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# WELCOME

Hoping that by the time this edition reaches your door we will be easing out of lockdown and therefore able to make use of the various businesses and services mentioned in the magazine.

All events are of course subject to the ongoing guidance from the Government and regular events will only commence when safe to do so. They are included as some might be possible later in the month

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Anne and team

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## June Events

Event	Date	Location(s)
<p><b>All June Events are cancelled</b></p> <p><b>due to the outbreak of the Coronavirus</b></p> <p><b>following the Government advice</b></p>		

### Other local events

Event	When	Details
<b>Reepham Gardening Club</b>		<p>Following the Government advice over the Coronavirus our meetings have been cancelled until further notice.</p> <p>We are hoping that our Programme of Events will resume in July, but please follow updates via our website <a href="http://www.reephamgardenclub.org.uk">http://www.reephamgardenclub.org.uk</a></p> <p>Updates will be found in Recent Content.</p> <p>Once again, our apologies, but this is due to circumstances beyond our control.</p> <p>For further information please contact Jeff Johnson (<a href="mailto:jeffandcaroljohnson@yahoo.co.uk">jeffandcaroljohnson@yahoo.co.uk</a>)</p>



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## Regular Events Information

Event	Time/Date	Location
Slimming World	Mon. 5.30pm	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Beck WI	2nd Mon. of each month 7.30pm	Old Schoolroom, Sparham
Short Mat bowls	Mon. 7pm - 9pm & Fri 7pm- 9pm	Foxley Village Hall
Hub Cafe	Tues. 9.30am - 12pm	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Zumba Toning	Tues. 9am to 10am	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Zumba Flow	Tues. 10am to 11am	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Pilates	Tues. 6.15pm	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Bridge	Tues. 6.45pm, Friday 2.15pm	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Zumba Gold	Wed. 9am to 10am	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Yoga	Wed. 10.30am to 11.30am	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Youth Football Club	Wed. 6.00pm - 8.00pm	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Weight Watchers	Wed. 6.00pm	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Kettlebells	Thurs. 3.15 - 4.15pm	Foxley Village Hall
Little Monkeys	Fri. (term time) 9.15 - 11.30am	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Games Afternoon	Sat. 1.30pm	Bawdeswell Village Hall

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# VILLAGE NEWS

## Bawdeswell Village Hall



### Welcome to our June Newsletter.

As everyone says, these are strange times, and under current government guidelines our Hall is still closed. There are things still happening though...

The Trustees are continuing to look after our Hall. We would like to thank John Mallen for continuing to make regular checks on all parts of the building, and we would especially like to thank David Shannon for his huge effort in shampooing our foyer carpet. A beautifully clean carpet is one positive outcome from being closed down!

The lockdown has also given our secretary - some, dare I say, 'spare time' to get to grips with taking over and preparing our monthly accounts. Thank you, Lindsay!

We are also launching our new-look website. Feedback suggested that we should create a 'slimmer' version that would be simpler to use. By the time you read this the new website will be live – just look for [bawdeswellvillagehall.co.uk](http://bawdeswellvillagehall.co.uk). We would love to hear your feedback: you will find our contact details on the site, please do get in touch!

**We look forward to a time when we can all celebrate our re-opening!**

**Take care everyone!**

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## **An Excerpt from the History of Bawdeswell**

*on [www.bawdeswell.net](http://www.bawdeswell.net)*

**The village** is mentioned in the Norwich Domesday Book around 1286. It was immortalised by the 14C poet Geoffrey Chaucer as the home of *The Reeve* in his *Canterbury Tales* – “*Of Northfolk was this Reve of which I telle, beside a toun menclepen Baldeswelle.*”

Bawdeswell has grown up at a point where six long established routes met. It has been an important stopping off point for the changing of horses and coaches and for refreshment. There were once four inns.

Today Bawdeswell is perhaps best known for its neo-Georgian Church, its popular Garden Centre and its busy General Store.

**Roman road** Through Bawdeswell runs an important Roman road.

It ran from Durobrivae near Peterborough, across the Fen Causeway to Denver, followed Fincham Drove and crossed Peddar’s Way between Castle Acre and Swaffham, thence towards North Elmham and Billingford, to Bawdeswell and Jordans Green, and on to Smallburgh.

Where the road leaves Bawdeswell to the East it is known as Common Lane – it ran across the former Bawdeswell Common.

If you walk down Common Lane and look across towards the Reepham Road and to Foxley Wood beyond, you can picture the large common as it was before the Enclosures of 1808.

The present Bawdeswell Heath is but part of what was Belaugh Heath on old maps. It was left in Trust to the villagers of Bawdeswell for the gathering of firewood and gravel.

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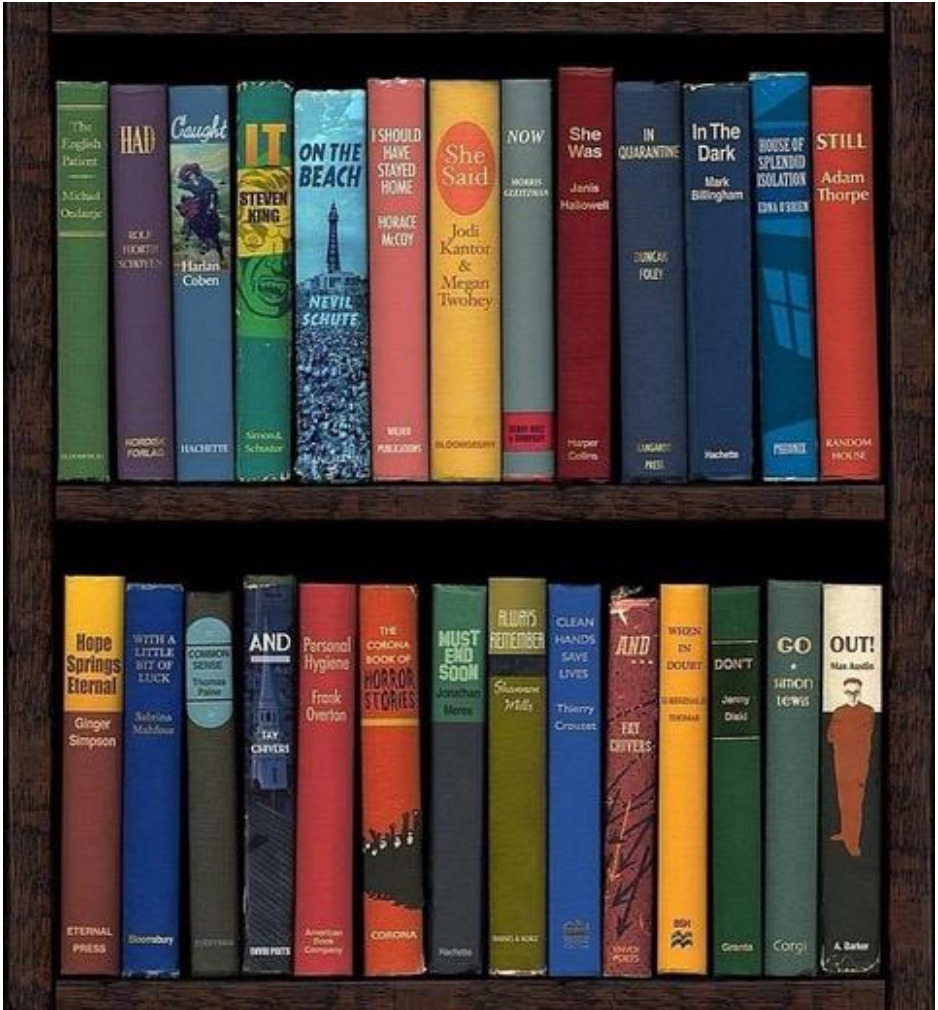


## Book Club

### Book Club Gatherings

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## Bawdeswell Bowls Club

### Coronavirus up date.

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Who's been playing on our bowling green?  
While the folks are away the Gnomes will play



## Bintree Bowls Club

Due to the Coronavirus situation, our coming 1920/21 season looks to be a complete wipe out. All our league matches have been cancelled. We can only hope that in a few months we can manage to have the odd roll up.

Our website [bintreebowlsclub.co.uk](http://bintreebowlsclub.co.uk) has a post under the News section to explain the current situation.

The most important thing at the moment is that everyone stays safe and well. Roll on 1920/21!!



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### Bawdeswell Knit and Natter

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### Bridge Club

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The JayCee Bridge Club is now meeting online, until they are able to return to the village hall. 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.

Contact: **Roger Fryatt: 01362 688627 or Patsy Catchpole: 01362 688352**



### Foxley Village Hall Coffee Morning

**June Coffee morning cancelled**

A warm welcome to all. On the third Wednesday of each month. Come along for a coffee and chat with neighbours and friends.



### Beck WI

The Beck is an enthusiastic group which meets on the second Monday of each month at 7.30pm in the Old School Room at Sparham.

**All Meetings cancelled until further notice.** When we return, we will continue to run a very varied programme in 2020 and **non-members are always welcome to join us.**

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**No meeting in June. All meetings cancelled until Foxley Village Hall reopens**



### Iceni Choir

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Check out our website [www.icenichoir.org](http://www.icenichoir.org) for more information.



### Flower Arranging

In Bawdeswell Village Hall, Tuesdays at 2pm

**Meetings cancelled until further notice.**



### Little Monkeys Parent and Toddler Group

Find us at Bawdeswell Village Hall every Friday morning during term time, 9.15-11.30am. £2 for you and your child, 50p for each additional child. Includes snacks.

**Suspended until Bawdeswell Village Hall reopens.**

Come along to our friendly group for babies and pre-schoolers and their parents, grandparents and carers. Have a cuppa and a chat while your little one plays, or maybe join your child for fun craft activities and messy play. Best of all, your home gets to stay nice and tidy...for a morning anyway!

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Not content with Bowls it looks like we may have some new recruits for Bawdeswell Bombers.

# CLUBS AND SOCIETIES



## Cafe Philosophique

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### Nursery Rhymes continued.....

Many nursery rhymes depicted, or evolved from, particular historic events. They are both poetical and musical and in bygone times were an accepted method of passing information by word of mouth.

Such oral knowledge finds its form in our own world. Phrases gleaned from television: *"They think it's all over –it is now!"* or *"The man from Del Monte – he says yes!"* are completely understandable today. Yet, given a century or two ahead, they would be as incomprehensible as the 16<sup>th</sup> century *"Hickory, Dickory, Dock"* is to us today.

Children learn nursery rhymes by heart almost before they know the words that form them. And woe betide the mother, trying to soothe or entertain the toddler, who strays from the true text: "tell it again, properly" insists the child.

As adults we have a string of rhymes embedded in our minds without ever being aware of their meaning. As art-forms they have endured over centuries. They remain as a vague connection with the way our long-lost ancestors made sense of the world.

Jack and Jill  
Went up the hill  
To fetch a pail of water  
Jack fell down  
And broke his crown  
And Jill came tumbling after

The most well-known of all nursery rhymes, appears so nonsensical that a deeper meaning suggests itself. After all, why go up a hill to fetch water? And who would sink a well on the top of a hill? Could, then, the water have some specific purpose? 17<sup>th</sup> Century England has a *Jack* for a half pint of ale while *Jill* is a quarter of a pint. Could this be the cause of Jack and Jill tumbling down the hill? Heigh ho.



A much earlier (12<sup>th</sup> century) Norse poem has a young couple, with equivalent names to Jack and Jill, accused of stealing sacred pails of water from a mountain-top well.

Doctor Forster  
Went to Gloucester  
In a shower of rain  
He stepped in a puddle right up to his middle  
And never went there again

Perhaps a warning to children that if you go splashing in puddles one pothole might be much deeper than you think. Edward 1 (1239-1307) was nicknamed Doctor Foster on account of his learning. On a visit to Gloucester the King and his horse fell into an unpleasant pothole. Trapped in the mud both man and horse had to be hauled out by the townsfolk. One wag has the King asking: "Should I take my feet out of the stirrups?" So humiliated by the incident, Edward vowed never to go there again.

Jack be Nimble  
Jack be quick  
Jack jumped over  
The candlestick.

A present-day skipping rhyme originating from old candle jumping ceremonies. During festivities jumping over a candle was a method of predicting the future. The flame stayed in – good times. Flickered out – bad times ahead. The feast of St Catherine (25 November), the patron saint of unmarried women, gave opportunities for women to seek out a husband. A tall candle was placed on the ground and women would leap over as the crowd called out her name.

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# PARISH COUNCILS

## Update from Bawdeswell Parish Council

Bawdeswell Parish Council did not have a May meeting due to the Coronavirus situation. This is in line with most local Parish Councils.

The councillors do keep in regular contact via e mail and have had only one urgent matter requiring instant response.

This matter was a planning application 3PL/2020/0378/O, for the building of three new houses in Dereham Road.

A similar application, by the same applicant, was made in 2018. Bawdeswell PC objected to the application as did Breckland Council and the application was refused. The applicant then appealed against the decision and lost the appeal.

He has now decided to re-submit the application - presumably in the hope that during the current crisis it would be more favourably received...

The site of the application is well outside the Settlement Boundary - reason alone to refuse, but also the new houses would be totally out of character with existing properties and would set a bad precedent for other 'in fill building' on similar sites along this section of Dereham Road. Given that there are currently 40 houses being built in Bawdeswell, there is no need for additional property.

Bawdeswell PC have objected again to this application as there are no material differences between this and the previous unacceptable application.

We would like to thank all the parishioners who have taken the time and trouble to voice their objections on the Breckland Planning web site.

Breckland Council's decision should be made by next month.



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# PARISH COUNCILS

## CORONAVIRUS

Most Bawdeswell residents have kept to the guidelines given by Central Government in response to the Coronavirus situation. The recent lifting of some of the restrictions mean that families living together can meet another family member or friend at local parks etc. This will give families/friends a chance to actually be in the company of their loved ones, always a good thing provided social distancing is observed. We have however been instructed by Government that this does not include the use of the Play Areas, ours included.

The village response to VE day was excellent, lots of flags and VE decorations. It was an indication that it would have been so much different had we not had the Coronavirus situation.

Similarly, our response to the Thursday clapping for NHS and all frontline workers has continued with a large noisy group of clappers and hooters!!

Going round the village on the exercise outing it is good to meet other people and have a 'distanced chat'. Everyone seems to remain in good spirits.

The PC manages the Bawdeswell and Foxley Helpline which is an Email currently circulated to over 70 addresses of residents of our two villages. It is mainly updates to what shops/etc are open, take away meal availability, helpful hints, quiz and picture quizzes and the occasional joke/funny picture. If anyone wants to be added to the list, Email me on [billnjack@btinternet.com](mailto:billnjack@btinternet.com) with your Email address and you'll get the Helpline Email twice/ three times a week.

Things change so rapidly these days that by the time you read this there may be other changes in the restrictions imposed.

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# CHURCH NEWS

## The Friends of Bawdeswell Church



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More information available from any of the committee members, details below.

### **2020 events:**

June 6 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Table Top Sale	<b>Postponed to a Later Date</b>	
Oct 24 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Harvest Supper & Quiz	Village Hall	7pm for 7.30pm
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## Bawdeswell Church News

Churches remain closed and this seems likely to continue for some time to come.

However, the buildings may be closed but the church is very much alive and is flourishing on-line, attracting an ever-increasing following, one in four people some reports are saying!

Certainly, our Heart of Norfolk Zoom service is finding its feet and attracting a bigger gathering each week. It is proving very popular as we get the chance to greet one another before starting and are making new friends and then sharing in a simple but meaningful service together.

If you would like to be present, please email the Benefice Administrator [heartofnorfolkchurches@gmail.com](mailto:heartofnorfolkchurches@gmail.com) to get included on the weekly email containing the necessary link to join the meeting.

You just have to click on the link shortly before the service. It invites you to download the free ZOOM App if you don't already have it. Then 30 minutes before the service the "meeting" becomes live and Sally has to accept you one at a time, and you are there! When downloading Zoom please fill in your name where asked because if you remain anonymous you may not be admitted to the meeting, and that we don't want.

We are missing our regular priest Father Christopher Davies and this is only because his Broadband is so bad where he lives that Zoom conferencing is not possible. We are looking into getting him to send us an occasional video that we can share with the meeting. That might work.

When things get back to normal, I can see us looking into also streaming our church services on the Internet. They have been so popular everywhere else too.

*Robin Taylor, Churchwarden*

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# CHURCH NEWS

## Church Letter

*Dear Friends,*

As I write the Government has just announced the first stage of easing of the restrictions, we have all been living under for the last eight weeks. During the “lockdown” we have seen a cataclysmic change to our way of life beyond anything we could have imagined. So much of what we have taken for granted in our daily routine has simply not been possible; going to work, getting a haircut, normal shopping, travelling where we wish, visiting friends, none of these has been possible and much more besides.

As we have come to terms with a new way of living so have many good things been “rediscovered” that we either overlooked or simply took for granted. Many people have rediscovered the beauty of nature and the environment on their daily exercise others have found stimulus in a new hobby or the opportunity to read, but perhaps the overriding aspect of the crisis has been a reconnection of community.

There are some wonderful caring networks in our villages which, although always there, have really come to the forefront in the last couple of months. It is truly inspirational to hear so many people comment on good neighbours who have ‘phoned, done shopping, collected prescriptions and so much more. As I said, these things were going on long before the crisis but they have assumed a new and special value when we have all been placed in such challenging circumstances.

The basic help and support that we have been offering to each other speaks to a very fundamental human need. Human beings need community, we all need contact with others at one level or another. The computer giant Microsoft has recently launched a new advert with the slogan “when the world changed people started communicating in new ways” and so we are. Our churches are now live-streaming worship, doctors are conducting on line consultations and it is possible to purchase almost anything online. All this is the “new norm” but there will never be anything to satisfy our need for personal contact.

I look forward, with so many others, to the time when it’s once again possible to call on friends and family, have a cup of tea and a chat. I look forward to the time when we can come together for coffee mornings, quizzes and of course worship and the myriad of other activities that make our great village communities the special places that they are.

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