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Churchyard restoration

Mark Tudor contacted Bawburgh News with the story of the ongoing restoration of the Churchyard

"It's been nearly two years now since Helen Liddle and Lin Gibson laid down the challenge to my daughter Holly and I to bring our wonderful St Walstan's Churchyard 'back to life'.

"What can be difficult about that?" we asked. A bit of mowing, some strimming and pruning along with some much-needed calorie burn (for me at least) to help trim the waistline; it all seemed so simple! Admittedly it hadn't been attended for over three years, but hey, we were up for the challenge!

Two years on, dozens of visits, blood, sweat, toil, and some tears, meadow grass that you can sit and visibly see grow in front of your eyes, thistles and nettles that growl at you as you



walk by and then of course there's the trees and hedges that need constant maintenance. I now know how the painters of the Forth Road Bridge feel; once you've finished it's time to start all over again!

BUT....

Something exciting is beginning to unfold and nature is beginning to respond to our efforts. Four-foot-high detritus has been cleared, the newfound wonderful light is beginning to play its part and with a little bit of Spring warmth in the air it's noticeable how the previously

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Coffee Morning

The April Coffee Morning was a splendid, sunny morning and, partly thanks to Richard Greengrass's excellent cake, it made £147.

Sandy Gunning contacted the News to tell us more, "The coffee morning was really well attended today. I got talking to Richard Greengrass who every single month bakes a huge cake for the village hall which sells at £2 a slice and all money goes to the village hall. Richard has done this for years now and only started baking after his wife died. His cakes are delicious and today it was coffee and walnut."



Thank you to Richard for his wonderful cake and all the volunteers who help to keep the Coffee Morning and all the other events running in Bawburgh.

The next Coffee Morning will be on Saturday 3rd May from 10:30am.

Everyone is very welcome.

Village Hall Management Committee AGM

On Thursday 1st May, the AGM for the village hall committee takes place in the Village Hall.

The meeting starts at 7:00pm if anyone would like to attend. They are also looking for new members to join.

The committee run the Village Hall and many of the events for the village.

The hall is a fantastic community resource which has recently celebrated its 25th anniversary.

Please do go along and get involved if you can.

Churchyard restoration

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unseen primroses, daffs and crocuses are establishing themselves once again and finding their voices in our Churchyard.

The wonderful Mick Andrews has now joined the team and has been a godsend and having just visited the Church for some early Spring maintenance the place is alive with colour!

And so, we begin Year Three in earnest. Of course, we will leave the beautiful early Spring plants alone to do their thing, to shout and scream until we begin the full maintenance programme all over again.

If you are new to the village, or even if you have lived here for a few years but have never felt the need to visit the Churchyard, then you are missing out on a small piece of nature's wonderful back garden. It is a lovely place to sit and stare, soaking up the peace and tranquillity that undoubtedly exists; forgive the pun but there is a wonderful spirit within the place. Please do give it a visit, we should all be very proud of what we have right on our doorstep; I know Holly, Mick and I are!"

More pictures are available on the website at:

www.bawburghvillage.co.uk/church/churchyard

Village Hall Gardening Group wants volunteers

Bawburgh Village Hall Gardening Group is a small group of volunteers who try to regularly get together for an hour or so, weather permitting, to undertake minor gardening tasks. Our aim is to improve the outlook of our village hall and make it more attractive for villagers and visitors.

To date we have tidied up the flower barrels that sit outside the hall, planted daffodils at the front of the hall and daffodils, cowslips and primroses in the hall grass areas adjoining Stocks Hill.

We have plans to plant more flowers at the front of the hall and are considering ways to improve areas at the back of the hall.

We would love you to come and join our small friendly group of volunteers and help out. Currently we meet at the village hall on Tuesday mornings around 9 am. You will be most welcome. If interested please contact Ruth on 07443397906.

Duck Race and Fete

The annual Bawburgh Duck Race and Fete will take place on Saturday 5th July on the Village Green.

The Village Hall Management Committee, who organise the event, are looking for volunteers to help out on the day.

If you are willing to spend some time helping to raise money for the village, or just want to find out more information, please contact Steve Brolly on:

bvhchair@gmail.com

Talks for Everyone

Do come along to our talks. There's a wide range of topics – something for everyone!

Entrance, including tea or coffee: still only £3!

Tuesday May 13th at 7:30pm in the Village Hall

Little Lifts Charity



This month's talk is by Graham and Sharon who are volunteers for the locally based charity Little Lifts.

Many of us have been affected by cancer and one of its most common forms is breast cancer. Little Lifts is a 'small but mighty' charity based in Norfolk and

founded by Oa who, until recently, was a Bawburgh resident. The charity provides gift boxes for people across the UK who are receiving treatment for breast cancer, to help alleviate the emotional and physical side effects of chemotherapy and radiotherapy treatment. Little Lifts is inspired by the kindness that Oa received from her friends and family during her own breast cancer treatment. She wanted to help other people feel more prepared, supported and loved as they begin treatment.

Tuesday June 10th at 7:30pm in the Village Hall

David Van Edwards

David Van Edwards is a lute maker. He will show us lutes 'under construction' and tell us how the instrument spread all over Europe until, by the renaissance, it had become the most important instrument in the musical world.

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MP's Month

What a month of beautiful weather we had last month! It really felt like Spring had sprung in the constituency with the blossom blooming and the birds belting out their best dawn chorus. I don't know about you, but the rain that appeared in mid-April was very welcome by my garden! As much as I could rabbit away on the weather, I'm guessing residents would be more interested to hear what I've been up to locally.

First, regarding my petition to the Government on water quality on the River Yare. The water quality at Bawburgh Mill was raised with me by residents just a few months after being elected to Parliament. In meetings with residents, it became very clear to me just how serious the problem was.

So, I created a Parliamentary petition to the Government, which I will be presenting on the floor of the House of Commons on the 22nd of April (but make sure you are set up for a late night as it will likely take place around 10pm). The petition urges the Government to clean up our waterways, calls on Anglian Water to uphold the highest possible water quality levels and the Environment Agency to provide residents with the information they need to enjoy the river year-round.

Petitions like this are a great way to ensure that issues that matter to local people are put in front of the Government. I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who signed the petition and those who went door to door to ask for signatures – every name really does help.

Secondly, I wanted to chat about local government reorganisation. Please don't nod off – I promise you this is really important (and can be interesting!)

I believe a mayor for Norfolk and Suffolk is a

positive move. It would ensure local policies are decided by a local person, meaning that the issues that matter most locally will be decided where, when and how we need.

We need a happy balance between local accountability, cost effectiveness and efficiency. We need more front-line services such as bin collections and pothole repairs, and we need proper investment in our local schools. That's why I prefer the idea of Norfolk being split into two new unitary authorities. That will get us the best value for money and keep decisions closer to people.

But I'm only one of multiple opinions. I'd really encourage Bawburgh residents to take part in the Government's consultation. You can find out more here:

www.consult.communities.gov.uk/lggc/norfolk-and-suffolk-devolution-consultation/

I am absolutely determined to ensure your voice is heard as loudly as possible at the top of government, and that you have the loudest say about how our local government is run. Because, at the end of the day, the future of our little slice of Norfolk depends on the effective running of our local services.

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Vicar's Voice

As spring turns to summer, we look ahead to two joyful celebrations in our church calendar: the Festival of Pentecost and the Feast of St Walstan, our much-loved local saint.

Pentecost, which falls this year on Sunday 8th June, celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. In wind and flame, in words and wonder, the Spirit transformed fearful followers into bold witnesses of God's love. It is a powerful reminder that the Church is not a building or an institution, but a living community, inspired and renewed by God's presence among us.

Similarly, the life of St Walstan speaks to us of quiet faithfulness and humble service. Born into nobility, Walstan chose instead a life of simplicity, working the land and caring for those around him. His story continues to inspire a deep connection between faith, nature, and community - values we still hold dear here in our villages.

You are warmly invited to join us for our

St Walstan's Day Service on Sunday 1st June at 11am in the church.

This will be followed by a

bring and share lunch at Marlingford Village Hall

A chance to enjoy food and fellowship with friends old and new.

As we celebrate both the outpouring of the Spirit at Pentecost and the quiet faithfulness of Walstan, may we be inspired to live with open hands and open hearts.

Rev Laura Montgomery

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting for the Easton Benefice, which incorporates Bawburgh church, will be held at Colton Church on the 11th May and will be combined with the 10am Service of Holy Communion.

All are welcome to attend. This is an opportunity to see how the church is run and to have your input.



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Church Services May

4th	10am	3rd of Easter, All Age Service with Holy Communion. Bring a picnic, Easton
11th	10am	4th of Easter, Service of Holy Communion, includes Annual Parochial Church Meeting of the Easton Benefice. Colton
18th	10am	5th of Easter, Service of Holy Communion, Marlingford
25th	10am	Ascension Day, Service of Holy Communion, Bawburgh

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.gibson34@gmail.com

Or ring

07785 258519

Janice Watton

I am sad to report that Janice Watton died on Thursday 27th March at the Norfolk & Norwich Hospital after a short illness.

Jan (as she was affectionately known) returned to Norfolk six years ago after a short spell back in her native Lancashire. Although she lived in Hethersett, she adored Bawburgh and was a frequent visitor to coffee mornings, quiz nights and other village events.

She was a dear friend to me and my family, but I suspect that her "Lancashire spirit" will be missed by anyone in the village who knew her.

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Doin' Different : Percy Garrod

(He loved to mardle ... on any subject under the sun!)

When local resident, Percy Garrod, died aged 102 in 2012, the EDP published a "Tribute to a true character." They listed his hobbies as "cabinet maker, teacher, musician, bee keeper, painter, photographer and cricketer." He had been a local correspondent for the EDP from 1947 until 1974.

Percy was born in 1909. He began work as a cabinet maker then a woodwork teacher, later he started repairing antique furniture and stringed instruments. He was also a member of the Norfolk Beekeepers' Association for over 70 years, wrote two books of East Anglian folklore and helped to form the Norwich String Orchestra. If that wasn't enough, Percy became a very early advocate of sustainability, growing his own fruit and vegetables, drawing water from his own well and in 1955, when the electricity board failed to provide power to his cottage, he even installed a wind turbine in his garden. Here is an EDP quote from November 21st 1990 - "Percy Garrod has never worried about who owns the electricity boards. He makes his own."

I visited his house on several occasions; it was full of musical instruments, photographs, drawings and books. He had a real sense of local history and kept copious notes, photographs and newspaper cuttings about Bawburgh, a lot of which are now stored in our village archives, kept at Bawburgh Village Hall.

Here is a short excerpt from Betty Martin's A to Z which you can read in full on the new Bawburgh website - www.bawburghvillage.co.uk. Look under G for Garrod.

"When I visited him in 1989, I had the unenviable task of condensing his overflowing



eighty years into one page." When Betty once complained to Percy that she didn't have time to do everything she wanted to do, his reply was "Well get up earlier!!"

Finally, for his 100th birthday, when he was living at Robert Kett Court, Percy built himself a banjo!

The photograph is of the late Dorothy Searjeant and me giving Percy a kiss during his 99th birthday celebrations in 2008.

Jenny Press

Review

I must give a quick shout-out to Holly Tudor on Stocks Hill. I recently had the pleasure of tasting some of the products from her range of home cooked biscuits, cakes and bread. Holly specialises in catering for those with special dietary requirements, but her products are not limited to those who prefer their treats to be gluten-free or lactose-free. I have tried her carrot cake, chocolate



brownies, shortbread and sourdough bread, all of which were delicious. Her business is called "Kind Crumbs", and I can highly recommend it.

Rupert Hipwell

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Bawburgh Cooks

This month Bawburgh Cooks celebrate their first birthday. We hope you have enjoyed reading their recipes, and maybe trying them out!

Rita's Nougat Semifreddo

Rita Boswell brings us another classic Italian recipe; this time a delicious dessert, perfect for sunny weather. She describes it as 'quick and easy, but very tasty and decadent!' How could anyone resist it?

Serves: 4 – 6

Ingredients

250gr mascarpone cheese
3 eggs separated
2 tbsp of caster sugar

100 gr of crunchy nougat, chopped by hand
To decorate – crushed toasted hazelnuts.

Method

1. Separate the eggs
2. Mix the yolks and sugar in a bowl till light and fluffy
3. Add the mascarpone and keep mixing
4. Add the chopped nougat
5. Beat the egg whites in a separate bowl till firm peaks form
6. Add them to the mascarpone mixture
7. Line a rectangular mould with cling film (The mould can be loaf-shaped, but any shape or size can be used, including mini-loaf moulds)
8. Pour the mixture into the mould and freeze for several hours before serving.

To Serve

As it is a Semifreddo (half frozen dessert), the consistency should be soft enough, but it needs to retain its shape as well. If the room temperature is not too hot take out of the freezer about half an hour before serving. When ready to serve tip it onto a serving dish and decorate with crushed toasted hazelnuts.

Next month: Martin's Pork and Prunes in Cider

If you'd like to join the 'Bawburgh Cooks' team and contribute your favourite recipes please get in touch with me:

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John Innes

May is one of the busier months for the Field Station team with applications of plant protection products and fertilisers required to most experiments although these will be adjusted according to the trait of interest with many needing reduced inputs to assess nutrient use efficiency. This variation in rates of application and often in a randomised manor across an experiment requires great attention to detail from the team. Final sowings and transplantings are made in May with crops such as potatoes and maize going in the ground. This year we have received a request to grow a mini maize that will be less than 1m tall.



John Innes Centre
Unlocking Nature's Diversity

Darryl Playford darryl.playford@jic.ac.uk

Wild about Bawburgh

Woodlice, familiar to all, are Crustaceans, more closely allied to shrimps and crabs, than to insects. They belong to the Order Isopoda, meaning 'equal feet', and have seven pairs of more or less identical walking legs, diagnostic of the group.

Most Isopods are marine and woodlice are the only group to have successfully colonised 'dry land'. Many British species still occupy coastal sites or damp habitats inland, though a few, such as the pill-woodlouse, can be active in full sun. In Britain, there are about 40 native or naturalised species.

Woodlice play a significant contribution to decomposition and nutrient recycling. By chewing decaying vegetation they allow rapid colonisation and decomposition by bacteria and micro-fungi, speeding up the recycling of nutrients back into the soil for new vegetative growth; thus they perform a very useful function in recycling bins.

Woodlice can be found in your garden all year round, especially in damp, protected areas such as under logs and stones, leaf-litter and moss. Some prefer the crannies in walls.

The two species shown in Peter's photo are common and represent the larger of the woodlice species. The Pill Woodlouse, up to 18mm in length, is characterised by its ability to roll up into a ball when it perceives a threat. It is also the woodlouse most likely to be found indoors due to its tolerance of dry conditions. It is slate grey in colour, sometimes with paler mottling. In contrast, the Common Shiny Woodlouse, which grows about 16mm in length, is shown to have more ornate mottling and is glossy.

Female woodlice mate with males in the summer and then carry the fertilized eggs in brood



Photo taken by Peter Markham, showing two species of land woodlice, two Pill Woodlice and a Common Shiny Woodlouse

pouches under their bodies for up to 50 days until they hatch. Once hatched they start independent lives and are known as Mancas, starting as 2mm white youngsters and growing up to 15mm each year, moulting several times until they become adults. They start life with 6 pairs of legs, acquiring the 7th pair after the first moult.

A woodlouse has a typical life span of 2-3 years. Some individuals may live

up to 4 years.

Interesting fact

In Norfolk dialect, woodlice used to be known as sow-pigs. They have also been called chiggy wigs, granny grunners, or chucky pigs. They may also be known as Slaters in various places throughout the world, including Scotland.

Lin Gibson

50 / 50 Club Winners

In April, the 50 / 50 Club winners were:

- Jane Ratcliff
- Sue Sharma
- Geoffrey Marks
- Rob Anthony
- Lin Gibson

If you would like to join the 50/50 club, just talk to Tishy Bayne at the next Coffee Morning.

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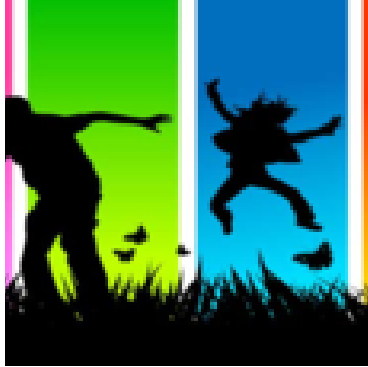
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Youth Club

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Friday 30th May



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Contact: Bawburghyouthclub@gmail.com

Bawburgh playgroup

Takes place every Friday during term time at
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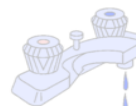
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The Garden Shed - May

TENDER ANNUALS - Once you have hardened them off for at least a week, tender annuals like Sunflowers, Zinnias, Cosmos or Tobacco plants can be planted out into all but the coldest gardens. Hardening off is important for faster growing and longer-lasting flowers. Any plants from a garden centre need placing in a sheltered place for a week to acclimatise.

CITRUS PLANTS - Bring them out but keep some fleece to hand to cover them if the temperature plummets. Cut back damaged, straggly or untidy branches to reinvigorate the plants.

ALLIUMS - Allium stems and foliage can be cut back immediately after flowering.

LILY BEETLES - have a bright red upper casing but are brown on the underside. Although very visible when nibbling lily and fritillary leaves, they drop off and lie on their backs on the ground completely camouflaged. The only control is to pick them off by hand and dispose of them.



DIVIDE & MOVE GRASSES - Once they have started to grow vigorously, lift the clump and divide into fairly substantial sections (not too small). Replant them at the original level and water in well. Keep watering them weekly until they are growing strongly.

STAKES AND SUPPORTS - Place supports in position whilst the plants are still relatively short; they will quickly be hidden by the new growth.

AQUATIC PLANTS - By the middle of May, pond water should be warm enough to plant (or divide) deep water aquatics like water lilies.

DEADHEAD TULIPS - Snap off the spent flower and seed pod using your fingers. Do not cut back the stem or foliage as all the energy goes into forming next year's bulbs.

GREENHOUSE TOMATOES - (Wait until the end of the month for outdoor ones). Plant them deeply, burying them right up to the bottom leaf (the buried section will develop extra roots). Remove side-shoots, breaking them off in the early morning with finger and thumb.

SOW FRENCH BEANS - If it is warm enough (more than 10°C day and night) sow a batch of French beans. Dwarf beans - seeds 6" apart in rows 12-18" apart. Climbing beans - 2 seeds per support, removing the weaker one once one is established and growing strongly. Water them well and keep them watered throughout the growing season.

EARLY FLOWERING CLEMATIS - Prune early-flowering clematis (C. montana, armandii, alpina and macropetala), immediately after they finish flowering around the end of May. Next year's flowers are formed on all the new growth made from this period, so if you prune them much later than mid June you will be removing next spring's flowers. Cut back freely, it won't mind! Then weed round the plant, water it well and mulch with compost or bark chippings.

SOW BIENNIALS - Sow wallflowers, honesty, foxgloves and forget-me-nots for next spring and summer. Biennials grow from seed and develop roots and foliage in one season and then flower in the next; unlike annuals, which grow, flower and set seed all in one growing season.

PRIMROSES - Plant or move primroses after they have finished flowering. Gently pull them apart to make a number of smaller sections. Water them in well. They should continue growing but when the leaves start to fade and look shabby cut them back hard. New, fresh leaves will soon appear to replace them.



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

Marion Malone

Letter

"Keeping Bawburgh Neat, Clean and Tidy"

Full marks to Peter Markham, our cherished Parish Council Chair. Not only does he work tirelessly (and probably thanklessly) in his role as Chair, but he also wrote an excellent article about dogs and their owners for the March edition of the Bawburgh News. I agree wholeheartedly that, while dogs should ALWAYS be kept under control so as not to pose a risk to walkers, drivers and other animals, there is nothing wrong with letting dogs off the leash where it is appropriate to do so because this has enormous physical and mental benefits for our canine friends. The important thing is "control" and "clearing up", or put another way: using common sense.

Rupert Hipwell

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

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 9:06am. It travels to Longwater and arrives at 9:32am in time to catch a connecting bus to Norwich City Centre.

There are two return buses. The first leaves at 11:15am and gets back to the Kings Head at 11:37am.

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

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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

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Thu	1st	7:00pm	Village Hall Committee AGM (Village Hall)
Fri	2nd	9:30am	Playgroup (Village Hall)
Sat	3rd	10:30am	Coffee Morning
Tue	6th		☞ Grey bin collection
Fri	9th		☞ Brown bin collection
Fri	9th	6:30pm	Social Evening (Village Hall)
Tue	13th	7:30pm	Talks for Everyone (Village Hall)
Tue	13th		☞ Green bin collection
Thu	15th		Mobile Library:
		9:55am	Stocks Hill
		10:15am	Church Street
Thu	15th	7:00pm	Parish Council Meeting (Village Hall)
Fri	16th	9:30am	Playgroup (Village Hall)
Tue	20th		☞ Grey bin collection
Fri	23rd		☞ Brown bin collection
Fri	23rd	9:30am	Playgroup (Village Hall)
Tue	27th		☞ Green bin collection
Fri	30th	6:30pm	Youth Club (Village Hall)

For the latest calendar details, see:

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