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If by chance we are blessed with very hot sunny days, please do take care, smother yourselves with sun cream, limit direct contact with the sun and remember to stay hydrated. Maybe keep an eye out for an elderly neighbour as well? Thank you!

Enjoy the month.

With best wishes,

Anne and the Team

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June Events

Event	Date	Location/Time
Café Philosophique	Tues 2 nd June	Bawdeswell Village Hall 7.30pm
Foxley Coffee Morning	Weds 3 rd June	Foxley Village Hall 10am
Bawdeswell Parish Council Meeting	Thurs 4 th June	Bawdeswell Village Hall 7pm
Bawdeswell Primary School Fete & Fun Dog Show	Sat 6 th June	Bawdeswell Primary School 12-4pm
Knit and Natter	Thurs 11 th June	Bawdeswell Village Hall 2-4pm
Book Group	Thurs 11 th June	Bawdeswell Village Hall 7.30pm
Bawdeswell Village Cinema	Sat 13 th June	Bawdeswell Village Hall 6.30 for 7.30pm
Mobile Library	Tues 23 rd June	Bawdeswell from 11.10am @ village hall onwards, see page 36 for details
Knit and Natter	Thurs 25 th June	Bawdeswell Village Hall 2-4pm
Foxley Coffee Morning	Weds 1 st July	Foxley Village Hall 10am
Bawdeswell Parish Council Meeting	Thurs 2 nd July	Bawdeswell Village Hall 7pm

OTHER LOCAL EVENTS

Event	Date	Location/Time
Reepham Lions Bingo	Weds 3 rd June	7.45pm Stimpson's Piece, Reepham, see page 13 for details
Reepham Gardening Club	Tues 16 th June	7.15pm Reepham Town Hall, see page 11 for details
Reepham WI Meeting	Thurs 18 th June	7.30pm St Michaels Church Hall, Reepham see page 11 for details
Reepham Artists & Makers Showcase Exhibition	Sat 18 th & Sun 19 th July	10am-4pm Bircham Centre, Reepham see page 11 for details
Jeeves & Wooster in Perfect Nonsense	Sun 26 th July	Bylaugh Hall from 12pm, see page 36 for details

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Regular Events	Time/Date	Location
Zumba Fitness	Mon 10 – 11am	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Short Mat Bowls	Mon 2 – 4pm	Foxley Village Hall
Hub Cafe	Tues 10 – 12pm	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Keep Active	Wed 10 – 11am	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Keep Active	Wed 11.30 – 12.30pm	Bawdeswell Village Hall
FitSteps	Thurs 7 – 8pm	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Keep Active	Fri 10 – 11am	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Bridge Club	Fri 1.30pm	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Short Mat Bowls	Fri 2 – 4pm	Foxley Village Hall
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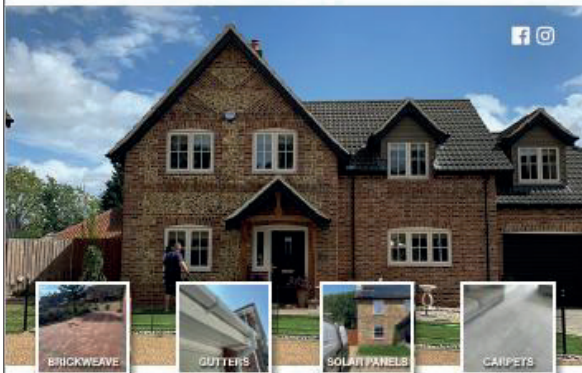
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EVENTS INFORMATION

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Tuesday 16th June at 7.30pm

Andrew Sankey - 'A Norwich Cottage Garden'

Garden designer, nurseryman and lecturer Andrew tells the story of the development of a garden in Bracondale from an overgrown plot to a new cottage garden. The talk will show how problems were solved, which plants were chosen to suit the various situations and borders with combination of cottage flowers, perennials and bulbs.

Meetings held at Town Hall, Church St, Reepham NR10 4JW

New members and visitors always welcome.

Members: £2.00, non-members: £3.00 (inc. tea/coffee and cake).

The garden club desperately needs more committee members:- if your new year resolution was to get more involved in your local community this could be the ideal time to start. **Please contact Jeff Johnson for more information on 01362 680066 or visit our website: www.Reephamgardenclub.org.uk or email jeffandcaroljohnson@yahoo.co.uk.**

REEPHAM WI

Thursday 18th June at 7.30 pm

Ian Colman MBE, Musical Director of Taverham Band

Ian Colman MBE talks about his lifetime achievements, his long association with Taverham Band, and his charity work.

New ladies are always very welcome! Come along to enjoy friendship, activities, and lively meetings. We're building a warm, fun, and thriving group for women in the local community — and we'd love you to be part of it.

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Brenda Gostling Tel: 07760 458957 Email: reephamwi@gmail.com

Meetings held at St Michael's Church Hall, Reepham

REEPHAM ARTISTS AND MAKERS

Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th July 10am - 4pm

Showcase Exhibition

Reepham Artists and Makers (RAM) will be holding their annual 'Showcase' exhibition on Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th July 10am - 4pm, in the Bircham Centre Reepham NR10 4JJ. We are 15 local artists and will be showing a variety of arts including : ceramics, gilding, glass, jewellery, painting, textiles and wood. **Contact: reepham.artistsmakers@gmail.com**



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The Trustees are looking for new people, who use the Heath, to help to keep the Heath accessible to the public. If we don't get any new volunteers the Trustees may have to consider an alternative use or ultimately disposal.

If you want to keep enjoying the Heath, and think you can help, please contact Robert.gurney@rqcapital.co.uk

Thank You

Wanted

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If so, could you send them via email to reevestale.magazine@gmail.com

Thanks

Anne and team

Reepham Lions Bingo Night

Wednesday 3rd June at 7.45pm at Stimpson's Piece Hall, Reepham.

Cash prizes based on the money raised on the night for the winners of lines and cards, including the special 'flyer' round. We'll be giving cash prizes for our raffle too, awarding half the amount raised on the raffle to the lucky winners.

You are welcome to bring your own refreshments to enjoy at your table, including alcohol if you wish. We will have teas and coffees on sale for those who would like a hot drink.

All the proceeds of the evening will be used by Reepham Lions to support good causes, mostly in the local area.

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Cemetery Restoration Raffle

The Beauty and Well-being Raffle is now underway throughout May and June with prizes drawn on the last Sunday in June.

In addition to the £300+ Beauty Hamper denoted by the Jarrold Store in Norwich, the Ladies and Gentlemen's Hairdressing Vouchers from ScissorHands in Dereham and the Hairdressing Voucher from Louise's Hair Room ,there are additional vouchers to be won from Keep Active (6 free sessions), a Tai Chi voucher , a Keep Active Voucher(2 free lessons for you and a friend) as well as a Cut and Blowdry from Kathryn at Stylistic plus lots of beauty, health and well-being items to be won.

Thank you to all of you who have purchased tickets to date.

You will have noticed the great improvements made to the Village Cemetery which have cost in the region of £9000. The raffle will hopefully raise monies towards this. Please do support it and continue to support the local businesses who have generously donated prizes. A very big thank you to them all!

Tickets are available from 01362 562491.

Mary Roy

Margaret, Edward and Paul would like to thank all those who have supported us during Mary's long illness and at her funeral. It has been much appreciated.

Margaret Roy

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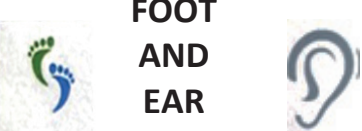
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VILLAGE VIEWS

In years gone by, Ermentrude had an hourglass figure, indeed it was one of the reasons Sid was drawn to her. However, with the passing of time, some parts of her body had benefitted from a more than healthy diet, other areas sadly had suffered from the ravages of time, giving birth had resulted in a myriad of silvery stretch lines and frankly some areas had sunk south! Nevertheless, not one to let that bother her, she still on occasion polished up well and was often complimented on her youthful appearance (enhanced by regular visits to a fantastic local beauty therapist, a myriad of miracle lotions and potions, monthly visits to her favourite hair stylist and a fantastic mix and match wardrobe).

This year, Sid and Ermentrude decided as a short break to splash out on a break to a hotel catering for Adults only on recommendations of another couple in the village who had experienced a great time in a wonderful setting, excellent meals, daily evening entertainment and a wealth of activities on offer as well as an indoor swimming pool.

An excuse to treat myself to a new bathing costume she thought or maybe even a bikini! Sid had rummaged around in his tallboy and found a rather ancient pair of Speedos which Ermentrude immediately consigned to the recycling bin (but, but.... protested Sid, they still fit!). 'You can't be serious' retorted, Ermentrude, 'you look like mutton dressed as lamb. You'd be a laughing stock appearing in those, I'll order you a decent pair from John Lewis or you can take yourself into Norwich and look in M&S or one of the Sports shops' (knowing full well this would be the last thing he would do). Ermentrude took herself off to the Lingerie department in Jarrold, handpicked several likely contenders and proceeded to try them out.

Ermentrude ventured out of the changing room to get a second opinion. However, catching sight of herself in a long mirror, she paled and hastily retreated back, shocked at the glimpse she had caught of herself, she had clearly been seeing herself through rose coloured spectacles!

Fortuitously the lady assistant, witnessing the episode, administered a calming cup of coffee, a sensitive ear and suggested two very flattering one-piece's. She also suggested buying the bikini (but to just wear in the privacy of your home and garden and she said, make sure none of your neighbours are taking a sneaky photo over the garden fence!).

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Bawdeswell Village Hall Update

Once again, a lively group of volunteers met at the Village Hall on the first Bank Holiday in May to plan ahead for events in the forthcoming months. A big thank you to Jo who diaries in everyone who books to use our facilities and ensures that there are people to both open and close the Hall, setting it up for the different requirements and where needed supplying refreshments. Thank you to all the volunteers who undertake these arrangements.

Lindsay who is the treasurer informed us that over the past three years, donations received from people attending both the weekly Hub Coffee morning on a Tuesday and the monthly Soup and Puds have steadily risen. So, a big thank you to all of you who come along to support these and especially to the volunteers who turn up early to prepare and set up and stay behind to clear away. Without the on-going dedication of Josie, Carol and Colleen there might well be a problem! A very heartfelt thank you to everyone who supplies the cakes and savouries, soups and puddings, the majority of which are donated. So please do continue to come along and support these events and put a reasonable donation into the pot for whatever you may help yourself to!

Lindsay informed us that for the first year ever, last year the income raised from lettings has covered our expenditure/outgoings. This has largely been achieved due to the savings achieved from having the solar panels installed. Once again, a successful Quiz evening was held in May thank you to Chris for masterminding this event.

We look forward to ensuring the Hall is open once again for children and families during the forthcoming school summer break and all the volunteers at the meeting signified their willingness to take part. Carolyn, the Chair of the Village Hall Committee, thanked everyone for their on-going support. We also briefly discussed the Summer Sizzle to be held on 15th August, a date for your diaries!

Don't forget we are taking a break from Soup and Pud during June, July and August.

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VILLAGE NEWS

Date for Your Diary



Foxley News

Foxley Coffee Morning

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Bawdeswell Primary School FETE

Saturday 6th June, 12–4pm

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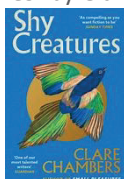
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Book Group

The Book Group meets in the Village Hall. We meet on the **second Thursday** of each month, starting at **7:30pm**. Each member pays an annual Group Subscription Fee currently £25, to cover our room hire and library charges. New members are welcome and are invited to attend for two meetings before deciding to join the group and pay their subscription.

'Shy Creatures' by Clare Chambers



Clare Chambers bases her story on a real event. The 1950's newspapers reported a case of a grossly- unkept man (waist-length hair and beard) who had been living as a recluse under the care of a somewhat odd aunt for many years. Clare teases a number of intriguing observations from his rescue and subsequent life. The time is set in the 1960s. A time when England was changing. Family life and the final days of the psychiatric hospital are under dramatic re-assessments. Helen starts work as an art therapist in the clinic. She quickly enters into an affair with a psychiatrist and takes on the care of a newly admitted recluse. He turns out to be highly skilled in sketching animals and everyday articles. Clare draws on the work of R. D. Laing, a radical psychiatrist. Famous for his criticism of psychiatric care, he was to write books that undermined family life. Helen cared also for a young teenage girl who was not surviving within Laing's description of the modern family. Her parents had used the girl as a psychological scapegoat for their own misfortunes. The hospital's art therapy studio brings together intriguing ways of looking at life for both the recluse and the teenager. *Shy Creatures* is a real page-turner of a book. People make mistakes. Some recover from them. Art itself can reveal hidden skills. And keep away from psychiatrists who are married.

We are currently reading **'Christ on a Bike'** by **Orla Owen** for discussion at our next meeting on 11th June.

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Bawdeswell Bowls Club

The new 2026 bowls season got on the way on a very cold evening and a very difficult green at Whissonsett. Here are the first results:-

Whissonsett away lost 9 - 0

Reepham Nomads home won 8 - 2

Shouldham home won 7 - 2

Bintree home won 10 - 0

There is still time for new players to have a try.

Paul on mobile 07796 964574 home 01362 668195 email

paul.digby5@hotmail.co.uk you will be made most welcome.



Bawdeswell Knit and Natter

June dates are 11th & 25th

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

Our Numbers are dwindling and we are in danger of closing.

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Enquiries: **Josie Beach 01362 688869.**



Bintree Bowls Club

The new season is upon us and preparations are being made. We have entered 3 Leagues:- the Cawston League which is an evening league, and the Hempton and Age UK Leagues which are afternoons. We have a lovely green to play on which is behind Bawdeswell Village Hall and we have regular roll up sessions throughout the season as well as inter-club competitions.

We are always looking for new players; it does not matter if you have not played before, coaching can be given, all you need is a pair of flat shoes.

Chances are that if you live in Bawdeswell or Foxley you probably know somebody who is a member so why not give it a go, have a little exercise, fresh air and sunshine (hopefully) and meet new friends.

Please contact **Nick Mears on 07947 860922** or speak to anyone you know who already plays.

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES



Bridge Club

The JayCee Bridge Club meets in the Village Hall on Friday afternoons at 1.30pm. Whilst we aspire to play well, our range of bridge abilities means that it's really bridge for fun. No regular partners are needed. If you think you might like to start playing bridge then you are welcome to come along and watch to begin with.

Please contact Patsy for information, or to confirm a session is to take place.

Contact: **Patsy Catchpole 01362 688352**



Cafe Philosophique

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We meet in Bawdeswell Village Hall, every first Tuesday at 7:30. Everyone coming is asked to contribute to the cost of our room hire fee.

Next meeting: **Tuesday 2nd June – Comparative Study: Bawdeswell Medieval and Present Day Medicine**

Contact: **Peter: 01362 688944**



Festival Choir Bawdeswell

The Festival Choir, based in Bawdeswell, has established itself as a vibrant high standard female concert choir. The hourlong programmes from 'Bach to Broadway' delight audiences with the repertoire that spans from classical to modern, and everything else in between, ensuring something for everyone.

The choir is committed to delivering music of the highest calibre and welcomes enthusiastic singers with some experience. If you are interested in joining, there are vacancies across all voice sections. We rehearse for an hour on a Saturday morning from 10am and Wednesday evening from 7pm at All Saints Church, allowing greater flexibility with attendance.

To find out more or arrange an informal chat, please **contact Musical Director James Lilwall at 01362 688499 or pjlilwall@hotmail.com**.

You can also visit the choir's Facebook page for updates. New members are warmly encouraged!

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES



Foxley Village Hall Coffee Morning

The date of the next coffee morning will be **Wednesday, 3rd June, 10:00 – 12 noon**. All welcome to join us for coffee, cake and a chance to meet up with your neighbours. Advance warning: coffee morning next month will be on Wednesday 1st July between 10 am and noon.

If you need transport, please contact Jo 688981 or for any other enquiries please contact **Linda 688488 or Gillian 688955**.



Games Afternoon

We meet in Bawdeswell Village Hall, every Saturday 1.30 – 4.30pm. Games played:- Uno, Mexican Train, Scrabble. Other suggestions welcome. 1st visit free, normal price £5. Contact: **Anne 01362 685308**.



Short Mat Bowls

Foxley Village Hall Every Monday and Friday **2 - 4pm**

New members welcome.

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



Lakeside Pilgrims Bowls Club

We have had a good start to the season with two wins in the Whissonsett League. This league is played on Monday evenings. If anybody is looking for something different to do on a Monday please come and see us. Home games in June are the 1st to Gressenhall and 22nd to Mattishall so please come and see us play.

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Community Car Scheme: Bawdeswell, Bylaugh, Foxley

Someone once said “ask a busy person if you need something doing”. Whilst this is often a true sentiment, it really is the case that “many hands make light work”.

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

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

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

Can you Help?

Can you spare an hour or two a month? We are looking for volunteers to keep the service going.

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PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING OF BAWDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 7th MAY 2026 AT 7.00pm

Present: D. Shannon (Vice Chair), C. Good, M. Bailey, R. Hannent, P. Craven and A. Hartley-Walder. Mrs. J Boxall (Clerk) Members of the public – 1 Annual Parish Meeting

David Shannon gave a brief report on the Council's past year. The minutes from this meeting can be viewed online.

Councillor Vacancy

No applications for the Councillor vacancy had been received. It is hoped that applications will be received ahead of the next meeting as the Council are hoping to co-opt a new Councillor at their meeting on 4th June.

Breckland Local Plan

There is no further update on the Local Plan. The next stage (Regulation 19) is expected in July with Breckland's final submission to the Planning Inspectorate at the end of the year.

Play Area

Although it is acknowledged that there is still an issue with dog's mess on the recreation ground, there is some evidence that placing flags on dog poo has concentrated the mind of responsible dog owners to remove dog mess with some improvement noted. There is still an issue with dog's mess on pavements in the village. It was agreed not to take any further action at present but continue to monitor. The Council would seek quotes / advice from play companies with regards to fencing the children's play area. It was noted that there would need to be special fundraising to provide the fencing when a suitable proposal was received / approved.

Highways

It was acknowledged that pot holes have been filled and some signage has been repaired. Following an email received raising concern about speeding motorcyclists on the Reepham Road and noisy motorbikes on The Street, the local Neighbourhood Team were contacted for advice / support.

PARISH COUNCIL

Bawdeswell continued....

Finance

As the end of year accounts have been prepared, the annual gross income for the year 2025/26 was £34482.82 and annual gross expenditure was £26177.27. The closing balance of cash books as at 31st March 2026 was £61634.47 with earmarked reserves of £43897.44. The Internal Auditor's report has been received and published on the website alongside the accounting documents which were approved. The period for the exercise of public rights was agreed as 3rd June to 14th July. All documentation has been published on the website. The accounts have been submitted to the external auditor following approval.

The balance of the Community account as at 30th April 2026 was confirmed as £32,822.69, Business Money Manager (Earmarked reserves) was £43943.45.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 4th June and Thursday 2nd July 2026 at 7pm. These meetings will be held at the Village Hall. Members of the public are warmly invited to attend. The Council usually meet on the first Thursday of every month except for January & August. Please check the website or noticeboard for any changes. If you have any concerns please contact the Parish Clerk Jo Boxall, White House, Pettywell, Reepham, NR10 4RN, Tel: 01603 879480, Email: clerk@bawdeswell.norfolkparishes.gov.uk

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

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CHURCH NEWS

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We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who supported the Frankie Flood Ikebana demonstration on 25th April at Bylaugh Hall. The event was truly spectacular, and we are once again grateful to Ben and Helen Budworth for generously allowing us the use of Bylaugh Hall as the venue—it could not have been more perfect. The weather was glorious, and the audience thoroughly enjoyed themselves, with Frankie's remarkable talent and artistry shining throughout the day.

Special thanks are also due to Julie Smith for her invaluable assistance in organising and arranging the event, as well as to the staff and chef at Bylaugh who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to provide refreshments and a delicious lunch. The day was unforgettable, and we are delighted to report that we made a profit of over £900!

Sheringham Little Theatre brings 'Magical Theatre' to 'Magical Places' in a professional production of 'Jeeves & Wooster, a Perfect Nonsense' at Bylaugh Hall on Sunday, 26th July. The event features a 2pm outdoor performance, with gates opening at 12pm, alongside retail and food stalls, a bar, and live music for a festival atmosphere. Attendees are encouraged to bring chairs and rugs, and picnics are welcome, though dogs are not permitted. Children under 12 attend free, and tickets cost £20 in advance from www.ticketsource.co.uk.

2026 events:

July 26 th	'Jeeves & Wooster in Perfect Nonsense'	Bylaugh Hall, gates open at 12pm
Dec 5 th	Christmas Wreath Fair	Church, 9am – 1pm
Dec 10 th	Gala Christmas Concert & Reception	Bylaugh Hall, 7pm

All ticket information and further enquiries from 01362 688499 or pjlilwall@hotmail.com James Lilwall – Chairman, David Shannon – Treasurer, Peter Jervis – 100 Club Secretary. Committee Members – Robin Taylor, Sandi Taylor, Angela Shannon, Jamie Duncan, Melanie Pratt, Jo Porter, Anne Toomey and Josie Beach.

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Thank you to those of you who have contributed so far to the cemetery tidy up. It has been a very expensive exercise.

Lis Glen's raffle will be drawn in June. If you are offered raffle tickets, please help by buying some.

Donations towards cutting the hedges now and clearing rubbish in them are also needed. Please contact Sandi Taylor, PCC Secretary and Treasurer sanditaylor1947@gmail.com if you can help. Some of you have relatives buried there and we would appreciate your help. We have mentioned many times before that responsibility for the upkeep of Bawdeswell Cemetery rests with the Parochial *Church* Council and not the *Parish* Council. Our only source of funds for this is the occasional very rare burial fee, and the grass cutting is costing us £100 a month from March till October.

It is a burden we can no longer cope with. We are currently being asked to contribute £26,000 this year as our contribution to having a priest in charge, and it is not a target we can currently afford. If we don't meet this, if and when he moves on, he will very likely not be replaced.

Robin Taylor, Churchwarden

CHURCH NEWS

Reverend Richard Reflects

Over the last few years, I have often been asked what a 'vicar' does. There are, of course, always the jokes about only having to work on a Sunday. But I thought that I would try and give you all a flavour of what the vicar does (whether their actual job title is vicar, rector, priest-in-charge or anything else). So, what does the vicar do?

When we are ordained as priests, we are told that our role is to lead God's people in praise and proclaiming the gospel. We are to share in the oversight of the Church and follow Jesus' example. We are to sustain the community of the faithful by the ministry of word and sacrament. What does that look like in practice?

Well, let's start with the Sunday services. They're the most obvious bits. The vicar is responsible for making sure that the Christian presence in each parish is expressed in worship. In our case, we have a rota of services which tries to ensure that I am in each parish on at least one Sunday every month. This sometimes means leading two or more services each Sunday. But behind those Sunday services there are hours of preparation. As the 'vicar' I make sure the rota of services works, finding suitable cover for services where either I can't be present or the regular person who takes the service on my behalf can't be there. In almost all cases, I need to have prepared and written a sermon for each Sunday. For some services, I also need to put together special Orders of Service, or make different arrangements if we are celebrating a particular feast or festival. So that takes some time during the week.

That's just Sunday. During the week we are required to pray regularly for our parishes and those that live and work in them. As a minimum we are expected to pray for you all in the morning and the evening. We are to care for the sick: so I conduct pastoral visits to care homes and residential homes, either within our parishes or further away if parishioners have moved to one outside the area. We also conduct pastoral visits to people at home, and offer home communion for those who cannot make it to church. We have a weekly midweek communion service on a Wednesday morning. We care for the community and try to build good links with other groups. As a result, I help at the local toddler group, and I go into schools weekly, monthly and half-termly depending on the school. I am also a governor at one of the schools by virtue of being the parish priest. I help schools by delivering sessions on particular aspects of the Christian faith, helping at church visits, and holding special services for them.

CHURCH NEWS

Reverend Richard Reflects

Continued....

Then there are the Life Event services which happen from time to time: baptisms, weddings and funerals. Each of those requires planning and preparation time, and time spent with the families. Each church should have a PCC (parochial church council), and the 'vicar' is automatically the chair of all of those. And PCCs are charities, which automatically makes you a trustee. Speaking of which, vicars are usually also ex officio trustees on other charities that they may not know about when they take their role on. To date, I count 4 such charities in my area. We are supposed to engage with the life of the wider church too. So, I have monthly deanery meetings, I'm on a diocesan committee, and I'm chaplain to the Norfolk Churches Trust. In our area I am lucky to have a team of lay people and a retired priest to help with ministry, so I supervise and co-ordinate that ministry team. I also receive regular emails dealing with churchyard memorials, administrative matters, diocesan communications and more. And although nobody ever enters the priesthood because they want to be responsible for the care of numerous listed medieval buildings, we also have to handle church care along with our PCCs – if we even have a PCC at each church.

All of this is before you add in any new initiatives you might want to try to deepen people's discipleship and encourage people to faith, or engage with current issues (such as Eco Church), or the conversations that start as you walk down the road. If all of this seems like quite a lot to fit into a Sunday, you'd be right. 'Vicars' typically 'work' six days a week: we are encouraged to have a two day 'weekend' once a month, although many of us find it difficult to make that work logistically. Even as I write this, I'm sure there will be things I've forgotten to mention. And I don't write this seeking sympathy. It really is a privilege and blessing to serve in this way. But in order for us vicars to serve in this way we need the support of our communities;- practically, financially, but most especially in terms of prayer. One of the most important things we are called to do is pray for all of you. Please pray for us too.

Revd Richard Turk
Curate-in-Charge of the parishes of Foxley, Foulsham, Lyng, Elsing, Bawdeswell,
Bylaugh, Sparham, and Themelthorpe

St Thomas, Foxley

3pm Sunday, 7th June 2026

An informal service in the churchyard*

with Revd. Richard Turk



(*weather permitting - otherwise inside the church)

BAWDESWELL GROUP CHURCH SERVICES

June 2026

Wed 3rd June	10.30am	Morning Prayer	Foulsham
Thurs 4th June	9.30am	Corpus Christi, HC	Lyng
Sun 7th June	10.30am	OASIS	Sparham
	10.30am	HC	Elsing
	10.30am	Words & Praise	BAWDESWELL
	3pm	Knowing,Loving,Following	FOXLEY
Weds 10th June	10.45am	HC	Foulsham
Sun 14th June	9am	BCP HC	Bylaugh
	10.30am	HC	Foulsham
	10.30am	Words & Praise	Lyng
	10.30am	HC	BAWDESWELL
Weds 17th June	10.30am	HC	Foulsham
Sun 21st June	10.30am	Family Service	BAWDESWELL
	10.30am	HC	Lyng
	6pm	Evensong	Foulsham
Weds 24th June	10.30am	Morning Prayer	Foulsham
Fri 26th June	2.15-4pm	Tea & Cakes Sale	Lyng Village Hall
Sun 28th June	9am	Matins	Bylaugh
	9am	BCP HC	Sparham
	10.30am	Words & Praise	Elsing
	10.30am	HC	BAWDESWELL

A reminder that you can join us on Zoom for the Bawdeswell service any Sunday – Meeting ID: 656 174 6525 Passcode: TwKH7n

Morning Prayer is said at 9am in St Margaret's Lyng on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. All are welcome. A midweek communion service is held at Holy Innocents, Foulsham on Wednesdays at 10:30am.

Other information for our new group of churches can be found in our weekly News in the Pews sheets, available at each service.

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