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EDITORIAL

Here we are again, folks, - your friendly local magazine - and as we go to print, still no sign of any hard frost or snow although we've had plenty of rain and the roads get in a terrible state with mud. It doesn't augur well for the Summer.

As some already know, yours truly, due to personal circumstances, is with regret leaving the village and moving back to Lancashire. So the Reeve's Tale is looking for a new Editor; any volunteers? If you would like to try your hand at this worthwhile hobby, please ring our Rector, Grahame Humphries, the Assistant Editor/Treasurer, on Bawdeswell 397.

Thanks for your donations from Mace Stores, General Stores and the Garden Centre. These totalled £6.20 and were most welcome.

The deadline for the next issue is 16th February; please let me have your items for inclusion by then.

Leonard Neil, Editor.
7 Hall Road, Bawdeswell. Tel. 303.

THANKS TO THE TEAM:

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The Reeve's Tale would like to take this opportunity to extend its sincere sympathy to the many families in Bawdeswell and Foxley who have lost loved ones during recent weeks.

Dear friends,

Fecause of time away on a leaders' training course in Israel from the middle of January, I find myself putting pen to paper for the February Reeve's Tale having only just celebrated entering 1988. If it's not too late when you read this, may I wish you a Happy New Year!

My thinking over the first few days of 1988 centred around being part of the Covenant People of God. I was attending a Conference in Derbyshire where a Bible teacher spelt out, far more ably than I could have done, the picture of our assurance in Christ. We were encouraged in our thinking to see that, while the Bible talks about the individual being put into a right relationship with God through faith in Jesus as Saviour, it goes on to talk about the togetherness which Christians share as members of God's family. In other words there should be no such thing as an isolated Christian, living apart from the local worshipping community of believers - the Church.

While coming to faith might be like the germination of an individual seed, in growing we are part of a complete forest or field of corn. Now I know from experience that although this may be God's plan and purpose for us there are far too many Christians in the isolation ward.

Coal fires are an important part of our lives at this time of year. The picture of a good pile of red-hot coal glowing and producing a corporate warmth can remind us of God's plan for our lived Take one red-hot coal off the fire and place it in the corner of the hearth and it will go out very soon. The rest of the fire in living contact with one another will be effective for far longer.

lake sure your Christian faith is stimulated and nurtured by being an essential part of the athered people of God in 1988.

> Yours most sincerely, Grahame Humphries

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BAWDESWELL - SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting, which was well attended at Bawdeswell Village Hall, re. planning application for 31 dwellings off Hall Road, by C.W. & P.J. Rogers Ltd. Plot 6674. The following points were raised:-

- Receipt of Application before guidelines passed by Norfolk County Council, i.e. jumping the gun. Application re guidelines will not be heard by N.C.C. till March.
- Density of 31 dwellings within 3.6 acres which was considered too much - a play area should be in the application.
- 3. Sewerage problems already exist in the area which should be considered with further development.
- 4. Speed restrictions should be applied for, especially covering the entry to Hall Road into the development.
- 5. Schools the present pupil ratio to teacher is only just under the maximum, further pupils would require extra staff and room.

All those attending were given the option of either appending their signatures to the attached comments concerning the development, or sending a personal letter.

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SALE OF 'HUMPTIES'

This is the name the late Mrs. Richard Gurney gave to the hassocks in church. Now that the new kneelers are in use, the P.C.C. have decided to sell the old ones. They could come in useful as pouffes for the toddlers, or footstools to keep the cold draughts off 'rheumaticky' feet, or with two bound together as an extra seat on the patio. They can be covered if necessary. A modest charge of 50p each would be made and anyone requiring same should contact Miss Joice on Bawdeswell 265 or Mrs. Holmes on Bawdeswell 518, to arrange for collection.

From all of us to all of you a "Happy New Year". We had a very good end to the year at playschool. Many thanks for all who helped make our Christmas Fayre a success, we raised £229 for playschool funds. The mothers, friends and relatives who worked hard and "crafted" away into the wee small hours making things to sell did a wonderful job. Thank you one and all.

The children at playschool were certainly worthy of an Oscar or two for their attempt at the Nativity Play. Thank you to the mothers and ladies from the Village who came to watch them. And of course there was that magical moment at the end when all the cast was gathered round the Sleeping Baby in the Crib, trying to look angelic, when a little voice

piped up,

"Mummy, I've got pins and neddles!"

Our Christmas party was enjoyed by young and old alike, many thanks to Len Neil who was a marvellous Father Christmas, and also to Angela Mitchell who helped us print the Sweatshirts for the Children. If anyone would like more printed or tee shirts done for the summer, we have the Silk Screen so please ask.

Unfortunately we had to cancel our Carol Singing due to bad weather and one or two sick children

- maybe you had a narrow escape.

The Mothers meal our at Pearls of Dereham was a great success. It was amazing how different everyone looks when they get done up and dusted. We hope to make this an annual event.

Birthdays in February: -

Tara Watling 3 years on 4th
Chloe Vince 3 years on 18th
Sarah Harris 3 years on 19th

We would also like to pass our congratulations to Mr & Mrs Eglington and Family on the birth of Timothy just before Christmas.



A very Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year to you all for 1988. The old year ended for the W.I. with our Dinner on December 14th which we held at The Old Rectory, Bawdeswell and everyone voted it was a superb meal. Speeches were kept to a minimum, our new President, Mrs Hazel Loose, welcomed Mrs Eilene Larwood who had been invited to join us, and the President's Shield was presented to Mrs Bridget Sayer.

Our Programme for 1988 is included in this issue of the

Reeves Tale, something for everyone we hope.

Our meeting on Feburary 8th at 7.30pm is to be held at "Thatched Cottage" by kind permission of our President, a much warmer venue that the Village Hall. The speaker is Mrs Aldman, her subject is Canvas Embriodery. As we decided at the A.G.M. the competition is for the most knitted squares (40 stitches).

At the meeting members will be given Pumpkin seeds to grow, ready for our Halloween meeting in October. Details of a simple Flower Arranging Competition will be given, this to be held in April, July and October, the member with the most points over the three months will receive the Goldrick Cup.

Our Jumble Sale will be held on Saturday April 23rd, so as Spring Cleaning comes around don't forget to leave your jumble with any W.I. Member. Watch our for Posters in the Shops.

Visitors are always welcome to our meetings and any new residents who care to come along will find it a good way of getting to know people.

Gladys Lowe

ANNOUCEMENT

COUNCILLORS NOW SERVING ON FOXLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Keith Murrell (Chairman) Phone	No. 555
Charles Skinner (Vice Chairman)	Phone No.
Bill Potter	11 3
Tony Cook	11
Margaret Joice	
Marjorie De'ath (Parish Clerk)	ii,

Sincerely, Marjorie De'ath

- a. The Committee should consist of 3 sitting members of the Parish Council and a total of not more than 15 members.
- b. Should the Parish Council be dissatisfied with the management of the Grounds by the Committee, they shall summon a meeting of the Committee, express their dissatisfaction and give notice that unless matters are corrected to their satisfaction at the end of a period of 6 months, authority to immediately dissolve the Committee will be enforced.

MINUTES TO BAWDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 4TH JANUARY, 1988 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present - Councillors Sparkes, Eglington, Neil, Farthing, Wright and three parishioners.

Apologies - Councillors Ward and Smith.

Minutes to Previous Meeting - taken as read, agreed and signed.

Finance - Councillor Sparkes stated that the precept for 1988/89 together with the Lighting Allowance should be approx. £2,500. Deducting this from the amount still outstanding with the Bank, the Council will still owe approx. £2,500. With the current interest and anticipated spending, this amount will be up to approx. £3,500 by the end of the year. Councillor Sparkes is due to speak with the Bank Manager again on 11 th January and will let us know the outcome of the meeting at the next Council meeting. Councillor Sparkes also stated that for any person wishing to make a donation, they would be recorded as a Foundation Member.

It was agreed that the Lottery Licence should be renewed at a cost of £12.

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BANDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL (cont'd)

Recreation Ground - It was agreed that a meeting of all Recreation Ground Committee members should be held as soon as possible to discuss the layout of the ground.

Planning - 3/87/1946/F Application for 31 dwellings on Plot 6674 off Hall Road, by C.W. & P.J. Rogers Ltd. After discussions regarding this application, it was decided that a public meeting should be held as soon as possible.

Any Other Business - Councillor Wright asked for confirmation that the observations on Planning Application Nos. 3/87/1836/F and 3/87/1837/LB Blackhorse Meadow Barn conversion had been forwarded to B.D.C. This was confirmed. She also stated that she had written to B.D.C. complaining that the developments of Church Close and Llackhorse Meadow had not been erected in accordance with the Planning Applications.

Mr. Cook stated that he had observed that the road of Church Close had not been made up prior to the building of the houses, as stated in the Planning Application. It was also noted that this was the same in the cases of Blackhorse Meadow and Mr. Elsden's development. It was agreed that the Clerk would write and complain to the Highways Dept. in Watton and Councillor Sparkes would contact the Planning Dept. regarding these.

Councillor Sparkes stated that he and Mr. Cooke are still working on the erection of the gates at the Recreation Ground.

It was noted that the pavement outside Chaucer House was 'a mess' where the Electricity Board had been working. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Eastern Electricity and complain. At the same time the Clerk would also ask that the electricity lines running above the Recreation Ground be moved as soon as possible as the Football Team are hoping to use the Ground at the end of February.

It was stated that the post near Adams Pit has still not been repaired. Councillor Sparkes stated that he would contact the Highways Department.

Bawdeswell and Foxley Playgroup - Contd.

BAWDESWELL AND FOXLEY W.I. PROGRAMME 1988

Feb 8th	Mrs Aldman. Canvas Embriodery
March 14th	Pocahontas Knitting Machines
April 11th	Mrs Wain-Heapy
	Cookery and Nutrition
May 9th	Mrs B Sage. Travelogue
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June 13th Outing to be arranged July 11th A speaker on Antiques

Fug 8th Garden Meeting at Mrs G Dobbs, Billingford

week .

Sept 12th Boots No7 Make Up Demonstration

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Nov 14th A.G.M.

Dec 12th Annual Dinner

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If you see lots of sparkling smiles around lately it is probably due to the lady dentist who came to visit playschool with her giraffe Gerald (distant relative of Emu I think!). They were a great hit with the children who were tooth consious for at least a day afterwards. We are still collecting tin foil. milk bottle tops etc at

playschool, all donations gratefully received.

Until next month

Melanie Chilvers Bawdeswell 461 Supervisor

It was really touching to know that chivalry amongst the younger generation, isn't dead. When the mums gave me the bumps at the Christmas Party, Timmy and Stephen started crying - they thought I was being torn limb for limb. (I was just surprised the mums didn't need the help of a crane as well!!).

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

The Foxley Church Christmas Market proved to be a successful and well supported event at the beginning of December 1987. Pot plants and pop-corn plus a whole lot of colourful and well decorated stalls proved be just the ticket for many people's Christmas present wants. A good number of those who came found themselves returning home complete with bacon and egg for Sunday's breakfast. A sincere thanks to all who planned their part so well and to those who came. An amount of just over £250 was raised for Church Funds. Another very successful time were the two evenings of Carol

Singing around the parishes on 20th and 21st December. £80 was sent to the B.B.C. African Famine Appeal Fund as a result.

FOUTNOTE - EDITOR

DON'T TAKE ANY NOTICE OF MY WEATHER FORECASTING. I CAN BE WROME

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MINUTES OF FOXLEY PARISH COUNCIL CLOSED MEETING HELD ON 14TH DECEMBER, 1987 AT 8.00 P.M. AT THE CHEQUERS, FOXLEY

Present - K. Murrell, C. Skinner, W. Potter, Mrs. M. Joice. In the absence of Parish Clerk, minutes were taken by W. Potter.

MATTERS ARISING

Surveyors Land - Mr. Fisher of Bawdeswell has expressed interest in Surveyors Land for shooting rights. This is contrary to Councils view of use as a Nature Reserve. Proposal not recommended.

Rubbish Deposited on Surveyors Land - Notice to be displated banning this practice. Lock and chain to be put on gate and keyholders appointed.

Home Watch Scheme - Police to attend meeting at Village Hall on Monday, 18th January, 1988. A video to be shown.

Parish Clerk - Salary Review - Ref. Norfolk Link Recommendations. Endorsed scale of £150 per annum plus expenses. Effective as from April, 1987. Proposed by C. Skinner, seconded M. Joice.

<u>Village Caretaker</u> - Advert in February issue of Reeve's Tale. Duties cover grass cutting - public areas - minor duties in Village Hall. Rate of pay negotiable. Applications to Parish Clerk.

Parish Grants & Precept - Application for 1988/89.

Recommend Parish Rate remain at 2p. Proposed W. Potter seconded C. Skinner.

<u>Village Guidelines</u> - Review of District Guidelines - amendments discussed.

Planning Permission - Granted to Mr. & Mrs. J. Venworth App. No. 3/87/1619. The restoration and conversion of redundant barn to dwelling. Foxley Wood Barn. Granted by B.D.C.

Chairman declared meeting closed at 10.00 p.m.

An extra-ordinary meeting will be held on Monday, 18th January, 1988 at 8.00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

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18 CALENDAR DATES FOR FEBRUARY 1988

Non. 1st . 7.30 pm Bawdeswell Parish Council at Village Hall.

Mon. 8th . 7.30 pm Meeting of Foxley P.C.C. at Beck Hall, Billingford Road.

Thu. 11th . 7.30 pm A.G.M. of Bawdeswell Village Hall at the Hall.

Wed. 17th . 7.30 pm Ash Wednesday Service at Reepham Parish Church.

Preacher - Rev.Grahame Humphries.

Mon. 22nd . 8.00 pm Bawdeswell, P.C.C. at The Willows.

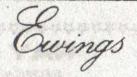
Thu. 25th . 8.00 pm First programme of Radio Norfolk's Lent series: "Who on Earth are you?"

POPPY DAY APPEAL BAWDESWELL.

As promised, here is the result of the House to House collection made last November: the total was £79.48; thank you all very much.

Irene Ames

Foxley Parish Council wish to appoint someone to look after the public areas in the village. Duties would include grass cutting in such places as the har Memorial, bus shelter, village hall etc. Mower could be supplied. Caretaking of the village hall could also be considered. Hours + days to suit applicant. Wages by agreement. Please apply to Mrs Death, Clerk to Council 4, Mill Road, Foxley. Tel Bawdeswell 249.



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