All Saints Church organist and Choirmaster. What a wonderful coincidence!

A large number of smaller Easter themed prizes were also won with several people saying they had never won a raffle prize before!

Look out for the next Hamperfest Raffle to be held in May/June with the raffle draw taking place on 22nd June. The first prize is a Teatime Treats Hamper worth over £150, the second a Williamson Elephant Tea Hamper and the third a voucher from Horkeys. There are several smaller teatime treats prizes as well.

So why not have a go? Tickets are £1 each and available from [01362 562491](tel:01362562491). Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets in the first raffle.



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Support Local

I moved to Bawdeswell 4 years ago and felt at home straight away! My neighbours were all so welcoming and it's been fab living in such a friendly village. I love a bit of singing and musical theatre, so in between shows last year, I joined the Bawdeswell Festival Choir. James and all the ladies have been so lovely and kind and I've enjoyed singing at services and a recent concert we did to raise money for the Reepham Church. If you get the chance, you should come hear them and support this great local group. We've a concert coming up on the 29th June with Taverham Band at Salle, so keep an eye out for details.

Talking of supporting local, I am also a member of CSODS, Cromer and Sheringham Operatic and Dramatic Society, and we are well into rehearsals for our latest production which is the musical Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. I'm very chuffed to be playing Mrs Bucket, Charlie's Mum and even get to switch to being an Oompah Loompa in the second act. You'll have to come see it to see how we portray them! The show runs from 24th to 31st May at the fabulous historic Cromer Pier Pavilion Theatre, one of only five in the UK. This year we are doing our first 'relaxed performance' and you can find full details about this and all the show dates and times, plus how to book tickets by visiting csods.uk. A QR code for which is include on the poster in this magazine! Give the gift of chocolate but without the calories and I look forward to seeing you there!

Kind regards, Emma, Reeves Close

LETTERS/NOTICES

Reepham Food Festival.

Once more Reepham Town Square will be closed for an entertaining day of food and fun on **Sunday 25th May**. This will be the eighth festival to be organised by a team from Reepham Rotary Club.

More than 30 stalls have already signed up to bring everything from cheese to chocolate or fungi to fine wine - all for you to taste and buy. There will be sizzling hot food, cooling ice creams and refreshing beer to enjoy.

Reepham Market Square is an ideal location with safe traffic-free space and lots of room in the square and Bircham gardens for visitors to enjoy their purchases.

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

Please save the date. It's a fun day out for all the family - and it's free.

10am - 4pm. Parking at the High School and Stimpsons Piece.

www.reephamfoodfestival.org.uk

More information Richard Cooke 07889 036852

publicity@reephamrotary.org.uk

LETTERS/NOTICES

Fakenham Choral Society to perform Will Todd's vibrant and upbeat "Mass in Blue" at its summer concert

Fakenham Choral Society's 2025 summer concert will feature contemporary British composer Will Todd's vibrant and upbeat Mass in Blue.

Chairman Rosemary Dear explained: "Last year, when Fakenham Choral Society celebrated its 50th anniversary, choir members were asked which pieces of music they would most like to perform again and Mass in Blue came high on the list of favourites, second only to the Verdi Requiem, which we performed in April 2024."

Well known composer Will Todd is a lover of jazz music as well as traditional church choral music and this is reflected brilliantly in his setting of the traditional Latin mass in a wonderful blend of jazz music. A jazz trio together with piano, a solo soprano voice and a strong choral line weave together to give an energetic and uplifting musical experience.

In complete contrast the choir will also be performing sacred music from earlier eras, with choruses from different composers spanning several centuries.

The concert will be in Fakenham Parish Church at 7pm on Saturday 21 June. Tickets £18 or £15 if purchased before 7th June, will be available on the FCS website https://www.fakenhamchoralsociety.org/about_us.

Date: Saturday 22 June at 7pm

Venue: Fakenham Parish Church

Admission: early bird price of £15 before 7 June; £18 after 7 June or on the door



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

June 2025

Sun 1 st June	Black Country Living Museum	7am	£60 (Child £35)
Monday 2 nd June	Harrogate, York, Skipton & Whitby	7.30am	from £585
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	Abba Voyage	8am	£115
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
Sun 15 th June	Bayeaux & WW2 Beaches	5am	from £545
Wed 18 th June	Bat Out of Hell – Milton Keynes	9am	£93
	Coach Only – MK Shopping		£37
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

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VILLAGE VIEWS

With the summer months ahead of us, we will soon be observing the recently acquired Ride On Mower doing its rounds around the grassy places dotted around Bawdeswell keeping our village looking beautifully neat and tidy.

However, rumour has it that there may be fierce competition as to who gets to ride this fantastic piece of kit!

There are several wonderful volunteers who undertake looking after the communal areas around the village and until recently the work could definitely be defined as manual labour with the use of spades, forks, loppers and choppers, push mowers and petrol driven mowers. However, the purchase of a ride on mower has, I understand, caused some excitement and competitiveness as to who should drive it!

Enter then, a lady into the fray! Yes, it's me, who last month started writing 'Village Views', to be hopefully regularly featured in the Reeves Tale (well depending on what goes on or can be observed of our local village life, and I am sure I cannot be privy to ALL that is happening!). Attending the regular Tuesday coffee mornings at the Village Hall, I heard that a ride on mower had been purchased. Were they looking for Volunteer Drivers I wondered? I had experience, I was keen but could I be trusted with what is an expensive bit of kit, would my age and sex go against me? I made tentative enquiries, put out feelers, consulted my family. 'Mother!' came the firm response, 'over my dead body, or rather yours, have you finally taken leave of your senses, at your age, whatever are you thinking of and you will never get insurance cover' and most bitterly of all 'do you really want to become a figure of fun?'

The disappointment! Unlike the Wife of Bath from the Canterbury Tales who rode on an 'ambler', a slow horse which made for a comfortable ride, I had visions of speeding around the village, not exactly causing mayhem but maybe kicking up a slight dust.....well a Maid has to get her kicks somehow and with advancing years, opportunities are sadly few and far between. Alas, dear, readers, sadly you will NOT be seeing a little old lady driving hell for leather keeping the grass verges and communal areas neat and tidy. Instead, you will be seeing those fantastic volunteers doing what they do best, helping and giving freely of their time to ensure we can all continue living in a wonderful, looked after, cared for community! So, if you do see one of them toiling away, do offer them a drink or snack to keep their energy levels up and remember to say thank you or maybe even think if you too could help out. I am sure you would be most welcome.

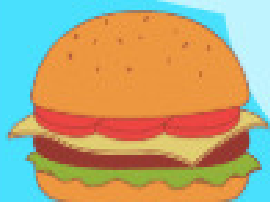
Maid of Bawdeswelle



SATURDAY 21ST JUNE
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VILLAGE NEWS

Bawdeswell Village Hall Update

The month of April was a bit of a milestone for our village hall! The most exciting news has been the installation of 44 solar panels which are now commissioned and helping to keep our electricity bills down. The work was completed on the 31st of March in two days by Impact Services. Special thanks must go to Carolyn Good, the Chair of the Village Hall committee who spent hours researching similar projects, chasing possible funding organisations, filling out funding applications, negotiating with all and sundry, and keeping us all informed of progress. A shout out as well to Bob Kuczma whose knowledge, expertise and experience on solar panels ensured the best and most effective choice for the village hall. We have been fortunate in obtaining grants from both the Community Lottery Fund and Norfolk Offshore Wind Zone Community Fund totalling £22,500. Events held locally, donations, gifts, a grant from the Parish Council from monies raised from the Bottle Bank have raised further sums but we still need to raise a further £1,500.

A successful Quiz Night took place in March and an Italian evening and a cream tea took place in April. A village Family Barbecue is planned for the 21st of June. Do come along and support our fundraising. We hope to be able to now substantially reduce monthly electricity costs (some months were costing nearly £2000!) and from this month hope to be selling surplus electricity back to the National Grid. Let us keep fingers crossed for weeks of sunny weather.

The Village Hall continues to be well used by groups from all over the area, hosting a variety of different events. The recent screening of the third Paddington film saw the largest cinema audience to date, the Friends of Bawdeswell Church held a very successful Bingo night attended by around 70 people, the Norfolk Churches Trust met with over 100 people attending, but small groups ranging from 6-20 regularly book in to use our facilities, and local families hold functions as well. A wide range of different clubs and societies thank us for the facilities on offer, homemade cakes are particularly mentioned! Thank you once again to all the Volunteers who staff these events, making people welcome, providing refreshments and carrying out all the preparation, administration, organisation and clearing up.

The weekly Tuesday Coffee mornings are a chance to catch up so do feel free to come along. The monthly Soup and Pud for the cost of £5 (where else locally can you get such a bargain?) is well attended and if you don't have ready cash, we do have a card machine.

Contacts:

Chair: Carolyn Good - 01362 688 944

Bookings: Jo Porter – 01362 688 887



Foxley Village Hall



Afternoon Tea to Celebrate 80th Anniversary of VE DAY

2–4pm 5th May

With the Fakenham Ukeles

No need to book
but please let us know of any dietary requirements

VILLAGE NEWS

What's on in Foxley

Foxley Village Hall

There will not be a coffee morning in May as it is so close to our afternoon tea on **Monday 5th May between 2 and 4 pm.**

Please note that our next coffee morning in Foxley will be on **Wednesday 4th June at 10:00 am.**

Foxley Litter Pick

The sun shone brightly on Foxley for our litter pick on Saturday 12th April, such a contrast to the miserable weather we've often had in the past. A big thank you to the enthusiastic group of 21 residents who spent an hour clearing the litter and then enjoyed a small reward of coffee and cake.

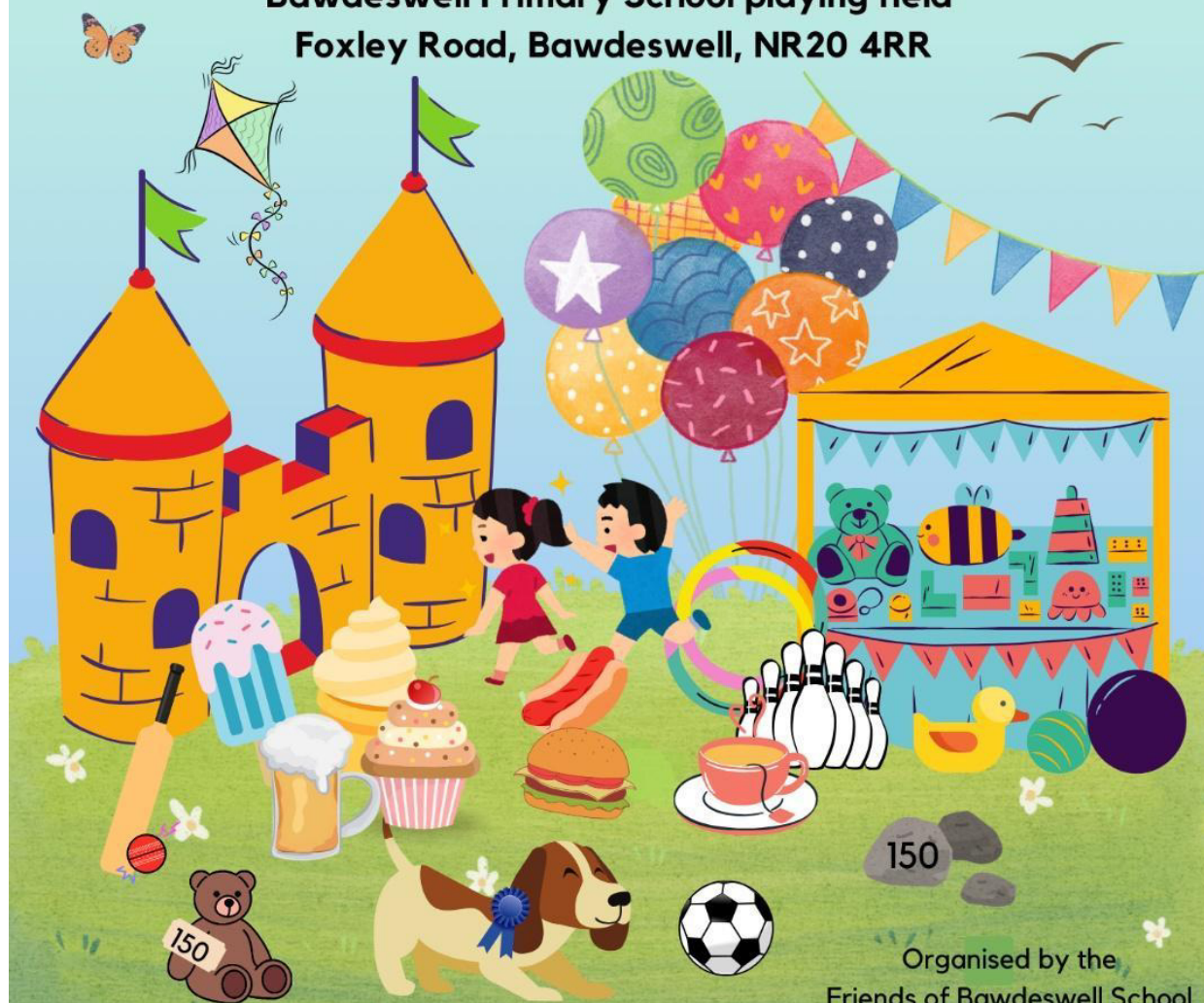


Bawdeswell Primary School FETE

150th birthday spectacular!

SATURDAY 7th JUNE 2025, 12–4pm

Bawdeswell Primary School playing field
Foxley Road, Bawdeswell, NR20 4RR



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VILLAGE NEWS

Are you a former pupil
or staff member of
Bawdeswell Primary School?



We would like to invite you to a special
150th birthday Alumni Celebration at the school

Friday 16th May 2025

We have 2 sessions, you can join us for either or both:

2.00-3.15pm - Tea, cake and sharing of stories

6.00-7.30pm - Cheese, wine and sharing of stories



Please RSVP the school by 12th May
on 01362 688282 or
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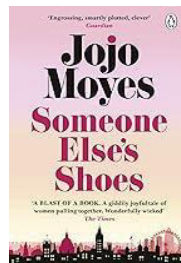


Book Group

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.

“Someone Else’s Shoes” by Jo Jo Moyes



Not necessarily a believable story, but we thought it was an enjoyable read. The cover suggests chick lit, but it has a bit more depth than that.

This is story of mix-ups and how to make the most of second chances.

The two main characters are women in their forties. They live very different lives. However, a bizarre mix up over each other’s bags means that they must experience what it’s like to live each other’s life, or walk in their shoes.

Nisha lives a globetrotting life of the seriously wealthy, or she did, until her husband announces a divorce and cuts her off without even the shoes she was standing in. Sam, is currently at the worst point of her life. She currently has a teenager daughter, a depressed husband, demanding older parents, all on top of a misogynistic boss. And now it’s just got worse. She has accidentally taken Nisha’s gym bag.

The unravelling of this story brings in a cast of interesting people who aid and abet these two women who now must work together to outwit the ‘baddies’.

The book is a ‘page-turner’ with a few ‘laugh out loud’ moments.

At our meeting on 8th May we will discuss ***“The Year of Sitting Dangerously”*** by **Simon Barnes**

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



Bawdeswell Bowls Club

We are all ready for the 2025 season. The weather is a bit of a problem because the fertiliser does not work so well when it's so dry. We have a good irrigation system but that's expensive. We are looking forward to seeing our two new members on the green.

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 anyone wants to give bowls a try call **Paul on 01362 688615, mobile 07796964574**. 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**

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES



Bawdeswell Knit and Natter

May dates are 8th & 22nd

2 - 4 pm at the Village Hall. Come along and join us. Refreshments will be available.

Enquiries: **Josie Beach 01362 688869.**



Bell Ringing at Foxley Church

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.

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Contact: **Peter: 01362 688944**



Foxley Village Hall Coffee Morning

No coffee morning in May. 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**.



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Chris Binns on email "cbinns@uwclub.net" or Cyril Janes on email cyriljanes@btinternet.com

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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 6th 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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PARISH COUNCILS

**THE BAWDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 3rd APRIL 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 – 8
District Cllr G. Bambridge**

Matters arising

Local Plan

The final date for the new call for sites was confirmed as 28th April and it was anticipated that it would be late May for consultation with Breckland, possible end of year for approval of the Local Plan.

Land opposite The Street

The Managing Director for Bayfield Homes produced an indicative plan for the site opposite entrance to The Street (site put forward for consideration by Breckland). A mix of 2, 3 and 4 bedroom homes built with a variety of materials (brick, render, and flint) was suggested and included affordable housing to meet expectations. A suggestion for bungalows was made. It was acknowledged that there was concern over the access to the site and a mini roundabout may be needed for safe access. Concern was raised about flooding on the site and the effect more building would have on neighbouring properties. Developer acknowledged the need to address flooding concerns and carry out ground investigations on the site with a view to exceeding the expectations of the flood agency. It was confirmed that the developer would work with existing trees and hedges, and where necessary trees would be replaced with heavy standards.

A suggestion was made to move the proposed open space from the rear of the site to the front to give adjoining / all properties on the site boundary a view of trees / fields.

Concern was raised about the lack of infrastructure for additional families (school places etc.). It was acknowledged that there is currently a housing first policy in the UK. The need for facilities in the village was highlighted. There would be further public consultation and the design for the site would be adjusted as necessary.

Play area

NGF Play attended the play area and replaced the safety chains on the flat swings as both had been tampered with. The Council agreed to purchase the container on the recreation ground from the Football Club for £500.

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Highway Matters

Following an email to Highways the following response was received; 'The 20MPH speed limit, as previously explained to the Parish by the Engineer, is with the designer. Once completed it will go to NP Law. As this is a legal order it can take up to 12 months to deliver. The 3 issues mentioned (Sign, junction surface, white lines) are all programmed for work.'

Bawdeswell Heath

The Charity Commission had responded to the request to sell land at the Heath to Norfolk Wildlife Trust (NWT) with a lengthy document believing the sale is not best value for money. The Bawdeswell Heath Trustees are taking legal advice and exploring options to rent out the land to NWT for £400/year. It was agreed that the heath land held in trust by the Parish Council could be included in the agreement for a peppercorn rent.

Planning

Application PL/2025/0408/FMIN Proposal: Widening of existing entrance to improve access for HGVs Site: Cobb Breeding Co Ltd Elsing Lane, Bawdeswell

The Council unanimously agreed that they had no comment or objection to the application.

Other matters

The Parish Council agreed to donate £300 from the recycling credits towards sponsorship of a solar panel at the Village Hall.

Finance

The balance of the Community account as at 31st March 2025 was confirmed as £14749.86, Business Money Manager (Earmarked reserves) was £38579.06.

The Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting will be held on the 1st 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:

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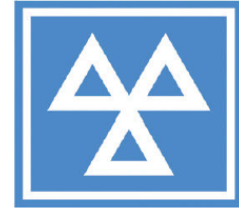
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CHURCH NEWS

Bawdeswell Church News



Easter is always a busy time in the church calendar.

In Holy Week in April, we held a *Compline* (Evening Prayer) service at Bawdeswell church at 7pm on Tuesday 15th and 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 following the bare month of Lent. Thank you Julie for your beautiful arrangement and those who decorated the windows and the porch.

Donations to our church roof repair appeal at Bawdeswell are coming in. Our heartfelt thanks to all those who have contributed directly so far, or through Lis Glen's quarterly hamper raffles.

We were lucky to qualify for a grant of £5000 from the Norfolk Churches Trust which once received will bring our total to just over £38,000.

So, not far to go to our target of £40,000 and if you would like to contribute, it will help us put the job in hand.

Please ask the treasurer for details sanditaylor1947@gmail.com

RT, Churchwarden

CHURCH NEWS

Reverend Richard Reflects

By the time you read this, Easter will be over and done. At least, as far as the shops are concerned. There might still be some reduced price eggs available, but for the most part Easter will be forgotten about until next year.

But in the Church the season of Easter carries on. Our worship uses Easter phrases and imagery. We use Easter colours in our church buildings. Yet even then it is easy to forget the joy of Easter and return to 'normal.'

So, this year, I have decided to make use of something called 'The Stations of the Resurrection.' In the lead up to Easter, many churches have a tradition of following the Stations of the Cross. It is a way of reflecting on Jesus' journey to his crucifixion. The Stations of the Resurrection do a similar thing, but for the period of time following Jesus' rising. It is a form of pilgrimage, and so I aim to travel around to follow the stations.

There's something to be said for movement. Some of us find moving around quite difficult. Some of us find it difficult to stay still. But when it comes to worship, many people's idea of Christian worship is sitting still in uncomfortable pews and only moving in order to get up and sing the odd hymn. But worship expressed as pilgrimage engages the senses in different ways as you move from one place to another. It can be as simple as moving from one part of a building to another, where the light is different or the sounds change. It can be moving from one village to another, where you notice the slope of a hill, or the change in plant life as you travel.

Faith should be a journey. It can have periods of rest, where you stay in one place and focus on something for a while; but ultimately you move on. Hopefully your faith deepens as you journey. That's not the same as saying that your understanding deepens. It might. But it's a journey of faith, not knowledge. So, in this season of Easter, when we think about new life and new beginnings, may I encourage you to take some steps on that journey (however far you may already have travelled). And, as Harry Kim said on the final episode of Star Trek: Voyager, here's 'to the journey.'

Revd Richard Turk

Curate-in-Charge of the parishes of Foxley, Foulsham, Lyng, Elsing,
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