

Methodist Services:-

14 Dec.	Bawdeswell	2.30pm	Rev.A.Fairhurst.
28 Dec.	Bawdeswell	2.30pm	Mr. G. Brown.

7 Dec.	Foxley	6.30pm	Mr.P.D. Coleman.
14 Dec.	Foxley	2.30pm	Childrens Carol Service Miss H. Theobald.
21 Dec.	Foxley	6.30pm	Carol Service
28 Dec.	Foxley	11.00am	Mr.R.C. Lee.

Anglican Services:-

7 Dec.	Foxley	8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	Bawdeswell	9.45am	Family Service (III)
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	Bawdeswell	9.45am	Family Service (III)
	Foxley	11.00am	Carol Service
24 Dec.	BAWDESWELL	11.30PM	CANDLELIGHT MIDNIGHT COMMUNION WITH CAROLS (BCP)
25 Dec.	FOXLEY	9.45AM	CHRISTMAS DAY FAMILY COMMUNION WITH CAROLS (III)

PLEASE CONSIDER EITHER OR BOTH OF THESE AS JOINT SERVICES.

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	Bawdeswell	11.00am	Carol Service

Notes: BCP = Book of Common Prayer - Traditional
 III = Series Three Holy Communion - Modern

Rector: Rev Robin K. Brookes, Telephone Bawdeswell 397

The Reeve's Tale

CHRISTMAS 1980. EDITION



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STRAIGHT staple. This will leave your
Reeve's Tale and carol supplement intact.

Front Cover.

Madonna and Child by Stephanie Walsh.

The Rectory, Foxley.

November 1980.

Dear Friends,

First of all this month I must put right a very serious omission from the last edition of the Reeve's Tale, and that is to thank all those who took part in any way in the Bawdeswell Harvest Festival, whether by decorating the church or giving gifts. The following is an extract from the letter I received from the 'Little Sisters of the Assumption':-

"It is with deep gratitude we thank you and all the members of your Parish for this lovely lot of goods we received from your Harvest Thanksgiving Service. All was greatly appreciated by us and by the families who had a share of them....."

Sister Frances.

And so to Christmas:-

A season in the Church and society which always produces such mixed feelings in me. On the one hand I marvel at God seeking to rescue us from our sinful ways and not doing it by some show of strength but becoming a human baby with all the weakness and defencelessness of a new born child. At the same time I find myself getting angry and depressed at the sheer waste of money that we are encouraged nightly to undertake by the T.V. advertisements - concentrating on the toys we might give our children - some of them over £50.

I hope I'm not a miserable old killjoy I can recall vividly the thrill of new toys on Christmas morning. My children will receive presents, my wife will receive presents and there's probably more than a slim chance that I'll have something too.

But can I please encourage you to look beyond your family and friends and the affluent society in which we live. £50 keeps a child in India fed, clothed and educated for half a year under the TEARFUND Childcare scheme.

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POEMS FROM THE SCHOOL CHILDREN

A small happy and gay child excitedly waved
her beautiful coloured sparkler in the moon-
light.
The spitting sparky bonfire was angrily burning.
With Guy Fawkes screaming for help.
The spitting hot sausages were being hurriedly
eaten.
The whistling noisy rockets fly high into the
creepy cold sky.

Julie Elia. (4th Year)

The sizzling spitting crackling sausages
are in the black iron pan.
The rocket's flashes goes up into the black
night sky.
The potatoes are in their hot snug jackets.
The screaming guy sits on top of the hot
angry fire.

Melanie Pratt. (4th Year)

The Big noisy jack - in - the - box went bang
like summer thunder.
The crackling bonfire was elephant sized and
roared into the crow-black sky.
The bright rocket zoomed up into the starry
black sea of sky.
The sizzling sausages sat in the shiny
iron frying pan.

Stephen Howard. (4th year)

POEMS FROM THE SCHOOL CHILDREN

A size 6 Catherine Wheel went around like a propellor
on fire.
The small colourful Chinese Lantern was buzzing
everywhere,
It went bang and flew into the air.
The blazing angry fire hurriedly caught up with the
raggy torn plump guy.
Who slumped back like a dead man.
I happily lit a glowing sparkler and waved it about,
So it looked like a plane's vapour trail.

Paul Jarvis. (4th Year)

The exciting bang of the deafening fireworks
The sizzling hot creamy potatoes
With their tough hot jackets on.
The bandy legged guy sits bent on top of the hot
bonfire.
The long fat sizzling sausages sit in the big frying
pan.

Barry Mears (3rd Year)

The guy sits lazily on top of the sparky angry
bonfire.
The hurrying rockets zooms to outer space and
burst into colour.
The sparklers yellow light makes twirly writing
in the night.
The potatoes are snuggling in their hot jackets.

Christine Lilwall (3rd Year).

It is only the most enthusiastic gardeners who will venture into the garden in December yet there is quite a lot one can do if you have the inclination.

There are still a few bulbs available and it is not too late, Tulips, Hyacinths and Narcissi can all be planted now. Why not plant a few later flowering Narcissi like Sempre Avanti, Flower Record or Quirinus such a change from the Golden Daffodils.

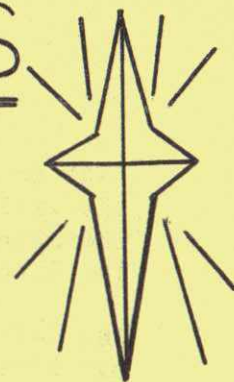
I am sure you can find an odd corner for a few wallflowers or polyanthus, just think of that lovely scent of wallflowerd when you open the windows on a fine spring morning.

If you have some fruit trees they must be pruned to maintain correct growth and increase yield. Choose a fine day, not frosty and see that your secateurs are sharp. If you cut off any large braches paint the cuts with Arbrex or lead paint to seal the cuts.

If you don't know how to prune come and see me I'll give you a few tips. Collect all prunings and burn. Next job is spraying with Taroil or other winter wash to ensure maggot free apples next year. Apples, pears and cherries also gooseberries can also be sprayed.

Spray peaches with copper fungicide now and again in February. Spray well round the base of the trees, avoid spraying into the wind. Don't let the spray drift on your winter greens, Cauliflower with cheese is O.K. but brussels with taroil does't taste too good. Mix according to the instructions and READ the WARNING notice on the tin before use.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS



O COME, all ye faithfull,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him,
Born the King of Angels;

O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!

God of God,
Light of Light,
Lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God,
Begotten, not created:

Sing, choirs of Angels,
Sing in Exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of Heaven above:
"Glory to God
In the highest":

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,
Born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be glory given,
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing:

WHILE shepherds watched their flocks by night,
 All seated on the ground,
 The Angel of the Lord came down,
 And glory shone around.

2 "Fear not", said he (for mighty dread
 Had seized their troubled mind),
 "Glad tidings of great joy I bring
 To you and all mankind.

3 "To you in David's town this day
 Is born of David's line
 A Saviour Who is Christ the Lord-
 And this shall be the sign:

4 "The heavenly Babe you there shall find
 To human view displayed,
 All meanly wrapt in swaddling bands,
 And in a manger laid".

5 Thus spake the Seraph, and forthwith
 Appeared a shining throng
 Of Angels, praising God who thus
 Addressed their joyful song:

6 "All glory be to God on high,
 And to the earth be peace:
 Goodwill henceforth from heaven to men,
 Begin and never cease".

THE first Nowell the Angel did say
 Was to certain poor shepherds in fields
 as they lay;
 In fields where they lay a-keeping their sheep,
 On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
 Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
 Born is the King of Israel'.

2 They looked up and saw a star
 As it shone in the East, beyond them far;
 And to the earth it gave great light,
 And so it continued both day and night.

3 And by the light of that same star,
 Three Wise Men came from country far;
 To seek for a King was their intent,
 And to follow the star wherever it went.

4 This star drew nigh to the north-west;
 O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
 And there it did both stop and stay,
 Right over the place where Jesus lay.

5 Then entered in those Wise Men Three,
 Full reverently upon their knee,
 And offered there in His Presence
 Their gold and myrrh and frankincense.

6 Then let us all with one accord
 Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
 Who hath made heaven and earth of nought,
 And with His blood mankind hath bought.

ANGELS from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth,
Ye who sang creation's story
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Come and Worship,
Worship Christ, the new-born King.

Shepherds in the fields abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing;
Yonder shines the infant Light:

Sages, leave your contemplations;
Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of Nations;
Ye have seen His natal star:

Saints before the altar bending,
Watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending,
In His temple shall appear:

HARK ! the herald-angels sing
"Glory to the new-born King,
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled! "
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies:
With the Angelic host proclaim,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.
Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.

- 2 Christ, by highest heaven adored.
Christ, the everlasting Lord.
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of a Virgin's womb!
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!
Hail the Incarnate Deity!
Pleased as Man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.

- 3 Hail the Heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Risen with healing in His wings.
Mild, He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.

- 1 O LITTLE town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light:
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

- 2 O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to men on earth;
For Christ is born of Mary;
And, gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the Angels keep
Their watch of wondering love.

- 3 How silently, how silently,
The wonderous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His Heaven.
No ear may hear His coming;
But in this world of sin,
Where meek sould will receive Him, still
The dear Christ enters in.

- 4 O Holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in;
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas Angels
The great glas tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel.

Now's the time to start a fruit garden, apples pears and soft fruit can be planted now.

Apples in store must be checked each week, also onions, they go at the neck so use them up first. Onions are a good preventative against colds so they are worth looking after. Shallots are a good standby so get some in now, plant 5" apart rows 10" apart, the yield could be 10 to 1 against 5 to 1 for later plantings.

How about a few early strawberries, put a few young plants in 5" pots in the greenhouse or coldframe. they won't need much looking after till February when you must start feeding.

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A DATE FOR THE GARDENERS

BENNETTS NURSERY

"AUCTION"

SATURDAY DECEMBER 6th 1980.

AT 10.30am

FULL RANGE OF GARDEN PLANTS INC.

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BAWDESWELL PLAYGROUP

Our Halloween dance on Saturday 1st November was a great success. It was very well supported. George Kemp did a excellent job with his disco, complimented by Derek Webster at the bar. The village hall looked really atmospheric with all sorts of Halloween decorations including many the playgroup children had made. Not only did we really enjoy ourselves but we made the grand sum of £90.00 for playgroup funds.

Our jumble sale on Saturday 15th November also boosted the funds a further £50.00. We were pleased the number of people who braved the awful weather to give their support. We would like to thank all those who in any way gave their help and support to us.

We started our sponsored slim at our November coffee morning. This will finish on the next coffee morning which is Tuesday 9th December. It's not too late to join in - Jenny Robson (Bawdeswell 485) has the forms.

The mums are busy selling tickets for our Christmas Draw. There are some super seasonal prizes including Christmas Hamper, Wine, Sherry etc. The Draw will take place on Wednesday 17th December at the Playgroup Nativity Play, which will begin at 11.00am. Everyone is welcome to come along and see the performance by the children.

The Christmas Party will be on Thursday 18th December in the afternoon.

Matthew Buck is shortly going into Hospital for an operation. Our good wishes go to him and his parents during this worrying time

BAWDESWELL PLAYGROUP CONTINUED

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Mary Marsh, from Swanton Morley, as our new assistant supervisor. We hope she will be very happy with us.

* * * HAPPY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS * * *

To Rachel Danvers whose birthday was 4th November, Carol Cruikshank and Kevin Kane who have birthdays on the 7th December, Lisa Brookes whose birthday is on the 9th December and Susan Quinn whose birthday is on the 16th December.

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REEVE'S TALE CALENDAR

The calendar will be available from December 3rd. 1980. at Bawdeswell Post Office, N. Whybrow's Bawdeswell, The Rectory Foxley and The Silver Jubilee - Foxley.

The price of each calendar is 35p complete with envelope.

The result of this venture will ensure that The Reeve's Tale remains a FREE village magazine.

BAWDESWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Congratulations to the following boys who are doing so well with their swimming:- Christian Robinson, Adrian Hankey and James Lilwall have gained a Life Saving Award, Trevor Wright has reached the 1st stage in the Junior Proficiency Swimming Certificate and Matthew Reynolds, Nicholas Reynolds, Adrian Hankey and Christian Robinson have reached the 2nd stage in this award. Well Done, boys!

The bonfire night was a great success. The 19 guys made by the children were so good that each child received a prize. Our grateful thanks to the "Friends" for organising this event and also for the new colour television set they have bought for the school.

Christmas is coming so quickly ! We are busy rehearsing for the school Christmas play which will take place at 2.00pm on Wednesday 17th December in the school hall. The school Christmas lunch will be on Tuesday 16th December and the childrens Christmas Party organised by the "Friends" on Friday 19th December.

Elsewhere in this edition are some very good examples of poems by the children inspired from the bonfire party.

The Carol sheet supplement

Please note that this carol sheet will be used at all Christmas Services at both Bawdeswell and Foxley churches. And whilst there will be spare copies at both churches, for your convenience please bring enclosed supplement.

FRIENDS OF BAWDESWELL SCHOOL

Many thanks to all who turned out on the rather wet night of November 3rd. The bonfire, Fire-works, eats and drink soon enhanced the atmosphere and encouraged a grand sum of £55.00. It gives us a feeling that it was all worthwhile when one sees the poetic inspirations from the children in this issue.

December 12th at 8.00 till midnight is the "Christmas Happening" formerly known as the "Adult" Christmas Party. A "Free" cup of punch, buffet, bar, tombola and an entertaining disco all for the sum of £1.50 per ticket. Tickets and further details can be obtained from the school, Elsdens garage or any committee member.

We are organising a Christmas party for the school children on Friday 19th December, where it is hoped a visit, not from J.R., but from F.C. can be arranged. Details will be sent to parents soon.

JULIAN MEETINGS - MID NORFOLK GROUP.

For Bawdeswell and Foxley members there are two meetings in December. One will be held at Patricia Coghills, Gt. Witchingham on December 3rd at 8.00pm, and the second will be on December 17th at Peggy Prattens, Gt. Witchingham at 8.00pm.

We do hope that all members will be able to attend these two meetings.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH - FOXLEY

Sincere thanks to everyone who has helped to keep Foxley Church clean and welcoming throughout this year.

Do you live in Foxley? We'd be very glad of a few more helpers on the cleaning rota. What does it involve? You would work with a partner, at times to suit yourselves. Your turn to clean would come about twice a year only, and each turn lasts for a calendar month. The more helpers we have the less often we have to do it.

Do please let me know if you would consider joining us, and thank you again to our regular stalwart helpers.

Val Brookes,
Foxley Rectory,
Tel: Bawdeswell 397.

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FOLLAND COURT OVER 60 CLUB

Many thanks to everyone who supported and organised our Christmas Fayre on 22nd November. The marvellous sum of £145.00 was raised for our funds.

Your help is really appreciated.

BAWDESWELL VILLAGE HALL

Forthcoming events for December 1980 :-

December 6th 1980. - Childrens Christmas Party with Father Christmas - 6.30pm till 9.30pm. Tickets 50p.

December 12th 1980. - Whist Drive. 7.30pm
Tickets 50p.

December 19th. - Village Hall Dance and Buffet. 8.00pm till Midnight. Tickets £1.25.

December 20th 1980. - Football Disco.

December 31st 1980. - Olde Years Night Party. 8.00pm 1980 till Midnight. Tickets 60p.

For further details see posters as displayed.

THE CONTRIBUTORS TO REEVE'S TALE WISH YOU
ALL A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS
NEW YEAR.

N.B. All insertions for January 1981 issue to 17.Hall Road, Bawdeswell by Tuesday 30th Dec.1980. Please.