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Saturday 10th October

MY MOTHER'S WEDDING



Starring: Kristin Scott Thomas, Scarlett Johansson

Kristin Scott Thomas's directorial debut, and inspired by her own life. Three sisters (Scarlett Johansson, Sienna Miller, Emily Beecham) return to their home for the third wedding of their twice-widowed mother (Kristin Scott Thomas). But the mother and daughters are forced to revisit the past and confront the future, with help from a colourful group of unexpected wedding guests.

Saturday 14th November

THE CHRISTOPHERS



Starring: Ian McKellen, Michaela Coel

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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

Welcome back after a hot summer break! We do hope you all managed to look after yourselves and one another.

At long last we have had some very welcome rain and hopefully our gardens and open spaces around the villages will start to recover. Shrubs and trees do appear to be full of berries and fruit although sadly some may not have survived the unprecedented heatwaves. The nights are now drawing in, so do be careful both walking and driving around and maybe check if you have a neighbour who might appreciate a helping hand.

We look forward to Halloween at the end of the month and seeing all the wonderful costumes of the younger generation!

With best wishes,

Anne and the Team

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October Events

Event	Date	Location/Time
Bawdeswell Parish Council Meeting	Thurs 1 st Oct	Bawdeswell Village Hall 7pm
Bawdeswell Harvest Festival	Sun 4 th Oct	Bawdeswell Church 10.30am
Foxley Harvest Festival	Sun 4 th Oct	St Thomas's Church, Foxley 3pm
Café Philosophique	Tues 6 th Oct	Bawdeswell Village Hall 7.30pm
Foxley Macmillan Coffee Morning	Weds 7 th Oct	Foxley Village Hall 10am
Knit and Natter	Thurs 8 th Oct	Bawdeswell Village Hall 2-4pm
Book Group	Thurs 8 th Oct	Bawdeswell Village Hall 7.30pm
Bawdeswell Village Cinema	Sat 10 th Oct	Bawdeswell Village Hall 6.30 for 7.30pm
Mobile Library	Tues 13 th Oct	Bawdeswell from 11.10am @ village hall onwards, see page 37 for details
Foxley Parish Council Meeting	Thurs 15 th Oct	Foxley Village Hall 7pm
Bawdeswell's Big Quiz	Sat 17 th Oct	Bawdeswell Village Hall 6.30 for 7pm
Knit and Natter	Thurs 22 nd Oct	Bawdeswell Village Hall 2-4pm
Bawdeswell's Village Hall Trustees AGM	Mon 26 th Oct	Bawdeswell Village Hall 7pm
Ploughman's Lunch & Summer Puds	Thurs 29 th Oct	Bawdeswell Village Hall 12-2pm
Foxley Coffee Morning	Weds 4 th Nov	Foxley Village Hall 10am
Bawdeswell Parish Council Meeting	Thurs 5 th Nov	Bawdeswell Village Hall 7pm

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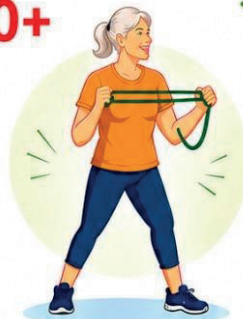
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✉ sam@keep-active.co.uk

☎ 07941086603

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, see page 28 for details
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, except for August	Bawdeswell Village Hall

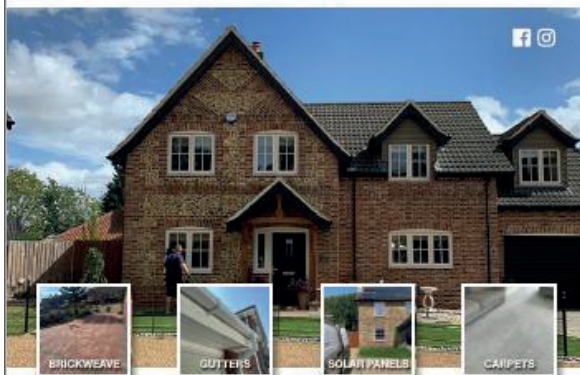
OTHER LOCAL EVENTS

Event	Date	Location/Time
Reepham Lions Bingo Night	Weds 7 th Oct	7.45pm Stimpson's Piece Hall, Reepham, see page 11 for details
Orlando Jopling in Concert	Sat 10 th Oct	7.30pm Wood Norton Church, see page 17 for details
Reepham WI Meeting	Thurs 15 th Oct	7.30pm St Michaels Church Hall, Reepham see page 11 for details
Reepham Gardening Club	Tues 20 th Oct	7.15pm Reepham Town Hall, see page 11 for details

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EVENTS INFORMATION

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Tuesday 20th October at 7.30pm

Ghost of the Norfolk Broads - Wally Webb Retired BBC Radio Norfolk Presenter

After Wally's great (and sometimes hilarious) talk last year, we have invited him back for this spooky talk, which is very apt for this time of year, with Halloween just around the corner!

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).

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 Johnson for more information on 01362 680066 or visit our website: www.Reephamgardenclub.org.uk or email jeffandcaroljohnson@yahoo.co.uk.**

REEPHAM WI

OPEN MEETING - Thursday 15th October, 7.30 pm

A Photographic Wildlife Journey Around Reepham

With Reepham's award-winning photographer, Alan Dixon.

Join us for a wonderful photographic journey celebrating the wildlife and nature on our doorstep — from beautiful butterflies and charismatic birds to mysterious mammals, fragrant flowers and fascinating fungi.

Members and members' guests are very welcome.

Places must be pre-booked due to venue regulations.

Members' guests: A suggested donation of £10 would be appreciated

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

REEPHAM LIONS BINGO NIGHT

Wednesday 7th October, 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.

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Bawdeswell Jubilee Gardens



This garden was created to commemorate Queen Elizabeth's Jubilee and it is maintained by the Parish Council for our village and our community.

Currently there is a lawn and a shrub border which is maintained by our mowing team and Muddy Badgers along with help from some valued volunteers.

However, current weather patterns are prompting us to consider how we might go forward and we would appreciate our community's view. Shall we upgrade the lawn and add new shrubs? Or should we consider a re-design?

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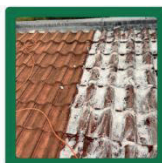
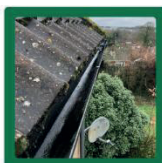
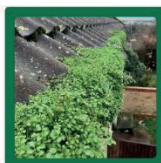
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Christmas cakes 6" square and iced can be made to order. The cost will be £15. Please order by November 10th.

Angela Shannon TEL: 01362 688111

Litter Pick



Huge thanks to our group of litter pickers who removed litter and rubbish from our Bawdeswell pavements and recreation areas.

Wanted

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Anne and team

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BAWDEWELL VILLAGE HALL TRUSTEES

Would like to invite you to their Annual General Meeting on

Monday October 26th at Bawdeswell Village Hall

commencing at **7pm.**

Everyone is very welcome.

Concert at Wood Norton Church

The internationally renowned cellist Orlando Jopling will perform a concert at All Saints Church in Wood Norton on **Saturday 10th October at 7:30pm.** The concert is part of Orlando's Cello Pilgrimage, playing Bach cello suites to raise money for church restoration. Tickets are £20 which includes refreshments. Contact: Hilary McGregor at hilmac85@gmail.com for details on buying tickets.





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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 Anon's, including 'Good Ale!'

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‘I do think you and your girlfriends are fantastic around the village’ said Sid to Ermentrude as they were sitting out in their garden quaffing a rather cheeky little Pinot Grigio. ‘Really?’ ‘Yes, there is so much talent out there so on behalf of the men in the village I’ve composed an Ode!’ Ermentrude nearly fell off her chair(and it wasn’t the wine).

‘For cooking and crafting cakes and comestibles, we congratulate you.

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For rota’s, writing and record keeping, we revere you.

For auditing accounts, we acknowledge and appreciate you.

For choral singing, concerts, cantatas and musicality, we commend, congratulate and marvel.

For organising, you are optimal, orderly and outstanding.

For village archiving, we acclaim you and offer approbation.

For effective exercise classes, we esteem you.

For bar tending and ordering, you are bodacious.

For editorial endeavour, we exalt you.

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VILLAGE NEWS

Bawdeswell Village Hall Update

Everyone is now back into the swing of things after a long hot summer.

Unfortunately, although the Village Hall was open weekday afternoons to provide refreshments and comfort breaks for families visiting the playing field and playground, fewer people than previous years came. A discussion of the volunteers felt we should continue to offer this but review it in May 2027 when there might be a forecast regarding another possible heatwave summer. Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who gave up their time. The few families who did take advantage were very grateful.

The August Summer Sizzle was a great success and well attended. Thank you to everyone who helped in its planning, preparation and on the day itself. The date for next year will be 14th August 2027. It was very pleasing to see a number of younger residents attending so we hope to welcome them again.

Tuesday Hub is still well attended and we are all looking forward to the commencement of Soup and Pud in October. A successful Ploughman's was held at the end of September.

The roofing contractors, Belmont, came in during August and hopefully sorted out the few leaking areas. Thank you to them for all their sterling work.

Bookings for activities, clubs, individuals and events are thriving and again a very big thank you to all of you who contribute to ensure our Village Hall is at the heart of our community.

Film nights continue monthly, along with a Quiz Night in the Village Hall on the 17th October and an evening Cabaret on the 28th November. Please do come along!

In conjunction with Creative Arts East we hope to offer some Winter Matinees comprising Opera, Ballet and Dance. The first one, a Ballet, Cinderella by Prokofiev, is scheduled for 23rd November. Look out for future dates.

A special thank you to Colleen this month for co-ordinating the Volunteer's meeting, sending out the agenda and both taking and sending out the minutes. Thank you too to Chris for chairing.

You may have noticed a young man, Tom Dougan, helping out at various times and functions during the past few months. This has been as part of his Duke of Edinburgh award. We would like to recognise his hard work, willingness to join in and helpfulness. Thank you Tom, you are very much appreciated!

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VILLAGE NEWS

BAWDESWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL



Here at Bawdeswell Primary school, after a summer spent getting the school ready, we have started our new school year with positivity and excitement. We have welcomed new children into every class across the school and it has been lovely to see all the children connect with friends both old and new.

We welcome volunteers to become part of our school family too. If you have some time to give, we would love you to come and listen to our children read, come and talk to the children about your job or hobby or become a school governor. If you are interested, please do get in touch.

We have lots of events planned for this term including our Open Classrooms and Class assemblies, class trips, Harvest Festival, Christmas carol concert and Nativity plays.

Although we have just started this school year we are already planning for next year. If you have a child due to start school in September 2027, we have 2 open mornings on 10th and 12th of November at 9am. There is no need to book, just drop in. If you are not able to make either of these dates, please contact the school to arrange an alternative time.

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01362 688488 or Gillian Blyth 01362 688955

VILLAGE NEWS

FOXLEY NEWS

Foxley Coffee Morning

Our next coffee morning will be **Wednesday, 7th October from 10:00 – 12 noon**. It will be in aid of Macmillan so hopefully we will see lots of you there. Advance warning, in November our coffee morning will be on **Wednesday 4th November from 10:00 – 12 noon**.

Foxley's Harvest Festival will be at St Thomas' Church on **Sunday 4th October at 3pm**. We hope the weather remains warm and dry so that we can hold the service in the churchyard. Donations of non-perishable foodstuffs will be welcome:- after the service we will deliver them to the food bank in Dereham. There will be refreshments after the service.

Foxley's Pet Service

On the first Sunday in September, 10 adults and 6 dogs gathered in Foxley Churchyard for Foxley's first pet service. It turned out that none of us, including Revd. Richard, had ever been to a pet service before, but we all enjoyed the short service, and the dogs were (mostly) very well behaved.



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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 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.

We enjoyed two books during the summer break. Both were very enjoyable and worth reading!

"Raising Hare" by Chloe Dalton



This is a true story about a person adapting to live alongside what generally is an elusive creature. When the Covid pandemic lockdown forced Chloe, a busy professional to retreat to the countryside of her childhood, she didn't expect that she would share her house with a growing leveret.

Raising Hare chronicles their journey together; it illustrates the challenges of caring for the leveret and preparing for its return to the wild. Although the leveret, whilst growing into a hare lives under her roof and lolloped around her bedroom at night, even drumming on the duvet cover when it wanted her attention. She refused to give it a name, determined not to create 'a pet', she only wanted it to eventually return to the wild and survive. This book helped us witness an extraordinary relationship between a human and an animal, rekindling our sense of awe towards nature and wildlife. We found that reading this book, about such an unlikely 'bond of trust', gave us some hope for our future lives.

"What you are looking for is in the library" by Michiko Aoyama



This could be described as 'a hug in a book'. Sometimes it's not good for a book group to agree as it can mean that our discussions end quickly but whilst we all agreed that we'd enjoyed the book it still gave us a lot to talk about.

On one level it is just a simple book with five chapters. These can be read as individual stories but as you continue you find links and characters who appear throughout. On another level, it is much deeper revealing thoughtfulness and kindness, almost evoking a Buddhist ethos. Our discussions centred upon the book's real question in each of its chapters :- 'what are you looking for?' And it is a question for all of us ...

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 8 October and we will be discussing 'The Bandit Queens' by Parini Shroff.

Enquiries: Carolyn 01362 688944

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Bawdeswell Bowls Club

By the time you read this the outside bowls season will be over and what a season it was, with it being so hot to the extent some fixtures were called off. Bawdeswell did get all games played on time. The green suffered a lot, which we will be working on starting soon. More on that next time.

Here are the last results:

Swanton	home	won	6 2	Lyng	Home	won	10. 0
Morley							
Shipdham	Home	lost	2. 6	Sheringham	Home	won	10 0
Aldiss Park	Home	won	6. 2	Swanton	away	won	8. 2
				Abbot			
Swanton	away	won	6 2	North	home	won	6 4
Morley				Walsham			
Broom	Away	won	6. 2	Reephham	away	won	10. 0
Green				Nomads			
Shipdham	away	Draw	4. 4	Horsford	Home	won	6. 4
Holt	away	Won	9. 1				

League positions

County League finished 5th

Dereham League finished 2nd

Cawston League finished 1st

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Any information call **Paul on 01362 688615 or Mob 07796 964574**



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

Enquiries: **Josie Beach 01362 688869.**



Games Afternoon

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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

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 6th October – 'Foucault: Madness, Crime and Sex'**

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 7th October, 10:00 – 12 noon**. It will be in aid of Macmillan so hopefully we will see lots of you there. Advance warning, in November our coffee morning will be on **Wednesday 4th November 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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Foxley Village Hall Every Monday and Friday **2 - 4pm**

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



Lakeside Pilgrims Bowls Club

Well, the summer is over. We had a good season; we finished 2nd in the Whissonsett League with 114 points. We had our end of season funday last Sunday (6th September). We had a good number of members playing and the weather held up for us.

I am organising the paperwork for our A.G.M. which is on the 22nd of October 2026 at 7.00 start at the village hall. If you are interested in playing next season you are welcome to join us. Please contact me sue.purse@gmmail.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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Community Car Scheme: Bawdeswell, Bylaugh, Foxley

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This would certainly be the case for our Community Car Scheme, but it is getting the “many hands” that is the difficulty!

With volunteering numbers down to record lows after the pandemic, the voluntary sector is finding it more difficult than ever. I seem to be assailed on all fronts to become a Scout Leader again, join the Rotary Club or even help out with the turtles on Cape Verde, all of which I would love to do if I had the time!

My dream for the Community Car Scheme is everyone doing a very little bit and making this “light work” in helping our neighbours, many of whom have “done their bit” in times gone by.

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PARISH COUNCIL

BAWDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD ON THURSDAY 2nd & 30th JULY and 3rd SEPTEMBER 2026 AT 7pm

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

Breckland Local Plan

This was the Council's main focus. The September meeting was well attended with over 50 residents putting their views forward. A copy of the Council's full 4-page submission to Breckland's Local Plan Regulation 19 consultation regarding proposed 120 houses North of Foxley Road can be found on the Council's website (under News).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY - Bawdeswell Parish Council (BPC) is opposed to the Breckland Plan to impose a 120-house target on the village. It also remains concerned that planning staff failed to take adequate account of, or respond to, BPC viewpoints stated repeatedly in the consultation process. Bawdeswell has already seen an increase of 40+ houses within the current Local Plan without the expected improvements in infrastructure; so, making a mockery that sustainability follows on from housing growth. On the contrary, since the recent housing increase, Bawdeswell has lost its full-time post office and public house. It also remains short of local employment opportunities, and continues to lack public transport to local medical facilities and adjacent market towns. Its limited sustainability recently resulted in the downgrading of the village from Local Service Centre to Primary Village under the new Plan. However, when one compares Bawdeswell to its nearest Primary Village, North Elmham, which boasts shops, 2 public houses and a doctor's surgery etc, one questions if Bawdeswell should even be a Primary Village? Despite the above, BPC recognised that some development is inevitable, particularly given the recent central government policy of increasing regional housing targets. However, given the earlier Breckland target for Bawdeswell of 65 additional houses on 2 sites, coupled to its later downgrading to Primary Village, albeit counter-balanced by the increased central government targets, BPC expected the Bawdeswell target to remain roughly about the same, at 65 houses. Accordingly, BPC proposed the development of 45 houses on Site 161, close to the village; alongside 20 houses and 2 retail units on Site 123. BPC was therefore amazed and seriously concerned to note the 120-house development on Site 161 in Breckland's latest Cabinet-approved draft Plan; and no consideration of Site 123 at all! BPC's objections to the 120-house development on Site 161 are that it is too large for a village like Bawdeswell (a 30% increase in housing stock). No practical consideration has seemed to be given to the community needs to support such a development; other than perhaps the 'lip-service' reference of "sustainability" running throughout the draft Plan.

PARISH COUNCIL

Bawdeswell continued....

Bawdeswell's target is well above those set for other, far more sustainable, local primary villages. The Breckland plan for Site 161 involves the loss of valuable agricultural land, and an acute 'ribboning' effect, resulting in Foxley being subsumed within Bawdeswell! BPC's proposal for 45 houses on the south-eastern part of Site 161, plus 20 plus houses and 2 retail units of Site 123, is a well-considered 'local' approach; rather than the illogical 'box ticking' exercise put forward by Breckland planning staffs. Accordingly, BPC's strong recommendation is that the Breckland's excess housing target of 20.4% within the current Plan be reduced slightly by limiting housing development within Bawdeswell to 65 new houses.

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

Breckland Enforcement confirmed that a Temporary Stop Notice was served on the above land on the 6th August 2026. Errors in the notice were reported to Breckland. It was confirmed that there is now one residential caravan and a tent on the site and this was notified to Enforcement who asked to be notified if these were subsequently occupied and confirmed that if the notice is breached, they will consider prosecution.

Overgrown hedges / parking on pavements

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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!**

Finance

The balance of the Community account as at 31st August 2026 was confirmed as £23,314.11, Business Money Manager (Earmarked reserves) was £44131.65.

The next Parish Council Meetings will be held on the 1st October and 5th November 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>

PARISH COUNCIL

A MEETING OF FOXLEY PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD ON THURSDAY 6th AUGUST 2026 AT 7pm - Present; Cllr N. Mears (Chair), Cllr G. Blyth, Cllr L. Rose, Cllr G. Blatchford and Cllr M. Watson. Mrs. J Boxall (Clerk) Members of the public – 2

Planning – Concern was raised about the development on land off the A1067. As it was confirmed that Bawdeswell Parish Council had already registered this with Planning Enforcement, it was agreed that there was no further action Foxley Parish Council could take. Concern was expressed about the sale of land on Mill Road and its future intended use. It is understood that the land already has restrictions in place (storage for 17 unoccupied caravans with conditions).

An extraordinary meeting was held on 8th September to consider the planning application for Street Farm - Application Reference No: PL/2026/1053/FMIN.

Proposal: Proposed residential development comprising 2 new build dwellings and one barn conversion (total of 3 new dwellings), including access, parking to local highways standards, and private amenity space for each plot.

Location - STREET FARM The Street, Foxley, Dereham, Norfolk, NR20 4QP

The Council has submitted an objection to this application highlighting the issues of no safe access to and from the site and no satisfactory visual splay, concern that vehicles may be unable to turn in the limited space provided for turning, potential noise nuisance to nearby properties from heat pumps and water treatment plants and concern about the impact on wildlife from the development and future management of any hedgerows and trees.

Breckland Local Plan – It was confirmed that the Breckland Local Plan Regulation 19 consultation will run from the 31st of July until the 23rd September. Although Foxley does not have a proposed housing allocation (expected additional housing from windfall development), it is acknowledged that the 120 houses proposed for Bawdeswell to the North of Foxley Road will impact Foxley due to the ribboning effect. Concern was raised about traffic accessing the Fakenham Road from Foxley Road and the impact the development will have on children from surrounding villages trying to access Bawdeswell Primary School due to its capacity Councillors agreed to submit a response highlighting the above concerns and supporting Bawdeswell Parish Council in their objections.

Highway Matters – The Senior Programme Technician for Norfolk County Council Highways confirmed the Parish Council's acceptance of the Parish Partnership Scheme funding and apologised for the delay. They have passed on the PC's frustrations to the Area team and have requested an improvement in providing information going forward. The invoice for the Parish Council's contribution £1668.06 was paid. It is understood that the Area team will now commence on the scheme.

PARISH COUNCIL

Foxley continued....

No response was received from County Councillor P. Carr regarding the concerns raised by the Parish Council about the Parish Partnership Scheme. Cllr Watson confirmed that the Foxley West signpost was rotten and has been replaced.

Request for additional Councillors - Following an enquiry regarding the process to increase the number of Parish Councillors from 5 to 7 members. Breckland District Council confirmed that a Community Governance Review (CGR) would be required. As Breckland would conduct the CGR and pay any costs, it was agreed to submit a formal request to Breckland. It was understood that once a request is received the matter is presented to the General Purposes Committee for consideration and approval to proceed with the review. If agreed, there will be public engagement. Any changes if agreed would come into force at the next scheduled Parish Election which would be May 2027. As there had been an increase in the population base / size of the village, it was agreed to request an increase in the number of Councillors to 7.

Councillor Linda Rose has resigned from the Parish Council. The Council would like to formally thank her for her service to the Council. The Notice of Vacancy was displayed, and the Council will be looking for another Councillor in due course. Anyone interested in becoming a Councillor is encouraged to contact the Clerk for further information.

Finance - The balance of the main account as at 31st July 2026 was £5528.21, the balance of the savings account was £2591.08. Budget figures were circulated to Council for consideration including bank statements / bank reconciliation. PKF Littlejohn confirmed that they received and logged the notification of exempt status for the year ended 31 March 2026 and that by notifying them that Foxley Parish Council has claimed exemption no review will be performed and consequently, no auditor certificate and report, or any other closure documentation, will be issued for this reporting year.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on 15th October 2026 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 or extraordinary meetings.

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

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Generously sponsored by myfuturechoice.com and Ivan Fisher Funeral Homes, and with thanks to Ben and Helen Budworth who opened their grounds, the event supported the Friends of Bawdeswell and Bylaugh Churches, raising over £9,000.00 to help care for these important community buildings.

Don't miss this event next year which will be on Sunday 25 July 2027. Tickets available from www.ticketsource.com.

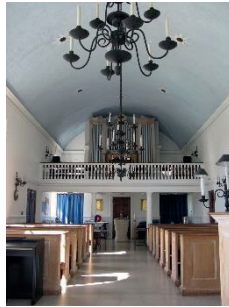
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CHURCH NEWS

Bawdeswell Church News



Some sad news last month. Revd Sally Kimmis who was our vicar for 8 years died of cancer in September after a short time in hospital. Sally was appointed in 2017 as Rector of a new Benefice called Heart of Norfolk, comprising 14 churches of which Bawdeswell and Foxley were both members. We saw very little of her but she was our spiritual leader and a good friend.

There was some reorganisation a couple of years ago and we became part of a new smaller Benefice called 'The Bawdeswell Group of Churches' under Revd Richard Turk as you all know.

Richard is with us on the fourth Sunday of each month at 10.30am, also every Monday and Thursday morning at 9am for a short service of Morning Prayer. Please give him your support.

We are looking forward to 4th October when we will be celebrating at our annual Harvest Festival service at 10.30am.

Any food donations will be taken to the food bank.

Robin Taylor, Churchwarden

All Saints, Bawdeswell

Harvest Festival

4th October 2026

10:30 am

Sing your favourite harvest
hymns

Bring your donations up
to the altar and we will
take them on to the
Dereham food bank



CHURCH NEWS

Reverend Richard Reflects

Last October, I wrote about prayer. That may not be a surprising topic for a priest; but it is an important one.

Prayer runs through life like a thread. It is (or at least should be) a constant part of what we do. At this time of year, the days grow darker and colder, and many people feel the weight of that spiritually and emotionally. Prayer helps. This is not because God hears our prayer and makes the hours of sunlight longer. It is because prayer is a way of facing the reality of life, but doing so in the knowledge that God is with you.

At the beginning of September, after a short battle with cancer, the Reverend Sally Kimmis died at Priscilla Bacon Lodge. Sally was my colleague within the deanery of Ingworth and Sparham, but we would also meet up outside formal deanery meetings. When I took on my role in the Bawdeswell Group, I took four of Sally's parishes. Whilst that lightened the administrative load for her, I think she also experienced a sense of loss for the parishes she had cared for. But we would meet up and pray. We prayed for one another, and we prayed for our parishes and communities. It helped. I know how important Sally found prayer in the time following her diagnosis. I know how much it helped her. She faced the reality of life in the knowledge that God was with her, and in doing so she was an example to many. Prayer makes a difference.

So, if you want prayer for yourself or someone you know, let me know. I am more than happy to include you in my daily prayers. If you would like to pray more yourself, there are many different ways to do so; but perhaps you would find it helpful to join me for morning prayer. On Mondays and Thursdays I pray at 9am in Bawdeswell, and it is also available live on Facebook (follow 'The Bawdeswell Group of Churches'). On Tuesdays and Wednesdays, morning prayer is in Lyng at 9am.

And whether you pray or not, please know that I am praying for all of you in the communities that my parishes cover, and in Sally's Heart of Norfolk parishes.

Richard Turk

Rector of the Bawdeswell Group of Churches
comprising the parishes of

Foxley, Foulsham, Lyng, Elsing, Bawdeswell, Bylaugh, Sparham, and Themelthorpe.



St Thomas
Foxley

**HARVEST
FESTIVAL**

**Sunday 4th October 2026
3pm**

Hopefully, an outdoor service
with Revd. Richard Turk.

All items donated
(non-perishable please)

will be taken to the
Dereham Food Bank

Refreshments after

The service

BAWDESWELL GROUP CHURCH SERVICES

October 2026

Sun 4th Oct	10.30am	HC	Elsing
	10.30am	OASIS	Sparham
	10.30am	Harvest Festival	BAWDESWELL
	3pm	Harvest Service	FOXLEY
Wed 7th Oct	10.30am	HC	Foulsham
Sun 11th Oct	9am	BCP HC	Bylaugh
	10.30am	Harvest Festival	Foulsham
	10.30am	Words & Praise	Elsing
	10.30am	HC	BAWDESWELL
Weds 14th Oct	10.30am	HC	Foulsham
Sun 18th Oct	10.30am	HC	Lyng
	10.30am	Family Service	BAWDESWELL
	3pm	All Creatures Great and Small	Elsing
	6pm	Evensong	Foulsham
Weds 21st Oct	10.30am	HC	Foulsham
Sun 25th Oct	9am	Matins	Bylaugh
	9am	BCP HC	Sparham
	10.30am	Service of the Word	Foulsham
	10.30am	Words & Praise	Elsing
	10.30am	HC	BAWDESWELL
Weds 28th Oct	10.30am	HC	Foulsham

October Study Group - The Creeds

Thursday 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd

9:45am

The Rectory Lyng

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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