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WELCOME

Lockdown Edition

As you all know the 'Lockdown' is continuing, so this month's magazine reflects this. The idea of this month's magazine is to provide essential information, offers of help, good news stories and anything that could help while away the time. It will therefore be a slightly smaller version, including only those adverts that are still 'open for business' and those who are willing to provide emergency cover during this time.

A big thank you goes out to all our magazine distributors and the local volunteers whose assistance is greatly appreciated.

So, for now KEEP SAFE.

Many thanks,

Anne and team

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WHAT'S ON

May Events

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

Other local events

Event	When	Details
Reepham Gardening Club May Meeting - Cancelled Plant Sale - Cancelled		<p>We are hoping that our Programme of Events will resume in June, but please follow updates via our website http://www.reephamgardenclub.org.uk</p> <p>Updates will be found in Recent Content.</p> <p>Once again, our apologies, but this is due to circumstances beyond our control. For further information please contact Jeff Johnson (jeffandcaroljohnson@yahoo.co.uk)</p>

Regular Events

Event	Time/Date	Location
<p>ALL REGULAR EVENTS ARE CANCELLED FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC</p>		

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Now, who would have believed the minute we knocked down two walls, ripped out a kitchen and bathroom that a pandemic would arrive? Basically, we were homeless and had a property that was worthless!!

Luckily, our builder, who is self-employed, is managing to slowly progress with the building as and when supplies are available. We will move back after spending three weeks living in a holiday cottage in Kerdiston. It will still be microwave meals (kitchen company stopped working) and a toilet with no door for when we return, so a good whistle will be necessary. (I purchased the wrong sized door prior to the lockdown and no exchanges can happen during this period).

Remaining isolated with nothing to do has made us very lazy. I have even made a cock up with trying to cut my own hair. It is awful but at least it will grow, Louise L. (hairdresser), really sorry will you ever forgive me?

However, once we get back in to the bungalow there will be jobs to do, even if it is just builders' dust and rubble to clear up. It may still be half finished until this awful time is on its way out but we are well and if we all do as we are told we will come out unscathed on the other side.

Keep smiling everyone.

Ruth and John

LETTERS

Mid Norfolk Foodbank

If you wish to support the Mid Norfolk Food Bank during the Pandemic please go to their website - midnorfolk.foodbank.org.uk for details on how you can help.

There is a standing order form or you can make a single donation. Please contact me if you need further information
Janet Cockburn 688749.

Thank you from the Foodbank

We have received a thank you letter from the foodbank telling us that Bawdeswell had contributed 243.4kg of food in 2019, enough to provide meals for 389 people.

Whilst the church is locked, we cannot collect contributions of food but donations of cash to the foodbank would be gratefully received.

Their website for information on how to donate is
www.midnorfolk.foodbank.org.uk

Sandi Taylor

Swannington Windows

Although our business has had to close due to it not being essential, we have several vehicles so are happy to do medication or shopping runs for anyone if that's any help at all , we can leave everything on people's doorstep to stay safe, we can be contacted on 01603 555520 , 07796171325 or by our Facebook and Twitter page or email david@swanningtonwindows.co.uk we are also on nextdoor.co.uk.

VILLAGE NEWS

Scribbles Pre-School

The children who still attended Scribbles preschool during lockdown period (due to their parents being key workers) helped design and create a 'Bee Happy Bee Safe' picture and they sent it to all their friends and family to colour / make and put in to their windows! So far, we have reached some surrounding villages, Shrewsbury, Manchester and we continue to receive pictures back from far and wide! Look on our Facebook page to see where the bees have landed. If you would like the template of the bee for your children to decorate and display, then please email scribblespreschoolgroup@gmail.com This is a great team project by children, parents and staff.

Summer of 2020 Scrapbook

People are repeatedly saying the current Coronavirus situation is putting the country in a wartime like position. With that in mind we have come up with the idea of having a Bawdeswell and Foxley Summer of 2020 Scrapbook. We would like people of all ages, children definitely included, from our two villages to write accounts of great kindness, funny things that have happened, methods of relieving boredom etc, anything you think that is worth remembering. The object is for Jackie to collate all the accounts sent to us, we will publish on this helpline ones that we think everyone will enjoy, but will keep every single one. Eventually when the current problems are over we will create a scrapbook and have a record for years to come, something to show future generations.

Please send items giving your name and age, or no details at all if you would rather, via e mail to billnjack@btinternet.com

VILLAGE NEWS

Kiosk Library



Ruthless criminals struck at the Bawdeswell telephone library. They pulled the books from the shelves and removed the bookcase. Finger prints and Spot the sniffer dog revealed nothing. Brexiters please note - the thieves have probably crossed the channel by now. But carpenter Graham and artist Diana stepped onto the crime scene. Within a couple of hours, they employed impressive skills to construct two superb bookcases, well secured to the frame. Local dignitaries gathered to declare the renovated library well and truly opened. Many thanks Graham and Diana.

Contains an assortment of books for the community to read and exchange.

VILLAGE NEWS

Bawdeswell Village Hall



As everyone says, we are living in strange times, and sadly we have had to close the Hall until Government advice permits us to re-open.

Fortunately, our previous success and careful management mean that although we now have no income, we still have an excellent financial base with some reserves so that we can keep the Hall in good order and continue to pay our bills. Once we can, we will make progress with the roof repairs and will support the Parish Council on its car park drive discussions.

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

Take care everyone!

Contacts:

Chairman: James Lilwall - 01362 688 499

Bookings: John Mallen - 01362 688 627



VILLAGE NEWS

Useful Information

Emergency call out contacts		
Plumbing	Craig Ledbury	01362 688666
Electrical	Jamie Snell	01362 688979
Building	Nick Mears	01362 688251
Washing machine/tumble drier	Jonathan Smith	01603 633775
Central heating boiler	Phillip Jacobs	01362 688398

For those able to get to the Bawdeswell Village Store, they have been able to keep their shelves pretty well stocked.

The local milkman is still delivering to Bawdeswell and Foxley, he is Milk and More 0345 606 368. As his title suggests he offers more than just milk.

Reepham Spar have also been able to keep their shelves pretty well stocked.

Reepham Post Office is open 8.30 – 1pm only

Reepham Home Hardware is open from 9 – 1pm, closed on Sunday

Diane's Pantry and Deli are open Tuesday – Saturday 8.30 – 2.30pm

Reepham Butchers are open 9 – 3.30 (closed Thursday and Sunday), 2 customers in shop at a time.

VILLAGE NEWS

Useful Information

The Farm shop in Reepham is open 9 – 4pm, but you cannot go inside. You queue outside keeping the 2 metre distance of course, and when you get to the front of the queue you place your order and they get it for you. They will also deliver 01603 872198 or email nsf@hotmail.com

Algy's at Bintree have a good stock of fresh foods but you queue outside, after filling in an order form you return to your car only going to table to collect and pay when called. The Algy's website gives details of their products for sale. Their telephone number is 01362 683893, and they are offering a pay over the phone ordering service. If anyone orders and pays Algy's but has no way of collection (no friends or relations) then having arranged a time of collection with Algy's, Bawdeswell residents can phone our helpline number 688956 and Foxley residents phone Linda on 688488 and we will try to arrange a driver to collect and deliver.

For those thinking of bedding plants and other gardening requirements, in the absence of Bawdeswell Garden Centre, Roys in Dereham is open for the sale of gardening and other items.

For DIY items B&Q do an order and collect system. I'm told it is a slow long queue to collect, but if the need is great it's worth a wait.

VILLAGE NEWS

Useful Information

Doctors Surgery/Prescriptions

Reephams Doctors' Surgery Prescriptions – most can still be collected from the Dispensary at the Smugglers Lane surgery. You can order your prescription on their website Reephamsurgery.co.uk, by phone on 01603 870271 or pop it in the letterbox inside the front door, allow 48 hrs for collection (excluding weekends and Bank holidays) Dispensary opening hours are 10 – 4pm, closed 1 – 2 for lunch and at weekends

North Elmham and Swanton Morley Surgery Prescriptions – can be handed into Bawdeswell shop for collection by the doctors on Wednesday with delivery of medicines to the shop for collection the following Wednesday.

Motts Pharmacy are open 9 – 6pm (9 – 5 Saturday) closed 1 – 2 for lunch. They understandably only allow two customers at a time inside the shop.

NHS hearing aid batteries

Can get free NHS hearing aid batteries from Specsavers in Dereham. Specsavers Audiology Shop which is 4 Norwich Road, Dereham. (Just up the road from the Argos shop on the corner) only applies on Fridays from 11am to 2pm.

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Book Club

“Normal People” by Sally Rooney

This Booker nominated and soon to be televised novel was read by the Book Club but because of the ‘shut-down’ was not discussed. This review therefore, may not reflect the opinions of all members.

Marianne and Connell embark on a passionate sexual relationship at the end of the 6th form. Marianne however is an uncool social outcast and Connell refuses to acknowledge the relationship in public. He takes another girl to the Prom but then discovers the affair was known to all.

Marianne refuses to see or speak to him and Connell realises how despicable his behaviour has been. Both protagonists go to Trinity College Dublin where they shine academically and their affair resumes. Due to misunderstandings neither expresses their feelings and they part: this unwillingness to verbalise their feelings causes their intense unhappiness. Their paths cross continually but on leaving Trinity, Marianne has degenerated into an anorexic with a series of masochistic relationships and Connell is depressed to the point of suicide.

I had to leap to the end of the book at this stage because I felt that if there was no happy ending I would need counselling.

What raises the novel from being a ‘teenage romance’ is Rooney’s skill in conveying spoken and unspoken emotion. The reader is filled with “a state of strange emotional agitation” for virtually the whole of the text. One does not simply “feel for” the protagonists but feel as if you are them.

Some members of the Club did not like the novel and could not relate to the characters; others loved it. Me? I’ve read it 3 times and can’t wait for the next Rooney novel.

Book Club Gatherings

At the moment, sadly, we are unable to meet together, but hopefully we will reconnect as soon as restrictions are lifted. In the meantime, Happy Reading!
Enquiries: Carolyn 01362 688944

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Bawdeswell Bowls Club

Come and have a go - everybody welcome!

Bawdeswell Bowls club history continue from 1992

To keep the club together Foulsham invited us to play at the Queens Head for two years. Work started on the new green by Nigel Curtis and with self-help from members, who erected the fence round the green, by August 25th 1993 we had the first game on the new green v Swanton Morley and with a winning start, so for the 1994 season with a much larger green 42x40 meters we could play higher standard, so we entered the Cawston Triples League which raise money for many charity's + the County league + Dereham League which raise money for Dereham hospital, so when Foulsham lost their green Bawdeswell invited them to play at Bawdeswell. Membership was growing to good numbers and Bawdeswell Bowls club was winning over 90% of their games on a green which was getting better year by year thanks to a GREAT green keeper, so with spare capacity when Bintree lost their green we were pleased to make them more than welcome. Then in 2014 Lakeside came on board so the green would be used almost every evening and membership between the four club's was 80+. Under the captaincy of Paul Digby for over 30 years in 2019 Bawdeswell Bowls club peaked when they won all three leagues they entered, so I now feel with the new village hall and a good quality green we have a great asset to the village.

Why not give us a try, call Paul Digby on 01362 688615 or 07796964574

All leagues CANCELLED for 2020



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.**

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Bawdeswell Knit and Natter

May meetings cancelled

New members are always welcome, refreshments served 2 - 4 pm

Enquiries: Josie Beach 01362 688869.



Foxley Village Hall Coffee Morning

May 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.



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. We would like to thank Paul Digby for looking after the Bawdeswell green and maintaining it in a condition for playing on.

Since our last playing season, sadly 3 of our members have passed away. Melvyn Baldwin, Steve Catchpole and our president Gordon Whitmore. They will all be missed and our condolences go to their wives Angela, Patsy and Ruth and their families.

We still have 34 members who are registered to be in our club for this coming season including the recruitment of 3 new experienced players. Unfortunately, however, we will have to wait until next year before we can test their skills.

Our website 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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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.**

We are always looking to recruit new members. Please contact Linda Rose on 01362 688488 for further information.



Fifty and Beyond (FAB)

FAB meets on the first Wednesday of every other month at 10.00am 12.00pm in Foxley Village Hall.

No meeting in May, all meetings cancelled until Foxley Village Hall reopens



Iceni Choir

Iceni Choir is based in Reepham. We are at present 38 members both male and female. Rehearsals are every Wednesday evening, 7.30pm at Reepham Methodist Church.

If you would like to come and join us and have enthusiasm and dedication for singing, please contact Di Skipper (Members' Rep) on 01362 637877 tdskipper@btconnect.com, or Ann Askew (Bookings) on 01603 868435 askwit@icloud.com.

Check out our website www.icenichoir.org. for more information.



Flower Arranging

In Bawdeswell Village Hall, Tuesdays at 2pm

Meetings cancelled until further notice

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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!

For more information, contact **Tara** on **01362 688826** or **Anne** on **01362 688447**.

Find us on Facebook: Bawdeswell Little Monkeys



Short Mat Bowls

Foxley Village Hall

Every Monday and Friday 7pm – 9pm

Short mat bowls is suspended until Foxley Village Hall reopens

Our short mat bowls is not the game you may have watched on TV 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. Why not come along and have a go? There will be bowls for you to try and plenty of help and encouragement from members.

To find out more, call **Dennis** on **01362 688099** or **Carole** on **688567**.



Wensum Valley Birdwatching Society

Indoor meetings at Great Witchingham Village Hall, 7.30pm. All welcome

(There is a £2.00 charge for non-members)

All meetings and Field trips suspended until further notice

Contact Sue Gale – vwbs.publicity@gmail.com – for more information



Cafe Philosophique

Atishoo, Atishoo: We All Fall Down

Our purpose at the monthly Bawdeswell *Café Philosophe* is to discuss and examine every day concepts that otherwise might be taken for granted.

We were due to consider the Philosophy of Nursery Rhymes before we were interrupted by the lockdown. Here are some notes that were designed to open the discussion.

Every nursery rhyme is an art form in itself. They stand the test of time because their rhymes and rhythms entertain and hold a child's imagination. In the world of stories, it is possible to learn the inner problems of being human. Equally they recall a lost history that was once considered important. As we shall see not all the subject matter of nursery rhymes is appealing. And, like fairy stories, they became altered to suit the moral codes of the age.

Humpty Dumpty sat on the wall
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall:
All the king's horses and all the king's men
Couldn't put Humpty together again

Set atop a church tower, a powerful cannon – the Humpty Dumpty – defended the town of Colchester during the English Civil War. After a lengthy siege the tower was destroyed and Humpty fell to the ground. Such was the damage that the king's men were unable to reassemble it. The rhyme became a propaganda item that quickly spread from town to town.

There is also a deeper meaning whereby Humpty is a child who falls from his mother's lap. Out in the real world Humpty, despite all the doctrines of the king's men, was unable to be rebuilt. Consider a baby's face falling asleep from a mother's feed. It is a face of "oceanic oneness" and a broken Humpty realises he will never be loved like this again.

Goosie, goosie gander,
Where shall I wander?
Upstairs and downstairs
In my Lady's chamber.
There I met an old man
Who wouldn't say his prayers;
So I took him by the left leg
And threw him down the stairs.

The most unsavoury of nursery rhymes. History abounds with narratives of threatening disease and religious persecution. "Goosie" was a slang name for the prostitutes who populated the theatres and drinking dens of 17th Century London. The rampant spread of syphilis, courtesy of a wandering husband, found its way upstairs and into My Lady's chamber.

The stairs (upstairs and downstairs) were also used by troops searching for Catholics who wouldn't say their prayers (Latin instead of in English). Catholic priests (left-footers) would hide, and if found, would be treated viciously (threw him down the stairs).

The hunt for alien belief systems finds its parallel in modern video games. We may compare the public warning diagnosis (dry cough, high temperature) in our own pandemic to the medieval plagues in the rash-like symptoms of "ring a ring o'roses"? Indeed, a "pocket full of posies" may be just as effective as a cotton mask.

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A circular walk from Foxley - *Foxley Common*

Approx distance: 6 miles Approx time: 2 hours

Highlights: Rural views, Public Footpaths and an ancient Bridleway, Themelthorpe Loop railway junction, Foxley Wood (*bluebells in May*), moated site of Foxley Manor, St Thomas' medieval church.

Starts and ends at Foxley Village Hall.

Turn left up the street to the main road and go northwards along the grass verge, in the Fakenham direction, to the lay-by where Foxley **Common Lane** leads off on the right, signposted Public Footpath.

At the end of Common Lane is a patch of overgrown ground where Moor Farm once stood. The path is then signposted diagonally across the field. It is usually well trampled but if not, you can walk around the edge of the field to the far corner. By the footpath sign climb over a style. There is a little footbridge over a ditch. Scramble through the copse and past a hidden pond. The going is then easy along a wide grass verge in the next field. The area was once **Foxley Common**. There are beautiful rural views across the fields towards Foxley Wood. Worth stopping again to take it all in.

As you approach Foulsham, turn right down the road towards Lizard Farm and enter the old bridleway to Themelthorpe to your left. This is enclosed on both sides by ancient hedgerows full of interest and the occasional wild apple tree. The views are very pretty. A decision has to be made on reaching the Themelthorpe road. If you are a railway buff, you will be interested in the complex **Themelthorpe Loop** junction, the remains of which are still to be seen there. Part of the Loop is now included in Marriots Way cycle track. It is about five minutes off our route. To keep to the route, turn right towards Foxley and pause briefly at the entrance of **Foxley Wood**. It is really worth going in there in May to see the wonderful bluebells.

On reaching Foxley, turn left up a farm track after the fishing ponds and go round the right-hand edge of the first field, to the old Manor House moats. These are very impressive, a magnificent example and a hidden treasure of the village. Please keep to the edge of the field as this is private farm land. Back on the Street, the walk then takes you past the very old and interesting **St Thomas Church**. Turn left up Chapel Lane and back to the Village Hall where you started.

A circular walk around Bawdeswell and Foxley

Approx distance: 6 miles Approx time: 2 hours

Highlights: Quiet Lanes & Public Footpaths, St Thomas' medieval church and moated site of Foxley Manor. Foxley Wood (*bluebells in May*). Fine rural views. Former Roman road. Bawdeswell and its unique church.

Head for Foxley past the school and along the pavement past the Old Rectory on your left. Keep on this side of the by-pass and turn right into Chapel Lane just past Floranova glasshouses. At the end of Chapel Lane turn right down the Street and St Thomas Church is immediately on your left.

Carry on down the winding Street and just after **Moor Farm** with its fountains and ponds, turn right up a farm track to admire the amazing *moated site* of **Foxley Manor**. Please keep to the edge of the field as this is private land.

THE MOATS mark the site of a Manor House and farmstead dating back to between 1100 and 1500. Imagine the Medieval House and take in the fine panoramic view. Returning to The Street, turn right and walk along the Themelthorpe Road towards **Foxley Wood**. In April and May, the bluebells can be quite spectacular over on the far side. During these months it is well worth a diversion into the woods for a sight you will never forget. Otherwise follow the circular dotted route on the map towards Themelthorpe.

On reaching Themelthorpe take the first road to your right at the Give Way sign. Turn right again when you come to the next junction and enjoy the peaceful countryside views as you stroll towards the Reepham Road. There are a couple of roadside ponds on the way that you can rest at and observe quietly for signs of wildlife.

On reaching the busy Bawdeswell/Reepham Road cross over carefully and head down towards Jordan's Green Farm. There are fine views to the right towards Bawdeswell. There is quite a deep valley down there. Shortly after the farm is a large red brick house on the right. Part of the interior is apparently very old and the twisted chimneys are interesting. A Public Footpath sign points down a track just past here. Go this way.

At the end of the lane follow the rutted track on the left of the farm buildings and head downhill on the nearside of the hedgerow towards the bottom of the valley. The grass verge to the field marks the Public Footpath and is signposted. The path passes an interesting copse on the right. If you peer into the woods, you can see the sunken remains of the old Roman Road, now rather waterlogged and overgrown. The footpath continues past this and turns right over a footbridge into the next field, before it turns left again and crosses the stream at the bottom of the valley on another bridge.

Now you are on the **Roman Road** that leads up the hill to Bawdeswell.

A circular walk from Bawdeswell - Sparham Hole

Approx distance: 2 ½ miles Approx time: 1 ½ hours

Highlights: Public Footpaths and back roads, fine rural views with a good chance of seeing some wildlife, including deer.

Head along the Street towards the former Bell Inn and turn down the old Dereham Road, at one time the coach route to London. There was a Common here according to old maps. Before you cross the busy Bawdeswell by-pass there is a pond on the left – Adam’s Pit. Legend has it that a coach and horses fell into it and sank never to be seen again!

Across the by-pass, just past the first house on the left is Jotts Lane, signposted Public Footpath. Follow the footpath signs which lead you first down a farm track and then across two fields through a gap in a hedge to Elsing Lane. Turn right towards the poultry farm.

Immediately past the poultry units, take the Public Footpath signposted Sparham Hole. The start of the footpath is overgrown at some times of the year, but it is well worth fighting your way through this initial barrier because it opens out into a most pleasant grassy track heading downhill through hilly ground and outcrops of woodland including Douglas Firs. The area is maintained as a conservation area, so please keep dogs under control and keep to the path.

Sparham Hole is a hollow backed by hilly ground. There are two former chalk lime pits here. Chalk was dug out as a top dressing for the fields. There are some dwellings here. It certainly is a remote spot to live.

A bumpy car track leads down to the quiet by-road leading from Sparham towards Bylaugh.

Turn right down the by-road and enjoy the fine views over the Wensum Valley and up the rolling hills to Sparham. You can see Sparham church to the North East and Elsing church to the South. Keep an eye out for deer, including Muntjack.

At the crossroads turn right up Elsing Lane and before you reach Bawdeswell you pass again the poultry farm. As you near the village you can see the spire of the modern church above the roofs of the houses.

More details and a map can be found at www.bawdeswell.net/leaflets

SERVICES

Stay connected with Nextdoor App for Bawdeswell

Hi, after using the 'Nextdoor App' for more than 3 years and resident here for 30 years, I have been asked to share my own positive experience of using Nextdoor App for Bawdeswell. Although this is a challenging time nationally, I have found this app continues to be informative and a safe platform to share social connections and benefits among our community. Here we run two family home businesses (www.outofthegutter.co.uk) still operating for essential works only and (www.savinggraceholidays.co.uk) closed until further notice. The Nextdoor App has given us the opportunity to share knowledge and services and to advertise our own whilst recommending other local trades too. It is used to locate the owners of found pets and helps to rehome those that remain missing. It also informs neighbours when McColl's is open or closed or has had a bread or toilet roll delivery. It prompts the Oil Club ordering and deliveries and savings. It welcomes all our new residents and gives local news and traffic updates. I have been able to sell and buy items or identify needed services which has encouraged and enabled wonderful meetings (before Covid-19) with conversations, creating mutual new hobbies and friendships. All are highly valued.

It has expanded our own social network and our awareness of the needs of others living nearby and is a great way to encourage people in nearby communities, especially during this season of social support and adjustment. We all need to be needed. If you have neighbours who have already been invited yet are not registered, do promote this App for the benefit of all. There are many who are willing to guide those registering or logging in, yet needing help - please do get in touch.

Remember, do keep safe during this time and whilst out (let's all recall the 2m safe social distancing)

Remember this Nextdoor App - if we don't use it, we may lose it!

Here is the link <https://nextdoor.co.uk/map/>
https://help.nextdoor.com/s/article/How-to-join-Nextdoor?language=en_GB

Thanks for reading and with kindest regards

Claire K

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SERVICES



Community Car Scheme: Bawdeswell, Bylaugh, Foxley

Due to the social distancing rules during this Coronavirus crisis, we cannot provide transport for passengers to medical appointments.

If you have been given a medical appointment and have no other means of getting there, please ring me on the number below and I will contact Breckland who should be able to assist.

Prescriptions can still be collected and delivered from Reepham and North Elmham surgeries.

Jackie Cunliffe
Co-ordinator
01362 688956



Mobile Library

Cancelled for the foreseeable future



Current Opening Hours and Locations

Mobile Post Offices are closed, Post Offices available at

Reepham 8.30 – 13.00

Guist 9.30 – 14.30

PARISH COUNCILS

BAWDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL - UPDATE

First of all, let me thank all those who are adhering strictly to the Government Guidelines.

Living in The Street, Bawdeswell we see very few people passing our house, very little traffic and virtually nobody waiting at the Bus Stop. Forced isolation is very difficult. Jackie and I are fortunate to live in a house with a garden and are both currently in good health, so it's not too bad for us. We do appreciate that families with no gardens, those with young children, those with household members suffering with long term illness and those living alone must be finding it extremely difficult. Thankfully though, we do live in a caring, close community. There has been so much evidence that everyone is looking out for their neighbours. Shoppers are sharing their shopping list with others and asking around when they get a supermarket delivery slot. Bawdeswell Stores and Algy's remain open and are providing a vital service for our community.

We are still collecting and delivering prescriptions from Reepham surgery and Motts pharmacy. Fortunately, the North Elmham surgery arrange their own delivery of prescriptions. If anyone needs help please call us on **688956** and we will do everything we can to assist. We have a really enthusiastic band of volunteers from all over Bawdeswell and Foxley - and we are really grateful to them. We also have a Bawdeswell and Foxley Helpline via emails which we send out every couple of days. We endeavour to give helpful information together with a bit of humour and currently have nearly 70 recipients. If you would like to be added to the list, just send an email to **billnjack@btinternet.com** saying, add me to the list.

The Parish Council did not have a meeting in April but the Government has removed some restrictions and so we will be able to continue with our monthly meetings via computers and modern technology. Minutes of these 'meetings' will still be published on the PC website. When this current crisis is beaten, and it will be, the world will have changed. What won't have changed is that Bawdeswell and Foxley will still be fantastic villages to live in and both will still have their brilliant community spirit. I want to be at the Village Hall when we have the party to end all parties in celebration of the end of the Coronavirus Pandemic. If we all keep to the rules, we will all be there, and it won't matter how crowded it is!! With thanks to NHS, all essential workers and volunteers, please stay safe and look out for anyone who may be in need of help. **Bill Cunliffe, Bawdeswell Parish Council Chairman.**

CHURCH NEWS

Bawdeswell Church News

Gordon Whitmore's cremation took place in South Africa and his ashes brought home by his family. Nicholas Ward was cremated at St Faith's Crematorium with his son and two close friends in attendance, a short service conducted by our own Father Christopher Davies. This service was streamed online and many of us were able to share the moment.

Our prayers and thoughts have been very much with those close to both families.

When circumstances allow, it is planned to hold separate memorial services for Gordon and Nicholas, and also John Fletcher whose earlier funeral was also under the current restrictions.

The Lent course held on Wednesdays in the church during early March, followed by a bring and share lunch, was very popular and much enjoyed. Our thanks to Father Christopher for giving us an insight into some well-known works of art depicting scenes from the scriptures. Unfortunately, we had to cease the sessions when the corona virus lockdown started.

Holy Week and Easter passed without the customary services.

On Easter Sunday our Benefice experimented with a shared service online using the meeting App ZOOM. It was successful in that 32 people were able to take part in a Spiritual Communion, without leaving their homes and 37 the following Sunday.

It is hoped to repeat this exercise again on a regular basis until things return to normal. If you would like to take part, please email the Benefice Administrator (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 10 minutes before the service the "meeting" becomes live and Sally has to accept you one at a time, and you are there!

*The Annual Parish Meeting, Vestry Meeting and PCC Meetings could **not** take place this year. All PCC members and office holders will carry on until 2021.*

Robin Taylor, Churchwarden

CHURCH NEWS

Church Letter

The second Sunday of Easter is often referred to as Low Sunday. There may be many reasons it has become known as that, but to my mind the first part of verse 19 exemplifies its meaning. Ten of the apostles are gathered together on the first Easter evening. Their mood must have been really low. They had lost their leader and despite rumours, they themselves had not witnessed the resurrected Jesus.

That they were locked away behind closed doors for fear of the Jews is given amplified poignancy in our present situation. So many of you like my wife and I are confined at home, not necessarily behind locked doors, only allowed when we do leave our homes to communicate with our neighbours at a distance. But think what it would have been like a few short years ago without the technology that gives us virtual communion. What a joy it was to take part in our Easter Zoom service and to be able to speak with so many of you.

The rest of the passage is about the doubts of Thomas and Jesus' appearances to the apostles. I have often wondered on hearing or reading the passage, why was Thomas not there at that first meeting? Was he out getting supplies for the others risking himself for his friends, as so many are doing now? This is something we shall never know. But after initial doubts and his witnessing of the resurrected Christ, he did all he could to take the good news of the Gospel wherever he could. He travelled to India and it was there that he was martyred.

In order to believe, Thomas needed factual evidence not as he may have regarded the hearsay of his friends. Jesus admonishes him with the words "blessed are they who have not seen but have come to believe".

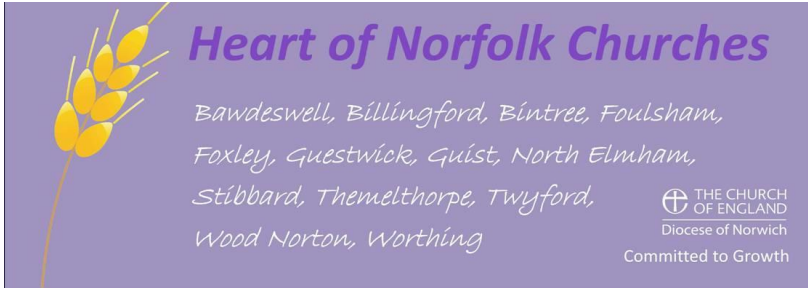
Do we need factual evidence of God's goodness to Humankind? If so, we do not have to look far to see a reflection of God's love for his creation through the work of those who are giving themselves selflessly to help others. Those who work on the frontline in the NHS and the many who have volunteered to help others restricted in what they can do.

When we open ourselves up to God it will allow him in the words of Augustine "to touch us and inflame us with the love of his peace", in the same way as Jesus brought new hope to the Apostles in their locked room.

I pray that all of you will experience the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the Love of God over the coming weeks.

Norman Johnson, Benefice Reader

CHURCH SERVICES



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We are meeting on line every Sunday from 10am for a 10.30am start to a shared **Service of Spiritual Communion**.

Please let us know if you would like to participate and we will email you a link each week.

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FOXLEY WOOD

May is the time to see the great swathes of Bluebell for which Foxley Wood is famous. Clearly visible from space, this is the largest remaining block of ancient woodland in Norfolk. The Domesday Book noted that it was a large enough area for 300 swine. That is said to be a way of measuring it. It is quite possible it was a hunting ground of kings. In the 1960's the Forestry Commission took over and replaced large areas with conifers for pit props and the paper industry.

The continuous shade provided by the commercially grown conifers inhibited the wealth of ground flora and fauna that existed there – much of it quite rare.

Happily the Norfolk Naturalists Trust was able to purchase the wood in 1988 and not only opened this delightful area to the public but have done great work in felling the conifers and returning the vast majority of the forest to its original state, re-establishing coppicing management.

One of the major features of Foxley Wood is the series of wide tracks, known as rides, that criss-cross the Wood. These were developed to allow easy removal of timber but now support a tremendous variety of flowers including various St John's wort, orchids, stitchworts and bugle. Some of the rides are dominated by drooping orange-pink flowers of water avens. Sparrowhawks and tawny owls breed in good numbers and all three species of woodpecker are present. Young coppice supports garden warbler, black cap and whitethroat. Good numbers of bank vole and wood mouse keep the resident weasels, stoats and foxes well supplied. Roe, red and muntjac deer visit the wood. Evidence of wild boar has been found and at least one eye-witness report of a sighting in the vicinity.

Foxley Wood is a great treasure house of nature and we are very lucky to have it on our doorstep – sadly not accessible at the moment due to the enforced lockdown but a "must see" in happier times. Because of the abundant wildlife dogs are unfortunately not allowed.

R.T