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Saturday 2nd May

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WELCOME

Well they say March comes in like a Lion and goes out like a Lamb, referring to the wind. Sitting writing this in February in front of a roaring log fire with the temperature 1°C, one hopes the weather ahead might be kinder in the coming months.

With Spring just around the corner, bulbs peeping out in our gardens, daffodils cheering us with their sunshine petals, buds and leaves emerging on shrubs and trees, birds building nests, days becoming longer and lighter, hopefully life is on the UP!

Do join in or come along to one of the many activities, clubs or events which are happening in Bawdeswell and Foxley;- you will be most welcome.

And, don't forget, clocks go forward on 29th March and the following week Easter is on 5th April.

With best wishes,

Anne and the Team

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Mobile Library	Tues 3 rd Mar	Bawdeswell from 11.10am @ village hall onwards, see page 35 for details
Café Philosophique	Tues 3 rd Mar	Bawdeswell Village Hall 7.30pm
Foxley Coffee Morning	Weds 4 th Mar	Foxley Village Hall 10am
Bawdeswell Parish Council Meeting	Thurs 5 th Mar	Bawdeswell Village Hall 7pm
Knit and Natter	Thurs 12 th Mar	Bawdeswell Village Hall 2-4pm
Book Group	Thurs 12 th Mar	Bawdeswell Village Hall 7.30pm
Bawdeswell Village Cinema	Sat 14 th Mar	Bawdeswell Village Hall 6.30 for 7.30pm
Friends of Bawdeswell Church Bingo	Sat 21 st Mar	Bawdeswell Village Hall 7 for 7.30pm
Soup n Pud	Thurs 26 th Mar	Bawdeswell Village Hall 12-2pm
Knit and Natter	Thurs 26 th Mar	Bawdeswell Village Hall 2-4pm
Mobile Library	Tues 31 st Mar	Bawdeswell from 11.10am @ village hall onwards, see page 39 for details
Foxley Coffee Morning	Weds 1 st Apr	Foxley Village Hall 10am
Bawdeswell Parish Council Meeting	Thurs 2 nd Apr	Bawdeswell Village Hall 7pm

OTHER LOCAL EVENTS

Event	Date	Location/Time
Reepham Gardening Club	Tues 17 th Mar	7.30pm Reepham Town Hall, see page 11 for details
Reepham WI Meeting	Thurs 19 th Mar	7.30pm St Michaels Church Hall, Reepham see page 11 for details
Fakenham Choral Society Spring Concert	Sat 21 st Mar	7pm, Fakenham Parish Church, see page 21 for details



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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
Tai Chi	Thurs 10 – 11am	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
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The garden club desperately needs more committee members;- if your new year resolution was to get more involved in your local community this could be the ideal time to start. Please contact Jeff for more information.

Meetings held at Town Hall, Church St, Reepham NR10 4JW

New members and visitors always welcome.

Members: £2.00, non-members: £3.00 (inc. tea/coffee and cake).

For more information call Jeff Johnson on 01362 680066 or visit our website:

www.Reephamgardenclub.org.uk or email jeffandcaroljohnson@yahoo.co.uk.

REEPHAM WI

Thursday 19th March, 7.30pm

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New ladies are always very welcome — come along and share our friendship, activities, and lively meetings. We are keen to make Reepham WI a thriving and fun group for ladies in the local community, and we warmly welcome visitors and new members. For more information about us, please visit our website.

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

Re: John Mallen

Continuing on from the lovely tribute to John Mallen in last month's issue:- I need to also express my deepest condolences to Roger and express my gratitude to John for his dedication and support for the younger generation within the villages of Bawdeswell and Foxley.

As well as all the brilliant work mentioned in the previous issue. John, along with Roger, have been at the forefront in supporting myself and others with the youth in the village for many, many years.

From supporting the Friends of the School (Fobs) with their fetes and fundraising endeavours, to being the main face in the half term and summer holiday cafés and most importantly his dedication to ensuring that the Leeds Trust continued to support the local children with Grants for their move up to high school for years to come.

Most importantly to me though, John was always one of the biggest supporters in helping me get the youth Football Club off the ground and running smoothly. Always there with a smile and a "Hello Matey" whenever we had a game or training and he was at the hall.

He did all these things without the want or need for any acknowledgement because that was the Gentleman he was and will be a massive miss to the village all that knew him.

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You may recall All Saints Church held two very successful raffles last year which contributed towards the monies we needed to repair the leaking Church roof. Thank you to all of you who purchased tickets and well done to all the numerous prize winners! The Church roof repairs are now successfully completed.

Those of you who are keen and avid readers of our fantastic village magazine, the Reeves Tale, may recall an article in the 2025 August/September edition about the Village Graveyard situated alongside Norwich Road. At that time, it extolled the efforts of a small group of enthusiastic volunteers, from both the village and the Church, endeavouring to tidy it up and restore it. Since then, you may have noticed on-going work around the front hedges and a monthly grass cut (at a cost of £120 a time!).

However vital work needs to be undertaken around lopping of the many trees, maintenance of the hedges, shrubs and hedgerows, and of some of the existing graves and this all comes at a cost.

Although All Saints Church has the sole financial responsibility, the graveyard is a village asset and you do not have to be a churchgoer or have a religious affiliation to be buried there.

In order to help raise the funds to undertake both essential work and on-going maintenance we will be holding a Restoration Raffle during May and June to help towards the costs.

The prizes will be 'Beauty' related for both ladies and gentlemen, children and young people and will include vouchers for beauty treatments, hairdressing, several beauty hampers, as well as individual beauty related products ranging from perfumery, bathroom products, cosmetics and other aids to beauty and well-being.

Tickets will be £1 each and the raffle will be drawn at the end of June.

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Dear Reeve's Tale,

Villagers out and about may have noticed the Valentine display on the village sign. (Thank you Jilly of *Belle Fleur* and Graham's aerial logistics). It is a known fact that Bawdeswell is renowned for its stories of romantic courtship. And this year's Valentine's Day was no exception. Against the rising of the morning sun fine fellows with curly black hair arrived to witness apple-cheeked chemise-dressed damsels perform their rounds. As the music slowed some left hand-in-hand, maybe to start new lives.

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Community Pulls Together After Whitwell Hall Closure

The 3rd of December brought sad news for many local residents, as Whitwell Hall Country Centre Ltd was closed by insolvency practitioners. Because the Reepham Patient Care Fund charity had transferred its assets to the Whitwell Hall charity in 2014, the closure also froze important community resources — including the Reepham Rover and the main venue of the much-loved Wednesday Lunch Club.

The Lunch Club's main Christmas meal on 10th December had to be cancelled, but the Christmas lunch already booked at the Kings Arms on the 17th went ahead and was very well attended, offering a welcome moment of cheer.

A Heartening Local Response

In true community spirit, Mark and Lynette at the Kings Arms stepped in immediately to ensure the weekly lunches could continue. The first gathering of the new year, held on 7th January, was well supported and even welcomed some new faces. After the meal, Lynette said: *"The Kings Arms welcomes the Wednesday Lunch Club and we are so pleased to help."* Over Christmas, the group also received a generous offer from Mike Urry at Whitwell Station, who made the Station's minibus available. This allowed the 'Rover' service to resume on 14th January, enabling even more members to attend. Mike shared: *"This service is so important to many folk locally, and with the Station being a close neighbour to Whitwell Hall and Reepham, we are delighted to assist."*

Looking After One Another

Despite the upheaval, the group has missed only one lunch, and members are delighted to be meeting again each week. Offers of help continue to come in, and over the coming weeks the group will be consulting members about what services they would like to see in the future. In the past, the Reepham Rover has supported supermarket trips, days out, and visits to places of interest — all of which many hope can continue.

Volunteers Needed — Especially Drivers

Minibus driver John Tym has highlighted a growing need for **additional volunteer drivers**. Demand for the service is increasing, and more hands are needed to keep things running smoothly. John also addressed some common misunderstandings about driving licences. There is **no upper age limit** for voluntary community minibus drivers. John himself is over 75. While the original Rover required a Category D1 licence, this was not age-restricted. After a routine medical check, an eye test, and a treadmill assessment at the NNUH, he received a three-year approval. The Whitwell Station minibus is smaller and **can be driven on a standard car licence**, making volunteering more accessible than many realise.

Hope for the Year Ahead

What began as a major setback has revealed the strength, kindness, and resilience of our community. With weekly lunches thriving, new members joining, and the loan of a minibus secured, there is renewed optimism as the group looks to shape its future services.

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Fakenham Choral Society to perform Louis Vierne's *Messe Solonnelle* and Matthew Coleridge's *Requiem* at its Spring Concert

At its Spring 2026 concert Fakenham Choral Society will be performing Louis Vierne's ***Messe Solonnelle*** and Matthew Coleridge's ***Requiem***.

Vierne's *Messe solennelle*, composed in 1899, was scored for choir and two organs. It was published in 1900, before it was first performed at Saint-Sulpice in Paris in December 1901. It was later adapted for a single organ, as most churches could not provide two such instruments.

Matthew Coleridge is a UK-based choral composer whose music is regularly performed by amateur and professional choirs around the world.

His *Requiem* has become one of the UK's most popular new choral works and is a regular fixture in the upper reaches of Classic FM's annual Hall of Fame.

Rosemary Dear, Chair of Fakenham Choral Society, says: 'We really like the idea of complementing a new work with something older and more traditional and chose these particular pieces of music as both require an organ accompaniment rather than our usual use of an orchestra. We are hiring an organ for the concert and the organist will be a previous FCS accompanist, James Mooney Dutton.

'The Coleridge has become very popular on Classic FM so, although it is a relatively new work, many people will have heard some snatches of it already. The Vierne is a big and bold work that will fill the church with the sound of both voices and organ.'

The concert will take place at Fakenham Parish Church on Saturday 21 March at 7.00pm.

Tickets are £18 tickets with an early bird price of £15 before 7th March, see <https://www.fakenhamchoralsociety.org/>

During the interval there will be wine and soft drinks to purchase.

Details

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Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: Fakenham Parish Church

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Ermentrude was fuming! After much persuasion Sid had agreed to go to the Village Hall Coffee morning. Before, there was always some excuse:- "I'm not feeling well as your snoring kept me awake all night". Dear Reader, you may imagine the response to this! Ermentrude immediately got her grandson to set up a recording machine (having heavily bribed him NOT to breathe a word to Sid) and triumphantly played back the recording of Sid's stentorian snorts, gasps, heavy breathing and groans after cunningly cooking him a bang-up full English. Feebly he responded that it must have been that night out with the boys "they kept plying me with drinks".

However, he saw the GP, slept on three pillows and this had helped the nighttime cacophony of sounds emanating from his side of the bed. He was pleased that his offer to move into the spare room had been firmly rejected by his one and only. Other excuses were presented: 'I'm on the rota for the ride on mower and if I miss it, I'll have to wait at least 6 weeks it's so popular', even he said 'unbelievably, some of your mates, Ermentrude!' 'And what's wrong with women driving the ride-on mower?' she asked. 'I promised Mrs. T. I'd go and sort her guttering'; 'Ms. Smith, I'd look at her lawnmower'. 'Mr. A. needs his light bulbs changing', 'I need to finish the library book or I'll get a fine'; etc. etc.

Enough, we're going to the Coffee Morning. So they set out. Everyone was pleased to see him. He ordered his coffee, eyed up the scones, helped himself to one of Josie's Bakewell tarts and went to sit down.

'Oi' said Ermentrude, 'you need to put a donation in the tub.' 'How much? A couple of quid each', he suggested. Catching his wife's expression, her raised brows, her puffed out cheeks, he hurriedly intervened to halt a pending tornado. 'What do you think?' he hastily asked. 'Well, if we went to Jarrolds it would be £12-£20, Costa would be £20, Biddy's Tea Rooms minimum £10 each and Greggs put up their prices last October, plus car parking as you won't use your bus pass. I reckon coming here, meeting up with your friends, listening to the latest news (and occasionally a bit of gossip), free parking plus a refill of coffee or tea, a choice of cake, scone or savoury, must be worth at least a fiver. And, all the cakes etc. are freshly baked AND donated.' 'Ermentrude, I'm with you, agreed Sid. I think the days of £2 in the tub are long gone. I'll put a fiver in for each of us, well worth it and those ladies serving us always remember everyone by name and are so welcoming. And', he added, 'the Village Hall is not in it for profit or shareholders, it's solely for the community of Bawdeswell. I might have a quiet word with 'you know who', he only ever puts in pennies! After all the hard work, cakes made with love and freely given, people need to get real'. So, an outburst was avoided, Ermentrude stopped fuming, they had a pleasant hour chatting, Sid picked up a couple more chores to help out, they signed up for the Quiz night, decided that they would try out the Saturday cinema but most of all enjoyed their coffee and cake, deciding to make it a regular Tuesday outing at a very acceptable price!

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Bawdeswell Village Hall Update

The regular volunteers meeting was held again on the first Monday of the month. Volunteers were requested for opening and closing the Hall, setting up the various rooms for the numerous activities which take place every month, for staffing the monthly cinema showing and for providing the soup and puddings for the last Thursday in the month 'Soup and Pud' event. It is amazing there are no shortage of people willing and able to do this! So a very big THANK YOU to all of you. It is thanks to you that we have such a vibrant, welcoming venue with people continuing to book for events, happenings and meetings, sometimes months ahead. And even if it is short notice, Jo Porter, our Bookings Administrator always tries to fit them in, so a special thanks to her!

At the January 'Soup and Pud' event, which unfortunately was not as well attended as usual (maybe it was the rather inclement weather or people were not in the best of health), what was very noticeable was the hard graft put in throughout the morning in preparation, serving the food and all the clearing up afterwards as well of course as the varied menu on offer. We had a choice of Vegetable Soup made with a Turkey stock, Cream of Vegetable Soup and Mulligatawny, followed by Raspberry and Apple Crumble, Bread and Butter pudding, a gluten free Trifle, Apple Strudel and Blackcurrant Cheesecake. Where else for a minimum donation of £5 could you get this? So the most enormous thank you to Josie, Carol and Colleen and the other volunteers who help out as well.

Future events at the Village Hall were discussed. On 18th April Creative Arts East have a one woman performance of Marcella's 'Minute to Midnight', doors open at 6.30 for 7.30, tickets £7 in advance or £10 at the door; on 16th May it is the 'Big Bawdeswell Quiz' at 7pm, £5 a head, bar available and on 15th August from 6-9pm a 'Summer Sizzle' BBQ with the Band, Random ID providing music. Do please come and support and enjoy!

Finally please note the MAY Cinema will now be on the FIRST Saturday of the month, NOT the second.

Contacts:

Chair: Carolyn Good – 01362 688 944

Bookings: Jo Porter – 01362 688 887



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Foxley News

Foxley Coffee Mornings

The date of the next coffee morning will be **Wednesday, 4th March, 10:00 – 12 noon**. In April the coffee morning will be on Wednesday 1st April.

Litter Pick

Advance warning that the next litter pick in Foxley will be on Saturday April 18th from 10 to 11 am. All welcome to join with us in keeping our village clean and tidy.

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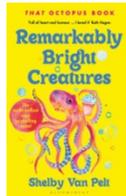
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Book Group

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 £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.

Remarkably Bright Creatures by *Shelby Van Pelt*



This is a debut book and a U.S. best seller. It's a story of friendships alongside grief. Tova Sullivan is the book's 60 year old lead female character. She uses her night-shift cleaning job at the Sowell Bay Aquarium to help her cope with the recent loss of her husband. But she has another grief, one that has been with her for many decades. Her eighteen year old son, Erik, died years ago but his body was never found. The other lead character in the book is Marcellus, a giant Pacific octopus living at the aquarium. Marcellus and Tova begin a lifelong friendship, 'lifelong' for him at least because he is counting down the number of days that he has left to live. He knows his species' average lifespan; consequently, he can calculate how many days he will be a 'captive'. Marcellus tells us his thoughts. He watches the humans who watch him. He is wise, cleverer than most of the humans he observes: *"Humans, for the most part, you are dull and blundering. But occasionally you can be remarkably bright creatures."* Eventually all the pieces of the confusing puzzle are connected, leading to Tova beginning to be able to understand what happened when her son died.

For some of our group, reading about this creature's captivity was too distressing. However, the story concludes with Tova facilitating his escape into the freedom of the Pacific Ocean for his remaining days!

We are currently reading **"For Thy Great Pain Have Mercy On My Little Pain"** by Victoria Mackenzie for discussion at our next meeting on 12th March **Enquiries: Carolyn 01362 6**

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



Bawdeswell Bowls Club

Not much to say this month only that the weather is dominating what can be done on the green, but just to let new villagers know that the green was laid in 1992 by Nigel Curtis at a cost of £1800, it would probably be five times that now if not more. We hope to open the green the middle of April, so if anyone is interested in having a go please contact, **Paul on 07796964574** email paul.digby5@hotmail.co.uk you will be made most welcome.



Bawdeswell Knit and Natter

March dates are 12th & 26th

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

Our Numbers are dwindling and we are in danger of closing.

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Enquiries: **Josie Beach 01362 688869.**

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Bintree Bowls Club

The new season is nearly upon us and preparations are being made. We have entered 3 Leagues, the Cawston League which is an evening league, and the Hempton and Age UK Leagues which are afternoons. We have a lovely green to play on which is behind Bawdeswell Village Hall and we have regular roll up sessions throughout the season as well as inter-club competitions.

We are always looking for new players; it does not matter if you have not played before, coaching can be given, all you need is a pair of flat shoes. Chances are that if you live in Bawdeswell or Foxley you probably know somebody who is a member so why not give it a go, have a little exercise, fresh air and sunshine (hopefully) and meet new friends.

Please contact **Nick Mears on 07947 860922** or speak to anyone you know who already plays.



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 Patsy for information, or to confirm a session is to take place.

Contact: **Patsy Catchpole 01362 688352**



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 3rd March - How the decades following the War have shaped the way we moderns have become.**

Contact: **Peter: 01362 688944**

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Foxley Village Hall Coffee Morning

The date of the next coffee morning will be **Wednesday, 4th March, 10:00 – 12 noon**. 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**.



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**.



Lakeside Pilgrims Bowls Club

We had a good meal at The Railway Tavern for our winter get together. We are now in the middle of getting the fixtures fixed and ready for the start of the new season which will start late spring. New players are always welcome.

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

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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: north_elmham_cs@norfolkyfc.co.uk 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 is in May and begins as a bus journey.

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.

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Community Car Scheme: Bawdeswell, Bylaugh, Foxley

2025 has been another busy year for the Community Car Scheme, thanks to the incredible giving efforts of our volunteer drivers. We have managed to assist patients with 83 journeys to hospital, doctor's surgeries, and to dental and eye appointments, thereby avoiding costly taxi charges or tricky bus journeys.

The love and care shown by our volunteer drivers transcends merely driving a neighbour from A to B and back again, but often extends to a 'helping hand' or arm into the hospital and to the appropriate ward. The friendly engagement on the journey makes it a pleasant and enjoyable experience to what could be quite a frightening medical appointment.

We are hoping and praying that the service can continue into 2026.

Can you Help?

Can you spare an hour or two? We are looking for volunteers to keep the service going.

Are you able to drive your car to the hospital or local surgery? The scheme enables reimbursement of 45p per mile. We do not carry wheelchair users. There is a DBS check and medical form which is signed by your GP. The joining process is simple.

You will make a difference in your local community.

David Wheeler, Volunteer Coordinator
07909 901015
davidawheeler@sky.com

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Message from the Partners of Elmham Surgery:

Retirement of Dr Carroll

After 30 years of dedicated service to our patients and community, we announce the retirement of our Senior Partner, Dr Carroll, at the end of March 2026. Dr Carroll has been an integral part of the practice for three decades, providing exceptional care, leadership, and commitment to generations of families. His professionalism, compassion, and unwavering dedication have made a lasting difference to the lives of so many within our community. On behalf of the entire practice team, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to Dr Carroll for his outstanding contribution and for the support and kindness he has shown to both patients and colleagues throughout his career. We know that many of you will join us in wishing him a very happy, healthy, and fulfilling retirement. Although he will be greatly missed, his legacy will continue to shape our practice for years to come.

Using Our New AI Support Receptionist, Andi

We are now one month into our trial of Andi, our AI support receptionist. To help you get the best experience from this service, please keep the following in mind: For patient safety, the practice has a daily safe limit for urgent appointments. Once this limit is reached:

- Andi can only accept routine requests for the remainder of the day
- You will not be able to submit new urgent on-the-day requests
- Andi will offer appropriate alternative options

This ensures safe and manageable care.

What if I say it is “urgent” or an “emergency” when we are at capacity?

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- Andi will redirect you to emergency services, such as 999 or A&E
- This is a built-in safety measure to ensure that potentially serious symptoms are not delayed

How do I get the best experience using Andi?

To help Andi understand your needs:

- Allow Andi to finish each question before responding
- Speak clearly and at a normal pace
- Provide accurate and relevant information
- This ensures your request is submitted correctly.

Does Andi submit my triage form?

Yes. Andi completes and submits the triage form based on your responses. This allows our clinical team to review and prioritise your request appropriately.

We appreciate your cooperation as we continue to improve this service for all our patients

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Upcoming closure dates for staff training:

	March 5th 2026	March 17th 2026	April 2nd 2026
		Swanton Morley	
May 7th 2026	June 4th 2026	July 2nd 2026	August 6th 2026
September 3rd 2026	October 1st 2026	November 5th 2026	December 3rd 2026

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PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING OF BAWDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 5th FEBRUARY 2026 AT 7.00pm

Present: D. Shannon (Acting Chair), C. Good, M. Bailey, R. Hannent and P. Craven. Mrs. J Boxall (Clerk) Members of the public – 4

Following the sad passing of Chairman John Mallen, the Council will publish the Notice of Vacancy on the 1st March 2026, following the memorial service. A minute's silence was held in his memory. It was agreed that Cllr Shannon would continue to chair meetings until the Annual Parish Council Meeting, when a new Chair would be elected.

Breckland Local Plan

'Post consultation – Analysis of responses to take place between 16th December and 31st May 2026. Following the close of the consultation on 16th December, Breckland Council will review the feedback given and publish the responses made. Breckland will then update the plan and go out to a Regulation 19 (pre submission) consultation within 2026. After the pre submission consultation closes, Breckland aim to submit the final plan to the Planning Inspectorate to be examined. Following the close of the examination the Planning Inspectorate will either find the plan to be "sound" or not. If found sound, Breckland will then look to adopt the plan and it will form part of the development plan for the area.

Notice was received that Breckland Council is currently unable to demonstrate a 5-year supply of housing land. 'The latest calculation demonstrates a 2.8-year supply. Until work on the new Plan is at an advanced stage the lack of a 5 Year Housing Land Supply, paragraph 11d of the NPPF applies. This 'tilted balance' is a planning principle that shifts the scales towards granting planning permission for development, especially housing, when a local authority lacks a five-year housing land supply or its local plan policies are outdated, requiring a strong justification to refuse development, balancing potential adverse impacts against benefits.

Community Car Scheme

It was agreed to request a grant of £250 from Breckland to continue the good work of the Community Car Scheme. The Car Scheme operates for residents of Bawdeswell, Foxley & Bylaugh and 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.



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Bawdeswell continued....

Planning – No planning applications were received.

Other Matters – Members of the Parish Council have cleared out the telephone box. **Please do not leave things in the phone box!** It is a working phone box and you are fly tipping if you leave things in there. The broken handset has been reported to BT and a request made to refurbish the box.

Norfolk County Council has been contacted regarding the amount of leaves / detritus on the pavements in the village. The Council is making arrangements to have the bus shelters in the village cleared of ivy and brambles.

Finance –

The balance of the Community account as at 31st January 2026 was confirmed as £27091.85, Business Money Manager (Earmarked reserves) was £38675.31. Budget figures were circulated to Council for consideration. Acknowledgement of receipt from Breckland regarding precept request £34250 was received.

The next Parish Council Meetings will be held on Thursday 5th March 2026 and Thursday 2nd April 2026. 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: clerk@bawdeswell.norfolkparishes.gov.uk

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>

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CHURCH NEWS

Bawdeswell Church News

Cemetery Appeal

The roof fund appeal is now closed and all bills paid. A little money was left over in the building society and this has now been renamed **The Cemetery Appeal**. There is a lot of work to be done to reduce the trees and clear the boundaries. Work has already started on the roadside hedge, thanks to Paul Buck and his father Trevor. The appeal will work in the same way as the roof fund, donations paid to the PCC which can be gift aided and then transferred to the building society so that we get a little interest. It is hoped to start work in the next few weeks before the trees start showing leaves.

The PCC pays for the Cemetery grass cutting each year which amounts to just under £1,000. Due to increased costs to run the church these extra expenses are a drain on our resources so any donations to keep the Cemetery neat and tidy would be gratefully received.

Sandi Taylor, Treasurer

sandi.taylor1947@gmail.com

CHURCH NEWS

Reverend Richard Reflects

We are now well into Lent, the church season when we prepare for Easter. It always feels a bit odd thinking about a penitential time of preparation for Easter when Easter eggs have been in the shops since Christmas and New Year! But the season of Lent falls at a time of year when Spring is on its way. Signs of new life are showing on trees and bushes, and pushing up through the soil. All highly appropriate, given that what we are preparing for in the church is a celebration of Jesus' rising to new life following his crucifixion.

Traditionally, the forty days of Lent match the time spent by Jesus in the wilderness, being tempted; and we respond by giving something up. But I want to suggest giving into temptation this year...

Give in to the temptation to enjoy the signs of new life. Give in to the temptation to celebrate the world in which we live. If you are tempted to take a moment to stand and enjoy a spectacular sunrise or sunset: do it. If you are tempted to pause and savour the smell of a new flower: do it. If you are tempted to turn down the volume on whatever you're watching or listening to just so that you can enjoy the birdsong for a bit: do it.

Because these are all gifts in God's creation. They are meant to be enjoyed, along with all the many other gifts of creation. Enjoyed, but not exploited. Valued in themselves as much as for what they can offer us.

We are all called to care for God's creation, and I like to think that, no matter your view on religion, caring for our planet home is something we can all get behind.

In a couple of months, we will be hosting an Eco Fair at Elsing church. There will be a range of organisations present to help inspire us in our care for the environment, and a creation-themed service the following day. It would be wonderful to see you there. And if you have any suggestions for ways in which we can help care for creation in your local churches, we would be pleased to hear from you.

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

BAWDESWELL CHURCH SERVICES

March 2026

Sun 1st March	Sun 8th March	Sun 15th March	Sun 22nd March
10.30am Word & Praise	10.30am Holy Communion	10.30am Family Service	10.30am Holy Communion

A reminder that you can join us on Zoom for the Bawdeswell service any Sunday – Meeting ID: 656 174 6525 Passcode: TwKH7n

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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