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St Mary and St Walstan's Church, Bawburgh needs your help

St Mary and St Walstan's Church, Bawburgh, was built in Saxon times and is over 1,000 years old. It has a wealth of history, linked to the legend of St Walstan.



The Benefice Share Request for 2024 is £37,678 which is divided equally between the four churches/parishes in the Benefice: Bawburgh, Colton, Marlingford and Easton. The share for Bawburgh church has been set at **£9,419.50** for 2024. This is our contribution to the Diocese which pays towards

mission and ministry, our rector's stipends and housing. This cost is generally resourced from people attending the monthly services, baptisms, weddings and private donations.

In addition, every 5 years, the church undergoes a fabric review by designated architects

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Bawburgh Church - help needed Cont.

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itemising work required to maintain the church building. The survey carried out in 2022 identified areas that required priority attention. These include repairs to the unique round Tower roof, the Chancel and Nave, items which total **£30,000**

In 2022, the Friends of Bawburgh Church committee folded due to other life pressures but in the short time they were in existence they raised £7,779, a substantial sum, which has been put towards these renovations. Over the past year, the Parochial Church Council (PCC) has obtained grants of a further £6,500 (via Norfolk Churches Trust, Round Tower Churches Trust, Geoffrey Watling Charity). Further funds are now sought to enable us to move ahead with this important work.

Bawburgh church needs your help.

If you want Bawburgh church to be saved for future generations then please consider making a donation.

If you could help us with fund raising, or becoming a PCC member or churchwarden and having your say in the running of our church, please contact one of us as detailed below:

We cannot run Bawburgh church without you, the community.

Lin Gibson (acting churchwarden)

**lin.gibson34@gmail.com or
telephone/text 07785 258519**

Helen Liddle (PCC Treasurer)

**hliddleuk@yahoo.co.uk
telephone/text 07729 609852**

Coffee Morning

The Coffee Morning in February was lovely, full and sociable and, partly due to Richard Greengrass's delicious coffee cake, the takings were £138.

The next Coffee Morning will be on Saturday 2nd March from 10:30am.

Everyone is very welcome.

Easter Egg Hunt

On Friday 29th March the Church is holding an Easter Egg Hunt.

The hunt will take place at the Outdoor Forest Park, Queen's Hills between the times 10:30am to 12:30pm.

For further information, you can contact Laura on 01603 744551 or by email at:

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Chilli and Quiz Evening

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Proceeds will be divided between the Village Hall and TIMENORFOLK supporting anyone in Norfolk and Waveney experiencing mental health challenges due to pregnancy loss, baby loss or pregnancy choices

New benches for the Village Hall Playground

The John Innes Centre and the Royal Norfolk Agricultural Association have each kindly donated much needed benches for the Village Hall playground.



The benches, made in Britain from 100% recycled plastic, will replace the old broken wooden ones. The Village Hall Management Committee are extremely grateful to Caroline Smith of the John Innes Centre and Mark Nicholas of the Royal Norfolk Agricultural Association who have made this possible.

The new benches will be used and enjoyed by Bawburgh families for many years to come.

Ian Tait

Speeding hit and run driver kills dog

On the evening of Thursday 15th February, a speeding driver hit and killed a dog in the village.

To make matters worse, they did not stop and drove off.

The dog was found at 9:33pm near the Kings Head pub and it is likely that the vehicle passed through the village between 9:04pm and 9:20pm.

The dog sadly died at the scene and the owner is appealing for any information which might help to identify the driver or the vehicle.

Did you hear anything?

Did you see anything?

Do you have any CCTV, dashcam or ring doorbell footage you can have a look at and check which might identify the culprits.

The vets who looked after the dog said the dog's injuries would not normally have been fatal unless the vehicle were going well over the speed limit. They suggested that the vehicle must have been travelling over 50mph in the 20mph zone to hit her and kill her the way they did.

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50 / 50 Club Winners

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- Anne Webb
- Lin Gibson
- Ivy Clements
- Kate Smallwood

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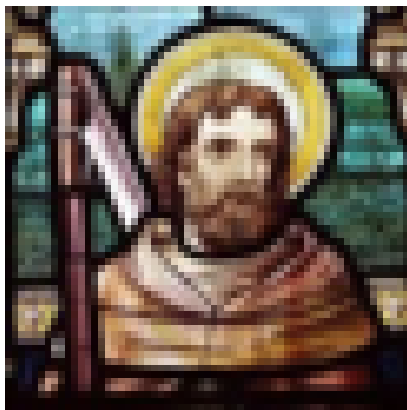
Entrance, including tea or coffee: £2

Tuesday, 12th March

7:30p.m. in the Village Hall

Sue Williams: St Walstan

Sue Williams will talk to us on the legend of St Walstan, our local saint. Although he was born over 1000 years ago, St Walstan's legacy lives on at our church today at Bawburgh, culminating in the annual pilgrimage to the



well in the grounds of Church Farm around the 30th May, the anniversary of his death.

Tuesday, 9th April

7:30p.m. in the Village Hall

Peter Markham: Beekeeping

Peter has kept bees for over 60 years, and he still struggles to outwit the crafty, well-organised ladies. He will talk about bees, the history of beekeeping, and some of the difficulties of beekeeping in the modern world.

Lin, Mary, Jenny

Poetry Corner

This month's poem was sent in by Rev Laura Montgomery to accompany her Vicar's Voice feature (see page 6).

Malcom Guite describes himself as "a poet-priest and Chaplain of Girton College Cambridge." He often travels round Great Britain, and to North America, to give lectures, concerts and poetry readings.

For more poems and writing, visit his website at:

malcolmguite.wordpress.com

World's End

Malcolm Guite

So we begin to contemplate the End
With shadowed glimpses of apocalypse.
How can we even start to understand?
The heavens shaken, and the vast eclipse
Of everything that we have ever known.
Then, suddenly revealed, the power and glory
Once-veiled in symbols of the lamb and throne,
The all-revealing climax of our story.

About that day, you tell us, no one knows
But we must wake and watch for you, look up.
Yet hidden in this warning you disclose
A tender yearning, a deep stirring hope,
And bid us, in the visions that you bring,
To see the world's end as a sign of spring.

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Vicar's Voice

Spring is upon us and we see the buds peeking through the soil and brightening up the branches. But yet there are also snaps of cold weather, and driving rain that sends us back indoors. Spring, it seems, does not appear and dispense with Winter in an instant, but pushes the boundary between the two, until one day, we will notice that Winter has gone and Spring has come.

Resurrection can also be a bit like that. I guess that the actual event of Resurrection is pretty instant, and yet, the impact and the unfolding of the meaning of Resurrection is something that is still pushing back the boundaries.

After Jesus was raised from the dead, he appeared to his disciples in varying ways – in a garden, on the beach, eating fish, walking along a road, breaking bread, appearing in locked rooms. They didn't fully know what his resurrection meant for them at that time, that the Resurrection of Jesus, meant that all creation was to receive a Resurrection, including them. And that the resurrection of all things had begun. Jesus' Resurrection was the end of the world, and the beginning of Spring. It began the process of pushing back the boundaries of death and destruction in our world, and this is still unfolding today.

As we think about the Easter Story and all it means to us, remember that we are part of this unfolding story that stretches out from that Easter morning to this morning. The pushing forward of new resurrection life into our world, which can often feel a bit 'wintery.'

It can be difficult to see the 'signs of spring' in the world around us. But the truth is that we are part of story, we are the 'signs of spring' in our world, the place where God has called us to be.

March Church Services

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| 3rd | 10am | 3rd Sunday of Lent, Holy Communion, Easton |
| 10th | 10am | Mothering Sunday. 4th Sunday of Lent. All Age Service with Communion, Marlingford |
| 17th | 10am | Passiontide begins. Holy Communion, Colton. |
| 24th | 10am | Palm Sunday. Holy Communion, Bawburgh |
| Mon 25th | 3pm - 5pm | Easton Church open for 'Experience Easter' |
| Tue 26th | 3pm - 5pm | Easton Church open for 'Experience Easter' |
| Thu 28th | 6:30pm | Maundy Thursday, Holy Communion with hand washing, Colton |
| 31st | 10am | All Age Service and Holy Communion with Easter Egg Hunt, Colton |

Communion at home can be arranged for those who because of illness or frailty are unable to come to the Sunday service.

If you have any queries about services, baptisms and funerals, you can contact Laura on 01603 744551 or by email at:

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How will you push back the boundaries of death and destruction? How will you be a 'sign of spring' today?

Rev Laura Montgomery

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Wild about Bawburgh: Bawburgh Churchyard

At the beginning of 2023, our Bawburgh churchyard had become overgrown and unmanaged.

Since the pandemic, 2020, we had gradually lost all our churchyard maintenance volunteers, resulting in much of the back of the churchyard being overgrown with ivy, which covered ground and gravestones; scrub not being removed for several years; the side overlooking Church Farm being overgrown by saplings with grass extremely long and lush in other areas; the hedge surrounding the churchyard on the inside overgrowing gravestones. Wildflowers cannot compete easily under these circumstances due to competition with other plants and restricted access to light. Wildflowers are necessary for bees and other nectar loving insects to feed, and these in turn feed other animals such as small mammals and birds, which in turn become food for predators such as foxes, weasels/stoats and raptors.



Over 2023 the churchyard has painstakingly been cleared by our new Bawburgh volunteer family and now we hope it may again be available for wildflowers and other wildlife, over the years to come. However, clearing the churchyard is only the first step. We now have to redevelop the environment to encourage amphibians, reptiles, birds and insects into the area.

This year the PCC (Parochial Church Council) has renewed its contact with Norfolk Wildlife Trust, and a representative will visit several times, during the spring and summer, to document the

wildlife and give help and advice for future maintenance with wildlife in mind.

So why is the wildlife so important in churchyards? From NWT resources: 'Norfolk was once rich in wildflower meadows with sympathetic management practices such as cutting and grazing allowing them to flourish. However, since the Second World War this traditional management has mostly been replaced by widespread application of fertilisers, herbicides and large-scale reseeding and ploughing up of wildflower meadows. It is estimated that since 1945, over 90% of English wildflower meadows have vanished. Many Norfolk

churchyards are remnants of these meadows and vital to the survival of several wildflower species. Churchyards comprise a mosaic of habitats - grassland, hedgerows, scrub, veteran trees and woodland - which are great for wildlife. Even the gravestones and the churches themselves form an important part of the churchyard habitat. The stone is of particular importance for lichen and other stonework plants. Churchyards tend to be chemical free and relatively undisturbed, making them very attractive for wildlife'.

So, take a stroll in our churchyard this year, and see this amazing mini ecosystem redevelop. If you see any interesting wildlife there, please contact me and ideally take a photo.

Lin Gibson

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Doin' Diff'rent

There are many lost villages in Norfolk, they were abandoned for several different reasons. Some were wiped out by plagues, or the inhabitants were moved to a different area when the land owner wanted to see a prettier view from their stately home window.

Some villages were flooded by the sea, as is sadly happening on the North Norfolk coast at the moment.

On private land between Bawburgh and Marlingford, there once stood a small village or hamlet called Algarsthorpe and a chapel dedicated to St. Mary Magdalen. The farm which is still on the land carries the name, and nearby Chapel Farm must be very close to the place where the chapel once stood. The chapel served the parish of Algarsthorpe until 1476, when it was united with Great Melton and is recorded as still being in use until the Dissolution of the Monasteries, which, as I'm sure we all know from our school history lessons, took place between 1536 and 1540, when the Pope refused Henry VIII a divorce from his first wife, Catherine of Aragon.

There is no record of when or why the village was abandoned and demolished and nothing to be seen above ground now, although a large quantity of human bones were discovered in 1930 when

new farm buildings were being erected there. Later, more bones were found in the garden of Chapel Farm and when the field was investigated in 1969.

While searching online I did find a will written by two brothers Eadwine and Wulfric, it was dated 1516 and stated that whoever lived the longest would inherit the land in various areas, including Little Meddeltone (Little Melton) and Eskeresthorpe (Algarsthorpe).

I also came across an interesting document on the website of the Manorial Council (It's amazing what one can find during a Google search) saying that the Lordship title of Algars Thorpe in the county of Norfolk is for sale (the gift of Mathew Peverel) for the price of £1,995.

The word 'thorpe' in Old Norse meant secondary settlement, and so Eskeresthorpe or Algarsthorpe was probably the secondary settlement of Algar or Eskere.

Jenny Press



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John Innes

Last month I wrote about how dry February was in 2023 with just 4.2ml recorded in our weather station. As I write this on 21st February 2024 we have recorded 90.5ml and it has been raining steadily all day. The level of the river bears testament to the amount of rain we have had and is a far cry from where it was on Duck Race day back in the summer. Suffice to say that no seed has gone in the ground yet this year but I hope that situation might have changed by the time you are reading this.



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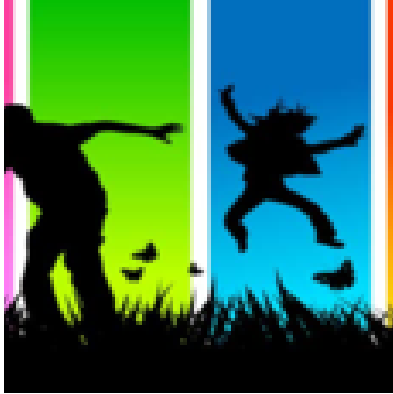
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Friday 22nd March



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Social Evening

at Bawburgh Village Hall on
Friday 8th March 2024
from 6:30pm until at least 9:30pm



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Bawburgh playgroup

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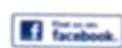
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The Garden Shed - March

Divide herbaceous plants – dig up the whole plant; discard the centre; divide the outside into sections and plant the sections in groups. Do this to all herbaceous perennials every 3 to 5 years.

Lawns – clean and service the mower! Trim the grass lightly – not too short, to encourage good root growth. The grass will be a lot healthier and better able to resist summer drought. Grass likes well drained soil. At least once per year, stick a fork in every 6 inches making little holes. Then spread a mix of sieved topsoil and sharp sand (or silver sand) and brush it in the holes with a stiff broom. Scratch the grass with a wire rake to lift thatch and moss.



Bulbs - do NOT cut back, tie or tidy the leaves of any bulbs but let them die back naturally as next year's flower is being created by the photosynthesis of the foliage. Leave them until the last trace of green has gone - which will be at least June!

Prune any shrubs and climbers that will flower on new growth and in particular late flowering clematis, roses and buddleia. You can do this when you see new shoots appearing but resist the temptation to do so if there is a mild February as the subsequent regrowth can be nipped back by a late frost.

Cut back shrubs such as Cornus, Willow and Sambucus, to encourage fresh shoots whose bark will glow with extra bright colour next winter. Pruning can be the cause of some anxiety but there is only one rule to follow which is always cut back to something, be it a side shoot or leaf bud. Other than that, do not worry unduly about outward facing buds or any such finessing. Cut with abandon or, don't cut at all. Either way the plant will almost certainly be fine.

Ornamental grasses – deciduous grasses like miscanthus, calamagrostis and deschampsia should all be cut back hard to the ground before the new green shoots start to grow too long.

Evergreen grasses like the stipa and cortaderia families should not be cut back, but comb through each plant with a rake or your hands (wear gloves!) pulling out all dead growth. Do not divide or move any grasses at this time of year. They must be growing strongly to have the best chance of surviving so wait until late May or even early June.

Dahlias – can be taken out of storage. Check for rotten or shrivelled tubers and pot them up so that they can begin to grow with some protection for the next couple of months before planting them out once the risk of frost has passed – usually mid May. Pot them so the tubers are just covered, using a standard compost mix, doubling up if necessary on

smaller tubers of the same variety to make for larger plants. Give them a good soak and keep in cold frames or the greenhouse before hardening off in May before final planting in borders or more decorative terracotta pots.

Vegetable Garden – Dig any unprepared ground and/or make raised beds by the end of the month. Do not sow any seeds outside if the ground feels cold to touch, but sow seeds under cover such as cabbage, lettuce, celery, beetroot and tomatoes. If the soil is warm and dry enough, (use your hands to decide), you can sow broad beans, beetroot, rocket, spinach, mizuna,

parsnips, radish and winter lettuce outside. Chit potatoes and plant out at the end of the month if the ground is dry enough. Prune gooseberries, and red and white currants.

Shallots - Unlike onion sets which swell to become one full-sized onion, shallot sets multiply to form a clump that can contain as many as a dozen individual bulbs; and they store incredibly well, lasting a year or more in a cool, dark, well ventilated place. Plant them directly outside, 9 inches apart in rows about a foot apart. This makes them easy to hoe. Do not completely bury them but leave the shoulder of the bulb and tips clear of the



soil. Cover with fleece for the first few weeks so they can get anchored to the soil with new roots, otherwise birds have a habit of tugging them out of the ground. Alternatively you can plant them into plugs, just burying them deep enough to sit in the compost. Keep them in a greenhouse or cold frame and then plant out when your soil is ready and has warmed up. Keep them weed free and regularly watered.

With thanks and acknowledgements to Monty Don. For more tips and advice visit his website www.montydon.com

Marion Malone

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It returns from Wymondham at 12:18pm and gets back to the Kings Head for 12:55pm

Tuesday and Thursday

On a Tuesday and Thursday, the 808 leaves the Kings Head at 9:14am. It travels to Longwater and arrives at 9:32am in time to catch a connecting bus to Norwich City Centre.

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The second bus leaves Longwater at 12:50pm and gets back to Bawburgh at 1:06pm.

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www.konectbus.co.uk 0330 0539358.
510 serves Hospital and 511 the University ONLY from Costessey Park and Ride.

Thickthorn Timetable: first bus to City Centre (Bus Station) from 0635 Mon-Fri, 0700 Sat. 0915 Sun

Last bus from City Centre (Bus Station) to Thickthorn P&R 1930 Mon-Fri (later on Thursdays), 1845 Sat. 1720 Sun.

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Diary dates

March 2024

Fri	1st		🗑️ Brown bin collection
Fri	1st	9:30am	Playgroup (Village Hall)
Sat	2nd	10:30am	Coffee Morning (Village Hall)
Tue	5th		🗑️ Green bin collection
Fri	8th	9:30am	Playgroup (Village Hall)
Fri	8th	6:30pm	Social Evening (Village Hall)
Tue	12th		🗑️ Grey bin collection
Tue	12th	7:30pm	History Group (Village Hall)
Fri	15th	9:30am	Playgroup (Village Hall)
Fri	15th		🗑️ Brown bin collection
Tue	19th		🗑️ Green bin collection
Thu	21st	7:00pm	Parish Council Meeting (Village Hall)
Thu	21st		Mobile Library:
		9:35am	Stocks Hill
		10:00am	Church Street
Fri	22nd	6:15pm	Youth Club (Village Hall)
Tue	26th		🗑️ Grey bin collection
Fri	29th	9:30am	Playgroup (Village Hall)
Sat	30th		🗑️ Brown bin collection

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