

Saturday 10th May 7pm

The Railway Man (15)

Eric Lomax was one of thousands of Allied prisoners of war forced to work on the construction of the Thai/Burma railway during WW2. His experiences, after the secret radio he built to bring news and hope to his colleagues was discovered, left him traumatised and shut off from the world. Years later, he met Patti, a beautiful woman, on a train and fell in love. Patti was determined to rid Eric of his demons. Discovering that the young Japanese officer who haunted her husband was still alive, she faced a terrible decision. Should Eric be given a chance to confront his tormentor? Would she stand by him, whatever he did? *Written by Anonymous*

Saturday 14th June 7pm

The Monuments Men (12A)

Friday 20th June 7pm

As part of the celebrations of the old Village Hall Weekend

Frozen (PG)

The following will be at Reepham Town Hall

Still to be confirmed

Saturday 12th July 7pm

August Osage Country (12A)

Saturday 2nd August 7pm


The Invisible Woman (12A)

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Thursday 8.30 - 11.30 am
Foulsham, New Frost Hall

Friday 9.00 - 12.00
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1230 - 2.30 pm
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COMMUNITY CAR SCHEME BAWDESWELL, BYLAUGH, FOXLEY

I hope that by the time you read this, we will have our new driver which will help our sometimes strained services. That does not mean that we have a full complement of drivers, so if anyone is interested in driving for the much needed scheme, please contact Angela Shannon on 688111.

For bookings, please telephone Sylvia McColville on 688189.

We were sorry to learn that John Brownley, who was a CCS driver from the outset of the scheme, died on Saturday 29th March. John was greatly valued by us all, passengers and organisers, for his reliability and good humour and was very much missed when he resigned due to ill health last year.

Angela Shannon CCS Co-ordinator

John Brownley

John passed away on 29th March 2014 after a long fight with cancer. He was very active in the community whilst living in Bawdeswell and many of you will know of him through the Community Car Scheme. He moved away from the Village following the onset of his illness and was very much missed by those he had worked with here. He always wanted to help other people. We send our condolences to his wife Brenda, his siblings, children & grandchildren.
D.C.

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May 2014 Diary

Thu 1 st	Bawdeswell Village Hall meeting 7.30pm Book Club 8pm at The Old Workhouse Bar, Bawdeswell
Fri 2 nd	<i>A Vertical Garden</i> Talk at Bawdeswell Garden Centre 11am
Tue 6 th	Bawdeswell Post Office closed
Wed 7 th	Mobile Library 10am – 11.40pm Bawdeswell, 11.45-12.00 Foxley
Thu 8 th	Craft Club 2pm
Fri 9 th	Bawdeswell Post Office closed WI Lunch at Foxley Village Hall 12 noon
Sat 10 th	Bawdeswell Village Cinema 7pm for 7.30pm, <i>The Railway Man (15)</i>
Sun 11 th	Tractor Run
Mon 12 th	WI meet at Sparham Old Schoolroom 7.30pm Bawdeswell Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm
Fri 16 th	Flower Arranging Demonstration, Bawdeswell Church 10.30 for 11am
Sat 17 th	Saturday market Elsing 10-12.00
Tue 20 th	Flower Arranging Class 2pm, <i>Bawdeswell Village Hall</i> Bawdeswell Annual Parish Meeting 6.30pm
Wed 21 st	Foxley Village Hall Coffee Morning 10.30am
Thu 22 nd	Craft Club 2pm
Tue 27 th	Flower Arranging Class 2pm, <i>Bawdeswell Village Hall</i>
Thu 29 th	Bawdeswell Village Hall AGM 7.30pm

Foxley Village Hall – regular events

Short Mat Bowls
Bridge
Table Tennis

Every Monday & Friday Evening 7.00pm
Tuesday evening 7.15pm
Wednesday evening.

Bawdeswell Village Hall - regular events

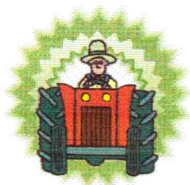
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Thursdays 8pm
Fridays 9.15am
Fridays 2.15pm
Fridays 7pm

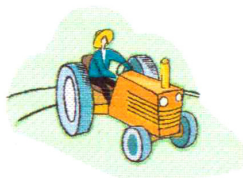
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Fifty And Beyond

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**Wednesday 4th June at
10.30am**

**Tea, coffee and home made cake will be on sale
and there will be our usual raffle. If you have any
plant cuttings please bring them along for 'swaps'.**

**This will probably be our last meeting in the
current Village Hall, so we'd like to make it a
memorable one. Get your thinking caps on and
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Our charge is only £2 and new members are welcome. Our next meeting is on 24th April and May dates are 8th and 22nd.

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BOOK CLUB

Espedair Street - Iain Banks.

This 4th novel by Iain Banks is focussed on the life of a rock star - Daniel Weir. It is a rags to riches story told in a series of flashbacks as he looks back on his life. Despite rising from the slums of Glasgow to find fame and fortune as a song writer and bassist, he is not a happy man.

What or rather who he always sought in life has always eluded him, his friends all seem to be dead or fed up with him and so he tries to commit suicide. There are some comical moments such as the antics of his two friends. An alcoholic Marxist, and a young man who gets arrested after stealing whipped cream aerosols. Banks gives interesting insights on the nature of fame and the music business and gives you an idea of what it might have been like to be in a supergroup of the early 80's.

This book was not enthusiastically received by many members of the Book Club, with only one or two finding Daniel Weir amusing or thoughtful. The majority thought it was slow in parts and found the ending disappointing; it was perhaps too neat, too happy.

One member who has read other Iain Banks novels suggested that "The Crow Road" was a much better read.

The Book Club meets in the Workhouse Bar on the first Thursday of every month at 8pm. We mostly obtain books from the Library so there is not the expense of buying new books each month. We are currently reading The Night Circus by Erin Morganstern for discussion at our meeting on 1st May 2014 and plan to read Daughters of Mars, by Thomas Keneally, for discussion at our meeting on 5th June.

New members are always welcome. Enquiries: Marietta Menzies 01362 688 400.

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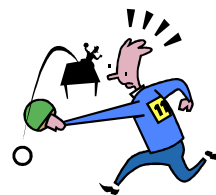
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SHORT MAT BOWLS Foxley Village Hall

Every Monday and Friday evening between 7pm and 9pm short mat bowls is played. This is not the game you may have watched on T.V. where the game is played in absolute silence: a single cough incurring instant glares of castigation. No, this is a game where chatter and a considerable amount of laughter (and a cup of tea and biscuit at half time) are an intrinsic part of the evening. The atmosphere is distinctly friendly and sociable.

Now, if you feel that this seems just the way you would like to spend a Monday or Friday evening (or both) then why not come along to the hall just to see how you would fare at a practice session. There will be bowls for you to try, and plenty of help and encouragement from the members—and who knows? You may even be a natural!

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At our April meeting we discussed the future: the progress of the project with the architects, the re-housing of all user groups, the requirements of the Protected Species Licence, the open meeting on 24th April and plans for the Good Bye to the current hall on the weekend of 20th to 22nd June and as always the finances!

Some members of the Committee also visited Thornham in April to view their new Village Hall that also received a Lottery grant and opened recently. We were made exceedingly welcome by 4 members of their committee who spent 2 hours with us going through the highs, low and pitfalls they experienced during the building process. It was a very helpful morning and we came away with lots of information and the realisation of the amount of work that has to be undertaken before the doors will actually open at the new hall, but we will get there!

The hall has been opened on Thursday evenings in April for the youth of the village and we are grateful to Les Beach for undertaking to set this up. Project Bawdeswell, which has been very successful in the past in providing activities, is backing it whole heartedly and it is hoped it will be a positive opportunity for the young of the village.

By the time you receive this our Open Presentation/Celebration meeting on 24th April will have been held and hope we had the pleasure of seeing you there!

Our May meeting will be held on Thursday evening the 1st at 7.30 in the Portakabin and the AGM will be held on 29th May in the Portakabin, all are welcome, but particularly representatives of user groups.

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Caretaker	Les Beach	01362 688 869
Treasurer	William Mason	01362 688 338
Chairman	James Lilwall	01362 688 499
Secretary	Marietta Menzies	01362 688 400



Bawdeswell Village Hall
Celebration Weekend

20, 21, 22 JUNE

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Through the Screen



Thanks again, it was wonderful to see so many Sprockets for Saving Mr Banks last month. This was a surprising film as I didn't expect it to be so enthralling. Emma Thompson, I think, played one of her best performances as Mrs PJ Travers.

With a highly romantic, wayward, alcoholic, Banker father, Mrs PJ Travers was an Australian with an insecure family life. She was left with many scars to be lived and dealt with in later life. Mary Poppins, it would seem, was actually a person who came in with the East Wind to help at the time of the father's death.

The turmoil between Mrs PJ Travers and Walt Disney was about treating the legacy of her father (Mr Banks in the film) with due respect, for although externally we can have socially 'poor' parents, they are still our parents which as children we love them unconditionally and externally people don't see that sometimes.

Now, congratulations to the New Hall Committee for their successful Lottery bid. This means that we will have to find a new venue for BVC for a few months whilst the new hall is built. We are currently looking at Reepham Town Hall but this is still to be confirmed. It was been surprisingly difficult to find somewhere as suitable as our current Hall.

If you haven't yet joined The Sprocket, email us at BawdeswellVillageCinema@gmail.com and we can keep you up to date.

WE ARE STILL AT THE OLD HALL UNTIL THE MIDDLE OF THE SUMMER.

NEXT FILM – 10th May, 7:30 Village Hall

The Railway Man (15)

Colin Firth and Nicole Kidman

See inside front cover for more information.

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BAWDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL

At its December meeting, the parish council agreed a draft policy statement on future development in the village (below). It also agreed to seek comments on the draft by publishing it in *The Reeve's Tale* for everyone to read. Please send any comments you may have to the parish clerk. There will also be an opportunity to discuss any matters relating to the village at the **annual parish meeting on Tuesday 20th May 2014 at 6.30pm in the village hall.**

Bawdeswell PC Approach to Possible Village Development in any Future Breckland Local Development Framework

General Policy

Taking into account general views expressed by parishioners in the formulation of the previous Breckland LDF, Project Bawdeswell surveys, recent planning consultations and council meetings, Bawdeswell Parish Council has concluded that, while the village should not pursue or endorse any major housing development in or around Bawdeswell in isolation, it should be prepared to consider and possibly countenance some limited and sympathetic development if, and only if, it was irrevocably and directly associated with significant improvements in infrastructure and support/social/employment opportunities within the village. Parish Council representatives will shortly be required to pursue this policy within the consultations on a future Breckland Local Development Framework (LDF), which in line with government policy is likely to seek sustainable development opportunities in villages such as Bawdeswell. This paper therefore seeks to flesh out this general policy in preparation for those consultations.

Detailed Approach

Rather than react to alternative proposals put forward by Breckland District Council and local landowners, Bawdeswell Parish Council is minded to propose the possible freeing up of some adjacent land outside of its current Settlement Boundary for sympathetic and sustainable development aimed solely at improving the quality of life for Bawdeswell residents.

The village is not lacking in small private housing development opportunities, but it remains short of affordable housing for younger families, those on lower incomes and sheltered accommodation for elderly residents. Moreover, while Bawdeswell hosts a number of small businesses run from purpose-built premises or from homes, it lacks local employment opportunities. The village is also short of local infrastructure to sustain major housing or business development. Bus services North/South to adjacent towns and medical facilities are poor, broadband/mobile phone communications are limited, the local school is currently full to capacity, and drainage/sewerage is poor in the Paradise Road/Two Fields Way area.

That said, the position of Bawdeswell some 12 miles equidistant between Norwich and Fakenham and 6 miles North of Dereham, with the major A1067 east/west route running alongside would seem to make it an ideal location for some sympathetic light industrial/retail development if existing infrastructure problems could be resolved.

Such developments, coupled with associated lower cost housing, would provide a much needed boost to the vitality of the community, and would offer potential support for expanding local infrastructure and recreational facilities.

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Potential Development Sites

A number of potential development sites, proposed by associated landowners, we reconsidered and discounted by Breckland District Council in the development of its current LDF. The main objections were on the grounds that: many would comprise garden in-fill contrary to Breckland's and Bawdeswell Parish Council's current policy, and many lacked scope for safe access. The Parish Council remains in agreement with Breckland's conclusions regarding these sites. However, it believes that two possible sites are now worthy of more detailed consideration. These comprise the field opposite Two Fields Way, and the land within the Conservation Area opposite the end of the Street and to the East of Reepham Road.

Taking each of these sites in turn:

-The field opposite Two Fields Way has been considered for development on a number of occasions and, to date has been refused, largely on the grounds of the number of houses proposed, ribboning effects, poor drainage/sewerage in the area, and road safety concerns about access to and from the site via Hall Road. These concerns might be overcome by a more sympathetic development of the area than that previously proposed e.g. limiting the number and type of houses proposed; redesigning the local drainage/sewerage system, and by connecting Two Fields Way/Hall Road with Paradise Road with safer junctions at either end. If confined to housing, however, such a development would create an 'imbalance in the village, the so-called 'ribboning' effect. This might be alleviated to some extent by the creation of some social/recreational facilities within the area, but the site as a whole would better lend itself to the development of light industrial or retail facilities which, subject to NCC Highways' opinion, might warrant a safe direct access on to the A1067. The site would also lend itself to possible garden allotments which Bawdeswell is seeking.

-The land within the Conservation Area to the East of the Street would be ideal for some sympathetic development aimed primarily at relieving the current congestion in the Street adjacent to the shop and pub. This would require some re-arrangement of the current junction of the Street with Norwich/Reepham Road to permit safer access and free movement in the area, but it would be important for the village to retain its 'village green'. Moreover, bearing in mind the location of the site within the Conservation Area, close to the heart of the village, with an open vista to the East, it would be essential that any such development would be in keeping with the area concerned and not spoil the 'open' nature of the Conservation Area. Such development should therefore be limited, perhaps confined to some sympathetic lower cost or preferably sheltered housing and retail facilities.

Conclusion

Subject to any refinement of the above approach resulting from consultations with the village, Bawdeswell Parish Council will follow the above line in its future consultations with Breckland District Council. Depending upon the extent of support for the approach to be taken, the Parish Council might also approach the landowners concerned to sound out the scope and any appropriate quid pro quo for the development of the sites as outlined above. This might also include an invitation to these landowners to fund the development of an associated neighbourhood plan for Bawdeswell if they wished to firm up such ideas.



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meets at 7.30pm in Sparham Old School Room

Our April meeting was a card-making workshop with Pam Bugg. Pam passed around examples of her work and then demonstrated the various methods of producing lacé work, which is delicately cut lace-effect paper. This is done on coloured, patterned paper and then carefully folded to produce very pretty circular designs. Pam had brought a wide variety of materials with her and we all then choose our card, the patterns and other decorations. It took very nimble fingers to do the fine, delicate folding and some members did get carried away with the glue... It was a very interesting evening discovering a craft that none of us had tried before and we all went home with our own hand-made greetings card.

Our next meeting is on May 12th when we have a social 'Would I Lie to You' evening. Do come along and join us.

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Carole 01362 688569, Margaret 01362 688954

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Saturday 17th May

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(Saturday 13th September)

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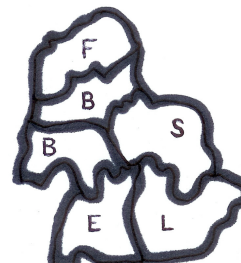
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Benefice News and Events



Our thanks to all the gentlemen who came to the breakfast at Foxley on March 22nd. Due to their generosity and that of the ladies who provided the food we were able to send £244 to the Alzheimer's Association. We have decided to postpone the next breakfast until November when we hope to have a new incumbent and he/she will be able to join in.

Sincere apologies for the misprint (all Sandi's fault!) in the last magazine about the date of the Creativity Day. It will be on **Saturday 9th August** in the Old School Room, Sparham. If you have a craft or skill that you would like to demonstrate or share with others do please come along. It is a relaxed, informal day starting with coffee then we ask you to bring a picnic lunch. We will finish at 4pm with tea. There will be a charge of £2.50 to cover costs and any surplus can be sent to a charity.

Events for May

May 6th Tuesday

Coffee Morning at Glebe House,
The Street, Lyng. 10.30am

May 16th Friday

10am. Friends of Bawdeswell Church Flower
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Local Church News

During Lent we have been able to welcome both the Archdeacon and the Rural Dean to preside and preach at Benefice Eucharists at Bawdeswell. It was good to see about 40 people in the congregation on each occasion. The Archdeacon of Lynn, The Venerable John Ashe, came as part of his four-yearly visitation to the benefice. The Archdeacon visits each benefice to see how the parishes are progressing, to check that everything is being kept in good order and to give an opportunity to discuss issues raised by the benefice. On this occasion, we discussed the vacancy and the review of benefice and deanery boundaries which had recently been initiated.

The Rural Dean of Sparham, The Reverend Tim Dean, came as part of his role during a vacancy. Tim has been a great help in finding clergy to take services while we are without a rector. He is now doubly busy because the Foulsham benefice will also be vacant when The Revd Veronica Wilson moves to Heacham.

The vacancy for an incumbent of the FLEBBS benefice will be advertised in the Church Times and on the Diocesan website during May with interviews likely to be in June.

As mentioned above, a review of benefice boundaries is in progress and all PCC members in the Sparham Deanery have been invited to a conference to discuss possible changes and adjustments on 24th May. The intention of the review is to try to work out the best pattern of ministry to sustain and enhance the mission of the church within the Norwich Diocese for the next twenty years or so. It sounds like process which will take quite a time.

*William Mason
Churchwarden, Bawdeswell*

On Sunday 13th April Bishop Tony Footitt led the One More Step service, this time at Foxley. This was his first experience of our Outreach service and it was a great success. We all learned something and the atmosphere was very congenial and relaxed. We are very grateful to Bishop Tony for agreeing to take on the One More Step series of services and we look forward to them around the Benefice in the coming months.

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WHY BELIEVE IN GOD? – AND GO TO CHURCH

(From The Reeve's Tale, April 2003)

Christians believe in God and go to church because they believe they have been called and attracted by Christ. They also have many human needs which they hope the church will meet.

In 1998 a school in Chula Vista set a homework assignment for its 3rd grade students. Here is the edited response of one pupil, Danny Dutton, then aged 8 years, to the topic: "EXPLAIN GOD".

It provides much to provoke thought and discussion on the nature and purpose of the church and our communal and personal relationship with God. I hope you may give time to read Danny's simple yet profound words. They contain much of value.

Explain God – written by Danny Dutton (aged 8)

"One of God's main jobs is making people. He makes these to put in place of the ones that die, so that there will be enough people to take care of things here on earth. He doesn't make grownups – just babies. I think because they are smaller and easier to make.

Jesus is God's son. He used to do all the hard work, like walking on water and doing miracles and trying to teach people about God who didn't want to learn. They finally got tired of Jesus preaching to them and they crucified him. But he was good and kind like his Father, and he told his Father that they didn't know what they were doing and to forgive them. God said OK.

His Dad (God) appreciated everything he had done and all his work on earth, so he told him he didn't have to go out on the road any more. He could stay in heaven. So he did, and now he helps his Dad out by listening to prayers and seeing which things are important to God to take care of and which things he can take care of himself, without having to bother God. Like a secretary, only more important of course.

You can pray at any time you want and they are sure to hear you because they got it worked out so one of them is on duty all the time. You should go to church because it makes God happy, and if there's anybody you want to make happy, it's God. Don't skip going to church to do something you think will be more fun. That's wrong! If you don't believe in God, you will be very lonely, because your parents can't go everywhere with you all the time.

It's good to know that God is around when you're scared of the dark or when you can't swim very well and you get thrown in real deep water by the big kids. I figure he put me here and can take me back any time he pleases.

And that's why I believe in God".

Revd Tom Candeland

CHURCH SERVICES May 2014

Date	04/05	11/05	18/05	25/05
Season	The Third Sunday of Easter	The Fourth Sunday of Easter	The Fifth Sunday of Easter	The Sixth Sunday of Easter
Colour	W	W	White	White
Foxley	09.00 HC RH 1		10.30 HC RH 2	18.30 EP CW
Lyng	No services due to building works			
Elsing	10.30 HC Martin Gray		10.30 W&P CW	09.00 HC RH 2
Bawdeswell	10.30 HC RH 2	10.30 OMS Bishop Tony	10.30 GiG	10.30 WP CW
Bylaugh		9.00 HC PB TW		9.00 MP CW
Sparham	10.30 OASIS		09.00 HC RH 2	10.30 HC RH 2

RH1 The Reverend Canon Richard Hanmer

RH2 The Reverend Canon Robin Hewetson

TW The Reverend Tim Weston