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Saturday 12th March - 7.30pm start

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Saturday 9th April - 7.30pm start

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With Maggie Smith, Jim Broadbent, Frances del la Tour

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Dates for your diary are Saturdays 14th May, 11th June, 9th July, 13th August, 10th September, 8th October, 12th November & 10th December.

Hall Open 6.30 pm – Tea & Coffee Available in Reception

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Welcome

Lots going on

Is it just my imagination, or is there more going on in our villages than ever before?

With every passing month, we're trying to squeeze details of more regular events and special occasions into The Reeve's Tale. It's great to see so many different opportunities for our communities.

The success of the new Bawdeswell Village Hall is certainly contributing to the list of events as it attracts more people along to try new things. So perhaps Breckland's interest in the village as a possible Local Service Centre should come as no surprise. It's interesting to hear the different views on the matter.

With Easter early this year, we hope you'll all be able to enjoy some time with family and friends over the long weekend.

Emma and Gavin Raines

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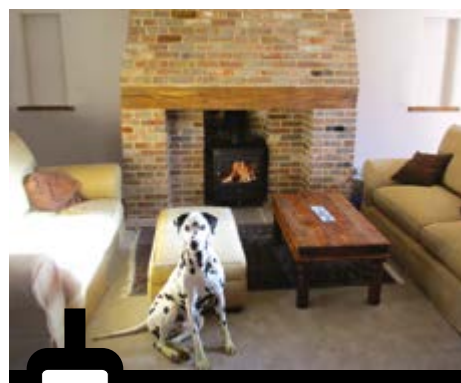
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March Events

Event	Date	Location(s)
Alpha Film showing	Tues 1st Mar	Bawdeswell Village Hall; 7.30pm
FAB	Wed 2nd Mar	Foxley Village Hall; 10.30am
Book Club	Thurs 3rd Mar	The Old Workhouse; 8.00pm
Bawdeswell Parish Council meeting	Mon 7th Mar	Bawdeswell Village Hall; 7.30pm
Friends of Bawdeswell School	Tues 8th Mar	Bawdeswell Village Hall; 6.00pm
Talk by Shelagh Ashe	Thurs 10th Mar	Bawdeswell Village Hall; 2.00pm
Ladies' Craft Club	Thurs 10th Mar	Bawdeswell Village Hall; 2.00pm
Bawdeswell Village Cinema	Sat 12th Mar	Bawdeswell Village Hall; 7.00pm for 7.30pm
Foxley Coffee Morning	Wed 16th Mar	Foxley Village Hall; 10.30am
The Grand Bawdeswell Model Railway Show	Sat 19th Mar	Bawdeswell Village Hall; 10.30am - 4.30pm
Alpha Film showing	Tues 22nd Mar	Bawdeswell Village Hall; 7.30pm
Ladies' Craft Club	Thurs 24th Mar	Bawdeswell Village Hall; 2.00pm

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Slimming World	Mon. 5.00pm	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Pilates	Mon. 7.10pm	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Table Tennis	Mon. 7.30pm	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Beck WI	2nd Mon. of each month 7.30pm	Old Schoolroom, Sparham
Short Mat bowls	Mon. 7pm - 9pm & Fri 2pm- 4pm	Foxley Village Hall
Hub Cafe	Tues. 9am - 12pm	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Kettlebells (ATP)	Tues. 6.30pm - 7.20pm	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Fitness Yoga (ATP)	Tues. 7.30pm - 8.15pm	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Bridge	Tues. 7.15pm, Friday 2.00pm	Tues: Foxley Village Hall, Friday: Bawdeswell VH
Countrysiders	Wed. 7.00pm alternate weeks	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Table Tennis	Wed. evening	Foxley Village Hall
Kettlebells with Lucy	Thurs. 6.30pm	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Boxercise	Thurs. 7.30pm - 8.30pm	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Little Monkeys	Fri. (term time) 9.30 - 11.30am	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Val's Keep-Fit	Sat. 9.30am - 10.30am	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Games Afternoon	Sat. 2.00pm	Bawdeswell Village Hall

Other Local Events

Event	Time/Date	Description
Spring Fair	Saturday 12 March; 10am - 12pm	At Lyng Village Hall
Sparham Spring Bazaar	Saturday 19 March; 10am - 12pm	At Sparham Old School Room
Seder Meal	Saturday 19 March; 6.30pm	At Sparham Old School Room, free tickets from Sandi on 688268
Good Friday service, walk and refreshments	Friday 25 March; 10am - 2.00pm	10.00am: Good Friday service, Elsing Church followed by a walk to Lyng 11.30am: short devotion at Lyng Church 12.00pm: refreshment at Lyng Rectory

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Letters

Irene Emily Ames

(25.06.1918 – 13.01.2016)

Irene was reunited with her husband, John, in Bawdeswell Cemetery on a cold, blustery afternoon, Wednesday 26th January. The service in the church and at the graveside was beautiful and moving and the presence of many friends and family members, 80 in the church, made the occasion very special indeed.

My parents came to Bawdeswell in 1970 and entered into village life with enthusiasm. They had a happy, full life until John died in 1994, a victim of cancer. The light had gone out but she soldiered on in her beloved Barwick House for a further 20 years until she needed the care that Hill Barn gave her for her last year.

This is a son's opportunity to say a huge thank you to all those, past and present, who gave part of themselves to enrich my mother's life. As for the funeral, it was just what she wanted.

J.A.

George Brooks

Edna and family would like to thank everybody who supported them in their difficult time following George's death. Your messages and thoughts were a great comfort and much appreciated.

George was buried in Dereham on 3rd February after a service at St Nicholas Church.

Born at Dumpling Green in 1928 he left school at 14, worked at Hobbies of Dereham and on the land. They moved to Bawdeswell in the 1980s and in his retirement he became a much appreciated handyman in the village. George and Edna had three daughters, and have six grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren.

He was a familiar sight around the village on his electric buggy and always had a friendly smile for everyone. He was a gentle soul and will be sadly missed.

R.T.



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Breckland Local Plan

I'd like to thank all the villagers who turned up at All Saints' Church on Monday 1st February to listen to a Breckland Planning Officer explain why Bawdeswell had been nominated as a 'Local Service Centre'. The church was full proving that the village does care about its future in regards to building projects. I was very pleased to see the Breckland representative have to answer searching questions but be treated with respect.

I, like the vast majority of those present, was not convinced that we deserved to be a 'Local Service Centre' and that as an LSC we would be subjected to large scale developments. Our village has no doctors' surgery, a poor bus service, a school nearly always full, a congested main street and very little employment availability. It is difficult to understand how Breckland Council can think that makes our village suitable for increased property development.

I am sure the representative from Breckland left the meeting knowing the strength of feeling in the village. I also hope that sufficient villagers wrote/emailed Breckland to object to us being designated a 'Local Service Centre' so as to make them reconsider and prevent the ruination of our lovely village.

Bill Cunliffe

Are we worrying too much?

At the recent open meeting in Bawdeswell to hear Breckland Planning Department's suggestion for future expansion of Bawdeswell, there was strong opposition to the figure of 35 new houses over the next 20 years.

In the forty years we have lived in Bawdeswell, 90 houses have been built and if you go back just five more years a further 63 were built in the Hall Road development.

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Dog fouling (again)

Although there was a letter in the winter Reeve's Tale, the complaints of dog dirt on the pavements and alleys of the village are still coming in. There are so many responsible dog owners who then are tarred with the irresponsibility brush because of this, and they are rightly indignant. Those that have dogs, walk them and do not clear up are irresponsible – and how would they feel if their children, pushchairs and shoes were contaminated by faeces? Just as dogs rely on their owners to be fed and exercised, their mess has to be cleared from pavements and walking areas as they cannot do it themselves! It only takes a polythene bag and then a red bin to dispose of it.

Should you see someone blatantly walk away from fouling, the advice is to take a photo on your phone – it really is important to have evidence so it may be reported to the council.

Please look after your dogs and the village surroundings responsibly so that we can all enjoy our walks.



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Foxley Bells

This is just to let the people of Foxley know that Mike Clements, the experienced bell ringer who was the Foxley Band's first tutor, is to form a band and ring a peal of 5040 changes of Surprise Minor on Foxley's bells starting at approximately 2pm and finishing by 5pm on Saturday 14th May 2016.

A Peal Board in Foxley tower says that a peal of 5040 changes of four Minor methods was rung on 30th of April 1949 so this is to be the first attempt for at least 50 years.

Charles Neale (for Foxley Ringers & PCC)

Volunteers needed

On Saturday 26th March from 10.30am, help is required by children to do the Easter Garden and window sills at Bawdeswell Church for Easter. All are welcome to come and help!

Contact **Sue Lilwall** for more details on **01362 688240**.

New Bible Study group

Starting shortly: Home Bible Study group which will meet weekly here at Park House, Dereham Road, Bawdeswell.

For more information please telephone us, **Robert** and **Ellen Eglington** on **01362 688233** or email us at **roberteglington@btinternet.com**

Beetley F.C. 50 Year Celebration

March 19th 2016, Swanton Morley Village Hall, 8pm – 12pm

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At Scribbles Pre-school we have been busy celebrating National Storytelling Week by a visit from local author, Peter Tye, who kindly came in and read two of his Little Red Tractor stories to us. We are very grateful to him for engaging our children in such a rich learning experience.

We have also covered lots of other stories this week including fairy tales and Black Beauty by another famous Norfolk author, Anna Sewell.

We would also like to thank our friends at Swannington Windows for the new book shelves in our numeracy and literacy areas. These look amazing and have allowed the children to access books all the time themselves.

We are now open Monday - Friday with before and after school care available. Check out our fantastic new website with full details of our setting www.scribblespre-schoolgroup.co.uk

Conservation Volunteers' new project

The community volunteering charity TCV (The Conservation Volunteers) has received £39,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for an exciting project, Themelthorpe's Natural Connections, in the middle of Norfolk.

Led by volunteers from the local community, the project focuses on improving wildlife habitats and access to the countryside at two significant sites of natural heritage - Foxley Wood and Mayfields Farm.

From 5th February, there will be opportunities for people in the local area to meet new friends and learn new skills at any of a series of sessions which will run each Friday. There will be a mixture of practical tasks (such as tree care and restoring ponds) with learning to identify plants and animals. Participants do not need to be physically fit or have any previous experience - anyone over 18 can join in (16-17 year olds with parental permission). There will be a free minibus from Dereham town centre so that people without their own transport will have the chance to join in too.

The project's two main sites are only a mile apart. Foxley Wood Norfolk Wildlife Trust reserve is the county's largest ancient woodland. Over 350 flowering plants have been found here, including carpets of bluebells in Spring, and the site is also a haven for butterflies. Mayfields Farm is a 40 acre smallholding, owned by the Countryside

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Restoration Trust. Here there are hedges, young and mature trees (including a new traditional orchard), areas of rough grassland and ponds.

The head of the HLF in the East, Robyn Llewellyn, said: "This is an excellent project for the people of Mid Norfolk. As well as the vast collection of traditional countryside skills they will develop, this project will introduce people to some of the most important wildlife habitats in the country, and enable them to take action to conserve these special places for future generations."

Anyone wanting further information or a programme of activities should contact Mark Webster on **07843 069 567** or via **m.webster@tcv.org.uk**. More details about the activities can be found at **www.tcv.org.uk/norfolk**

Dates for March:

Date	Site	Activity
Friday 4th March	Mayfields Farm	The Wind in the Willows – coppicing shrubs
Friday 11th March	Foxley Wood	Foxley Ladies - and Gentlemen – get coppicing
Friday 18th March	Spaham Pools (TBC)	Out for a duck (or two) – birdwatching and ID
Friday 25th March	Foxley Wood	Can you twig it? Winter/spring tree identification

Sparham Church Spring Bazaar

Saturday 19th March, 10am

Delicious home-made refreshments and cakes to buy. Take your chances on the tombola and raffle, browse the bric-a-brac and books for sale! Or just come for a coffee and a chat. Everyone welcome.

Judith Pryke (On behalf of St Mary's PCC, Sparham)



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Bawdeswell Village Hall



We are pleased to say that the New Year has got off to a very busy start with increased attendance being reported at many of the events and regular meetings taking place.

Enquiries have also increased and it seems that on at least one night a week all the rooms will be let on a regular basis.

The 50 new chairs that have been provided 'free' through a grant that David Cockburn applied for have been a great success. If we can raise enough funds in the future these are the chairs we'd like for the main hall.

It's wonderful to see work starting on improving the car park and we look forward to seeing this completed; it really will enhance the whole area. We know there is still much to do and funds to secure, but it's been a great start and everybody seems to be getting behind the project.

At our last meeting the trustees reviewed the updated project outcomes, change indicators and timescales form for the lottery and we are now pulling together our first mid-term report. These are very extensive but one of our obligations and requirements.

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Book Club

"The Luminaries"
by Eleanor Catton



This was our 'December Read'. A good idea at the time, but perhaps not with hindsight. It won the Booker Prize in 2013 and has been much lauded. It has more than 800 pages and my copy was heavier than a bag of sugar.



OK, not many of us managed to finish it, but our group discussion was very lively. This book made us think about the nature of books; what a good book should be; why we liked characters; why we hated others and how we each relate to books and stories that we read. So that made it worthwhile.

For those of us who did finish it? Well, we were enthusiastic about the story's construction (it's very complicated) but some of us felt, I think, a bit cheated when we got to the end of the book, because that isn't where the story ends. No, that would be too easy.

Should you read it? Well, it depends...

Carolyn Good

*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 "City of Women" by David Gillham for discussion at our meeting on the 3rd March 2016.
Enquiries: Marietta Menzies 01362 688400.*

Mobile library dates for 2016

16th February	2nd August
15th March	30th August
12th April	27th September
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Clubs and Societies



Bawdeswell Ladies' Craft Club

We have started the year with members not being available for various reasons, and numbers were so low we cancelled one meeting. So if anyone turned up and was disappointed we weren't there, please accept our apologies.



We have had a sort out of accumulated knits and given a large amount to Norfolk Knitters for the various charities they support. We have plenty of wool and will soon replenish our stock and hope to have a sales table at the events being planned for the summer.

Our March meeting dates are 10th and 24th at 2pm in the Village Hall. New members are always welcome.

Enquiries: Marietta Menzies 01362 688400



Bridge Club

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The JayCee Bridge Club holds two weekly sessions. We meet every Tuesday evening at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start at the Foxley Village Hall, and every Friday afternoon at 2.15pm for a 2.30pm start at the Bawdeswell Village Hall in the Meeting Room. Please contact Roger or Patsy for information, or to confirm a session is to take place. Whilst we aspire to play well, our range of bridge playing abilities means that it's really bridge for fun! No regular partners are needed.

Roger Fryatt: 01362 688627 or Patsy Catchpole: 01362 688352.



The Friends of Bawdeswell School

We meet every second Tuesday of the month at Bawdeswell Village Hall Meeting Room, 6pm. New members always welcome. Help as little or as much as you like.



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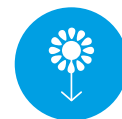
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The following sessions start at 2pm in Bawdeswell Village Hall:

March: 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd

April: 12th, 19th

May: 17th

We have a special session on July 5th which will run from 10am until around 3.30pm.

Contact **Sue Lilwall** on **01362 688240** for further information.



Beck WI

We are a very enthusiastic group who meet on the second Monday of each month at 7.30pm in the Old School Room at Sparham. Our WI continues to support a number of charities including the homeless and the Magdalene Group and we already have a varied programme for 2016.

On February 8th, one of our members, Sue Wells, gave us a really enjoyable demonstration of card making which was a new venture for most of us. Sue supplied us with an array of paper, embossing powder and ink pads after which we all tried our hands (some more proficiently than others!) at creating our own unique masterpiece to take away. Many thanks go to Sue for giving us both inspiration and excellent supervision.

Next meeting March 14th – A SURPRISE TOPIC!

Guests are very welcome to join us – we had three more potential members come along to the last meeting.

We are always looking to recruit new members. Please contact **Christine Woor** on **01603 872427** or **Liz Waddy** on **01362 688910** for further information.



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Apart from the usual cakes, coffees and teas, coupled with excellent company, there will be a follow up talk by Doctor Barrie Lawrence on his humorous experiences in dentistry. He has named his talk 'Licence to Drill' and is sure to have us in stitches!

Add to that our famous raffle, the 'Freebie' table and JigSaw swap, it's another meeting not to be missed.

Admission is free and newcomers are always welcome.

If getting there is a problem or for any other enquiries, please ring:

Bill and Jackie Cunliffe on **688956** or Janet Cockburn on **688749**.



Little Monkeys Parent and Toddler Group

Come along to our friendly, local group for parents, grandparents and their 0-5 year olds. Have a chat and a cuppa while your little one plays. Each week we are joined by Mary Lovett for a fun and entertaining music session.

Find us at Bawdeswell Village Hall every Friday during term time, 9.30-11.30am. Only £2 for you and your 'little monkey' (50p for each additional monkey).

For more information, contact Kate on **688911**, Gabby on **07920 827923** or Emily on **688263**.



Bawdeswell Table Tennis Club

We have a 'firm' booking for every Monday evening at Bawdeswell Village Hall from 7.30-9.30pm. DO COME ALONG. Players of any level experience will find it easy to get back into playing. It is a great way to exercise and we really enjoy ourselves too. Some of us pop into the pub after for a well earned drink!

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To book a community car, please ring Sylvia McColville on **01362 688189**, and should she be unavailable to take your call, Angela Shannon (**688111**) will make the arrangements. If you leave a message, please leave your name, address and telephone number clearly so that your call may be returned at the earliest opportunity.

I am very pleased to welcome two new drivers to the scheme, and would like to thank our small band of drivers who have kept the scheme going over the winter. If there is anyone who would like to join us as a driver, please contact me on **688111** for further details.

Angela Shannon – CCS Co-ordinator



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Tuesday	Bawdeswell Church	9.00am - 12.00pm
Tuesday	Foulsham, New Frost Hall	12.30pm - 3.30pm
Wednesday	Bintree Church	8.30am - 10.30am
Thursday	Foulsham, New Frost Hall	8.30am - 11.30am
Thursday	Lenwade, Bridge Inn	12.00pm - 2.00pm
Friday	Bawdeswell Church	9.00am - 12.00pm
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Parish Councils

Bawdeswell Parish Council Meeting 1st February 2016

Present: D. Shannon (Chair), W. Mason, J. Lilwall, J. Mallen, T. Smith, R. Reed and B. Cunliffe, and Mrs. J. Boxall (Clerk).

Members of the public: 11

Breckland Local Plan

The main focus of the evening was on the draft Breckland Local Plan. Over 60 residents were present at a preceding public meeting with a Breckland District Council Planning Officer. The Officer provided information and answered questions on the draft Plan. Concern was expressed over access to the already stretched local services – school, doctors, sewerage system etc, as well as the already inadequate public transport service. The PC acknowledged that it was important to take into account residents' views. A draft response encompassing these views was circulated as a basis for discussion. The PC resolved by majority that 'The Parish Council strongly believes that Bawdeswell should not be designated a Local Service Centre' and that 'Bawdeswell wants a strong settlement boundary with little room for major development, but it is not averse to some limited flexibility in exceptional planning applications which seeks to promote the needs of the village.' A copy of the Council's full submission can be found on their website under News. Residents were encouraged to submit their own individual views to Breckland before the deadline of 22nd February.

Recreation Ground Car Park

The PC discussed the urgent need to refurbish the Recreation Ground car parking area. Following the recent bad weather and increased usage the area has deteriorated and desperately needs attention. Thanks were expressed to Andrew Toomey, for all his work in researching solutions and obtaining quotes which were circulated to Councillors for consideration. The PC resolved to allocate the sum of £11,000 from general reserve to the budget for the refurbishment. As it was recognised that it would be necessary to seek further donations and obtain grant funding (which would delay the project), the remaining funds from Project Bawdeswell would be made available for any temporary and separate repairs to help ensure the safety of recreation ground and village hall users.

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Can you help turn a swimming pool into a car park? The recreation ground car park is in dire need of refurbishment, particularly drainage, without which the new Village Hall and recreational facilities will suffer. The cost is estimated at over £36,000 and we need help. The PC is currently looking at possible grant funding, but to be successful we need to demonstrate willingness by the community to dig deep into our pockets. Can you help?

If so, please send your donations (with cheques made out to Bawdeswell Parish Council) to either the Clerk or Chair David Shannon, 2 All Saints Court, NR20 4UP.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 7th March 2016 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

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

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

Foxley Parish Council Meeting 11th February 2016

Present: Councillors N. Mears (Chairman), J. Harvey (Vice-Chairman), D. Barrett, N. Hatch, L. Rose (Clerk) & 7 residents.

Apologies for absence: G Bambridge (District Councillor).

Minutes of last meeting: The minutes of the last Parish Council meeting held on 3rd December 2015 were agreed and signed.

Declarations of Interest: None

Progress on items from the last agenda: Highways: Road signs are still missing from East Foxley, highways are aware of the problem. Loose dog: The dog is allowed to run loose and continues to be foul gardens in The Street. The clerk will contact the Dog Warden with photographic evidence.

Planning: Longacre, Chapel Road West. No objections. Awaiting decision from Breckland Council.



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Breckland Local Plan: The chairman explained that Foxley is a small village and has no amenities, so therefore will not be considered a service centre. The view of the council was that they were happy to remain in the small village category and that the proposed settlement boundary should not change. This was also the view of those residents at the meeting. Residents were urged to contact Breckland Council separately to make their views known.

Finance: Summary of Accounts: The financial report for the period 3rd December 2015 - 10th February 2016 was agreed and signed.

Approved Payments: The following payments were agreed:

Cheque no: 100418 NPTP Clerk's training course

Cheque no: 100419 Clerk's expenses

Cheque no: 100420 VAT reclaim to Village Hall

Residents' items: Blocked drains in The Street opposite Lawrence Place and Heather Cottage – clerk to contact Breckland Council to request drains to be cleared. Concern was expressed about the amount of dog fouling and litter on the Chapel Road East near Cherry Tree cottages, especially as this is a popular play area for children.

Transparency code: The clerk explained that under the Transparency Code for Smaller Councils it is now mandatory to publish all key spending and governance information on a website. A grant is available for the hardware and training. The council decided that the clerk should apply for a grant.

Changes to the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015: The council decided that Foxley Council should select the 'opt-out' option.

Correspondence: Breckland acknowledged receipt of the precept. VAT reclaim received for Foxley Village Hall for flooring expenditure. Breckland Council has proposed that in the future planning applications will be paperless - sent by email only. Members of the council were not happy that plans intended to be printed A1 or A2 size will have to be viewed on-screen or printed on A4 paper.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday, 19th May 2016 for the AGM, Parish Meeting and Council Meeting and Thursday 28th June 2016.

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Church News

The Friends of Bawdeswell Church

We had a most enjoyable evening on Saturday 23rd January when we hosted our 100 Club's members for the annual reception at the village hall. It's a lovely social occasion and gives us the opportunity to say thank you for all their support, we also give an update on our work and the programme of events we have organised for 2016.



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If you are interested in joining the 100 club membership is £26 and application forms can be found at the back of the church, on our website or from a committee member.



We have an exciting programme for 2016:

March 10th: 'Mind the Gap - keeping the border full throughout the year' illustrated talk by well-known garden designer, writer and consultant Shelagh Ashe - 2pm, followed by tea, at the Village Hall

April 16th: 'Race Night' with supper - 7pm, Village Hall

July 10th: 'Concert & Picnic with Taverham Brass Band' Last Night of the Proms - gates open at 6.30pm, Village Hall

October 1st: 'Harvest Supper with Quiz' - 7pm, Village Hall

December 10th: 'Christmas Wreaths, Crafts & Season Fare' - Church 10am - 2pm

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Letter from Lyn



The weather has been unseasonal this year with the spring flowers in bloom in the first week of February. The same could be said for Easter this year, as it falls on one of the earliest dates possible in the year. Easter Day can be anywhere between 22nd March and the 24th April depending on the year. Perhaps, it means we can look forward to a longer summer season.

At this time of year our thoughts turn to Easter week and the school holidays. Easter is a time when we can assess our lives, as the disciples did when they began to realise that Jesus was still with them on that first Easter morning. They had begun to return to their old lives, convinced that Jesus' death on the cross was an end to all their hopes for the future. In reality, it was the beginning of more than they had dared to dream of. Easter is a time to start again, reawaken old hopes and dreams. To let God bring light into our world that lights up dark places and brings us hope.

There are lots of things planned for Easter this year details of which are listed in this magazine. Among the events is a children's workshop in Bawdeswell church on the Saturday before Easter Sunday. This will give the children an opportunity to help create decorations for the church for Easter day.

In the weeks before Easter there is the Lyng Spring Fair and the Sparham Spring Bazaar on 12th and 19th March respectively. In addition, on the evening of Saturday 19th March, there will be a Seder Meal in the Old School Room in Sparham, all are welcome. On Friday 25th March, there will be a walk from Elsing Church to Lyng Church with Easter bible readings. After the walk, between 12pm and 2pm everybody is welcome to join me at the Rectory for hot cross buns and refreshments.

Wishing you all a fruitful and happy Easter.




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All Saints', Bawdeswell

The GiG has become one of our best-attended services each month since we launched it about 10 years ago as a service for all ages, but especially for families with children. We now have a thriving Music Group who lead us in contemporary worship songs and we include some drama and other interactive elements in the services. The service has evolved and we are going to change its name to "The 10:30", but it remains a service which is contemporary and relaxed and welcoming to all ages, particularly children. We look forward to seeing you at The 10:30 on Easter Day and then on the third Sunday of each month.

Services for Easter at Bawdeswell include a Palm Sunday (20th) service with distribution of palm crosses at 10:30, Maundy Thursday (24th) Holy Communion at 19:30 followed by a vigil, and The 10:30 on Easter Day (27th). There will be a dawn service of Holy Communion at Bylaugh on Easter Day at 06:30.

Over 80 people attended the funeral of Irene Ames on 26 January. Irene had been a member of the PCC for many years and a faithful member of the congregation. She also opened and closed the church each day until her health failed. The collection at her funeral was kindly directed to the Fabric Fund and amounted to £288.78.

The Norfolk Churches Trust Cycle Ride in 2015 raised £425.45 for the parish, also for the Fabric Fund. This will help towards the clock repairs which we hope will be completed soon.

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Bawdeswell Village Hall, Reepham Road, Bawdeswell, NR20 4RT
Saturday 5th March 2016 – Doors & Bar Open from 7pm for 7.30 start



“A Shackleton Odyssey”

by

Roger Smith

Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society

Tickets £10

2016 marks the 100th anniversary of the dramatic rescue by Sir Ernest Shackleton of his crew from the *Endurance*. Shackleton's epic journey into Antarctica in 1914-1916 has been described as one of the most astonishing feats of exploration and human courage ever recorded. The expedition's boat, the *Endurance*, was first trapped in the ice and then crushed before sinking; after which the party camped on ice-floes until they had to make their onward journey to Elephant Island in three lifeboats. From here Shackleton and five others completed the 850 mile sea passage to South Georgia in the 22 foot long lifeboat *James Caird*. On landing on the wrong side of the island he and two others crossed the glaciers of South Georgia eventually reaching Stromness from where the successful rescue of all of his men began.

This lecture by Roger Smith, a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, tells the story of an Aurora Expeditions' party, of which he was a member. 95 years later (in 2011), they retraced some of the original journey. After visiting the Antarctic Peninsular, an ice-strengthened boat, the *Polar Pioneer*, moved to the position where Shackleton's party took to the lifeboats in the Weddell Sea. From here it closely followed the original route to Elephant Island and South Georgia, where a successful crossing following Shackleton's route from King Haskon Bay to Stromness was made, with two nights spent camped on the glaciers.

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Church Services

March Church Services

Date	06/03	13/03	20/03	24/03	25/03	27/03
Season	Fourth Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday	Fifth Sunday of Lent Wednesday	Palm Sunday	Maundy Thursday	Good Friday	Easter Day
Colour	P	P	R	W		G/W
Foxley	10.30 MP		10.30 HC1		With Sparham	09.00 HC1
Lyng	09.00 HC 1		Deanery Lent Evensong at N. Elmham		11.30 Short devotion	With Elsing
Elsing	10.30 HC 1	10.30 OMS	10.30 W&P		10.00 Ante Comm. and silent walk to Lyng	10.30 HC 1
Bawdeswell	10.30 HC 1		10.30 W&P	19.30 Vigil		The 10:30 (GiG)
Bylaugh		09.00 HC PB				06.30 Dawn Eucharist
Sparham	10.30 Oasis		09.00 HC PB		12.00 Ante Comm.	10.30 HC PB

Deanery Lent Evensong Services 4.00pm

March 13th Reepham, Preacher The Reverend Margaret Dean

March 20th North Elmham, Preacher The Venerable John Ashe

Key:

W&P: Words and Praise

Oasis: Café Service

HC: Holy Communion

HC 1: Holy Communion Order 1

The 10:30: Informal all-age worship

OMS: One More Step

EP: Evening Prayer

PB: Prayer Book



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