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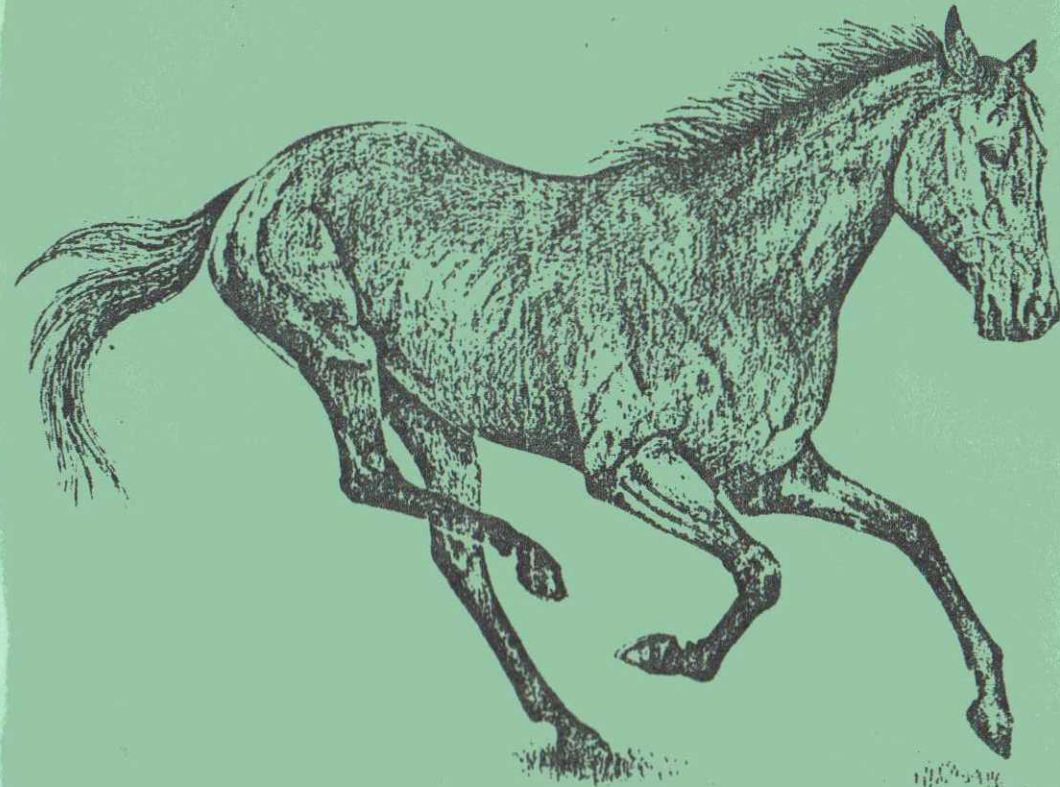
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**SUPRISE, SUPRISE!!**

An editor's life is full of surprises, some good and some not. We were suprised, delighted even, when Chris Hough from Foxley chose to sponsor this magazine in his London Marathon run on April 22nd. Our repair bills have drained resources and we hope, therefore, that everyone in the two villages will want to fill in the forms available at the village stores, post office, butchers and 'Silver Jubilee' and make his effort really worthwhile.

On the other hand, we were disappointed at the response to our children's competition, (for a short Easter poem) announced last month. Not one entry has been received yet after Melanie Curtis's effort last month, we KNOW that there is hidden talent around. But thanks to Melody Fisher (one of the Mums) we have a children's story to print, how about you other Mums helping your children to compose a "SPRING" poem for next month?

Then there is the case of the Bawdeswell dog which, over the past nine years, has acquired a remarkable appetite. At present unwell as a result of eating a hot-water bottle, we can only hope that it will take note of exhortations on the T.V. to try Pedigree Chum, the choice, apparently, of nine dogs out of ten. (The proportion of dogs preferring hot-water bottles has not so far been disclosed).

Finally, we were both suprised and delighted at the speed with which a volunteer came forward to edit future issues of this magazine. From next month, this duty will be in the hands of Trish Hide of "WARATAH" (opposite the Stores - tele 457) whom we welcome to the chair and hope she will find the same enjoyment in the job as we have. Thanks to all who have helped to make this a happy tour of duty over the past two years.

A.R.HOLMES (Editor)  
The Willows, Bawdeswell (Tele 518).

(May contributions to the new Editor by April 20)

The Rectory FOXLEY

Dear friends,

Easter is surely the pinnacle of the christian Year - and we celebrate it this month.

The fear and sorrow of Jesus' first followers gave way to complete joy and a recharged vision once they had met the Risen Lord. Our worship around Easter time is designed to help us enter into their experience. On Maundy Thursday we gather simply round the Lord's Table for a celebration of the Last Supper; on Good Friday in the quietness of our own homes we reflect on Jesus' suffering on the cross; then with the dawn of Easter Day we can meet afresh with Jesus because he is our living friend and saviour.

As well as the Easter Services in the local churches (details elsewhere) to which you are most welcome, there is also the opportunity on Easter Day at 6.00 a.m., to share in an open-air sunrise service on the Neatherd in Dereham. I hope some from our villages will set their alarms early and come along.

The events leading up to Jesus' death and Resurrection are marked by his triumphal entry into Jerusalem that first Palm Sunday. This year we have a very special service on that day at St. Thomas Foxley (8th April at 6.30 p.m.) when the Rt. Rev. Alan Clark the Roman Catholic Bishop of East Anglia will preach at the final Deanery Lent service this year. Christians of all denominations will be sharing in this occasion so why not join us.

A very Happy Easter to you all.

Yours sincerely,

GRAHAME HUMPHRIES.



CHRISTIAN AID LUNCH.

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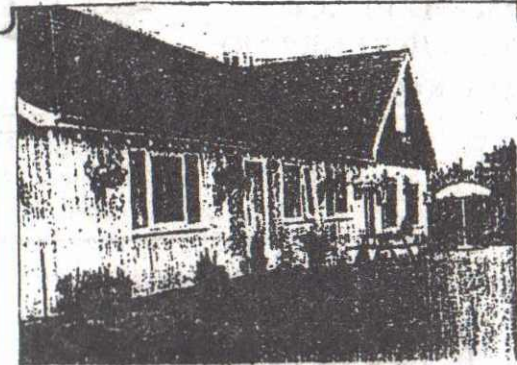



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### THE DONKEY

When fishes flew and forests walked  
And figs grew upon thorn,  
Some moment when the moon was blood  
Then surely I was born.

With monstrous head and sickening cry  
And ears like errant wings,  
The devil's walking parody  
On all four-footed things.

Fools! For I also had my hour;  
One far fierce hour and sweet,  
There was a shout about my ears,  
And palms before my feet.

G.K. CHESTERTON

(April 8th is Palm Sunday)

### BAWDESWELL PARISH ROOM COMMITTEE

At its monthly meeting, the Committee considered what action to take in view of the failure to sell the site of the hall/bowling green to the garage. The Planning Authorities would be reluctant to revert to our earlier plan to build two houses, preferring the combined scheme covering the garage site also. As this is so indefinite, the Committee considered an alternative development which had been provisionally discussed with a local builder and which might appeal to the Planning Authorities, now well aware of the village's desperate need for a hall. (The Chairman reported that he had written to the Chairman of the Planning Committee and discussed our problems with him.) It was agreed that we will, in the meantime, discuss our requirements with our Architect with a view to building a new hall in stages, allowing for further development as matters progress and funds become available. We would ask our Architect to attend our next meeting. Further fund raising ideas are referred to in 'Village Briefs'.

A.R.H.

VILLAGE BRIEFS

B'WELL PARISH COUNCIL The Council which has recently been meeting at 'The Willows' owing to the lack of any public room, has now been able to arrange to use the school. The meeting on Monday April 2nd will be the first under the new arrangement.

B'WELL CHURCHYARD AND CEMETERY After years of difficulty in arranging for grass and hedgecutting at both, you may recently have seen a team of young men working there on a Sunday morning. This is an example of the all round benefits of community service, through the Probation Officer in Norwich to whom we are grateful.

NOTES FOR YOUR DIARY, PLEASE ON Sunday 17th June, the B'Well Parish Room Committee is taking a stall at the Swanton Morley Air Show on which a tombola will be run in aid of parish room funds. Please give us something that we can use on the stall and welcome members of the Committee when they come and ask for your support. ON Sunday 16th September, the same Committee will be holding a sports day and festival on the Recreation ground with a variety of attractions and events, details later. We wish we could say 'if wet in the village hall' but that is the whole point - we want to be able to say just that in future years.

B'WELL PARISH ROOM 200 CLUB The first draw will take place on April 2nd. There are still about 30 tickets available at the village stores and from members - don't miss your chance of £100 at the final draw!

AN EARLY REMINDER We are asked to mention that on Saturday Sept. 8th, there will be a sponsored cycle ride in aid of the Norfolk Churches Trust - ride round as many churches as you are able and help a good cause. Could you beat the record of 35?

5th March, 1990.SUMMARY OF MATTERS DISCUSSED

Present: Councillors Sparkes, Farthing, Holmes, Wright, Eglington, Smith, the Clerk and 10 parishioners.

In Attendance: District Councillor David Sayer and Mr. P. Daynes, Breckland Planning Officer. An apology was received from Councillor Cook.

PARISH ROOM COMMITTEE REPORT

At the invitation of the Chairman, Cllr. Holmes outlined the present position in respect of the proposed sale of the hall/bowling green site, intended to be used to finance the erection of a new hall on the recreation ground. Because our present planning permission was linked to that of the garage next door in respect of an overall scheme for nine houses, we were unable to go ahead unless the garage did likewise. Our negotiations to sell our sites to the garage had broken down and as we had no independent access to the road, an impasse had been reached. We had, therefore, written to Mr. Ian Howard, chairman of Breckland Planning Committee to suggest that we should be given planning permission to erect two houses, as originally intended; only thus would we be able to seek a purchaser. In our letter we pointed out how disadvantaged the village was in having no public room at all as a result of which the council meetings were held in a private house and the playgroup was having to meet in an old bus; there is no accommodation for any of the activities usual in a small rural village. Thus the need for a new hall is really urgent.

Mr. Daynes explained the position from a planning point of view. In the interest of a balanced development, it would be difficult to accept two houses at the rear of a possible adjacent development (the garage site) and the planners would much prefer an overall scheme. On being asked whether planning permission might be given for a possible garage development on the by-pass, should a site become

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available, Mr. Daynes felt that this would be unlikely because of visual impact in a conservation area - and for traffic reasons. The possibility of low cost starter homes was also discussed but Mr. Daynes said that these were usually on low cost sites outside the building guidelines areas rather than on prime sites within them.

District Cllr. Sayer expressed the view that Bawdeswell had had a 'raw deal' over the years, having seen extensive private development, with more to come, yet without any improvement in public facilities and this should be a strong point in any further applications on our part. Mr. Daynes thought that, if we applied for permission to erect a temporary building for use as a hall, either on the present site or on the recreation ground, this would almost certainly be approved, especially as the Breckland authorities were now well aware of the problems of the village. It was felt that the visit of Mr. Daynes and Cllr. Sayer had been helpful in enabling the problems to be aired and the council will now consider how to proceed.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

1. Highways Department had quoted £175 for erecting "Slow Please" signs on the Reepham Road. It was decided to leave this for the time being.
2. Cllr. Eglinton understood that Rogers Bros. (Builders) may now have purchased the piece of land intended to be used as a play area behind Hall Road and the Clerk will write to confirm. Cllr. Smith suggested the Playing Fields Asscn. be asked for a grant to equip the area.
3. The Clerk will enquire of Highways Dept. regarding the state of the footpath to the school and the 'rubble strip' opposite Church Close, both of which need attention.

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4. Clerk to contact Eastern Counties Bus Co. regarding the missing timetable notice board and damage caused by vandals.

5. It was agreed to oppose the replacement of the old style telephone kiosk with a new one.

6. The chairman has approached the School governors about the possibility of holding future council meetings in the school, the cost being £7.20 a session of 4 hours maximum. It was agreed to apply and to seek a grant from Breckland to cover the cost in view of our planning problems.

Next meeting (at the School) 2nd April at 7.30 pm.

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#### FOXLEY PARISH COUNCIL

#### Notice from Parish Clerk.

We are sorry the Foxley Parish Council Meeting was too late for this issue of the Reeves Tale. We will, however, be posting the Minutes for the 16th March to the Notice Board.

CHILDREN'S CORNERNancy the Nailbiter

Mummy was tucking Nancy up in bed.

"Oh! Nancy", she said, "I do wish you wouldn't keep biting your nails; it's not very nice to see".

"No, Mummy, but I can't stop; I have tried lots of times", said Nancy, rather ashamed of herself.

"Goodnight, Nancy, see you in the morning", said Mummy and she kissed Nancy on the forehead, put out the light and shut the door. Soon Nancy was asleep.

Nancy was walking to school and as normal her hand strayed to her mouth but what a shock she got! Her fingers had grown, not just a little but at least an inch on each one of them! As Nancy watched, her fingers grew and grew and soon they were touching the floor and then they grew some more until they were dragging on the floor and they still kept on growing. Nancy began to cry but she could not even blow her nose as her fingers were too long to reach into her pocket for her handkerchief.

Some boys walked past; they were in Nancy's class.

"Oh! look at Nancy", said one.

"Yes, she's like a gorilla", said the other and they laughed at her.

Poor Nancy cried even more. What was she going to do? "I wish I never bit my nails", she sobbed. "I promise I'll never bite them again if only my fingers will go back to normal", and on she cried.

Mummy was shaking her. "Nancy, Nancy, you've been dreaming, wake up, wake up".

Nancy woke and hugged her Mummy; as she did so she caught sight of her fingers in the mirror; they were back to normal! What a relief for poor Nancy.

"Mummy, I'll never bite my nails again", she said, and she never did. Do you?

Melody Fisher

Village Briefs cont'd

EASTER FAYRE An Easter Fayre will be held at Folland Court Community Room on Saturday 7th April at 2.00 p.m. There will be a raffle, Tombola, cake stall and other items. Proceeds to the Over 60s Club. E.N.

VANDALS ! The two bus shelters have recently been vandalised. The one opposite May Tree Farm so extensively that it will cost well over £100 to repair. We cannot think that there have been no witnesses to this disgraceful behaviour: it should be possible surely to trace the culprits so that matters can be reported to the Police. Please do not hesitate to let one of your councillors know if you see anything suspicious in this respect.

BAWDESWELL HEATH On the same theme, we are shocked to learn that a member of the public had a window of her car smashed and a radio stolen when the car was parked on the area leading to the heath, just off the Dereham Road. Once again, please be vigilant so that any offender can be brought to justice.

CONGRATULATIONS ! To Karen Neal of Bawdeswell Lodge and Gawain Battley of the Stores, whose engagement has been announced. Our good wishes to both; we are sure that much happiness lies "in store" for them.

BAWDESWELL AND FOXLEY PLAYGROUP NEWS

We have been pleased to welcome a lot of new little faces to the Playbus this term with Gemma's brother James (and his hat), David Smith, Robert Page, Rebecca Bowgen and Katie McAtamney, We all hope they will enjoy their days with Playgroup. We have greatly missed the presence of Kelly-Marie who unfortunately is fighting against illness at the moment. All our thoughts are with her and, of course, Janice and Norman.

We had two birthdays this month, so we would like to send our good wishes to Michael Rates and Rachel Duffield. We hope you both had a lovely day and didn't eat too many sweets.

Congratulations to Fiona and Peter Marshall who presented Samantha and Ryan with a little sister Chloe Louise (one more for the register).

We shall be planning a Spring event to raise funds for the future survival of Playgroup and we hope to receive your support. Details will be printed next month.

J. LEES. (Chairman)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mrs Nora Holmes of Reepham Road, Bawdeswell would like to thank her relatives and friends for all their help and kindness in her recent illness.

NUNC DIMITTIS

It is with sadness that we record the untimely death of John Allen, a tortured gentle soul who deserved more out of life than life saw fit to give him. Those who really knew him, who noted his willingness to lay aside his own cares to help anyone in a muddle, who recall his efforts to help the elderly during the great snow of '87 will remember him with affection. And pray that he has at last found the peace which eluded him in life.

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### CHURCH SERVICES FOR APRIL.

#### Church of England Services.

Sunday 1st - 9.00a.m H.C. at Foxley.  
10.30a.m M.P. at Bawdeswell.  
6.30p.m Deanery Lent Service  
at Lyng, Preacher Rev. Hilary  
Wakeman.

Sunday 8th - 9.00a.m H.C. at Bawdeswell.  
- NO 10.30A.M SERVICE -  
6.30p.m Deanery Lent Service at  
Foxley, Preacher R. Rev. Alan  
Clark (Roman Catholic Bishop  
of East Anglia.

Thursday 12th - 7.30p.m Maundy Thursday Celebr-  
ation of the Last Supper at  
Bawdeswell.

Sunday 15th - 9.00a.m H.C. at Foxley  
EASTER DAY 10.30a.m Easter Service followed  
by shortened H.C. at B'well.

Sunday 22nd - 9.00a.m. H.C. at Bawdeswell.  
10.30 a.m. H.C. at Foxley.

Sunday 29th - - NO 9.00 A.M. SERVICE -  
10.30a.m M.P. and Holy Baptism  
at Bawdeswell.  
6.30 p.m. Easter Praise Foxley.

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#### METHODIST SERVICES AT FOXLEY CHAPEL.

Sunday 1st - 6.30 p.m. Mrs. Raines.

Sunday 8th - 11.00 a.m. Mr. F. Middleton.

Sunday 15th - 2.30 p.m. Easter Family Service  
Rev. R. Purvis.

Sunday 22nd - 11.00 a.m. Mr. Adams.

Sunday 29th - - 6.30 p.m. Mrs. Fisher.

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DIARY DATES FOR APRIL.

- Mon 2nd 7.30 Bawdeswell Parish Council meeting at the school.
- Sat 7th 2.00 Easter Fayre - Folland Court "Over 60's Club".
- Sun. 8th 6.30 R.C. Bishop of East Anglia preaches at Foxley Church.
- Thurs 12th 7.30 Maundy. Thursday Service At B'well.
- Sun 15th Easter Sunday Services (details elsewhere in Reeves, ale).
- Mon 23rd 7.30 Bawdeswell Annual Parochial Church Meeting and Vestry Meeting in B'well Church.
- Mon 30th 7.30 Foxley Annual Parochial Church Meeting at Foxley Rectory.

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BAWDESWELL CHURCH FLOWERS.

Once again, a plea for help and gifts of flowers and greenery to decorate the church for Easter. The church will be open from 9.30 a.m. on Saturday 14th April.

The flower Rota until October is as follows:-

- 28th April & 5th May ..... Mrs H. Holmes.
- 12th May & 19th May ..... Mrs. S. Lilwall.
- 26th May & 2nd June ..... Mrs. A. Kenyon.
- 9th June & 16th June ..... Mrs. G. Lowe.
- 23rd June & 30th June ..... Mrs. J. Gurney.
- 7th July & 14th July ..... Mrs. J. Gurney.
- 21st July & 28th July ..... Mrs. H. Holmes.
- 4th August & 11th August ... Mrs. J. Vince.
- 18th August & 25th August .. Mrs. J. Vince.
- 1st Sept & 8th September ... Mrs. J. Gurney.
- 15th Sept & 22nd September . Mrs. S. Lilwall.

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