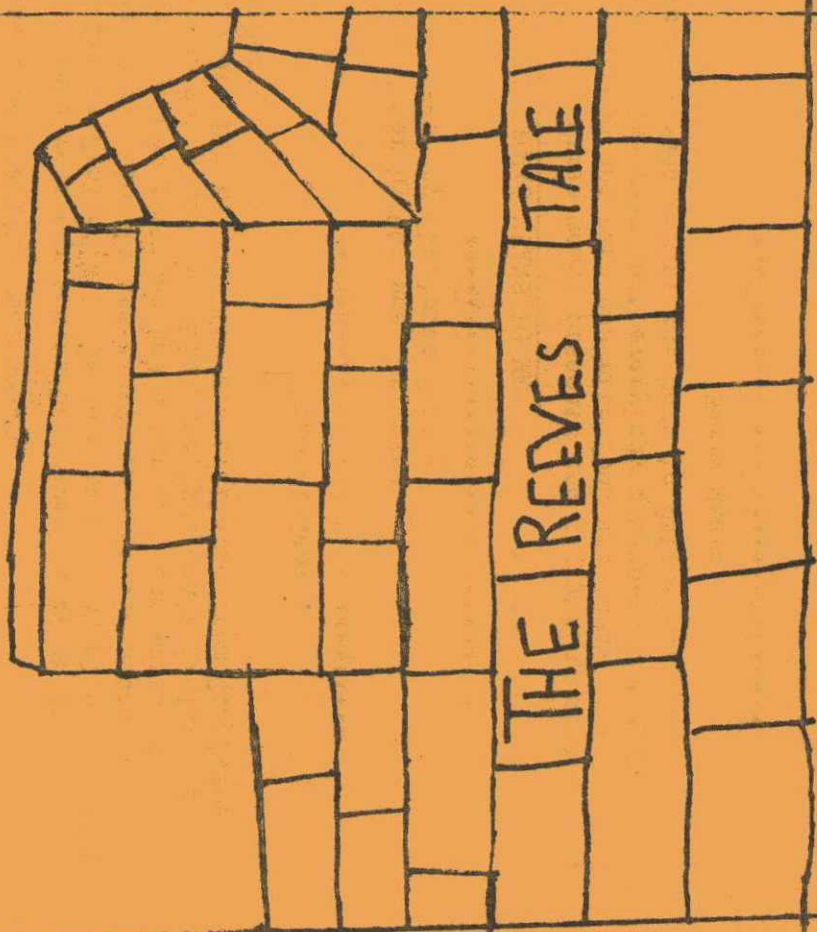
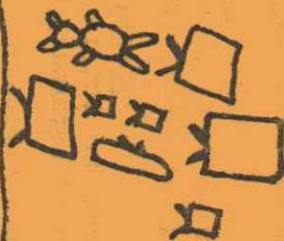
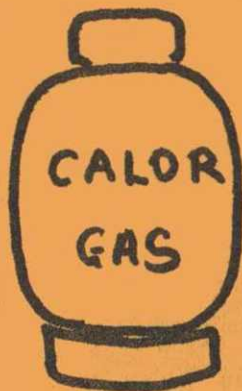


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WE ARE BACK !

This month's issue has been very kindly sponsored by Bawdeswell Playgroup, thank you ladies for such a generous offer. Thanks also to the many contributors to this Christmas issue, which has been produced at short notice, especially to the children of Bawdeswell Primary School for so many different designs for our cover - a pity we only had room for two. Mr. Pyne's class has also provided some Christmas "thoughts" which I hope you will enjoy reading.

I apologise for not approaching every organization in Foxley and Bawdeswell for news, items for future issues will be most welcome. Please give them to Tony Cook or Robin Brookes in Foxley, Gilly Spencer or myself in Bawdeswell. The latest date for inclusion in the Reeves Tale is the 22nd of the previous month.

In view of our precarious financial position we would be very grateful for sponsorship and donations to help cover the costs of production of the Reeves Tale, and to secure its future. In return the Reeves Tale can offer an insight into our village life and affairs and an essential communication of all that is happening. It is an obvious place to advertise your goods or services and we will be very happy to accept advertisements.

We are providing a money box at the Post Office Stores by kind permission of Mrs. Gladys Dewing and also one at the Mace Store by kind permission of Mr. Norman Whybrow, all donations gratefully received.

A big "thank you" to everyone who has helped in any way to make this Issue possible.

Happy Christmas to all our readers

Peter Kane (Editor)
"Farndale", Bawdeswell.

THE RECTORY, FOXLEY

Dear Friends,

Once again Christmas is upon us, the time of the year when because of the greatest present that has ever been given, God himself in the form of the baby Jesus, we think about the giving of gifts.

At the two Church carol services on December 20th (Foxley 10.30 a.m. and Bawdeswell at 6.30 p.m.) we shall collect gifts once again for Garfield House, the children's home in Dereham, which owing to a misunderstanding did not take place last year. I have spoken with the Deputy Superintendent of Garfield House, Miss Carol Webster (who despite the title 'deputy' is "in charge") and the following things would be appreciated in order of preference, if you feel that this is something that you would like to give to.

1. Stocking fillers for the children (aged 7-14 years) e.g. sweets, biscuits, chocolate, pens, felt-tips, crayons, talc (for the older girls), books to draw in, etc., etc.
2. Small new toys/gifts that could be given to the children as Christmas presents.
3. Second-hand toys in good condition for use in the home for the resident children and the many small children that visit with their mums each week.

It would be helpful if the new items in categories 1 and 2 could be given with a detachable (i.e. tie-on) label stating what the gift is, around the Christmas paper, and if the second-hand items in category three could be in plain paper and marked on the outside as to what they are. This will help the staff at Garfield enormously with the sorting and distribution of our gifts.

I have been assured that all gifts will be most welcome, especially at this present time of cut-backs.

Also over the entire Christmas period, there will be in the Churches, collecting boxes for the Christian relief agency 'Tear Fund' so that our giving at Christmas may be truly Christian and not centred just on our own locality but for those in need overseas.

THE RECTORY (CONTINUED)

If you've ever been worried about what happens to the money given for overseas relief to certain charities, you need have no fear with this one, for all monies channelled overseas are applied in the local situation by the local churches on the spot, so that food, clothing or whatever, does not get into the wrong hands, and no 'guerrilla movements' are supplied with money etc.

'Tear Fund' also operates a 'Childcare' programme where individuals and families can sponsor a child in a 'Third World' country so that he/she may have decent clothing and education. The cost of this is only £10 per month... and there is a great deal of joy and satisfaction in receiving letters and drawings etc. from one's sponsor child. Do ask me if you'd like more details.

So finally a happy and blessed Christmas to you and each member of your families.., it is good to know that despite whatever the world may throw at us we are safe and secure in the arms of God through faith in Jesus - in the same way that he was, or any baby is, secure in the arms of his mother.

Yours sincerely in Jesus service,

Robin Brookes.

WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS TO ME

Christmas to me means carols and presents and kindness. It also means happiness and love and Santa Claus. It is a happy and joyous time of the year and a time we rejoice for God and Jesus. It is a time that we give and receive cards and presents. That is what Christmas means to me.

Jonathan Bircham.

FOLLAND COURT OVER 60'S CLUB

We have had a number of really enjoyable outings since our last report in the Reeve's Tale. We went to Hunstanton on 21st June, Glandford Shell Museum and Wells on 20th July and Felixstowe on 20th August. We joined with Elmham Good Neighbours for a trip to Banham Zoo on 10th September. On 16th September we were invited by Swanton Morley Friendship Club to join them in a service at their church followed by an enjoyable tea in their village hall. We went to Gorleston on 17th September. We joined forces again with Elmham on 22nd September when we went on a mystery tour and on 28th September when we had a service in North Elmham Church followed by another enjoyable tea.

On 14th October we had a service in our Church and invited friends from Foulsham, Guist, Elmham and Swanton Morley. Miss Celia Joice played the organ, Mrs. Wayne from Colkirk gave a talk and Rev. Brookes took the service. Afterwards we all had tea in the village hall, everyone having a really pleasant time. We would like to thank everyone who helped us on this occasion.

On Saturday 21st November we had our Autumn Fayre. This too was a great success and we raised about £190. We are most grateful to everyone who helped us in any way and to all those people who came and supported our event.

WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS TO ME

Christmas means to me the time to remember when Jesus was born to love us and to die for us. We give presents to remember the presents the three wise men gave. Christmas is a time for love and joy and peace, these are the three fruits of the Spirit. Christmas is when most people go to church, sometimes there is a nativity play.

Matthew Brookes.

Welcome to John Daniel Brookes, a happy addition to Robin and Val's family.

BAWDESWELL AND FOXLEY WOMENS INSTITUTE

It is with great pleasure we welcome the return of the Reeve's Tale, it has been missed very much as it acts as an excellent means of communication.

To bring our news more or less up to date. In September our Speaker was Mrs. Perowne, her subject 'Corn Dollies'. Mrs. Perowne's talk was most interesting and the result of her skilful fingers had to be seen to be believed.

The Group Meeting was held on October 5th and it was the turn of Great Ryburgh to act as hosts on this occasion. The following week we held our Monthly Meeting in Bawdeswell Village Hall. Our Speaker was Mrs. Barbara Holden, her subject 'Sensible Slimming'.

November, the month of our A.G.M., began well as we arrived for our first meeting in the newly decorated Village Hall. We all enjoyed our evening despite everyone's regret at the retirement of the President Mrs. H. Loose and our Secretary Mrs. O. Curtis, they have both worked so hard for the W.I. and well deserve a rest from committee work.

We welcome two new members to the Committee, Mrs. D. Marquand and Mrs. G. Wright, others re-elected were: Mrs. O. Adams, Mrs. I. Ames, Mrs. E. Larwood, Mrs. A. Murrell, Mrs. M. Parfitt, Mrs. J. Robson and Mrs. G. Spencer. Officers elected were: President - Mrs. I. Ames, Secretary - Mrs. E. Larwood, Treasurer - Mrs. A. Murrell. The two Vice Presidents have still to be named.

WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS TO ME

I think Christmas is joyful because it is the time of year to celebrate Jesus. It is exciting when you receive and give presents and cards to people. Also you see your family. You put up decorations and a tree and decorate it with candles.

Emma Cook.

BAWDESWELL PLAYGROUP

Welcome back Reeve's Tale - we have missed you! Well to catch up on our news - here goes.

At the beginning of term we welcomed Jonathan Rickett and Richard Dickerson as new playgroup children. On 16th September we held our Annual General Meeting in the village hall. Reports on the year's happenings were read and a new committee was elected, which is as follows, Chairman - Gilly Spencer, Treasurer - Marion Smith, Secretary - Dorothy Taylor, Committee Members - Jenny Robson, Sue Wolfe, Wendy Martin, Stephanie Kane, Janet Milk, Denise Laycock and Michelle Buck. The outgoing Committee Members - Polly Saviour, Mo Pickervane, Jenny Lake and Rosemary Millar - were thanked for all their work and were later presented with a pot plant each as a token of our gratitude.

Earlier this term we were sorry to lose Terri Walters as our Assistant Supervisor. Terri, who is always interested and concerned about playgroup, came to our rescue at Easter and has worked very hard. We are most grateful. Denise Laycock has kindly agreed to take over as Assistant and Carol Dickerson is our regular "Stand-by" Mum Helper. Thank you ladies!

On Saturday November 7th we held our "Week after Hallowe'en Dance." This was a tremendous success and everyone had a really good evening. It was particularly good to see so many young people supporting our dance and obviously enjoying themselves. Come again - do! We raised the grand total of £75.81.

The following Saturday we held another fund raising event. We had Bawdeswell's "Calico Pie" plus cakes, raffle, Christmas cards and paper for sale. We raised almost £26. We are most grateful to everyone who made any donations and helped us in any way with these two events.

As a result of last year's fund raising we were able to purchase a shed to store all our equipment in. Thanks to some of the Dads the shed is now erected and in use. We are most grateful to Mr. & Mrs. Ames who have kindly allowed us to store equipment in their barn over the last year. Bridget and Denise are now busy ordering some new much needed equipment as some of our things "have seen

better days."

Forthcoming events to note please.

THE NATIVITY PLAY will take place on Tuesday 15th December at 11 a.m. Everyone is welcome. Coffee and mince pies will be served. We are having a raffle which will take place after the play. The children will have their Christmas party on Wednesday 16th December beginning at 11 a.m. Father Christmas will arrive at 1.30 p.m. The playgroup Mums, Dads and Staff are having an end of term get together on Friday 11th December. Marion and Tony Smith have kindly offered us their house again for this "do".

We must congratulate the Village Hall Committee on the super job they have done on the Hall. They have obviously worked very hard.

A very happy birthday to:-

Kevin Kane on 7th December, Susan Quinn on 16th December, Kelly Woods on 7th January, Matthew Buck on 23rd January and Rachel Spencer on 29th January.

Goodbye and best wishes to:-

Kevin Kane, Kelly Woods and Rachel Spencer who will be starting school after Christmas.

WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS TO ME

Christmas means a lot to me, it means happiness, love and kindness and buying people presents and cards. It means kindness to my pets and all animals. At Christmas we remember Jesus being born in Bethlehem in a stable, and they wrapped him in cloth and put him in a manger.

Teresa Webster.

BAWDESWELL FOOTBALL CLUB are holding a Christmas Disco on Saturday 19th December from 8 p.m. - 11.30 p.m. in Bawdeswell Village Hall.

BENNETT'S CORNER

According to the song "Mad dogs and Englishmen go out in the noon day sun", but its euqally the mad gardeners who go gardening in December, but if you want greens through the winter and fruit in the summer you must force yourself to do something now.

After the gales last week my sprouts and purple broccoli looked like a crossword puzzle but a few canes and ties soon had them up straight again. As we have not seen the last of the gales yet make sure yours are all well staked because sprouts soon go rotten when lying on the ground.

If you are troubled with slugs in the cabbages get some Slugit Liquid. Pellets are not much good at this time of the year. Lift a few carrots and parsnips and put them in the shed in sand in case we get snowed up. Keep an eye on the onions in store, throw out all the bad ones to use first and do the same with apples, remember the saying "One bad in store leads to many more".

If you can get some strawberry runners put two or three in 5" pots and put them in the greenhouse and start feeding in January for a few early strawberries.

Any time now you can make a start on pruning the fruit trees. If you don't know what to cut off come and see me, I won't do it for you but I'll give you a good idea how to go about it. Next month I'll tell you about spraying.

By now you should have all your dahlia tubers boxed up in peat and all the ohrysanthemums cut back and labelled and safely boxed up in the greenhouse. If you have any hyacinths in pots outside bring them into the greenhouse (not indoors yet) and when the bud appears take them in the warm. Daffodils and narcissus should not be brought in just yet, except Paper Whites, which should be in bloom by Christmas.

Most of the leaves have fallen now so rake them up and compost them with 'Garrotta'. Cut back perennials and lightly prune roses. Cut back whippy branches and re-stake and tie young trees.

BENNETT'S CORNER (Continued)

Tie a string round conifers, even the small ones. Snow can ruin the shape of conifers or worse still break the small branches right off. Conifers can make a lovely show in any garden both as hedging or as specimen trees. We have a sale of conifers on at the Nursery if you are interested, now is the time for planting. We also have some Christmas trees for potting or for the garden.

Well Christmas is almost upon us and we may not be in the mood for any sort of gardening but as we go through the year I will try to give you a few reminders of what you should be doing each month in the garden and the greenhouse, not forgetting a word or two about house plants for the ladies.

While on the subject of house plants don't forget "Plants make Presents", what do plants make? PRESENTS!! We also have some lovely Christmas table decorations, they make lovely presents too!!

May I take this opportunity to wish you all A Merry Christmas and a Happy Gardening Year.

Cyril Bennett.

WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS TO ME

Christmas is a joyous time of year. To me it means happiness in buying other people presents and cards. Being kind to all animals and generous to people. At Christmas you think about Jesus and how he died to save us and was born to help others, the crippleed, the blind and the poor and working miracles to make them well. I also think about Santa Claus and his reindeers trailing through the snow to deliver presents to childrens homes and hospitals all round the world.

That is what Christmas means to me.

Carlene Burlingham.

BIG "C" APPEAL

As you may remember from the last Reeve's Tale we were asking for your help in raising the final £71 for our appeal, to enable Big "C" to purchase, on our behalf, an infusion pump used in the treatment of cancer.

Through the kindness of Mrs. G. Dewing letting us put a donation tin in her shop we are pleased to tell you that £80.66 was paid into the Big "C" account two weeks ago. Clive Bamford has told us a pump will take approximately 6 months to actually arrive and be put to use but has promised that we will be able to go to the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital and present it on behalf of our villages.

From time to time I get a chance to receive cuttings from the Eastern Evening News which regularly carries reports on the progress of the appeal, so I will let you all know through the Reeve's Tale how it is progressing.

I would like to take this chance of thanking everyone who has given and helped with this worthwhile appeal.

Thank you,

Jennifer Burlingham.

P.S. If you feel that you would like to make a personal donation at anytime to the Big "C" you can either send it to Box No. 83, Norwich or at most banks there is a special account number.

WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS TO ME

Christmas is Jesus birthday. Christmas is full of excitement and joy. I like Christmas because of carol singing and food. Most children enjoy Christmas because of the presents. I like the Christmas tree best because of the brightly coloured balls and the tinsel and pretty decorations.

Lorna Sparkes.

BAWDESWELL VILLAGE HALL

'STOP THE MUSIC'

Following many complaints about noisy music and people disturbing villagers in the small hours of the morning, the Village Hall Committee is restricting the use of the Hall to midnight at the latest.

People hiring the Hall are being asked to stop the music by 11.30 p.m. in order to clear the Hall by the deadline, although arrangements may be made to clear up early next morning.

If the keys are not returned to Mr. Turner by 12.15 a.m. an extra charge of £15 will be imposed.

THE POPPY APPEAL FOR BAWDESWELL

The sum of £39.14 was raised from the house to house collections and a donation of £6.40 for a wreath made a grand total of £45.54. Our grateful thanks to those who gave so generously in donations and time.

THE MID NORFOLK JULIAN GROUP

Meetings are now held on the first and third Tuesday of the month. During October a special open meeting was held in Bawdeswell Church by kind permission of the Rector.

The Rev. Michael Mclean, a former rector of Marsham and now of St. Julian, Norwich, gave a talk on Christian Meditation for beginners. It is pleasing to report that there are in the region of 100 groups spread throughout the country.

GEORGE KEMP is organising a Childrens Christmas Party with Father Christmas, on Sunday 13th December from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Bawdeswell Village Hall. The profits will be donated to the Norfolk and Norwich Diabetic Society.

ANGLICAN SERVICES OF WORSHIP

Dec 06	0830	Foxley	Holy Communion, Prayer Book
	0945	B'well	Holy Communion, Series III
	1100	Foxley	United Service at the Chapel
Dec 13	0830	B'well	Holy Communion, Prayer Book
	0945	B'well	Informal Family Service
	1100	Foxley	Morning Prayer (Short)
	1145	B'well	Holy Communion (Short)
Dec 20	1030	Foxley	Carol and Gift Service
	1830	B'well	Carol and Gift Service
Dec 24	2330	B'well	Midnight Communion, Series III with candle light and carols
Christmas Day	1030	Foxley	Holy Communion, Prayer Book (shortened) with carols and sweets for children
Dec 27	0830	Foxley	Holy Communion, Prayer Book
	0945	Foxley	Informal Family Service with Carols
	1100	B'well	Morning Prayer (Short) with Carols
	1145	B'well	Holy Communion (Short)

METHODIST SERVICES

Dec 06	1100	Foxley	United with Anglicans. Mr. J. Sketcher
Dec 13	1430	Foxley	Carol Service. Miss H. Theobald
Dec 20	1830	Foxley	Holy Communion. Rev. A. Fairhurst
Dec 27	1100	Foxley	Rev. G. Thompson
Dec 13	1430	B'well	Mr. G. Middleton
Dec 27	1100	Bintree	Holy Communion. Rev. A. Fairhurst

Superintendent Minister: Rev. Albert Fairhurst,
31 Trinity Close, Dereham. Tel: 9/5582

ROMAN CATHOLIC SERVICES OF WORSHIP

5.30 p.m. on the 2nd Saturday in December and January
at Reepham.

Dec 24	Midnight Mass at Dereham R.C. Church
Dec 25	0900 Swanton Morley
	1030 Dereham

FRIENDS OF BAWDESWELL SCHOOL

At the A.G.M. held on the 15th October 1981 at Bawdeswell County Primary School the following Officers and Committee were elected: Chairman - Mr. M. Elsdon, Hon. Sec. - Mrs. T. Walters, Hon. Treasurer - Mr. R. Walters. Committee - Mrs. M. Sayer, Mrs. B. Sayer, Mrs. C. Layte, Mrs. B. Pratt, Mrs. S. Kane, Mrs. S. Lilwall, Mr. R. Robson, Mr. T. Smith and Mr. B. Winterbone.

I am pleased to report that we have a lively and enthusiastic Committee who have already organised and executed their first successful function.

The Bonfire and fireworks on the 5th November was very well supported, giving fun for all and also leaving us with a profit of £47.37.

On the 2nd December we have the Parents Open Evening at the School which will be held in conjunction with a Bazaar.

The Children's Christmas Party is to be held at the School on the 17th December.

This year our Adults Christmas Party entitled 'Yuletide Frolic' will be held at the School on the 18th December. Tickets are a bargain at £1.50 each. A Disco and food are provided and a Bar has been arranged. Please don't miss it this year, you can't frolic just anywhere for £1.50! Tickets available from Committee Members.

Mike Elsdon.

Front Cover by Carlene Burlingham.
Back Cover by Charlotte Sayer.

WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS TO ME

Christmas means presents and everything nice. With joyfulness and kindness with food and love. This is the time of the year that everybody remembers the 25th of December when Christ was born in Bethlehem.

Barry Mears.
