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Saturday 12th December

THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA 2



Starring: Meryl Streep, Ann Hathaway, Stanley Tucci

Andy Sachs, now an award-winning reporter, becomes a casualty of cutbacks at her publication. At the same time, Miranda Priestley is accidentally caught up in a sweatshop scandal through a story she commissioned for *Runway*, so her erstwhile assistant is recruited to rescue the magazine's editorial reputation. Upon arrival, Andy discovers that budgets have dwindled, words like "engagement" and "digital" dominate meeting rooms, and perhaps worst of all, Miranda must pander to advertisers including scorned former assistant Emily, who now holds a senior role at Dior.

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WELCOME

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Do all of you take care, wrap up warm and look forward to next month with Christmas festivities.

With best wishes,

Anne and the Team

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November Events

Event	Date	Location/Time
Café Philosophique	Tues 3 rd Nov	Bawdeswell Village Hall 7.30pm
Foxley Coffee Morning	Weds 4 th Nov	Foxley Village Hall 10am
Bawdeswell Parish Council Meeting	Thurs 5 th Nov	Bawdeswell Village Hall 7pm
Mobile Library	Tues 10 th Nov	Bawdeswell from 11.10am @ village hall onwards, see page 41 for details
Knit and Natter	Thurs 12 th Nov	Bawdeswell Village Hall 2-4pm
Bintree Bowls Club AGM	Thurs 12 th Nov	7pm Foxley Village Hall
Book Group	Thurs 12 th Nov	Bawdeswell Village Hall 7.30pm
Bawdeswell Village Cinema	Sat 14 th Nov	Bawdeswell Village Hall 6.30 for 7.30pm
Matinee - Royal Ballet's 'Cinderella'	Mon 23 rd Nov	Bawdeswell Village Hall 2pm see page 34 for details
Ploughman's n Pud	Thurs 26 th Nov	Bawdeswell Village Hall 12-2pm
Live Performance – 'The Time of our Lives'	Sat 28 th Nov	Bawdeswell Village Hall 6.30 for 7.15pm, see page 22 for details
Advent Carol Service	Sun 29 th Nov	Bawdeswell Church 4pm
Foxley Coffee Morning	Weds 2 nd Dec	Foxley Village Hall 10am
Bawdeswell Parish Council Meeting	Thurs 3 rd Dec	Bawdeswell Village Hall 7pm
Christmas Wreath Fair	Sat 5 th Dec	Bawdeswell Church 10am-1pm

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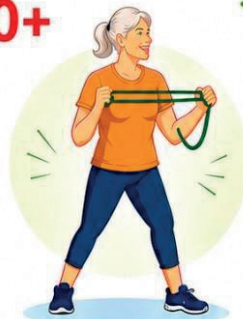
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WHAT'S ON

Regular Events	Time/Date	Location
Zumba Fitness	Mon 10 – 11am	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Short Mat Bowls	Mon 2 – 4pm	Foxley Village Hall
Hub Cafe	Tues 10 – 12pm	Bawdeswell Village Hall
NEW Dance Classes	Tues 7 – 10pm	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Keep Active	Wed 10 – 11am	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Keep Active	Wed 11.30 – 12.30pm	Bawdeswell Village Hall
FitSteps	Thurs 7 – 8pm	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Keep Active	Fri 10 – 11am	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Bridge Club	Fri 1.30pm	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Short Mat Bowls	Fri 2 – 4pm	Foxley Village Hall
Hatha Yoga	Sat 8.45 – 9.45am	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Games Afternoon	Sat 1.30 – 4.30pm	Bawdeswell Village Hall

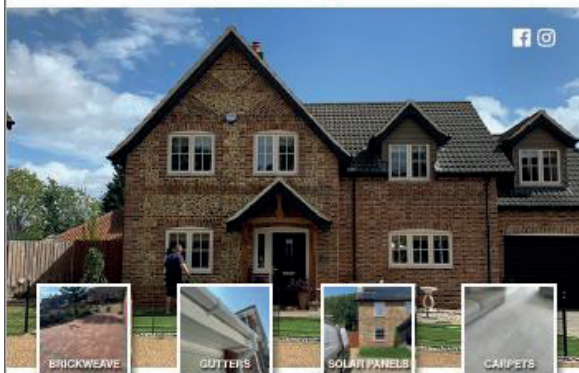
OTHER LOCAL EVENTS

Event	Date	Location/Time
Reepham Lions Bingo Night	Weds 4 th Nov	7.45pm Stimpson's Piece Hall, Reepham, see page 11 for details
Reepham Archive Talk - History of Brewing and Pubs in Reepham	Thurs 12 th Nov	3pm St Michaels Church Hall, Reepham see page 13 for details
Reepham Gardening Club	Tues 17 th Nov	7.15pm Reepham Town Hall, see page 11 for details
Reepham Archive Talk - History of Brewing and Pubs in Reepham	Wed 18 th Nov	6.30pm The Dial House, Reepham see page 13 for details
Reepham WI Meeting	Thurs 19 th Nov	7.30pm St Michaels Church Hall, Reepham see page 11 for details
Reepham Archive Talk - History of Brewing and Pubs in Reepham	Sat 21 st Nov	10am Pub Crawl around Reepham see page 13 for details
Patient Engagement Day	Tues 24 th Nov	10am-12 noon & 2-4pm Elmham Surgery, see page 39 for details

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EVENTS INFORMATION

REEPHAM GARDENING CLUB

Tuesday 17th November at 7.30pm

A Ranger's Life & Rewilding on Wicken Fen - Ajay Tegala - Conservationist & Wildlife TV Presenter.

After Ajay's well received talk 'The Unique Life of a Wetlands Ranger', which concentrated on his time at Blakeney Point, we have invited him back to give us an illustrated talk as a ranger on Wicken Fen and his on-going projects.

Also Autumn Bag Sale

Please bring any surplus plants in one or more bags to be sold at £1 per bag.

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

New members and visitors always welcome.

Members: £2.00, non-members: £5.00 (inc. tea/coffee and cake).

Please contact Jeff Johnson for more information on 01362 680066 or visit our website: www.Reephamgardenclub.org.uk or email

jeffandcaroljohnson@yahoo.co.uk.

REEPHAM WI

Thursday 19th November, 7.30 pm

James and Matt Schaitel of Kings Opticians & Audiologists

James and Matt will share how eye care and audiology have developed over the years, along with some insights into running a local independent business and helping people enjoy better sight and hearing.

New ladies are always welcome, so why not come along and bring a friend?

Meetings held at St Michael's Church Hall, Reepham. Email: reephamwi@gmail.com

REEPHAM LIONS BINGO NIGHT

Wednesday 4th November, 7.15 for 7.45pm at Stimpson's Piece Hall, Reepham.

Cash prizes based on the money raised on the night for the winners of lines and cards, including the special 'flyer' round. We'll be giving cash prizes for our raffle too, awarding half the amount raised on the raffle to the lucky winners.

You are welcome to bring your own refreshments to enjoy at your table, including alcohol if you wish. We will have teas and coffees on sale for those who would like a hot drink.

All the proceeds of the evening will be used by Reepham Lions to support good causes, mostly in the local area.

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Reepham Archive/Bircham Centre

Reepham Archive Presents History of Brewing and Pubs in Reepham

This year's Bircham Centre and Reepham Archive presentation is all about beer! The topic is 'Brewing and Pubs in Reepham' and explores everything from malting the barley to serving at the bar. You will discover the history of brewing in the town: did you know that Reepham's brewery was a major player locally and owned around 50 pubs around Norfolk in the 1800s? We'll then take a look at the 14 drinking establishments in Reepham, Hackford and Whitwell – hear fascinating stories about the buildings, owners and licensees.

Last year our Archive Talk tickets sold out within days so this year we are offering it on four different occasions:

Saturday 31 October, 7 pm, Presentation in St Michael's Church Hall, Reepham

- Tickets £15 including drinks and mini ploughman's box

Thursday 12 November, 3 pm, Presentation in St Michael's Church Hall, Reepham

- Tickets £12 including light refreshments

Wednesday 18 November, 6.30 pm, Presentation at The Dial House, Reepham

- Tickets £25 including pizza slices and salad (drinks extra)
- Tickets also available from the Dial House online at <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/laidback/2446070>

Saturday 21 November, 10 am, a Reepham "Pub Crawl" – a walk around the key sites, starting at the Bircham Centre

- Tickets £10 including coffee at The Crown

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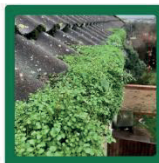
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LETTERS

A BIG 'THANK YOU'

Thanks to all who donated cakes and contributed to Bawdeswell MacMillan Coffee Morning, £1200 was raised. What an amazing amount!!

Jo Porter

Wreath Sale - Saturday 5th December

All donations of homemade jams, jellies, conserves, pickles and preserves would be gratefully received for our produce stall.

Christmas cakes 6" square and iced can be made to order. The cost will be £15. Please order by November 10th.

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Reepham Lions Club

2025 Christmas Tree Festival

St Mary's Church, Reepham

Book the Dates!

Wednesday 2nd December

to

Sunday 6th December

Wednesday 2nd December 10am to 4.30pm

Thursday 3rd December 10am to 4.30pm

Friday 4th December 10am to 4.30pm

Saturday 5th December 10am to 7pm

(Christmas in Reepham in the Market Place 4pm to 8pm)

Sunday 6th December 12md to 5pm

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

LETTERS

Reepham Lions Club

Christmas Tree Festival Coming Soon

The 2026 Reepham Christmas Tree Festival will take place from Wednesday 2nd December to Sunday 6th December in St Mary's Church, Reepham. It will be open from 10 am to 4.30 pm on the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, on Saturday 5th December from 10 am to 7 pm, and on Sunday 6th December from midday to 5 pm.

The Festival is once again being run by Reepham Lions Club in partnership with Reepham PCC and will feature 26 cut trees in St Mary's Church, which will be sponsored and decorated by businesses, groups and individuals from Reepham and beyond. We are so grateful to everyone who has agreed to be a part of the Festival this year.

This year sees a further twelve small live potted trees displayed in the beautiful Chancel of St Michael's Church. We're calling them our 'sanctuary trees' and we are inviting individuals to sponsor and dedicate a sanctuary tree in memory of a loved one, in celebration of a special event, or simply to say thank you. The dedication will be displayed alongside the tree. This new area can be visited during the Festival, using the steps at the back of St Mary's Church.

The cost of sponsoring a sanctuary tree is £35, which will cover the cost of the tree and a set of battery-powered lights. Sponsors can decorate the tree if they wish or keep them simple with just their warm white lights. Sponsors can take the trees home on 7th December to plant, nurture and enjoy for years to come. If you would like to sponsor a sanctuary tree, please contact Rosemary Black at wayside@btinternet.com to see if we have any sponsorship slots available.

We look forward to seeing as many people as possible over the course of the Christmas Tree Festival. It's a beautiful way of starting the festive season.



November Lunch Special

Ploughman's Lunch
and Puds

26th November

12 – 2pm

LETTERS

Fakenham Choral Society to perform John Rutter's 'When Icicles Hang' and Bob Chilcott's 'Christmas Night' at its Christmas Concert

Fakenham Choral Society will perform John Rutter's 'When Icicles Hang' and Bob Chilcott's 'Christmas Night' at its Christmas Concert on Saturday 12th December at 5.30 pm in Fakenham Parish Church. The concert will also include carols from the choir and some for audience participation.

Rosemary Dear, chair of the Society, said: 'The two short works were chosen as both are seasonal but contrasting in content and style. Bob Chilcott's, 'On Christmas Night', written in 2010, is very Christmassy, being a delightful compilation of well-known carols and will complement other carols the choir will perform.

John Rutter's 'When Icicles Hang', written in 1975, is a very seasonal but a more secular work, reflecting winter themes rather than Christmas itself. Rutter has set to music a variety of poems from some 14th to 16th century poets, including Shakespeare, ('Icicles' and 'Blow, blow thou winter wind'), Campion ('Winter Nights') and several Anons, including 'Good Ale!'

Tickets are £10, with under 18s free (but do require tickets) and will be available here: www.fakenhamchoralsociety.org/forthcoming-1

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Ermentrude and Sid

Awoken by Sid at 2am suddenly sitting upright in bed and uttering the words 'Swedish au pair', Ermentrude was still awake two hours later going over in her mind what it could possibly mean. Had he met a younger nubile woman, but if so where? Had he joined a dating website? Was she a pen pal? Was he being blackmailed? Facebook? She dismissed these, he always had to ask her for assistance when trying to negotiate the world wide web.

Forty eight hours later, having methodically and meticulously searched through all his pockets for clues/evidence and finding nothing indicating a secret Swedish siren, she was stumped. The only way forward, grasp the nettle woman, a direct approach!

Caught in taking a hefty bite of toast and marmalade, Ermentrude confronted Sid. 'So, sweetheart', she uttered in dulcet tones laced with a cutting undercurrent, 'who or what is this SWEDISH AU PAIR?'. There was no mistaking her tone! Sid, caught unawares, choked on his toast, tried to swallow, choked further and Ermentrude had to apply the Heimlich manoeuvre (thank goodness she had volunteered to do that St. John's Ambulance course earlier that year flashed through her mind as Sid's colour gradually changed from magenta to a ghostly white).

Thirty minutes later, calm restored, Sid sat tentatively sipping a very sweetened cup of tea laced with a restorative shot of medicinal brandy.

'What are you on about?' he whispered. Ermentrude explained. Sid looked at her in amazement and astonishment. 'Oh, for goodness sake woman!' he expostulated, 'why didn't you ask me outright instead of imagining goodness knows what I had been up to?'

'It was at the monthly Men's Club you got me to join, we were reminiscing how we met our better halves! 'A's wife used to work as a Swedish au pair, 'B' met his over the photocopier in their office, 'C' married his Boss, 'D' had known his since they were children and I met you when I judged you in that Beauty Contest! We've been ragging 'A' ever since and somehow it must have invaded my dream! O come on, Ermentrude, who apart from you is going to look at me? Mind you', he paused and went into a reverie, 'I hear that family round the corner is expecting a rather dishy Italian au pair next week, shall we ask them round for a barbecue to welcome her into the village?'

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VILLAGE NEWS

Bawdeswell Village Hall Update

A smaller group of volunteers met up at our October meeting as people were away from home or had other commitments and sent apologies. However, all the necessary help needed for forthcoming events was still completed so again, thank you to our wonderful band of volunteers!

Jo gave the meeting very positive feedback from a travel firm who had booked a whole day event and were over the moon with venue, facilities, welcome and the quality of refreshments provided. 'Exceptional' and 'far superior to any previous venue' they had attended. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this to make it so successful.

The meeting discussed occasionally having a 'Ploughmans' to alternate with the monthly Soup and Pud event as the September one had proved very successful. This was agreed so keep a look out for a notice about these when the weather gets warmer.

The monthly film night continues to be well attended and on 23rd November, the first of several Creative Arts East events will be screened at the village hall, a ballet 'Cinderella'. Other cultural screenings to follow in the New Year will be advertised in the Reeves Tale and around the village.

There is a live Cabaret at the village hall on 28th November, tickets £10 in advance or £15 on the night.

Concern was raised about the increasing number of dog walkers failing to clean up after their pets particularly around Paradise Lane and Adam's Pit. PLEASE PICK UP THE POO!

Also cars, vans and lorries are still hurtling both along Reepham Road at more than 30mph and The Street at more than 20mph in Bawdeswell and in Foxley which again has a 20mph limit. PLEASE WATCH YOUR SPEED!

Due to a very generous donation, the gentlemen's toilets have had an upgrade and now have new urinals.

The volunteers wish to thank all of you who come along and support the many and varied events at the village hall which means we can ensure we provide a continuing high standard for all of you who use it.

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VILLAGE NEWS

Bawdeswell Primary School



Welcome Back!

Welcome back everyone.

We have begun this year with new classes, new friends and a new excitement for learning. The children and staff have really started this year on a great foot, especially the reception children and our new friends across the school. It is hard to imagine school without them now.



Already this term we have had our first open classrooms, 2 class assemblies and 2 Star of the Month assemblies. It has been wonderful to celebrate the children's learning and see so many parents attend these.

As always, we are keen to give our children an understanding of the world around them and the fantastic opportunities it can offer them. We love having visitors to the school to share their experiences with the children. Do you have a job you could come and talk to the children about? Have you lived in another country? Do you have a collection of interesting or unusual items? Our children would love to hear all about it.

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VILLAGE NEWS

FOXLEY NEWS

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Foxley Coffee Morning

The next coffee morning will be on **Wednesday 4th November, 10:00am to 12 noon**, there will be a warm welcome to all with cake, coffee and a chance to catch up with friends and neighbours.

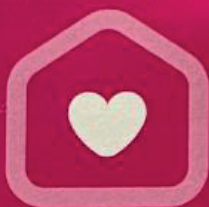
In December the proposed date for our special coffee morning is Wednesday 2nd December from 10am until noon.

Remembrance Day, 11th November

There will be a short service of remembrance at 10:50 am on Wednesday 11th November, meet at Foxley war memorial for a short service.

November Church Service

At **3pm** on **1st November** there will be a service at Foxley Church with Rev Richard Turk. I cannot believe that the weather will be good enough for us to be able to have the service outside, so the plan is to have the service inside the church, near the font. Wrap up warm, as it's never warm in Foxley Church.



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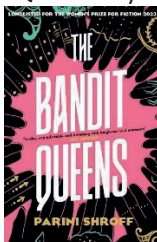
CLUBS AND SOCIETIES



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 currently £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.

'The Bandit Queens' by Parini Shroff



Our book was longlisted for the Women's Prize for fiction in 2023 and was chosen as a BBC Radio 2 Book-Club-Pick. The New York Times said it was "a radically feel-good story about the murder of no-good husbands by a cast of unsinkable women". Our group had mixed views; some thought it a really good story whilst others were much less positive. The Bandit Queens blends the atmosphere of rural India with humour alongside the gripping tension of a feminist revenge thriller.

The novel follows Geeta, a middle-aged woman whose husband disappeared five years ago. Everyone in the village thinks she is a 'self-made widow', and the wild stories about how she killed her husband become village gossip. Being an outcast fits Geeta's lifestyle, so she doesn't bother to refute the rumours. But she has to decide what she is prepared to do when other women in her village decide that life would be easier for them as 'real' widows as well. They ask Geeta for help! The novel weaves together the lives of a small group of women living in rural India, with the real life of Phoolan Devi, The Bandit Queen. Geeta uses Phoolan as a role model and inspiration. This gives the women the strength and motivation in fighting for themselves, against the abuse and the injustices they suffer. One outcome from our evening's discussion was that we were all very pleased to be reading this story, not 'living it'.

We are currently reading *'The Carer'* by **Deborah Moggach** for discussion at our next meeting on **12th November**.

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Bawdeswell Bowls Club

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if you are interested in playing bowls, call **Paul on 01362 688615 or Mob 07796 964574** for more information.



Bawdeswell Knit and Natter

Knit & Natter will only be meeting once a month from now.

Date of next meeting is **12th November**

2 - 4 pm at the Village Hall. Come along and join us. Refreshments will be available. Enquiries: **Josie Beach 01362 688869.**



Bintree Bowls Club

The end of the summer season is upon us and as it is now autumn, we have started rolling up at the Gallow Indoor Bowls Centre at Fakenham on Wednesdays at 4.15pm.

We have our AGM Meeting **7pm on Thursday 12 November** at Foxley Village Hall, everyone is welcome to attend.

For more information please contact **Nick Mears on 07947 860922** or speak to anyone you know who already plays.



Games Afternoon

We meet in Bawdeswell Village Hall, every Saturday 1.30 – 4.30pm, there will be **no meetings in August**. Games played: Uno, Mexican Train, Scrabble. Other suggestions welcome. 1st visit free, normal price £5. Contact: **Anne 01362 685308.**

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Bridge Club

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

Contact: **Patsy Catchpole 01362 688352**



Cafe Philosophique

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

Next meeting: **Tuesday 3rd November – 'The Game'**

Contact: **Peter: 01362 688944**



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CLUBS AND SOCIETIES



Foxley Village Hall Coffee Morning

The date of the next coffee morning will be **Wednesday 4th November, 10:00 – 12 noon**. Advance warning, in December our coffee morning will be on **Wednesday 2nd December from 10:00 – 12 noon**.

All welcome to join us for coffee, cake and a chance to meet up with your neighbours. If you need transport, please contact **Jo 688981**, or for any other enquiries please contact **Linda 688488** or **Gillian 688955**.



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



Lakeside Pilgrims Bowls Club

As we share the green with Bawdeswell, Paul has started preparing the green for next season. We will have had our AGM by the time this goes to print. We are already entering leagues for next season. There is a lot of behind the scenes happening at this time of the year.

If you are interested in playing, please contact me: sue.purse@gmail.com



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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For those who are fortunate enough to have relatives living close by, this of course is no guarantee that they will be available during the day, and many of us have relatives living hundreds of miles away.

So I certainly feel this service is worthy of maintaining as best we possibly can. So, a rallying call to our community:- please send me a new driver or two for the occasional journey, or watch this incredibly valuable local service dwindle away.

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PARISH COUNCIL

**BAWDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD ON THURSDAY 1st OCTOBER 2026
AT 7pm**

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

Breckland Local Plan

The Clerk submitted the Parish Council's objection to the Local Plan via email requesting an audience with the Planning Inspector. The submission and request were acknowledged on 8th September. District Councillor Borrett reported that he had met with officials at Breckland to stress the strength of feeling in Bawdeswell with regards to Local Plan proposals. Breckland confirmed that only non-material amendments can be made to the Plan and there was a debate if a reduction in site housing numbers on the Foxley Road site would come under that category so could be considered. The site would not come out completely as it would be a material amendment.

As it was acknowledged that there may be proposals for housing development on site 123 (land at the end of The Street), it was agreed that Cllr Shannon would attend an informal meeting with the land owner and developer of the site to put forward the Parish Council's views that additional housing would not be supported if it did not include infrastructure and to ensure green space is well located. The developer would be encouraged to present plans to full council. Previous plans for site 123 included the possibility of two retail units of which Breckland were unaware and it was understood that Breckland may have viewed the site differently had they known.

ENF/173/26 – Unauthorised Development on Land Adjacent to the A1067.

Following further activity on the site, (further reports submitted to the enforcing Planning Officer), they confirmed that they are *'engaging with the owner, who has been asked to provide a full explanation. Once we have the full facts and intentions, we will decide if there is a need to proceed to full enforcement notice. Please note that caravans and containers are not development, it is the use that we must consider.'* The Officer would be paying an unannounced visit to the site for further investigation.

It was unanimously **AGREED** that the Clerk would enquire about what is happening now the temporary stop notice has come to an end.

PARISH COUNCIL

Bawdeswell continued....

Overgrown hedges / parking on pavements

Norfolk County Council Highways confirmed that

'NCC's powers regarding overgrown hedges are ordinarily used only after reasonable attempts at early local engagement have been made. Given that parish councils are closer to the landowners and often able to make contact more quickly, we routinely request that initial enquiries are made at parish level before the matter is escalated for formal action. This helps to secure faster and more collaborative resolutions, which can avoid enforcement where possible'.

Residents are therefore reminded to trim back overgrown next to footpaths and roads. Failure to do so could lead to formal action being taken.

Finance –

The balance of the Community account as at 30th September 2026 was confirmed as £39072.48, Business Money Manager (Earmarked reserves) was £44179.63.

The next Parish Council Meetings will be held on the 5th November and 17th December 2026 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: 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>

PARISH COUNCIL

THE FOXLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WAS HELD ON THURSDAY 15th OCTOBER 2026 AT 7pm

Present; Cllr N. Mears (Chair), Cllr G. Blyth, Cllr G. Blatchford and Cllr M. Watson

Mrs. J Boxall (Clerk) Members of the public – 3

District Cllr B. Borrett

Councillors

Linda Rose has resigned from the Parish Council and was thanked for all her hard work as a Councillor. The Notice of Vacancy was displayed and no requests to hold an election were received. The Parish Council is now looking for another Councillor to fill the vacancy. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Breckland Local Plan - An email acknowledging receipt of Foxley Parish Council's Regulation 19 submission was received. The Parish Council remain concerned about the proposed housing allocation for Bawdeswell.

Local Government Reorganisation

It was confirmed that the Government has announced a review of its Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) programme. As part of this announcement, the Government has withdrawn its previous decisions relating to Norfolk, Essex, Hampshire and Suffolk and confirmed that these areas, alongside a number of others across England, will be included in a wider review. The Government has stated that the review follows updated legal advice and will consider whether the process is robust, legally compliant and aligned with the priorities of the current administration.

Request for increase in number of Parish Councillors

At Breckland's Committee meeting on 8th October 2026 the request to conduct a Community Governance Review was approved. Breckland confirmed that they will be in touch in the next few weeks with further information regarding the review but are currently looking to start the review on 2 November. It is understood that they will draft a proposed timetable and consultation plan, outlining the process for public engagement and the next stages of the review.

PARISH COUNCIL

Foxley continued....

Planning

PL/2026/1267/HOU - Proposed single storey flat roof rear extension and open front porch at OAKMEAD Chapel Road, Foxley, Dereham, Norfolk, NR20 4QS. – The Council recorded that they had no comment or objections

Other Matters

No update was yet received regarding the installation of the pedestrian signage. There will be further discussion about the future provision of Wi-Fi in the Village Hall at the January meeting.

Finance – The balance of the main account as at 30th September 2026 was £9076.79, the balance of the savings account was £2597.86. Budget figures were circulated to Council for consideration including bank statements / bank reconciliation. The Council will consider the 2027/28 precept (A parish council precept is a tax levied by parish councils on local residents to fund their budget requirements for community services and operations) at their January meeting.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on 14th January 2027 at 7pm. This meeting will be held at the Village Hall. Members of the public are warmly invited to attend. The Council usually meet four times per year. Please check the website or noticeboard for any changes.

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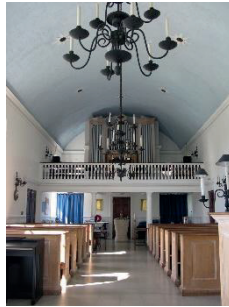
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pjlilwall@hotmail.com James Lilwall – Chairman, David Shannon – Treasurer, Peter Jervis – 100 Club Secretary. Committee Members – Robin Taylor, Sandi Taylor, Angela Shannon, Jamie Duncan, Melanie Pratt, Jo Porter, Anne Toomey and Josie Beach.

CHURCH NEWS

Bawdeswell Church News



Many thanks to Bawdeswell School, Scribbles and the church congregation for their record collections of food for our Harvest Festival Service on 4th October. Thank you too for taking it to the Dereham Food Bank where it was much appreciated.

Do you know that Revd Richard our Rector is now in Bawdeswell church every Monday and Thursday mornings at 9am for a short service of Morning Prayer? You are all invited to join in whenever you can, whether you are a regular or not. It is also live streamed on Facebook at 'Bawdeswell Church' and 'Bawdeswell Group of Churches'.

Remembrance Sunday is on 8th November and the service begins at 10.45am, so that we can observe the 2 minutes silence at 11.00 with the rest of the nation.

Another date for your diaries. **Sunday 29th November at 4pm** is our annual **Advent** Carol Service with the Bawdeswell Choir, not to be confused with the **Christmas** Carol Service on December 20th.

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Reverend Richard Reflects

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November is a month for remembering and reflecting in the Church. We begin with All Saints Day on the 1st and follow it up with All Souls on the 2nd. In our benefice we hold a special 'In Memory' service for All Souls, when we come together to remember our friends and loved ones who have died. We read out their names and light candles for them, spending time in quietness and in prayer. It is a very moving service even though it is a simple one. Remembering continues with Remembrance and this extends the act of remembering further in history and over a wider group of people, not just our own acquaintances. We remember in the community and in our churches, or at war memorials, or in schools.

If you looked at the whole month of November, you might conclude that the first part is about remembering, and the second half is back to 'normal.' But actually, the Christian calendar has a whole host of people to remember in festivals and feasts throughout November, and finishes with Christ the King (when we recall Jesus' place as king of kings and lord of lords) and then Advent Sunday.

Advent Sunday begins that period in the Church when we try to prepare ourselves for a very particular remembering: remembering the coming of Christ at Christmas, the Incarnation. But we also prepare ourselves for what has yet to happen: the coming of Christ again. We remember the things that Jesus said about himself and the things others have said about him.

When we gather to remember, and even when we remember on our own, there can be pressure to behave in a certain way. We feel like we are expected to remember in a particular way; that our remembering should be visible in some sense and visual reminders can be helpful. But it is what is in our hearts that matters when we remember. Are we truly remembering, or are we going through the motions?

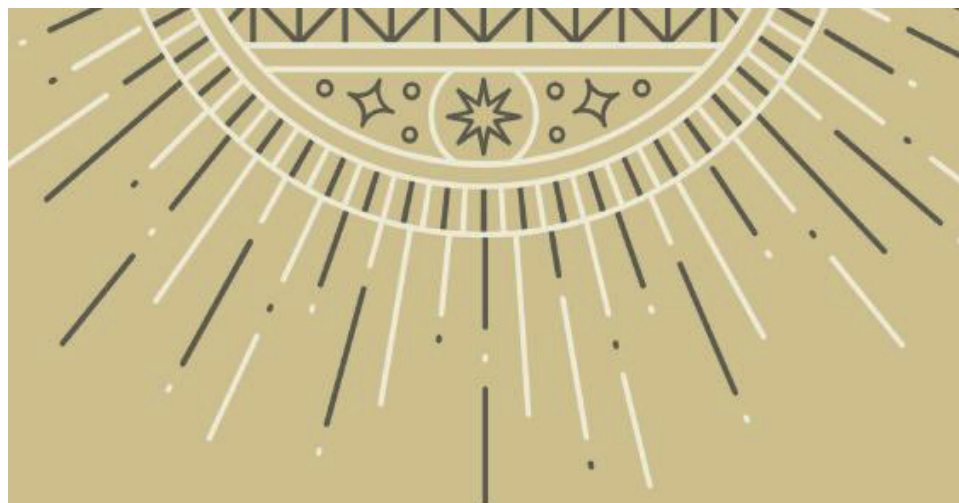
This month, I encourage you to really remember in your heart. Remember your loved ones. Remember those who gave their lives. Remember what God did for us in the Incarnation, when God came as one of us.

We will remember.

Richard Turk

Rector of the Bawdeswell Group of Churches
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BAWDESWELL GROUP CHURCH SERVICES

November 2026

Sun 1st Nov	10.30am	OASIS	Sparham
	10.30am	HC	Elsing
	10.30am	HC	BAWDESWELL
	3pm	All Saints	FOXLEY
Mon 2nd Nov	6pm	In Memory	Lyng
Weds 4th Nov	10.30am	Morning Praise	Foulsham
Sun 8th Nov	9am	BCP HC with Act of Remembrance	Bylaugh
	10.45am	Service of Remembrance	Foulsham
	10.45am	Service of Remembrance	Elsing
	10.45am	Service of Remembrance	BAWDESWELL
Weds 11th Nov	10.30am	Act of Remembrance	Foulsham
	10.50am	Act of Remembrance	FOXLEY WAR MEMORIAL
Sun 15th Nov	10.30am	Family Service	BAWDESWELL
	10.30am	HC	Lyng
	6pm	Evensong	Foulsham
Weds 18th Nov	10.30am	HC	Foulsham
Sun 22nd Nov	9am	Mattins	Bylaugh
	9am	BCP HC	Sparham
	10.30am	Service of the Word	Foulsham
	10.30am	Words & Praise	Elsing
	10.30am	HC	BAWDESWELL
Weds 25th Nov	10.30am	HC	Foulsham
Sun 29th Nov	10.30am	HC	Lyng
	4pm	Advent Carol Service	BAWDESWELL
	7pm	Evensong (BCP)	Foulsham

Morning Prayer is said at 9am: Monday and Thursday at Bawdeswell, this is also live on Facebook. Tuesday and Wednesday at Lyng.

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

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. Or our newsletter which you can get by contacting:

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