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AUTUMN/WINTER PROGRAMME

Saturday 11th October BLACK BAG



Starring: Cate Blanchett, Michael Fassbender

National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) agent George Woodhouse (Michael Fassbender) faces a challenging assignment. There's a mole in the agency with plans to activate a destructive cyber worm called Severus. George is tasked with identifying the mole. His list of five suspects includes four of his agency friends and colleagues at the NCSC, with the fifth being his beloved wife Kathryn St. Jean (Cate Blanchett).

Saturday 8th November MR. BURTON



Starring: Harry Lawtey, Toby Jones, Lesley Manville

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Saturday 12th December THE FRIEND



Starring: Naomi Watts, Bill Murray

Adapted from the bestselling novel by Sigrid Nunez. Iris (Naomi Watts) finds her comfortable New York life upended when her friend and mentor Walter (Bill Murray) bequeaths her his Great Dane, Apollo (Bing). The regal yet intractable beast is a constant reminder of Walter and causes various problems—yet as Iris bonds with Apollo, she begins to cope with her past, her lost friend, and her own creative inner life.

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

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WELCOME

A very warm welcome back to the Reeves Tale after our summer break. We do hope you had an enjoyable, invigorating and interesting couple of months. Lots to look forward to ahead of us so browse through YOUR Villages magazine (encompassing both Bawdeswell and Foxley) and discover what is happening locally. Maybe try out something new or just pop along to the regular coffee mornings;- there are delicious savouries and cakes to try! We are now in the 'season of mists and mellow fruitfulness' so take care when out and about with the coming darker evenings, enjoy the last of the produce from your gardens, get ready for visits from the ever-imaginative costumes roaming our streets on Hallowe'en and dare we say it, maybe start preparing for Christmas!

And, if you're not in the best of health or feeling a bit down, our thoughts are with you. If need be, do reach out and ask for help or a listening ear, there is always someone willing to help.

Thinking of you all,
Anne and the team.

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WHAT'S ON

October Dates

Event	Date	Location/Time
Foxley MacMillan Coffee Morning	Weds 1 st Oct	Foxley Village Hall 10am
Foxley Village Hall AGM	Weds 1 st Oct	Foxley Village Hall 11.45am
Bawdeswell Parish Council Meeting	Thurs 2 nd Oct	Bawdeswell Village Hall 7pm
Bell Ringing Group's visit	Sat 4 th Oct	Foxley Church 11.30am
Maxim's de Paris to The Cotton Club	Sat 4 th Oct	Bawdeswell Village Hall 6.30 for 7.30pm
Harvest Festival and Celebration Service	Sun 5 th Oct	All Saints Church, Bawdeswell 10.30am
Café Philosophique	Tues 7 th Oct	Bawdeswell Village Hall 7.30pm
Knit and Natter	Thurs 9 th Oct	Bawdeswell Village Hall 2-4pm
Book Group	Thurs 9 th Oct	Bawdeswell Village Hall 7.30pm
Bawdeswell Village Cinema	Sat 11 th Oct	Bawdeswell Village Hall 6.30 for 7.30pm
Mobile Library	Tues 14 th Oct	Bawdeswell Village Hall, 11.10am, see page 38 for details
Knit and Natter	Thurs 23 rd Oct	Bawdeswell Village Hall 2-4pm
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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
Sparham Quiz	11 th Oct	Sparham Church, 7 for 7.30pm, see page 46 for details.
Reepham WI Meeting	Thurs 16 th Oct	7.30pm St Michaels Church Hall Reepham, see page 11 for details
Gala Concert & Reception by Bawdeswell Festival Choir	Sun 18 th Oct	7pm St Mary Magdalene Church, Beetley, see page 34 for details
Reepham Gardening Club	Tues 21 st Oct	7.15pm Reepham Town Hall, see page 11 for details

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REEPHAM WI

Thursday 16th October, 7.30pm

Simon White – The Chelsea and Hampton Court Flower shows

Simon will be sharing highlights, behind-the-scenes stories, and expert perspectives on two of the most iconic flower shows in the country. It promises to be a colourful and inspiring evening for anyone with a love of gardens, design and the beauty of nature.

We look forward to welcoming you to what is sure to be a fascinating and enjoyable event. New members are always welcome.

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

Thank you

I would like to thank the community of Bawdeswell for the support and love that has been given to me over the last 9 weeks, as sadly my husband Brett Germing died in tragic circumstances. He was a well-known face in Bawdeswell with the 2 Romanian dogs, his boys. He was well liked and always helped where he could.

He has left a massive hole in our lives but also to Bawdeswell.

He will be sadly missed by everyone.

Thank you

Emma

Foxley Bells: advance notice

A bellringing group will be visiting Foxley on Saturday 4th October, to ring the bells from 11:30am for approximately 45 minutes.



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Recipes from both ladies and gentlemen, children and teenagers are all welcomed. We hope to have a wide variety covering all the generations living locally. There will be a box to leave contributions at both Village Halls or you can send your recipes direct to e.glen@btinternet.com. Please mark them Reeves Tale Recipe Book. If your recipe has a particular meaning or significance for you or your family, please include that information as well so that we can make the recipe book as interesting as possible.

We really look forward to hearing from you and may even test some of them out!

Thank you in advance.

The Reeves Tale Chefs.

Note for your Diary

Reepham will be holding a Christmas Tree Festival in St Mary's Church from 3rd – 7th December, more details to follow in next magazine.

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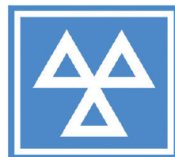
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LETTERS

Fakenham Choral Society to perform Benjamin Britten's Saint Nicolas and Vivaldi's Magnificat at its Christmas concert

Fakenham Choral Society's popular Christmas Concert will take place in Fakenham Parish Church on Saturday 13 December at 5.30pm. The concert will include Benjamin Britten's Saint Nicolas and Vivaldi's short and lively Magnificat, together with other festive music performed by the choir and the chance for audience participation in some familiar and well-loved carols.

Although the Britten and the Vivaldi have contrasting styles, both have strong associations with Christmas. The Magnificat uses Mary's words of praise that she would be the mother of Jesus.

St. Nicolas famously became the Santa Claus much celebrated in Europe, and better known to us as Father Christmas. Britten's work tells the life story of St. Nicolas through a series of vivid episodes. It begins with his miraculous birth, described as an answer to prayer, followed by his early devotion to God. The narrative continues with his calming of a storm during a journey to Palestine, his appointment as Bishop of Myra, and the legendary rescue of the "pickled boys." It concludes with his imprisonment and a celebration of his long life filled with piety and miraculous deeds.

The concert is free with a retiring collection. Doors will open at 4.45pm and seating will be on a first come first served basis until seating capacity is reached. There will be wine and soft drinks to purchase in the interval and free mince pies to enjoy.

Fakenham Choral Society welcomes you to join them for a wonderful and traditional start to the Christmas celebrations.

Details

Date: Saturday 13 December

Time: 5.30 pm (doors open at 4.45 pm)

Venue: Fakenham Parish Church

Booking: <https://www.fakenhamchoralsociety.org/forthcoming-1>

**FOXLEY VILLAGE HALL
MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING
2025**



WEDNESDAY 1st OCTOBER

at 10:00 am

ALL WELCOME

VILLAGE VIEWS

Well who would have thought that the Village Hall would be a likely contender for a mystery novella? On a hot steamy afternoon in July tragedy struck! The small band of volunteers turned up to prepare for the monthly showing for the ever-popular film night. The Hall was set, chairs laid out in carefully curated rows, a random balloon coaxed down from the rafters, the stock of ice creams and drinks for the bar annotated to ensure nothing ran out and lastly the cupboard and equipment checked to ensure that the film would indeed roll on time with no hitches. DISASTER!

It was to put it mildly a HOT, HOT day. If you can cast your mind back to July, a heatwave had struck. In some areas of the country there was a hosepipe ban, villagers with relations in the Midlands and Black Country were receiving news of airless conditions, no softly wafting breezes to allay the humidity, news feeds spoke of England being hotter than the Bahamas, dog owners were reduced to walking their beloved pets at dawn, supermarkets ran out of ice, audiences at Wimbledon were seen receiving treatment for heatstroke - all the pundits solemnly assured us this was due to the effects of climate change.

The technical bods setting up for the film pressed the button to close the blinds;- if you're showing a film you DON'T do it in broad daylight! NOTHING HAPPENED!

Maybe it was a sweaty finger, a bit of dust in the mechanism, had mice got at it or even bats? Several people had a go, press...nothing, press again...nothing. Would a woman's touch do the trick? Alas,no!

Consultations took place, had there been a power cut, did the technology need resetting? No. Aha! Change the batteries. No spares, so hop to the village shop;- they didn't sell the right kind. A quick consultation, a rapid telephone call, the Hardware store in Reepham did BUT they were about to close. Readers - the journey from Bawdeswell beat the Brands Hatch circuit record and two triumphant people returned with every available type of battery! But still, none of them worked! A phone call to the emergency standby blind helpline. Diagnosis, simply the heat, it had zapped the technology which would only right itself when the temperature cooled. What to do? Cancel the film, not enough time. No, greet people as normal, a free showing in broad daylight, encourage and ply punters with sustaining beverages, intoxicating and otherwise, a variety of ice creams, crisps and popcorn and gently suggest a voluntary contribution IF they enjoyed the film.

Fantastic! It worked. No one went home, drinks were drunk, ices consumed, the film was voted 'ace' AND you generous attendees gave freely and generously.

So Thankyou to the Volunteers who regularly set up for cinema, for your innovative thinking and skills in resolving anything when life throws you a curve ball and all your time and effort to ensure the show WILL GO ON!

I'm thinking of writing a film script or a novel, what do you think?

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VILLAGE NEWS

Bawdeswell Village Hall Update

As we look back over the past months, we feel a sense of pride that our Village Hall continues to be a real hub of the community. During July, August and September, regular clubs continued to meet and thrive; meetings took place; families held celebrations and get togethers covering all occasions from baptisms, birthdays and celebrations of a loved one's life; there was a Bowls tournament complete with shining silver trophies; the regular Tuesday coffee mornings continued to be well attended and the monthly cinema was held.

Over the period of the school holidays a loyal and stalwart band of volunteers opened up the Hall on weekday afternoons to provide families and young people welcome drinks, ices and snacks to ensure they were kept hydrated and could take advantage of the Hall's facilities. Some afternoons saw only a few takers but on others a steady flow visited. Overall feedback was very positive with relatives who had not been before remarking they wished they had a similar facility where they lived! A very big thank you to everyone who volunteered and gave up time to provide cover especially when the temperature soared.

A highlight during the late summer and early autumn is a visit to the Hall to discover what extra produce brought in from local gardens is on offer. It is free to take away rather than ending up on the compost heap or rotting under a tree! There was a veritable cornucopia of fruit and vegetables: tomatoes, plums and beans of various varieties, apples, pears, sloes. How generous of people to bring it in to share and contribute to people's health and well-being. Thank you.

You may notice as you stroll, walk your dog, drive or cycle through the village that the common areas of grass and hedges and the field at the Hall always look well cared for. This is due to the upkeep and efforts of a small band of gentlemen and lady villagers who regularly, mow, trim and prune them;- Chris, Dave, Den, Chris, Helen, Graham, Ron, Paul and Trevor together with the Muddy Badgers duo, Adam and Ali. Our grateful thanks to them all for the time and effort and expertise they employ.

The high temperatures during the summer months has paid dividends with the installation of the solar panels and we are now regularly selling back to the National Grid and looking forward to a decrease in electricity costs for the Hall.

A successful Last Night of the Proms and cinema showing took place in September as did the MacMillan Coffee morning. Thank you to all who attended and contributed to the latter by baking and bringing cakes and other goodies to share to raise funds for the charity which has supported several local residents.

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Sat 4th Oct	Warwick Castle	7.30am	£65 (Child £50)
	City Of Warwick	7.30am	£38 (Child £25)
Sun 5th Oct	Abba Voyage	8am	£115
Sun 5th Oct	Elvis Evolution – London Excel	8am	£95
Wed 8th Oct	Bentley Priory Museum	8.15am	£45
Thurs 9th Oct	Knitting & Stitching Show – Alexandra Palace	7.30am	£49
Thurs 9th Oct	Simply Red – O2 – Coach travel	1.30pm	£55
Fri 10th Oct	Simply Red – O2 – Coach travel	1.30pm	£55
Sat 11th Oct	Knitting & Stitching Show – Alexandra Palace	7.30am	£49
Sun 12th Oct	Brooklands Motorsports Day	7.30am	£68 (C £35)
Tues 14th Oct	Royal Courts of Justice Tour	8am	£60
Wed 15th Oct	Covent Garden/Theatre Royal Drury Lane Tour & Cream Tea	8am	£74
	London Day Out – Covent Garden area		£37
Sat 18th Oct	Chartwell	8am	£65 (NT £45)
November 2025			
Sat 1st Nov	Busted vs McFly – O2 – Coach travel	1.30pm	£55
Thurs 6th Nov	Disney's Hercules The Musical	8am	£89
Wed 12th Nov	Bury Market Day	9am	£28
Fri 14th Nov	Sandringham Xmas Food, Gift & Craft Fayre	9.45am	£35
Sat 15th Nov	Birmingham Frankfurt Xmas Market	7.30am	£35
Sat 16th Nov	Peterborough Cathedral Xmas Market	8.30am	£37 (U18 £23)
Sat 22nd Nov	Chatsworth House & Xmas Market	7am	£78
Wed 19th Nov	Mary Poppins – Milton Keynes	9am	£98
	Coach Only – MK Shopping		£37
Thurs 20th Nov	York & Harrogate Xmas + Knitting & Stitching option	7am	from £180
To Fri 21st Nov			
Thurs 20th Nov	Ely Cathedral Christmas Fayre	9am	£37
Fri 21st Nov	Ely Cathedral Christmas Fayre	9am	£37
Sat 29th Nov	Present Galore – Newmarket Racecourse	10am	£32
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1st October 2025

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Sunday 5th October 10:30am



Completion of the church roof

Celebration service

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the local food
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A double celebration – a special service with refreshments afterwards to celebrate the completion of the church roof repairs and Harvest Festival. Everyone welcome, particularly those who contributed so generously to the church roof fund

VILLAGE NEWS



Bawdeswell School

Is your child due to start school in September 2026? Why not come and visit us?

From the time our children join our Reception class to the time they leave ready for High School, our aim is to work together with our families, our local community, our governors and our partner schools in Synergy MAT, so that they become confident, proud, independent young people who know their own strengths.

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CLUBS AND SOCIETIES



Book Group

The Book Group meets in the Village Hall. We meet on the **second Thursday** of each month, starting at **7:30pm**. Each member pays an annual Group Subscription Fee of £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.

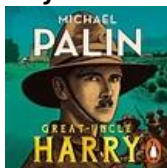
“Sweet Sorrow” by David Nicholls



This seemed apt for one of our summer books because *Sweet Sorrow* is set over a long, post-GCSEs summer in 1997. Charlie Lewis is a sixteen year old and reluctantly joins a theatre troupe putting on *Romeo and Juliet* because he fancies Fran Fisher, the girl playing Juliet. The story is told by the adult Charlie, but he still remembers the anxieties of teenagers, especially those trying to be ‘cool’ whilst feeling everything so very deeply. Unfortunately, his angst is heightened by his parents who decide to separate.

It might help if you remember Shakespeare’s version, but it won’t matter if you don’t.

“Great Uncle Harry: A Tale of War and Empire” by Michael Palin



Harry is Michael’s great-uncle. He was the youngest son who didn’t seem to fit into the family’s expected mould. Perhaps he was a drifter, looking for the next adventure, or perhaps he was just misunderstood. As readers we follow Harry from his birth to his work in Indian tea plantations then onto a farm in New Zealand, where he volunteers to join the ANZACs. He survives two disastrous campaigns before being killed in 1916, at the Battle of the Somme. He was 32.

We are currently reading *“Small Pleasures”* by **Clare Chambers** for discussion at our next meeting.

Our next meeting: 9th October

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

The 2025 bowls season has come to an end with Bawdeswell finishing 4th in the County League 2nd in the Cawston league and 1st in the Dereham League not too bad as we play against some very good teams in all three leagues especially the County league. Here are the latest results for Bawdeswell.

Bawdeswell	59	Holt	40	Bawdeswell	46	Swanton A	34
Bawdeswell	47	Gressenhall	39	Bawdeswell	51	Hempton	48
Bawdeswell	47	Lakeside	39	Bawdeswell	52	Gressenhall	34
Bawdeswell	69	Reepham N	42	Bawdeswell	59	Holt	41
Bawdeswell	69	Fakenham	45	Bawdeswell	54	Swanton A	53
Bawdeswell	62	Gressenhall	45	Bawdeswell	63	Cawston	43
Bawdeswell	88	Lyng	16	Bawdeswell	42	N Walsham	61
Bawdeswell	30	Wootton P	57	Bawdeswell	36	Horsford	57
Bawdeswell	51	Reepham T	29	Bawdeswell	39	Cawston	64
Bawdeswell	54	Sheringham	37	Bawdeswell	40	Aldis P	33
Bawdeswell	52	Swanton M	30	Bawdeswell	37	Shipdham	45
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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

October dates are 9th and 23rd.

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

Refreshments will be available.

Enquiries: **Josie Beach 01362 688869.**



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 7th October**

What impact and influence do key events and happenings, over the years, have on the way we develop? Part One

Contact: **Peter: 01362 688944**



BAWDESWELL'S BIG QUIZ

Saturday 25th October
at Bawdeswell Village Hall

Either make up your own team of 6 or join up with others at the hall.

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Bar/Café

Raffle

Hall and Bar/Cafe Open 6.30pm – Quiz Starts at 7pm

Adults £5, Under 18 £3, Family (2A+2C) £15 + £2 each extra child

To book your place please contact Carolyn Tel: 01362 688944.



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Foxley Village Hall Coffee Morning

Our next Coffee Morning will be our **Mcmillan Coffee Morning** on **Wednesday 1st October at 10 am**. The next one is on Wednesday 5th November.

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**



North Elmham Countrysiders Club

Meet at The Memorial Hall, Holt Road, North Elmham.

Every other Monday evening 7pm - 8.30pm (term time only). Open to ages 10-16 yrs.

We are part of the Norfolk Young Farmers clubs and are actively involved in all areas within the organisation. This includes competitions, sports days and social events. Other activities include team building sessions, farm visits, and outside activities.

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

For more information, please email:

north_elmham_cs@norfolkyfc.co.uk

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Lakeside Pilgrims Bowls Club

Well where did the summer go? We have had a very good season;- we finished second in the Whissonsett league and mid-table in the Cawston league. We also finished fourth in the EBA league. The green has been in lovely condition and has played very well. We had had our end of season fun day on the 7th of September which was enjoyed by past and present members.

If you would like to know more, please contact Sue Purse 07765 446907 or Sue.purse@gmail.com



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 plan to have our next longer walk early in the New Year.

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 16th October, 7.15pm – Nicholas Watts – Farming and Wildlife at Vine House Farm.

OUTDOOR – Saturday 5th October – Horsey Beach and Mill.

Full details of outdoor meetings can be found on the website - WVBS.co.uk or email wvbs.publicity@gmail.com

SERVICES



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

Elmham Surgery

STAFF TRAINING AFTERNOON

Advance notice of Surgery Closure

Wednesday 12th November

From 12:00 - 18:00pm

Telephone lines will be closed
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Calls will be redirected to the out of hours
service who will deal with any
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FOXLEY	VILLAGE HALL	12:20 – 12.35

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Friday	Bawdeswell Church	9.00am - 12.00pm

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PARISH COUNCIL

BAWDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD ON THURSDAY 24th JULY & 4th SEPTEMBER 2025 AT 7pm

Cllrs; D. Shannon (Vice Chair), C. Good, A. Hartley-Walder, M. Bailey, P. Craven and R. Hannent

Mrs. J Boxall (Clerk) District Cllr G. Bambridge

Breckland Local Plan

A copy of the Council's submission to Breckland regarding potential development sites in Bawdeswell can be found on the Council's website (under minutes 2025). A further consultation is expected in October. Residents are encouraged to put their views forward to Breckland.

Following Breckland cabinet approval, Bawdeswell was confirmed as a primary parish (no longer a key service Centre). It was understood that the hierarchy 'will help inform the allocation of development within the district seeking to ensure that development is directed to the most sustainable locations. The numbers that will be required to be located within the rural areas have yet to be established. They will be dependent on existing commitments and completions of houses, the number and location of the Strategic Development Areas (SDAs) and the number of houses the SDAs will be able to deliver and the trajectory for that delivery.'

Community Car Scheme

The Community Car Scheme operates for residents of Bawdeswell, Foxley & Bylaugh. The car scheme caters for journeys which cannot reasonably be made by public transport or where the potential passenger would have difficulty in using public transport. The Car Scheme can only operate if it has the volunteers to provide the service and has recently had to turn down requests due to the lack of volunteers. The Scheme is currently looking for new volunteers to help out.

If you would like further information and / or to put yourself forward please contact the Parish Clerk.

Highway matters

Motorbikes – It was confirmed that the Police stopped a young Bawdeswell resident who was driving anti-socially in Dereham and been given a section 59 Police Reform Act warning. It was confirmed that more details were needed to be able to take further action against offending motorbikes.

Parking Horkeys – Following complaints, advice was sought from the Safer Neighbourhood Team Leader, raising concern about parking on the edge of the road. The Police spoke to Horkeys warning them of the situation. The Police pointed out that unless they were creating a hazard, there was nothing further the Police could do

PARISH COUNCIL

Bawdeswell continued....

Overgrown hedges / parking on pavements

Overgrown hedges next to footpaths and roads pose a real hazard to people who are disabled or who are visually impaired and young children or other pedestrians who risk injury or damage to their faces or clothing from thorns or branches.

It is an offence under the Highways Act 1980 to allow trees, hedges, shrubs and so on to obstruct the highway. Please cut back your hedges and trees to within your boundary and regularly maintain them so that they do not become a problem.

Cars parking on pavements continues to cause an issue for people trying to use the paths around the village. Mobility scooters and parents with prams are having to go on the road because cars are parked on the pavements. Please Park responsibly!

Vandalism of play equipment and dogs on the playing field

Unfortunately, there has been further vandalism to the children's play area by irresponsible dog owner/s who have allowed their dog/s to chew on the seats of several pieces of play equipment. The cost of replacement is expected to be in excess of £1000 and will need to be met by residents in the Council tax precept. Despite dog poo bags being available and warning signage, dog mess is still being found around the children's play area. The Council are now looking at options for excluding dogs from the play area, including the possibility of seeking a PSPO order banning dogs from the recreation ground altogether if the situation continues.

Finance

The balance of the Community account as at 31st August 2025 was confirmed as £22822.55, Business Money Manager (Earmarked reserves) was £38843.99.

The next Parish Council Meetings will be held on the 2nd October and 6th November 2025. These meetings will be held at the Village Hall. Members of the public are warmly invited to attend. The Council usually meet on the first Thursday of every month except for January & August. Please check the website or noticeboard for any changes.

If you have any concerns please contact the Parish Clerk Jo Boxall, White House, Pettywell, Reepham, NR10 4RN, Tel: 01603 879480, Email: bawdeswellpc@hotmail.com

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

CHURCH NEWS

Bawdeswell Church News



Well the church roof has had a major refurbishment and we are grateful to those who contributed to the cost. Nearly £40,000 was raised. We were expecting a substantial bill for 'extras' including lots of replacement timber, extra insulation, repointing of copings etc. But thanks to the generosity of the local builders the bill came to £1,500 less than the estimate and they generously donated that.

We must formally thank Andrew, Paul, Jason, 'Hinchie' and Paul's son Charlie.

They did a very thorough job replacing the crumbling 1950's roofing felt, all the wooden battens, other rotting timber where necessary, all the leadwork, and finally the relining of the stone gutters. The inspecting architect gave a glowing report.

The church was 70 years old this September and we can now be reassured that the roof will last longer than that in the future.

On Sunday 5th October, All Saints Church Bawdeswell will be celebrating Harvest Thanksgiving and will be collecting items for the Dereham Food Bank.

We would like to combine this event with a thank-you to all who worked on the church roof and to all our donors who raised the funds to do so.

It will be an informal Word and Praise service and we would be pleased to see you at 10.30am but if you feel unable to join in with that, please come along at the end of the service at 11.15 to join in with the refreshments.

Thank you everyone.

RT, Churchwarden

CHURCH NEWS

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



What a great success our Bylaugh Hall event was at the end of July!

Thank you to everyone who was able to support us and made this so successful.

We welcomed over 240 people and I know from the many comments and feedback we've had all felt it was our most successful to date.

The performance from the Sheringham Little Theatre was brilliant, we were so thankful they were able to come, we've found an organisation that we know we can work with in the future and that makes us very excited.

It was lovely to have their president, the award-winning actress Suranne Jones with us as well.

We had an increased number of retail and food outlets this year, along with Matt's band, great raffle and, of course the bar, all of which made for a very enjoyable afternoon indeed!

The weather was kind to us, which always helps and Bylaugh Hall looked at its best. As the event had to 'expense' itself, *some £2617*, we were thrilled to have made a **profit of £3822**, this being split between both Friends organisations, what a result! Our share went straight to the '*roof appeal*' as literally the roof was off the church!

Planning for next year's event is already underway, **Sunday 26th July 2026 and ticket sales are OPEN** now via ticket source. More details will follow in the New Year.

Now moving one, we have a **very special event** planned in December and I wanted to give you early notice as tickets will go quickly.

Ben and Helen Budworth have again very kindly offered us Bylaugh Hall for a joint Friends fundraiser. 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**.

An hour long concert full of all the Christmas magic followed by a party around the Hall's wonderful Christmas tree.

It's not to be missed, tickets are on sale now via ticket source
2025 events:

Dec 6 th	Christmas Wreath Fair	The Church	10am – 1pm
Dec 11 th	Gala Christmas Concert & Reception	Bylaugh Hall	7pm

All ticket information and further enquiries from 01362 688499 or pjilwall@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.

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CHURCH NEWS

Reverend Richard Reflects

‘As we rejoice in the gift of this new day...’

These are words that feature each morning in the Common Worship liturgy for morning prayer. As a Church of England priest, praying morning and evening prayer is an expectation. But daily prayer is not something reserved for the clergy. When the Church of England was brought into existence and the Book of Common Prayer created, it was envisioned that all people would be able to join in with the morning and evening office: that’s why it was called the Book of *Common* Prayer, and why the more modern liturgy is called *Common* Worship. The words, the prayers, are supposed to join us together across the breadth of the Church of England and across time. Of course, not everyone who prays will choose to use the formal liturgy. Many people say their own prayers in their own way and at whatever time they prefer. There are many prayer resources available: books on how to pray and what to pray, and about prayer that is answered and prayer that is unanswered; videos on the internet about the same topics; apps that you can download to help guide your prayers. Some people feel more prayerful in a building, others find it easier to pray outside in nature.

As I have grown in discipleship, I have found prayer increasingly important. It’s not just for those times when we might want to ask God for something: dear God, please let there not be traffic on the way to the meeting this morning. It’s not just for those times when we are sorry for something: dear God, forgive me for being grumpy with the delivery person. It’s not just for the times when we want to say thank you: dear God, thank you that the weather held out for the barbecue. Prayer is for all times, all events, all situations. It is a way of bringing all aspects of our life to God; a way of rooting ourselves in Him.

I encourage you to pray more often and more deeply. It really does make a difference. I usually pray morning prayer in St Margaret’s, Lyng at 9am on Mondays – Thursdays, and it is open to everyone. Why not consider joining me sometimes? I’m always happy to talk to people about prayer, so seek me out if you want to chat about it. Whatever you do, find what works for you so that you can have a relationship with our creator God.

Revd Richard Turk

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BAWDESWELL GROUP CHURCH SERVICES

October 2025

5th Oct	10.30	Harvest	Elsing
	10.30	OASIS	Spareham
	10.30	Harvest and Celebration of new roof	BAWDESWELL
12th Oct	09.00	BCP HC	Bylaugh
	10.30	HC	BAWDESWELL
	10.30	Words & Praise	Lyng
	10.30	Harvest	Foulsham
19th Oct	10.30	The 10.30	BAWDESWELL
	10.30	HC	Lyng
	1830	Evensong	Foulsham
26th Oct	09.00	BCP Mattins	Bylaugh
	09.00	BCP HC	Sparham
	10.30	HC	BAWDESWELL
	10.30	Words & Praise	Elsing
	10.30	HC	Foulsham

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.

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