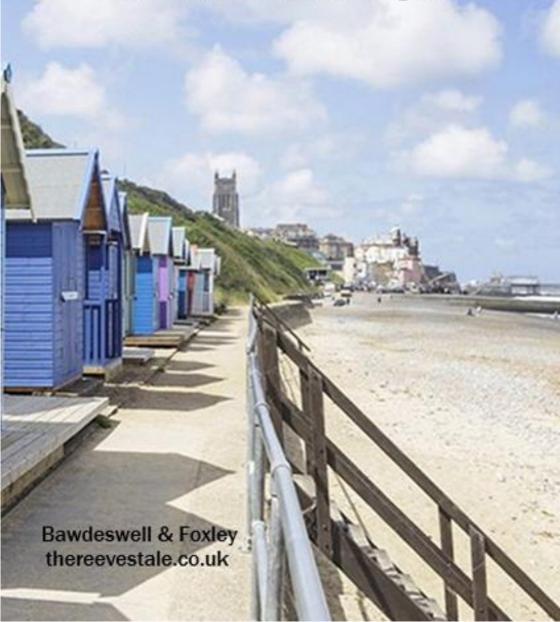
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WELCOME

Well, now in the 11th month of the year, and looking forward to Christmas! Well done to all you wonderful children and young people who once again surpassed yourselves this year with so many different Halloween costumes, so imaginative! Thank you to all of you and your parents for once again ensuring the event went well, everyone was so friendly and polite, we do hope you all enjoyed yourselves and didn't eat too many sweet things!

With the nights now drawing in please be careful both walking, cycling or driving through and around the village and if the weather should turn a bit nasty, maybe spare a thought for a neighbour who might appreciate a bit of help.

Next month's magazine will be covering both December and January so if you want to advertise or comment please make sure you make the 15th November deadline.

Have a Happy Month!

Anne and the team

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November Dates

Event	Date	Location/Time
Café Philosophique	Tues 4 th Nov	Bawdeswell Village Hall 7.30pm
Foxley Coffee Morning	Weds 5 th Nov	Foxley Village Hall 10am
Bawdeswell Parish Council Meeting	Thurs 6 th Nov	Bawdeswell Village Hall 7pm
Bawdeswell Village Cinema	Sat 8 th Nov	Bawdeswell Village Hall 6.30 for 7.30pm
Remembrance Service for Foxley	Tues 11 th Nov	Foxley War Memorial 10.50am
Mobile Library	Tues 11 th Nov	Bawdeswell Village Hall 11.10am
Knit and Natter	Thurs 13 th Nov	Bawdeswell Village Hall 2-4pm
Book Group	Thurs 13 th Nov	Bawdeswell Village Hall 7.30pm
Soup & Pud	Thurs 27 th Nov	Bawdeswell Village Hall 12-2pm
Knit and Natter	Thurs 27 th Nov	Bawdeswell Village Hall 2-4pm
Foxley Christmas Quiz	Sat 29 th Nov	Foxley Village Hall 6.30 for 7pm, see page 26 for details
Advent Carols	Sun 30 th Nov	All Saints Church, Bawdeswell 4pm
Bawdeswell Parish Council Meeting	Thurs 4 th Dec	Bawdeswell Village Hall 7pm
Christmas Wreath Fair	Sat 6 th Dec	All Saints Church, Bawdeswell 10am – 1pm



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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			
In Memory Service	Sun 2 nd Nov	6pm Lyng Parish Church			
Reepham Gardening Club	Tues 18 th Nov	7.15pm Reepham Town Hall, see page 11 for details			
Reepham WI Meeting	Thurs 20 th Nov	7.30pm St Michaels Church Hall, Reepham see page 11 for details			
	Dates for your Diary				
Reepham Christmas Tree Festival	Wed 3 rd – Sun 7 th Dec	Reepham Church, 10am - 4.30pm, daily			
Gala Christmas Concert & Reception by Bawdeswell Festival Choir	Thurs 11 th Dec	7pm Bylaugh Hall, see page 34 for details			

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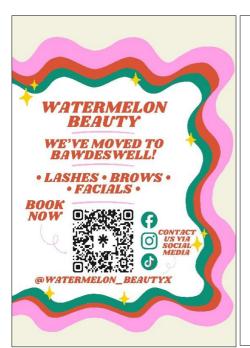
REEPHAM WI

Thursday 20th November, 7.30pm Annual General Meeting (AGM)

An important occasion where members have the opportunity to vote in new (or returning) members to the committee. The committee plays a vital role in ensuring the smooth and successful running of our WI. Following the AGM, we'll round off the evening with a light-hearted quiz – a fun and friendly way to relax and enjoy each other's company. New members are always welcome – come along and see what we're all about!

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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LETTERS

CHURCH WREATH SALE SATURDAY 6th December

If you have any produce, pickles, jams, jellies etc to donate for the big event of the year, please let me know. They will be gratefully received.

I am offering to make Christmas cakes again this year, priced £15. They are 6" square, top iced and decorated, and made from fresh ingredients.

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Angela Shannon Tel: 01362 688111.

Cut-off date for orders will be 13th November.

In Memory Service

The Bawdeswell Group of Churches



Parish Church of St Margaret, Lyng

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It's not about being perfect (none of us are!). It's about offering a listening ear, sharing kind words, and a place where children can be children. Whether it's for a short period or something longer-term, foster carers play a vital role in helping young people feel secure, valued and loved. Children of all ages come into foster care, but the most significant need is for foster carers who can support sibling groups, teenagers and parent and child arrangements.

Foster carers aren't superheroes in capes, just everyday people who want to give back. Some are single, some are couples who might have children who have flown the nest, and some still have children living at home. What they all share is a passion for making a difference and welcoming a child into their home.

Foster carer Mary shared, "It's the small things that stay with you, like seeing a shy child open up for the first time in weeks or watching their confidence grow day by day. It's such a precious thing to be part of their journey."

You don't need fancy qualifications or to own your own home to foster. What matters most is your time, patience, and willingness to provide a nurturing environment. Full training is provided, along with ongoing support and financial allowances to help you support and care for a child.

Fostering can be one of the most rewarding things you'll ever do. Yes, it can be challenging at times, but with the support from Nexus Fostering and our strong fostering community, fostering is filled with making memories, laughter, and genuine connection. Many foster carers say they get just as much out of fostering as the children do.

Whether you're simply curious about fostering or ready to take the next step, we're here to answer your questions and support you as you begin your fostering journey. Our Norwich office hosts free fostering information events each month, providing a perfect opportunity to meet some of the team and chat over a cup of tea about fostering. Call 01603.811118 or visit www.nexusfostering.co.uk/anglia to find out more about fostering and our free local events.

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Yet another tale to share with you about my friend Ermentrude (surely you remember the saga of the husband and the Air Fryer?). Well, recently, their daughter, Gaynor, came for a visit, ' just to check up Mum, that Dad's behaving himself and to take you out for a trip to Cromer to buy a crab'.

Trip undertaken, crab purchased, together with some kippers for breakfast the next day, and on their way home, Ermentrude suggested they return to Bawdeswell along the more scenic route, passing by Blickling, one of their favourite Norfolk landmarks and the scene of many happy family holidays before they finally moved up to Norfolk. Her daughter, driving carefully and wending her way down windy country lanes marvelled at the bushes either side of the road, heavy with blackberries, 'coo don't find these up North', she said, 'wouldn't mind taking some home with me AND we could make Dad a nice blackberry and apple crumble with some of those windfalls in your garden, Mum'. Ermentrude agreed but wondered what they could use to collect them in, 'I haven't even got a spare carrier bag'.

Gaynor pulled into a handy passing place, nipped to the boot and appeared triumphantly holding a Male Urinal bottle aloft, 'what about this Mum, should do the trick, and it's got a lid so they won't spill out!'. Ermentrude was struck dumb but hastily recovered. 'Whatever'... she stuttered.

'Well, I saw them advertised on Amazon, Dad's not getting any younger and I thought if you could gently introduce it into the conversation one day or produce it if you and him are out on a trip and he gets caught short'.. her voice tailed off as she saw her mother's face.

Ermentrude realising that her wonderful thoughtful daughter had indeed inherited her genes, stretched out her hand, unscrewed the lid and started filling the brand-new bottle with luscious ripe hedgerow blackberries and was quickly joined by Gaynor.

Mind you they did get some rather odd glances from passing motorists but the next day, they all sat down to a wonderfully fragrant pudding and the bottle has been hidden away waiting for just the right moment for it to appear.

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VILLAGE NEWS

Bawdeswell Village Hall Update

The first Monday in every month sees a gathering of village volunteers armed with a calendar of booked forthcoming events. This has been painstakingly completed by Jo together with what is needed for each booking. Volunteers will offer to open and close, prepare the hall or a room, provide refreshments and tidy up. A massive thank you to Jo for all her time and effort and to every volunteer who gives so freely and willingly of their time. The compliments and thanks from all users continue to be very positive and bookings continue to increase. Feedback on previous events is shared and if there is the odd 'hiccough', a solution is discussed. Fortunately, this is a rare occurrence and our volunteers are extremely resourceful!

The Tuesday Coffee Mornings and monthly Soup and Pud benefit from the generosity of Volunteers as every cake, scone, savoury and biscuit provided, is donated. Volunteers are NOT paid for ingredients they use, so it is sometimes a little disappointing to find that attendees pay for the refreshments on offer with pennies rather than pounds. Please, before you put your donation in the bucket, think what it would cost you at a local cafe or coffee shop in Dereham, Fakenham, Reepham or Norwich or even a cafe at a supermarket. AND you wouldn't be able to have a refill coffee and another scone! So please, give a thought as to what is a reasonable and realistic donation. The proceeds, alongside income from lettings, events and clubs go towards the upkeep and maintenance of the Hall which costs around £2000 a month to run.

A successful Evacuation/Fire drill took place last month in a record time of 3 minutes using the majority of exits. Thank you to Chris for organising this and

An evening event in early October saw the Hall turned into a night club with two singers belting out Jazz and classic French and Jazz songs from the 30's to the 50's, the monthly cinema took place and the month ended with Bawdeswell's BIG Quiz and a Children's Halloween party. Creative Arts East returned with a recorded live performance of Mrs Warren's Professional. So hopefully something to suit all tastes and ages as well as all the usual regular clubs, groups and societies. Thank you to all of you who continue to attend and support the Village Hall.

If there is something we do not provide or an event you would like repeated, do let us know.

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Bury Market Day	12-Nov	Wed	28.00	
Sandringham Xmas Fayre	14-Nov	Fri	35.00	
Birmingham Frankfurt Xmas Market	15-Nov	Sat	45.00	28.00 Child
Peterborough Cathedral Xmas Market	16-Nov	Sun	37.00	23.00 Child
Mary Poppins – Milton Keynes or MK Shopping	19-Nov	Wed	98.00	37.00 Travel
Ely Cathedral Christmas Fayre	20/21-Nov	Thu/Fri	37.00	
Chatsworth House & Xmas Market	22-Nov	Sat	78.00	
Motorcycle Live	22-Nov	Sat	65.00	Child £ 49
National Festival of Railway Modelling	22-Nov	Sat	66.00	Child £ 44
Present Galore – Newmarket R/course	29-Nov	Sat	32.00	
Westminster Abbey Choral Evensong, Lunch & Christmas Lights	30-Nov	Sun	85.00	
Springfields Spalding & Baytree Nursery	3-Dec	Wed	30.00	
Thursford Christmas Spectacular - matinee	4-Dec	Thu	78.00	
John Rutter's Xmas Celebration Ryl Alb Hall	4-Dec	Thu	85.00	
Wells & Holt Christmas Shopping	5-Dec	Fri	25.00	
Hever Castle with Christmas Lunch	6-Dec	Sat	82.00	
Starlight Express	7-Dec	Sun	88.00	
Cliff Richard - Royal Albert Hall - Travel Only	8/9-Dec	Mon/Tue	55.00	
Battersea Power Station	10-Dec	Wed	36.00	
Windsor & Kew Christmas Lights	14-Dec	Sun	70.00	45.00 Child
Thursford Christmas Spectacular - evening	17-Dec	Wed	78.00	
Cruising into Christmas! Greenwich/Thames/Christmas Lights/Supper	19-Dec	Fri	87.00	
Carols @ The Royal Albert Hall	21-Dec	Sun	105.00	
Sleeping Beauty – London Palladium	11-Jan	Sun	100.00	
Strictly Come Dancing The Live Tour - Utilita	24-Jan	Sat	110.00	
Birmingham International Tattoo	15-Feb	Sun	75.00	55.00 Child
Thriplow Daffodil w/e & Country Fair	21-Mar	Sat	37.00	
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VILLAGE NEWS

Foxley News

Coffee Morning

At the **Macmillan** coffee morning last month, we raised an amazing **£370.** Thank you for your generosity.

This month our coffee morning will be on **Wednesday 5th November 10:00 until noon.** All welcome to come and enjoy cake and a chat with friends and neighbours.

Please note that in December our special Christmas Coffee Morning will be on **Wednesday 10**th **December**, between 10 and noon. This is a week later than our usual first Wednesday of the month.

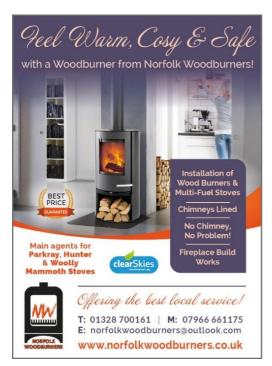
Remembrance Day

Foxley will join Bawdeswell, for the service on Remembrance Sunday. There will be a short service of Remembrance on **Tuesday 11th November** at **Foxley War Memorial** at **10:50**, where we will remember those who died from Foxley and those who died in Foxley during the two world wars.

Quiz

The Foxley Christmas Quiz will be on Saturday evening **29**th **November**, **6:30 for 7:00pm** start. There will be a light supper and nibbles provided. Teams with a maximum of eight players;- if you don't have a team, don 't worry you can join in with a team on the night. We would like to hear from you in advance if you have any dietary requirements.







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 £25 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.

"Small Pleasures" by Clare Chambers



Small Pleasures written by Clare Chambers set in the 1950s, tells the story of a woman regional journalist, investigating what appears to be a 'Virgin birth'. During her interactions with the family, she becomes more and more drawn into their family dynamics, losing her critical and independent stance, and becomes personally emotionally involved both with individual members of the family and embarks on a love affair. Alongside this is the difficult relationship she experiences at home with an overbearing and demanding mother.

The book is well written and very evocative of the 1950s and has an unexpected twist. The relationships between the characters in the book are realistic and believable with one reader saying 'I couldn't put it down'. Although it may not appeal to everyone, it is an interesting story with a sense of realism.

Described by readers as well written, gripping, haunting, evocative of the time, a page turner with an unexpected ending.

We are currently reading "Girl, Woman, Other" by Bernardine Evaristo for discussion at our next meeting.

Our next meeting: 13th November. **Enquiries: Carolyn 01362 688944**



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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.

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Bawdeswell Bowls Club

Now that the 2025 season is over work will start preparing the green for the 2026 season. What we do now will determin how the green will play next season. Last season was my 40th year as captain of Bawdeswell Bowls club, and grounds man for 42nd year, it's been a great time. Now if there's anybody would like to try bowls in 2026 give Paul a call on 01362688615 mobile 07796964574

Email Paul.digby5@hotmail.co.uk



Bridge Club

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



Bawdeswell Knit and Natter

November dates are 13th and 27th.

2 - $4\ pm$ at the Village Hall. Come along and join us.

Refreshments will be available.

Enquiries: Josie Beach 01362 688869.

Foxley Village Hall



Saturday 29th November

6:30 for 7:00 pm start

Light supper

Book in as a team (max 8 per team) or make up a team on the night.

Tickets £10 In advance from

Gillian 688955 Linda 688488

Bonnie 688976 Jo 688981

Charity Number: 303953

Bar

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES



Short Mat Bowls

Foxley Village Hall Every Monday and Friday **2 - 4pm** New members welcome.

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



Cafe Philosophique

Finding good reasons for everyday beliefs

We meet in Bawdeswell Village Hall, every first Tuesday at 7:30. Everyone coming is asked to contribute to the cost of our room hire fee.

Next meeting: Tuesday 4th November

What impact and influence do key events and happenings, over the years,

have on the way we develop? Part Two

Contact: Peter: 01362 688944



Foxley Village Hall Coffee Morning

Our next Coffee Morning will be on **Wednesday 5**th **November at 10 am**. If you need transport, please contact Jo 688981 or for any other enquiries please contact **Linda 688488 or Gillian 688955**.



Games Afternoon

We meet in Bawdeswell Village Hall, every Saturday 1.30 – 4.30pm. Games played:- Uno, Mexican Train, Scrabble. Other suggestions welcome. 1st visit free, normal price £5. Contact: **Anne 01362 685308**

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CLUBS AND SOCIETIES



Lakeside Pilgrims Bowls Club

The season has now finished and the green is being prepared for its winter rest. We as a club are now preparing for next season entering leagues and competitions. The club will have held its AGM in October. Anybody considering playing bowls next season we would be glad to hear from you. If you would like to know more, please contact Sue Purse 07765 446907 or Sue.purse@gmail.com



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. Please note - sessions usually cost £4/child, annual subscription applies. For more information, please email:

<u>north_elmham_cs@norfolkyfc.co.uk</u> Or find us on Facebook (North Elmham Countrysiders) or by calling the Norfolk County office: 01603 748931



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. Our next longer walk will be in January.

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 20**th **November, 7.15pm** — Matt Merritt, Bird Watching magazine editor.

OUTDOOR – Sunday 30th November – Brecks.

Full details on the website - WVBS.co.uk or email wvbs.publicity@gmail.com

Elmham Surgery

STAFF TRAINING AFTERNOON

Advance notice of Surgery Closure

Wednesday 12th November From 12:00 - 18:00pm

Telephone lines will be closed between 12:00 - 18:00

Calls will be redirected to the out of hours service who will deal with any emergencies.

For general appointments and enquiries, contact the surgery before 12:00 or the next day.

Please be aware you will not be able to collect any prescriptions after 12:00 noon until we re-open the next day

Thank you.



Elmham Group Of Practices Newsletter

Why can't I get an appointment?

- In the month of September a total of 151
 patients failed to attend their appointments
 which could have been offered to other
 patients.
- This has cost the NHS £34,520 so far this year in missed appointments.



Xanima Anima is live

From the 20th of October 2025, we're live with Anima, which has now replaced AccuRx.

You can still access the service through our website as usual. However, please note that the online form has a new look and may include some different and detailed questions.

Our triage doctors review a high volume of requests every day. To make sure we can help you as quickly and accurately as possible, please include clear and detailed information about what you need when submitting your request:

We suggest you take your time when completing the form, to ensure all sections are completed with as much accurate information as possible.

Opening times Elmham site

From 1st of October 2025 in line with the NHS guidelines, the surgery is accessible from 08:00am until 18:30pm by the following methods:

- . Online triage for both medical, medication and admirative requests
- Telephone
- · Walk in enquiries

There are no changes to the opening times for Swanton Morley.

Please go to our website to find the link "You and your General Practice"

Requesting of medication that is not on repeat

We would like to inform you that we can no longer accept any written requests or notes added to your repeat slip for new medication. Going forward any medication that is not on your repeat prescription must be either:

- Requested via the NHS app, in the add notes section.
- · Online triage form selecting the medication review section which can be found on our website.
- . This change has been made to ensure, your request is directed to the correct clinician
- Your request is handled promptly and safely, and confirm that all requests come directly from you.







Discover the NHS App - Free Support Session

We are holding an NHS App event on Monday, 24th of November 2025, between 10:00 - 12:00 to assist our patients with registrations, and guide you through using the NHS app.

The NHS app provides a simple and secure way to access a range of NHS services including:

- · Viewing your clinical record
- · Ordering repeat medication
- · Booking or cancelling your GP appointments
- · View test results
- · and much more

The NHS App can be downloaded on your smartphone or tablet, and many services are also accessible via a web browser.

We would love to see as many of you as possible! Come along to learn more, get hands-on support, and help us spread the word about this useful tool.



Community Car Scheme: Bawdeswell, Bylaugh, Foxley

I am very proud and thankful for our volunteer drivers and all who support this local scheme.

I know that without this service our passengers would really struggle to attend urgent medical appointments and this would be detrimental to their health.

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.

We use our own cars but we are reimbursed at 45p per mile, it is our time that we are giving, and who knows, we may need the service ourselves one day?

Please spread the word, volunteer if you can, to keep this critical local service going.

Thank you.

David Wheeler, Volunteer Coordinator

07909 901015

davidawheeler@sky.com



THE FESTIVAL CHOIR, BAWDESWELL

'from Bach to Broadway'

BYLAUGH HALL

GALA CHRISTMAS CONCERT & RECEPTION

In aid of the Friends of All Saints' Bawdeswell & St. Mary's Church, Bylaugh

THURSDAY 11TH DECEMBER | 7PM

THE BALLROOM, BYLAUGH HALL TICKETS £20 IN ADVANCE ONLY FROM WWW.TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK

Including Wine & Light Refreshments

please note there is restricted access to the ballroom and lavatories



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MOBILE LIBRARY

11th November

BAWDESWELL	VILLAGE HALL	11:10 -11.35
BAWDESWELL	PARADISE ROAD	11:40 – 11.50
BAWDESWELL	CHAUCER CLOSE	11.55 – 12.10
FOXLEY	VILLAGE HALL	12:20 – 12.35

Can't get to the Mobile Library, but have access to the internet, then why not try 'Libby'?



Current Opening Hours and Locations

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



Reepham Lions Club

2025 Christmas Tree Festival
St Mary's Church, Reepham
Book the Dates!

Wednesday 3rd December to

Sunday 7th December

Wednesday 3 December 10am to 4.30pm

Thursday 4 December 10am to 4.30pm

Friday 5 December 10am to 4.30pm

Saturday 6 December 10am to 4.30pm

Sunday 7 December 12md to 5pm

FREE ENTRY but donations welcome and all proceeds in aid of Reepham Lions and Reepham PCC

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PARISH COUNCIL

BAWDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 2nd OCTOBER 2025 AT 7pm

Cllrs; D. Shannon (Vice Chair), C. Good, A. Hartley-Walder, M. Bailey and R. Hannent, Mrs. J Boxall (Clerk)

Breckland Local Plan

Breckland Local Plan is soon to enter the Regulation 18 consultation stage of the Local Plan, meaning that a draft of the Local Plan, including site allocations for housing and employment as well as the development management policies against which planning applications are considered, will be formally consulted on. The plan period runs from 2024 – 2042, so the consultation responses will inform and influence how the district grows, develops and thrives over the next two decades. The formal regulation 18 consultation will run for 6 weeks from the 31st October subject to Cabinet approval.

The Parish Council will be discussing Bawdeswell's proposed housing allocation at their meeting in November. Residents are encouraged to submit their views to Breckland.

Highway matters

Following concern expressed about speeding HGVs, the matter was raised directly with the HGV company and they have subsequently confirmed that they will re-brief all their site teams and ensure driving rules are reinforced. They have asked that if anyone has details of specific vehicles breaking the speed limit, that these are passed to the Parish Council who will share them with the company (which will enable a full investigation to take place and decisive action to be taken).

Change of speed limit - Norfolk County Council (Bawdeswell, Various Roads) (20 mph & 30 mph Speed Limit) Consolidation and Variation Orders 2025 - The Notice for the 20mph limit on Foxley Road and Billingford Road appeared in the Eastern Daily Press on Friday 19th September 2025 and the public consultation period for this scheme closed on the 14th October 2025. The Parish Council fully supports the speed reduction proposals.

Vandalism of play equipment and dogs on the playing field

The Parish Council continues to investigate the legalities of banning dogs from the recreation ground / play area following on going anti-social behaviour and vandalism of play equipment. Signage is being obtained in the first instance asking dog owners to keep their dogs away from the play equipment in the hope this may make a difference.

PARISH COUNCIL

Bawdeswell continued....

Planning

An email was sent to Planning Enforcement following concerns over works commencing on land at Reepham Road (currently on appeal), planning responded confirming 'The site is being cut back in preparation for the Planning Inspectorate site visit. The owner's planning agent has assured the planning department (verbally and in writing) that there is no intent to carry out any works requiring planning permission, and his client has been made aware of their interest. '

Finance

The balance of the Community account as at 30th September 2025 was confirmed as £35913.35, Business Money Manager (Earmarked reserves) was £38894.14.

The next Parish Council Meetings will be held on the 6th November and 4th December 2025 at 7pm. 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

CHURCH NEWS

Bawdeswell Church News



On Sunday 5th October All Saints Church Bawdeswell celebrated Harvest Thanksgiving and collected a record 83kg of items for the Dereham Food Bank. Thank you all who donated at the church and at the school. The staff at the Food Bank were delighted. Thanks also to Carol and Josie who took the gifts to Dereham.

On that Sunday we also celebrated the completion of the new church roof and said Thank You again to all the donors and the local builders. We are proud to have such talent amongst us.

In November we have a Remembrance Day service on Sunday 9th. At 1045 we remember residents of Bawdeswell and Foxley who gave their lives in both World Wars and also the airmen, American and British who died in the local aircraft crashes of WW2.

On the last Sunday of November look out for Bawdeswell's Advent Carol Service with the Bawdeswell Festival Choir. This is not to be confused with our Christmas Carol Service on 21st Dec but well worth attending.

Thank you everyone.

RT, Churchwarden

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CHURCH NEWS

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



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Plans for the annual **Christmas Wreath Fair** on Saturday the 6th December from 10am to 1pm in the church are well advanced. We will be once again taking pre orders to help us manage the making of the wreaths, but there will be plenty to buy on the day. There will be the usual seasonal refreshments, a hamper raffle, produce stall and other craft and gift stalls. It always makes for a lovely community event so do pop in - you'll be assured of a very warm welcome! Julie Smith and her team of arrangers are always on the lookout for others that would like and can help make the wreaths. Do let us know if you could help, everything is supplied and Julie is more than happy to give you some guidance.

On Thursday the 11th December at 7pm there will be a Gala Christmas Concert & Reception given by the very popular and entertaining Festival Choir – Bawdeswell in the ball room at Bylaugh Hall curtesy of Ben & Helen Budworth. An hour long concert full of all the Christmas magic followed by a party around the Hall's wonderful Christmas tree. Ticket sales are going very well already and there is limited availability, so to avoid disappointment do buy yours now. It's not to be missed;- tickets are on sale via ticket source just type in Bylaugh to find the event. The committee are now thinking about events and fundraisers for next year so watch this space for advanced notice of these.

The **100** club membership starts in January, so if you are thinking about joining now is a great time. Membership forms are available at the back of the church or just contact one of the committee who will gladly give you further details. Membership is £26 and that gets you entered into 4 draws during the year and there are plenty of cash prizes to be won. More details will follow on the **Annual Friends Drink Party** in the next RT and renewals this year will be emailed out during December.

2025 events:

Dec 6th Christmas Wreath Fair The Church 10am – 1pm

Dec 11th Gala Christmas Concert & Reception Bylaugh Hall 7pm

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
Taylor, Sandi Taylor, Angela Shannon, Jamie Duncan & Melanie Pratt, Jo Porter, Anne Toomey and Josie
Beach.

CHURCH NEWS

Reverend Richard Reflects

'We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land, but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand.' These are the opening lines of a popular harvest hymn. You might be wondering why I'm writing about a harvest hymn in November, when all our harvest services are done: but I actually want to reflect on the relationship between us, our environment, and our creator.

The hymn acknowledges that, in order for us to produce a harvest on which to live, we work with God. God creates and sustains, and our role is to tend and care.

Our churches are at the beginning of an exciting journey when it comes to tending and caring. We have signed up for the Eco Church initiative, and are beginning to explore what this will look like for each parish. In most cases, we are already doing things that fit with the aims of Eco Church. Now we need to look at all of these and see how we can continue to move in the right direction. As churches, we know that God holds all things. But we also need to recognise that we have a part to play in tending and caring for God's creation.

As we undertake this journey, we will need to link in with our communities more closely than ever. I am sure there are groups and individuals reading this who are already involved in caring for the environment, and we would be keen to hear from you. Perhaps you will be able to offer us some suggestions or advice. Perhaps you would be willing to partner with us in what we might do. Perhaps you would be interested in joining a team to work across the eight parishes of our group so that there is a cohesive plan for the area.

Creation is a gift. How we treat that gift says something about us. I hope and pray that in the eight parishes of the Bawdeswell Group of Churches, it will say something good about us.

Revd Richard Turk

Curate-in-Charge of the parishes of Foxley, Foulsham, Lyng, Elsing, Bawdeswell, Bylaugh, Sparham, and Themelthorpe

BAWDESWELL GROUP CHURCH SERVICES

November 2025

	10.30am	HC	Elsing
	10.30am	OASIS	Sparham
2 nd Nov	10.30am	Words & Praise	BAWDESWELL
	6pm	In Memory Service	Lyng
	9am	BCP HC	Bylaugh
	10.30am	Remembrance	Foulsham
9 th Nov		Service	
	10.45am	Remembrance	BAWDESWELL
		Service	
	10.30am	The 10.30	BAWDESWELL
16 th Nov	10.30am	HC	Lyng
	4pm	Evensong	Foulsham
	9am	BCP Mattins	Bylaugh
	9am	BCP HC	Sparham
23 rd Nov	10.30am	НС	BAWDESWELL
	10.30am	Words & Praise	Elsing
	10.30am	НС	Foulsham
30 th Nov	10.30am	Group Service	Themelthorpe
30 1404	4pm	Advent Carols	BAWDESWELL

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

Morning Prayer is said at 9am in St Margaret's Lyng on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. All are welcome. A midweek communion service is held at Holy Innocents, Foulsham on Wednesdays at 10:30am.

Other information for our new group of churches can be found in our weekly News in the Pews sheets, available at each service.

The Rev'd Richard Turk, 07721 035009 Email: revdrichardrwv@gmail.com Follow us on Facebook at 'The Bawdeswell Group of Churches'

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