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THE REEVES TALE

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After the snow and gales of January, February has been an unexceptional month. What is exceptional is the number of village issues which are topical at the moment. The partial closure of the Post Office; The Gipsies at the Billingford Road Layby; Provisions of allotment and recreational facilities; Dissatisfaction with the villages road traffic signs. There can be few people in Bawdeswell or Foxley that are not concerned with at least one of these issues. More information within.

Spring is coming! Forget your worries and join in the Pancake Race on Shrove Tuesday and the Spring Dance on the 24th.

Many thanks to Mrs. Lucas and Mrs. Nottage for volunteering to help us with the typing. Many thanks also for your donations at the Mace shop and Post Office, total collected in February was £5.20p.

The cover picture last month was Barwick House, Bawdeswell showing the damage after Bawdeswell Church was demolished by the plane. Apologies for the poor quality of this reproduction.

Deadline for the next issue is March 22nd.

Peter Kane (Editor),  
Farndale,  
Bawdeswell.

Telephone Bawdeswell 529

WASTEPAPER IN FOXLEY

The Cooks regret that they are unable to collect newspapers from residents in Foxley. If anyone else is willing to take over from them we will be pleased to publish it in the next Reeves Tale.



Foxley Rectory,  
Foxley.

Dear Friends,

I have had a good response to my request regarding future pattern of services and hope to include with next months Reeves Tale details of the new pattern which will run from Easter Sunday.

Even though the weather has had its bleaker moments in recent weeks I have been conscious of the evidence of new life springing up in the garden and on trees and shrubs around generally. Hopefully the evidence we see of God's goodness will stir us to re-new our lives in His service and be committed to deepen our understanding of Him and His love for us. Perhaps you can find time to listen in to B.B.C. Radio Norfolk's Lent Course on Thursday evenings as a spur to your commitment (details below "Listen Here"). In particular Delia Smith's talk on prayer on 29th March might help us in strengthening our lines of communication with our Heavenly Father.

Yours Sincerely  
Graham Humphries.

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#### "LISTEN HERE"

B.B.C. Radio Norfolk are running a series of evening broadcasts on Thursday evenings during Lent beginning on 15th March. The series should be both informative and interesting as various speakers look at aspects of the Christian Faith under the overall title "Jesus Today". Each programme will be between 9pm. and 10pm. with a chance to phone-in your questions and comments during the second hour. There's music too with the Rector in the driving seat but he promises to keep it fairly quiet and traditional this time round.

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#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy 92nd. Birthday to Mrs. A.E. Lloyd Lewis, late of Chaucer House Bawdeswell, and now living at the Post Office, Billingford.

#### BAWDESWELL AND FOXLEY PLAYGROUP

The end of this term was rather a sad day, when we said goodbye and thank you to Dorothy; we wish her well in the future with her child-minding!

We are fortunate in having found a new Supervisor Corinne France, who has already been helping us as a part-time assistant; and our new Assistant is going to be Wendy Martin, who has been associated with Playgroup for several years. We welcome them to their new jobs, and hope they will be very happy with us.

The Spring Term always seems very quiet after the pre-Christmas hubbub, but in February we were treated to a visit from P.C. Dingle, of Dereham Police Station. He taught the children how to cross the road, and reminded them of the dangers of accepting money, sweets or gifts from strangers. He also gave a demonstration of how the flashing blue light on a police car works; and they now know what to do if they get lost: look for a woman who has children with her, and ask for help! My daughter came home with a slightly garbled account of the morning's activities, but at least she knows that policemen are friendly.

This month we wish a happy birthday to Nathan McCarthy, on the 7th March, and to Simon Buck on 24th March.

Our next coffee morning is on Tuesday, 13th March, at 11 am.

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### Letter from the Rural Life Museum.

1984 marks the 70th anniversary of the outbreak of the First World War. In order to examine the tremendous changes that the war brought to rural society, the Norfolk Rural Life Museum at Gressenhall is holding an exhibition entitled "Norfolk and the Great War" from 14th June to 16th August, 1984.

In 1914 thousands of Norfolk men volunteered for the forces expecting the war to be over by Christmas. As the war dragged on the government took on powers to fix agricultural prices and wages, and effectively lowered the school leaving age, to enable young boys to work on the land.

Norfolk was on the front line of Zeppelin raids and by 1917, because of the success of the German U boat campaign, it was running out of food. One response was the formation of the Women's Land Army, particularly the introduction of American tractors, increased mechanisation on the farm was another.

We are looking for objects that illustrate these changes to put into our exhibition. In particular we are interested in documents, letters, souvenirs, and old photographs. (We do have facilities for copying original photographs). If you can help, please contact Nick Mansfield, at the Rural Life Museum, Beech House, Gressenhall, Dereham, Telephone Dereham 860563.

As with our exhibition last year on Sir George Edwards, we shall be holding a Study lay with guest speakers. This will be on Saturday August 4th, the 70th anniversary of the outbreak of the war.

The Masque Community Theatre Company will be creating a play on the theme of the exhibition, to follow up the tremendous success of "With Orphans Tears", which played to packed houses at the Museum in June last year.


Brigit Yates, Curator.

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## BAWDESWELL SCHOOL

Snow, glorious snow. Masses of it falling for the Winter Olympics. Our own brief encounter with those lovely soft flakes was a little disturbing, but for the children 'twas a marvellous time. Gigantic snowballs and miniature igloos appeared on the school playing field and super slides were developed on the playground. I'm now glad it's all over!!!!

The children had a wonderful time at the Theatre Royal - Benny in Dick Whittington. Management thanked us for excellent responses and audience participation. 'Tis great fun going altogether as a school.

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The School Annual Pancake Race will be held on Tuesday 6th March. Races start at 11a.m. The playgroup children will be joining us on this occasion. This is when we see the speed and grace of our young Nums as they pant, push and toss as they sprint down the Pancake Course. They'll be out to beat Mrs. Yvonne Heyhoe's record. Tea and coffee will be served in the school hall between 10.30 - 11.00 a.m.

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SWIMMING - we are fortunate in getting an extra period at Dereham Pool for the little ones. Two lessons a week - Olympic Champions one day, Perhaps! The following County Certificates have been awarded.

10 metre Deborah Rogers.  
50 metre Graham Brown.  
200 metre Eiliah Taylor and Allan Hill.  
400 metre Robert Sayer, Andrew Taylor, Sean Waymouth and Angela Lambert.  
800 metre Nicola Jarvis, Michelle Sayer, David Cook, Amanda Elsdon and Susie Copplestone.

## BAWDESWELL SCHOOL (Contd.)

Making the most of the fine weather, the Hockey team are practising daily. The County Festival is in March and the players are going to do their best to retain the County Shield, which they won last year.

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The children will be doing their annual sponsored spell on March 2nd to raise money for school funds, and would be very grateful for sponsorship. A penny a word would be more than sufficient to encourage the children to do well.

Harold Pyne.

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## FRIENDS OF BAWDESWELL SCHOOL

We are holding a Spring Dance on Saturday, March 24th in Bawdeswell Village Hall at 8 p.m. Tickets are £2.00 each which includes supper, and are available from school or any committee member. We look forward to seeing you there.

We still have some unsold 100 club numbers - there is one £40 prize and two £5 prizes to be won every month. Numbers available again from school or the committee.

## BAWDESWELL OVER 60 CLUB

Our outing to the pantomime was most enjoyable. Our club is open to anyone in the villages of Bawdeswell and Foxley. If there is anyone in Foxley who would like to join us please contact Mrs. Melton (Bawdeswell 356) or Mrs. Nobbs (8, Folland Court). Transport could be arranged if there are any difficulties. We have a meeting each Wednesday afternoon in the Communal Room at Folland Court, where we play cards, bingo, have a cup of tea, a natter and a generally pleasant time. New members are always welcome.



## Bawdeswell & Foxley W.I.

At 8.50 am on Monday the 13th February I was informed that the speaker for that evening was unable to come, the horror situation that all secretary and presidents dread, on this occasion it was not to be for long, by 9.00 am we were all smiles again when Mr Ray Loose promised to give his talk with slides which he calls "My Garden through the Year". Although we were sorry that Mrs Evans had to postpone her visit to us through illness, we could not have had a more successful evening. Thank you so very much Ray. At refreshment time the women were well catered for by Mrs G. Dobbs and Mrs M. Brewster, thank you both. The competition was won by Mrs G. Spencer, Mrs J. Venworth second and Mrs M. Brewster

The Raffle was won by Mrs S. Lilwall. Due to illness (Shingles of all nasty things) Mrs H. Loose was unable to be with us so the birthday posies were given this month by Mrs G. Lowe who also acted as hostess and gave the vote of thanks.

Among the number of visitors to our meeting we were pleased to have our new rectors wife, Mary and do hope very much that she will decide to become one of us.

Our March meeting will be held in Bawdeswell Village Hall on Monday March 12th at 7.45 pm when we hope that our speaker will be Mrs Joanna Prince her subject Pins and Needles. Hostess will be Mrs O. Cirtks and refreshments will be provided by Mrs L. Larwood and Mrs P. Kemp. The competition a pin cushion made or renovated by a member.

Looking to the future it is hoped to hold a Mid-Summer Fayre in the garden of Barwick House if the weather is fine or in the Village Hall if it is wet, on Saturday the 23rd June. Proceeds are to be given to the Bawdeswell and Foxley Methodist Chapels.

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## The Bawdeswell and Foxley Produce Show

We would like to make the craft classes in this year's show as varied as possible to encourage a greater number of entries. Also we aren't specifying particular items to be made for each class eg The knitting class will mean any garment or article that is hand knitted. So far we have thought of the following groups:-

Embroidery	Hand knitting
Tapestry	Pressed flowers
Lace	Macrame
Crochet	Patchwork
Soft Toy	Home dress making
Dressed doll	Corn dollies
Pottery	Woodwork
Painting.	Sketching

Children's classes - divided into 4 age groups. Pictures, collages any other handicraft.

If there is a craft we haven't included that anyone is interested in please let Gilly Spencer know. (Bawdeswell 383)

Remember this show is open to ANYONE not just W.I. members; so have a look at the list and get busy ! The exhibits don't have to be made especially for this show, as long as they haven't been exhibited in our show before.

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## Bawdeswell Flower Group

On Tuesday March 27th the group will meet for a practical evening, members will have been told what to bring with them at the February meeting but please, do not let this deter new members or visitors from coming, there is always much to enjoy where there are flowers.

Bawdeswell Village Hall 7.00 pm.

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## BAWDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Main items considered at 20th February meeting which was attended by all Councillors, Breckland District Council representative and 19 parishioners.

### Amenities Fund

A meeting to discuss the future activities for fund raising had been arranged between the old and new Committee members. An overwhelming majority of those present voted in favour of the Council's attempts to provide recreational facilities.

### Road Signs

Clerk reported result of an on-site meeting with the Highways Dept. official concerning Billingford Road junction - Foxley access and Norwich Road. Council members and Highway Authority officials, to clarify reasons for not implementing alterations to present signs, it was proposed would meet on site. Council decided letters to be sent requesting this.

### Allotments

Letter sent to B.D.C. explaining lack of available land for this purpose and requesting assistance. B.D.C. Attleborough are taking up the matter within various Depts. and will report back. Land near Adams Pit was viewed by Council members and considered a possibility with quite a lot of effort and agreement with owners.

### Post Office

A long and open discussion took place concerning the closure of the Village Post Office - then limited to opening on Tuesday and Friday Mornings only. Full restitution of the P.O. services seemed to be the requirement and it was finally decided the Clerk should write to the Manager of the Post Office regarding this matter.

Finance B.D.C. rep. informed that District rate would be increased from 9.6p to 11.0p for 1984/85.

Gipsies It was reported that the Billingford Lay-by was now virtually turned into a vehicle breakdown area with combustible materials being burnt on the lay-by.

## Friends of Bawdeswell School

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## FOXLEY VILLAGE HALL

Fund Raising. A very successful Supper Party was organised on the 10th February at "Chequers" with the kind invitation from Mrs Margaret Joice. Margaret wishes to thank all Committee members and friends who helped so generously and well to make the Party boost the funds by £140.35.

Hall Bookings. The Village Hall is available for bookings please contact Eric Burmester. Electrical heating has not been installed yet, but temporary heating arrangements will be made when required. Telephone No: Bawdeswell 398.  
C.S.

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## THE GIPSIES IN THE BILLINGFORD LAY-BY.

It has been decided to hold a joint meeting of Bawdeswell and Foxley Parish Councils on the 5th March 1984 in the Bawdeswell Village Hall at 7-30pm when the problem will be discussed and a decision taken for joint future action.

Would interested parishioners please support this meeting, we would particularly like to hear from people who now feel unable to use the Bridleway to the Heath because of the presence of the gipsies and their dogs.

P.K.

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## VACANCY FOR PARISH CLERK.

Foxley Parish Council have a vacancy for a Parish Clerk from 1st April 1984. Anyone interested- please contact Charles Sparkes on Bawdeswell 312 or Paul Daris on Bawdeswell 393.

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## Church Notes

We extend our sympathy to those families who have lost loved ones in recent days.

Mrs Jacqueline de Havilland

Mr Archie Wright

Mr De-Ath

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## Bawdeswell Church Flowers

Our thanks must go to Mrs O. Curtis, Miss M. Joice, Miss J. Wells for the lovely flowers in our church during 1983. We are sorry that Mrs Wells will not be on our 1984 rota and one can only hope that she will rejoin us when she is less busy. It is pleasant to see new names coming forward for the new rota which comes into action at Easter. Names received so far Mrs O. Curtis, Miss M. Joice

Miss C. Joice Mrs S. Lilwall

Mrs G. Lowe Mrs T. Mossmon

Mrs J. Tym Mrs J. Vince

If you would like to add your name please let me know:

Mrs Ames Barwick House  
Bawdeswell 455

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The Rev and Mrs Humphries would be grateful for all shrubs and plants that they could use as they begin to put the Rectory garden in order.

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## Special Ash Wednesday Deanery Service

Wed 7th March 7.15 pm "A chance of a Lifetime" preacher Bishop of Thetford at Reepham Parish Church. A service of praise, music and information about Mission England. Everyone welcome.

## CHURCH SERVICES AT FOXLEY @ BAWDESWELL.

Sun 4th March 8-30a.m. Holy Communion at Bawdeswell.  
11-00a.m. Holy Communion at Foxley.

Sun 11th March 8-30a.m. Holy Communion at Foxley.  
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Sun 18th March 8-30a.m. Holy Communion at Bawdeswell.  
11-00a.m. Holy Communion at Foxley.

Sun 25th March 8-30a.m. Holy Communion at Foxley.  
11-00a.m. Holy Communion at Bawdeswell.

Sun 1st April 8-30a.m. Holy Communion at Bawdeswell  
taken by Rev. Perry Ganton.  
11-00a.m. Mothering Sunday Service at  
Foxley.

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## METHOLIST SERVICES FOR MARCH.

March 4th 2-30p.m. Miss Coleman Bawdeswell  
2-30p.m. Rev. A. Fairhurst Foxley  
Holy Communion.

March 11th 11-00a.m. Mr. A.U. Bolderstone Foxley.

March 18th 2-30p.m. I. Fisher Bawdeswell.  
2-30p.m. Mrs. Middleton Foxley.

March 25th 11-00a.m. Miss Ward Foxley.

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# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MARCH 1984

- 5th Joint Parish Meeting. Bawdeswell Village Hall.  
7.30 p.m.
- 6th Annual Pancake Race. Bawdeswell School..  
11.00 a.m.
- 6th Bingo. Bawdeswell Village Hall. 7.30 p.m.
- 7th Ash Wednesday Service. Reepham Parish Church.  
7.15 p.m.
- 9th Football Club Disco. Bawdeswell Village Hall.  
7.30 p.m.
- 12th W.I. Bawdeswell Village Hall. 7.45 p.m.
- 13th Playgroup Coffee Morning. Bawdeswell Village  
Hall. 11.00 a.m.
- 15th Radio Norfolk Lent Course. 8.00 p.m.
- 19th Bawdeswell Parish Council. Bawdeswell Village  
Hall. 7.30 p.m.
- 20th Bingo. Bawdeswell Village Hall. 7.30 p.m.
- 21st Bawdeswell Annual Parochial Church Meeting.  
Bawdeswell Church. 7.30 p.m.
- 23rd. Football Club Disco. Bawdeswell Village Hall.  
7.30 p.m.
- 24th Spring Dance. Bawdeswell Village Hall.  
8.00 p.m.
- 26th Foxley Annual Parochial Church Meeting.  
The Rectory, Foxley. 8.00 p.m.
- 27th Bawdeswell Flower Group. Bawdeswell Village  
Hall. 7.00 p.m.
- April 1st. Mothering Sunday Service. Foxley Church.  
11.00 a.m.

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