



# BAWBURGH NEWS

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## Crocus Homes shows design of proposed houses

On Thursday 25th July, Crocus Homes held an exhibition showing their designs for the proposed 35 new houses on Stocks Hill.

Although the final decision on whether 35 houses should be built on land opposite the Village Hall has not been made, one developer has put forward proposals for what the houses could look like.

At the event in the King's Head, the architects and representatives from Crocus Homes spoke to local residents and answered their questions.

This was part of a formal consultation which ended on 16th August.

Crocus Homes said, "The development has been designed with the local community and surroundings in mind, ensuring that the built form fits attractively within the local environment."

They also said, "The principle

of the development is to ensure all plots look outwards, towards long views of open countryside where possible, while ensuring new and existing landscaping provides a natural buffer, minimising the visual impact of the proposed development."

If you would like to review the design of the houses and see what the developer is planning, the consultation documents are still available to view online at:

**[crocushomes.co.uk/development/bawburgh/](http://crocushomes.co.uk/development/bawburgh/)**

The campaign to prevent any houses being built continues. A leaflet will be posted to everyone in the village over the next few weeks with the next proposed steps and giving an update on a new mandate as approved by the Parish Council.



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## **Your Village Needs You!**

**Would you like to help to make a difference to our lovely village?**

Our village relies on local people to help make it the special place that it is.

Volunteering for just a few hours a month can help make a huge difference.

We would greatly welcome more volunteers to join the following groups:

### **Litter Picking**

A group of volunteers who, every month, collect litter around the Parish and help maintain the nice look of the village.

For more details please email Denise at

**[bawburgh41@gmail.com](mailto:bawburgh41@gmail.com)**

### **Community Speed Watch**

A group of volunteers who aim to carry out speed checks on a weekly basis trying to deter unsafe drivers and making our village safer for pedestrians and cyclists.

For more details please email Mark at

**[mark.tudor@live.co.uk](mailto:mark.tudor@live.co.uk)**

### **Village Hall Gardening Group**

A group of volunteers who generally meet weekly, and work alongside our professional gardener Justin, to help make our village hall look attractive.

For more details please email Ruth at

**[iantait@talktalk.net](mailto:iantait@talktalk.net)**



## **Bus times change**

Be aware that the times of the buses leaving the King's Head for Longwater have changed.

The 808 bus now leaves the King's Head at 9:06am on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The new timetable is on display at the bus stop and can be found on the Bawburgh Village website at:

**[bawburghvillage.co.uk/local\\_information/transport.html](http://bawburghvillage.co.uk/local_information/transport.html)**

## **Sundown Festival**

This year's event will run from Friday 30th August to Monday 2nd September and they will commence work at the Showground from Tuesday 20th August.

For more information about this event, please visit their website: [sundownfestival.co.uk](http://sundownfestival.co.uk).

### **Friday 30th August:**

Event carparks will open from 08:00 to ensure there is not a buildup of traffic on the surrounding roads. The site will be open to Camping Ticket holders only from 12:00hrs, with entertainment starting from 16:00hrs.

Music will finish by 23:00hrs and a silent disco will run from 22:30hrs to 02:00hrs.

### **Saturday 31st August:**

In addition to Campers, the site will open for Day Ticket holders from 12:00hrs, with entertainment starting from 12:00hrs. Music will finish by 23:00hrs and a silent disco will run from 22:30hrs to 02:00hrs.

### **Sunday 1st September:**

In addition to Campers, the site will open for Day Ticket holders from 12:00hrs, with entertainment starting from 12:00hrs. Music will finish by 23:00hrs and a silent disco will run from 22:30hrs

to 01:00hrs.

### **Monday 2nd September:**

There is no entertainment on this day and the Campsite closes at 12:00hrs.

### **Road Closures**

Please note that Dereham Road will be closed to vehicles on Saturday 31st August and Sunday 1st September between the hours of 20:00hrs – 01:00hrs, to provide for a safe pedestrian exit from the event.

### **Contact Details**

The Resident Hotline will be open from 10am on Friday 30th August through to 12pm on Monday 2nd September. Should you have any concerns regarding the event between those dates please contact them and all issues will be passed onto the management team for resolution. Please only use the Hotline to report concerns during the dates above. Outside of those dates and for other information please contact them at:

**[info@sundownfestival.co.uk](mailto:info@sundownfestival.co.uk)**

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## MP's Month

It's hard to believe that I've already been your MP for a month, but I wanted to update you on what I've been up to. Since taking office, I've held advice surgeries in Loddon, Newton Flotman, and even over the phone to make sure I'm accessible to everyone who needs help.

I've visited some of the region's key employers like Lotus Cars, Quadram Institute, and Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital to discuss how we can support growth and innovation in our community. I've also met with local councils, including South Norfolk District Council and Long Stratton Town Council, to talk about how we can work together to improve our area.

Supporting community initiatives is important to me, and I was delighted to visit the Queen's Hill Community Orchard and see the amazing work being done there. I also met with Norwich City FC at their Colney training ground, where we discussed local sports development.

I also had the opportunity to meet with the National Farmers Union (NFU) in Kirby Bedon. Our discussions focused on the challenges facing local farmers, from environmental concerns to market stability. I'm committed to supporting our agricultural community, ensuring they have the resources and policies in place to thrive. The work our farmers do is vital to both our local economy and our way of life, and I will continue to advocate for them in Parliament.

On top of that, I've been working on important issues like road safety with Norfolk's Police and Crime Commissioner.

If you have a concern or need assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out. I'm here to help with everything from housing to social care issues, and

## Talks for Everyone

**Entrance, including tea or coffee: £3**  
**Tuesday September 10th 7:30 in the**  
**Village Hall**

### Roman Pottery

Archaeologist Alice Lyons is a Roman pottery specialist and an entertaining speaker. She will bring along some of her samples to show us and if you think you may have found some interesting pottery in your garden, bring it with you, and she will attempt to identify it.

Alice studied archaeology at York and Southampton universities, and completed her doctorate in Archaeological Ceramics at UEA in 2022. Currently she is President for the Study Group of Roman Pottery, and also Managing Editor of East Anglian Archaeology.

**Tuesday October 8th in the Village Hall**

### The Great Thorpe Railway Disaster

In the past Phyllida Scrivens has spoken to us on the subjects of Escaping Hitler, and on The Lady Lord Mayors of Norwich. This year her subject will be a railway accident which happened near Norwich in 1874.

*Jenny, Lin and Mary*

I've already secured compensation from HMRC and the DWP for several residents. You can contact me at

**[ben.goldsborough.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:ben.goldsborough.mp@parliament.uk)**

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*Ben Goldsborough, MP*



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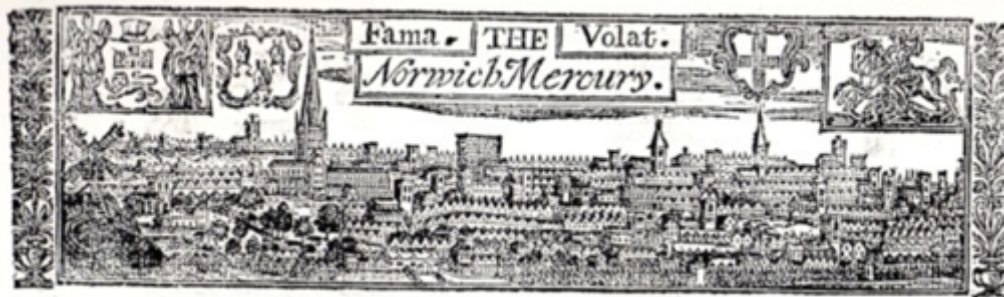
## Doin' Diff'rent : The Norwich Mercury

Whilst trawling through the archives at Norwich Library, I came across the story of the Bawburgh Ghosts, which appeared in Bawburgh News a couple of months ago. At the top of the old newspaper cutting was the name The Norwich Mercury. I asked the librarian about it, she thought the newspaper may no longer exist, so when I got home I Googled it and, of course up came its history, so I thought I'd tell you.

Before the eighteenth century all printers had to be licensed and they were restricted to working from London, Oxford and Cambridge. When the licensing act lapsed in 1696, printing works started springing up all over the country, and paper was suddenly needed for this new and fast growing industry.

The first local Norfolk paper was the Norwich Post, but others quickly followed, including, in 1720 the Norwich Mercury. Although these newspapers were produced locally, except for very important events, the articles they carried were national. The Mercury was produced for almost 300 years as a weekly paper and in the 19th century its offices were on Cocky Lane (now London Street) but by 1980 the Mercury had become a free paper, paid for by the advertisers.

Now my story changes track because in 1701 Taverham Mill was converted from processing woollen cloth to cotton which makes better quality paper and between 1858 and 1899 it was called The Times of Taverham and it was the first mill in Norfolk to produce the quality white paper needed by printers. Alongside Taverham Mill, Bawburgh



Mill was also making paper for the newspaper industry, and recycling old cotton clothing to produce the paper. Some local young women were employed to cut the buttons from old shirts before they went through the mill. I have been told that not so long ago people living near the Mill were still finding old buttons in their gardens. So recycling certainly isn't a new idea!

At one time it was a good living for local people, but with the coming of the railways the newspaper industry needed their suppliers to be situated near railway stations so local mills were no longer needed.

There is more information about Bawburgh Mill on

[bawburghvillage.co.uk/history/alphabet](http://bawburghvillage.co.uk/history/alphabet)

*Jenny Press*



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## Scientific Explorations with Bawburgh School and the John Innes Centre

Staff at John Innes have been having a lot of fun working with the pupils at Bawburgh School this summer. They told Bawburgh News all about it.

"In early June we organised a science day at the school with the help of their science lead teacher Chris Johnson. John Innes Centre scientists helped to run activities, including squashing strawberries to extract and see blobs of DNA. In a separate session they ground up plants and observed different coloured pigments separate on chromatography paper. In the school's wildflower meadow, they recorded what insects were visiting the different coloured flowers and talked about pollination.

The pupils also visited the John Innes Centre's stand in the Discovery Zone at the Royal Norfolk Show. Activities included a bug-designing activity to introduce younger students to the idea of different insects helping and hindering plant development. Some more complex science was introduced using pipe cleaners to represent RNA structure and how the structure is altered in the cold to activate flowering. Our Scientific Photographer had some high-tech drones on display which are used to collect data, such as plant height and flowering at Church Farm.

In early June years 3/4 (age 7 – 9) took a trip to

Church Farm. They started their day digging up pants instead of plants from the soil! Six weeks before, two pairs of cotton pants had been buried. These were retrieved by the students to reveal only the elasticated waistband remaining.

Behind this activity was the Country Trust's 'Plant Your Pants' campaign, designed to promote the importance of soil and soil health. We were all surprised to see how much the pants had decomposed in such a short space of time, emphasising how much life there is under our feet.

The children also had a tour of some of the experimental field trials and collected wildflowers and grasses to look at later under a microscope. Back at the Field Station, the students explored and found out more

about the trial-sized combine harvester, tractor and drill.

Their lab activity was exploring pea roots and nodules. They washed the soil off the pea plant roots and looked for the round root nodules, examining them closely under the microscope. Root nodules are formed by bacteria and the plant

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## John Innes - continued

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for mutual benefit, a symbiotic relationship. The bacteria produce ammonia, a type of fixed nitrogen, supplying the plant with nutrients and receiving sugars from the plants in turn. The visit was an excellent opportunity for the students to explore the science happening on their doorstep and for us to inspire the next generation. The pupils were a credit to their school.

We also attended the Bawburgh Fete and Duck Race where we had Church Farm inspired activities. The 'Bloom or not to Bloom' game was popular and gave us the opportunity to talk about the effects of winter temperatures on oilseed rape. We had one of the drones used to collect data from the experimental trials set to heat detecting mode which was fun for children and adults alike. It was great to meet some of the past and present pupils and their parents in the picturesque setting next to the river."

If any Bawburgh residents are interested in finding out more about experimental trials at Church Farm via a group tour or an information evening at the Field Station, please contact:

**caroline.smith@jic.ac.uk**

## 50 / 50 Club Winners

In August, the 50 / 50 Club winners were:

- Jean Asker
- Brenda Bell
- Luca Kagimu
- Noel Gilbert
- Gary Seaman

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15th	10am	Holy Communion, Marlingford
22nd	10am	Holy Communion, Bawburgh
29th	11am	All Age Service with Holy Communion, Easton

**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:

**eastonbeneficeoffice@gmail.com**

In the absence of Rev. Laura, please contact Lin Gibson, acting church warden, by email

**lin.gibson 34@gmail.com**

Or ring

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## Coffee Morning

The August event was rather quiet, probably due to summer holidays. However it still raised £65 for village funds..

The next Coffee Morning will be on Saturday 7th September from 10:30am.



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## Bawburgh Cooks

### Elspeth's Chicken Tikka Skewers

Elspeth Findlay, a teenage member of our team of cooks, made these Chicken Tikka Skewers at school recently when she had to design a street food recipe.

Serves: 4 to 6

#### Ingredients

2cm piece of ginger grated  
2 garlic cloves crushed  
3 spring onions finely sliced  
1 lime juiced  
1 tblsp chopped coriander leaves  
2 tsp ground cumin  
2 tsp ground coriander  
Pinch of chilli powder ( optional)

2 tblsp tomato puree  
300gms natural yogurt  
200ml coconut milk  
950 gm of chicken breast chopped into chunks  
2 peppers chopped into 2 cm chunks.

You also need 6 wooden skewers (soaked in water before use so they don't burn)

#### Method

- 1 Heat oven to 180 degree Fan or gas mark 6
- 2 Mix up grated ginger, garlic and spring onion into a bowl large enough to hold the chopped chicken.
- 3 Add your spices, tomato puree, yoghurt and coconut milk into the bowl.
- 4 Add the chopped chicken to the marinade mix and leave to marinade for an hour.
- 5 Thread chicken and peppers on to skewers and put on lined baking tray.
- 6 Cook in oven for 12 to 15 minutes.

To Serve: Elspeth served them with warmed chapatti (but you could use flatbread), and a raita (a cucumber and yoghurt dressing).

If you'd like to join the team and contribute one, or more, of your favourite recipes please get in touch.

Mary Wilkinson, [mary01@clara.co.uk](mailto:mary01@clara.co.uk)

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### John Innes

The weather finally turned in our favour for most of the harvest season allowing for good, steady progress gathering data and seed from the field experiments. It can be a case of being careful what you wish for however as we would now like some rain to get the oilseed rape trials sown at the end of August established.



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## Wild about Bawburgh

**The weather has been dry and warm this August and wildflowers are largely dying down. One exception is wild carrot which is to be found in profusion this year.**

These wildflowers have the smell of carrots, but do not have a carrot-like root. Instead, the taproot is small and pale, although I have been informed are good to eat when the plant is young. The white flowers grow in umbrella-like clusters up to 7cm in diameter and may have a red flower at its centre. When the flowers turn to seed, the clusters of flowers fold inwards, becoming concave resembling a bird's nest. They are drought tolerant plants and can become invasive. The wild carrot has been recognised for its medicinal properties and has been used in the treatment of urinary tract problems, gout, and cancer, among other things.

Other interesting wildlife sightings making August an interesting month, include the black arches moth. These night-flying insects are attracted to any light source, and may come into your house at night.

Helen Little took this photo of one at her home in Bawburgh. These beautiful moths, wingspan between 30 and 55 mm, are considered widespread and common in Norfolk, flying from July to September. They can be found in mature woodland and in gardens usually where there are oak trees or conifers, the food plant of the caterpillars. The black markings on the moth can be quite variable

but are usually unmistakable. The male has large, feathered antennae and is smaller than the female.



The moth overwinters as eggs which hatch in the spring, the resulting caterpillars are found from April to June.

This year there have been several reports of a leucistic crow at Southern Park Bowthorpe. Leucism is a genetic disorder in birds whereby the pigmentation cells are unevenly distributed resulting in some feathers appearing paler, bleached-looking or white. Sightings of these crows are rare, about 1% of the entire crow population. Leucism is not albinism. Albino crows are entirely white

feathered and have pink eyes, having no pigment cells, and it is estimated that there is only 1 in 30,000 chance of seeing one. The reduction of pigment in leucistic birds causes feathers to weaken and be more prone to wear. This may hinder flight and insulation properties, and the birds are usually more conspicuous increasing risks of predation. Additionally, leucistic birds may find it difficult to find mates. There is far more of a chance in seeing leucistic blackbirds and even albino blackbirds than a leucistic or albino crow.

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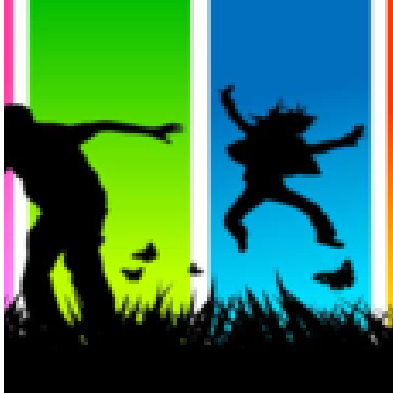
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**Friday 27th September**



Contact: Sarah Lambiase at school

## Bawburgh playgroup

Takes place every Friday during term time at the Village Hall from 9:30am to 11:00am. Entry £1.50 (£2 for two children) includes snack for the children and tea/coffee for parents

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## The Garden Shed - September

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**SEEDS** - Carry on collecting seeds as they ripen - and before they disperse - and once really dry, store them in a jar or paper envelope (NOT a plastic bag) in the fridge until you are ready to use them.

**PLANT BULBS IN POTS** - Crocus, daffodils (eg 'tete a tete'), reticulate irises, muscari and scillas. Mix compost with grit to ensure good drainage. Place the planted pots in a sheltered position until new growth appears.

**PRUNE SHRUB ROSES** - 'English' roses, albas or Hybrid Perpetuals are best simply trimmed with shears any time this month, to about two thirds of its former size. In March you can inspect the shrub to remove any damaged or rubbing stems, but a simple shear in September is enough to keep it healthy over winter.

**REPAIR LAWNS** - For small areas of worn or thin grass, rake away all thatch and moss and remove all weeds and thinly scatter grass seed, watering well and keeping it damp. Do not mow it for at least a month. If it looks unsightly clip the new growth with shears. For larger areas clean the edges with a sharp spade, fork it over to remove any compaction and either scatter with seed or cut a piece of turf to fit, making sure that the edges are butted tightly against the existing grass. Like grass seed, it is important that turf should not be walked on or mown until growing vigorously which will indicate that the roots have become established and are growing strongly. Depending on the weather, this may mean leaving it uncut until next spring.

**AERATE LAWNS** - Use a fork by working the tines into the ground at 12-inch intervals, followed by working sand into the holes with a stiff brush. Finally scratch with a wire rake, to remove all the thatch and moss and whilst it will look a little threadbare this autumn, next spring your lawn will be rejuvenated for this autumnal working over.

**LAVENDER** - Cut back hard to a good compact shape but be sure to leave some new shoots on each stem - lavender will often not regrow from bare wood. These new shoots will grow fast and provide an attractive and healthy cover to protect the plant in winter and provide the basis of next year's display.

### FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

**APPLES** - Pick over any apples at least once a week, checking to see if any are ripe by holding

them in the palm of your hand and gently lifting and twisting to see if the stalk comes away easily. Do not force it as when it is ready they always pick very easily. If apples are to be stored successfully - and if carefully placed in a cool, dark fairly moist place they will keep for months - they must be picked without any bruises or blemishes and any windfall, however seemingly perfect, will not keep and should be eaten fresh or cooked and then frozen.

**RASPBERRIES** - The old brown canes of summer-fruited raspberries can now all be cut down to the ground, leaving the fresh new green canes standing. These new canes will carry next summer's crop. Reduce these to the half dozen strongest shoots, taking out all smaller or awkwardly positioned growth. The remaining canes will need holding securely for the next year and therefore summer raspberries are best grown against a permanent system of support.

**GARLIC** - "Hardneck" varieties such as 'Red Duke', 'Rocambole', or 'Early Purple Wight' should be planted in September. Like all garlic, plant plump individual cloves (the bigger the clove the bigger the bulb it will generate) about 6 inches apart, pointed end up and buried a good inch below the surface in good but well-drained soil. Shoots will appear in about 6-8 weeks.

**SPINACH** - Spinach is a very hardy crop that grows best in mild weather and will quickly germinate and establish if sown in early September. Rake the ground to a level tilth and draw rows about an inch deep and 9-12 inches apart. Sprinkle the seed thinly and evenly, trying to space them an inch or so apart. Cover them over and water. They should germinate in 7-10 days.

*With thanks and acknowledgements to Monty Don. For more tips and advice visit his website [www.montydon.com](http://www.montydon.com)*

*Marion Malone*



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### Our Bus

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The 806A leaves the Kings Head at 10:00am and goes to Wymondham, arriving at 10:37am

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The second bus leaves Longwater at 12:50pm and gets back to Bawburgh at 1:10pm.

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## Diary dates

### September 2024

Tue	3rd	♻️ Green bin collection
Thu	5th	Mobile Library: 9:55am Stocks Hill 10:15am Church Street
Fri	6th	9:30am Playgroup (Village Hall)
Sat	7th	10:30am Coffee Morning
Tue	10th	♻️ Grey bin collection
Tue	10th	7:30pm Talks For Everyone (Village Hall)
Fri	13th	♻️ Brown bin collection
Fri	13th	9:30am Playgroup (Village Hall)
Fri	13th	6:30pm Social Evening (Village Hall)
Tue	17th	♻️ Green bin collection
Thu	19th	7:00pm Parish Council (Village Hall)
Fri	20th	9:30am Playgroup (Village Hall)
Tue	24th	♻️ Grey bin collection
Fri	27th	♻️ Brown bin collection
Fri	27th	9:30am Playgroup (Village Hall)
Fri	27th	6:15pm Youth Club (Village Hall)

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