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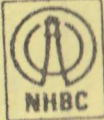
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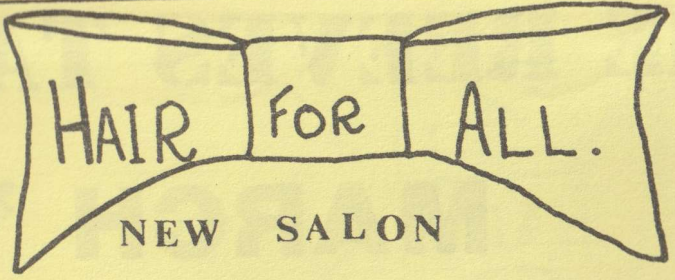
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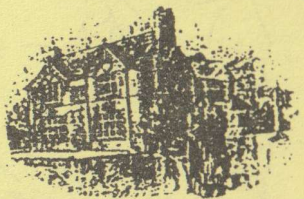


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We have just realised with something of a shock that it is two years since we agreed to take the job 'for a short while' when Len Neil left Bawdeswell and the post of editor became vacant. Two years has involved twenty editorials and we have to admit that sometimes now the imagination fails to supply inspiration for a new topic of the month.

The lack of an adequate village hall has been one of our constant themes as it remains Bawdeswell's most pressing problem. And at the risk of being deemed an alcoholic without a source, we make no apology for referring again to the lack of a pub, so often the centre of the social life of a village. We must surely be the only village in Breckland where the Parish Council meets in a private house and the playgroup in an old bus.

We cannot help feeling that the Reeves Tale would now benefit from a new voice if it is to fulfil its function of reflecting local views and needs. Perhaps someone of a different generation, the present editor being "well stricken in age"? It would be a wonderful example of local co-operation if someone would come forward and volunteer to take on the job. Come and have a chat about its duties and joys if you feel able to have a go - we would give you all the help needed in the early days. We could also do with a new deputy editor and treasurer now that Grahame Humphries has assumed wider duties with Radio Norfolk.

In making this appeal we record our thanks to all those who combine to make things run smoothly. The contributors, typists, gestetner operators, assemblers & distributors all do a splendid job - and we are all paid the same salary!!

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

April contributions by March 17th please.

Foxley Rectory,
MARCH 1990.

Dear friends,

Lent has traditionally been seen as a time for giving up things but this year may I encourage you to do something extra instead. We are planning a series of Lent discussion evenings in the parishes, beginning on Wednesday 14th March. The first of these will be held at Foxley Rectory but subsequent weeks I hope we will move around to various homes by invitation. To help our discussion we will be listening each week to a recording of the previous Thursday evenings Lent Course programme on B.B.C. Radio Norfolk. This, in turn, is part of a Nationwide course which is designed to bring christians of various denominations closer together in their working and thinking.

Several newcomers to the villages have said to me do you have a midweek discussion group. Up to now I've had to say no, but now the opportunity will be there, initially in Lent, but hopefully on a monthly basis after Easter as well.

Such a venture will only be successful if you give it your support.

Yours most sincerely,
GRAHAME HUMPHRIES.

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FOXLEY WOOD.

Foxley Wood is now open to the public from 10.00 a.m. to 5.00p.m., daily throughout the year, closed on Thursday. Visitors are welcome to visit the site within these times (no dogs please), but should keep to the waymarked trails at all times.

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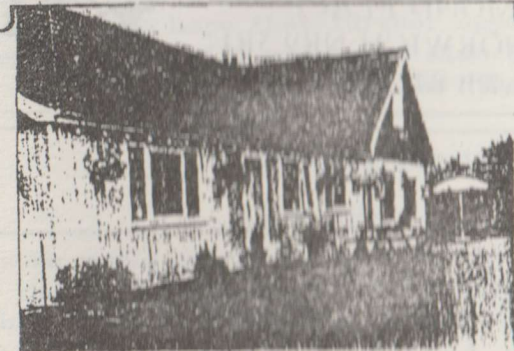
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CORRESPONDENCE

(Tel 391)

Dear Sir,

VILLAGE BRIEFS - BAWDESWELL COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL

I was pleased to see a report from Margaret Joice (in the December '89 - January '90 edition of "The Reeve's Tale") about the annual meeting of parents, governors and teachers at the school. As one of the parents who attended the meeting, I found it encouraging to see news about the school in your excellent magazine and I'm sure that further articles would be welcomed by many parishioners. Perhaps some of the pupils could contribute items for future editions?

The fact that parents are being encouraged to contact the school is also welcomed. I know that many changes are taking place within education at the moment and that teachers are particularly busy, but parents and teachers working together can make a powerful force for the benefit of all the pupils. I do hope that further opportunities to meet and work together will arise and also that there will be future articles from the school in "The Reeve's Tale".

Yours faithfully

T.W. Holt

EDITOR'S NOTE - We would welcome news from the school and wonder whether the headmaster or the parent/teachers association would consider appointing a correspondent?

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Janice and Norman Buck would like to thank all those who have sent gifts and good wishes to their beautiful little girl Kelly-Marie, who unfortunately, is in Addenbrooks Hospital at the moment.

Your thoughtfulness is appreciated at this difficult time.

NOT LOVE PERHAPS

This is not Love perhaps - Love that lays down

Its life, that many waters cannot quench, nor the floods
drown -

But something written in lighter ink, said in a lower
tone:

Something perhaps especially our own:

A need at times to be together and talk -

And then the finding we can walk

More firmly through dark narrow places

And meet more easily nightmare faces:

A need to reach out sometimes hand to hand -

And then find Earth less like an alien land:

A need for alliance to defeat

The whisperers at the corner of the street:

A need for inns on roads, islands in seas, halts for
discoveries to be shared,

Maps checked and notes compared:

A need at times of each for each

Direct as the need of throat and tongue for speech.

A.S.J. TESSIMOND

THE TRI ANGLES

The first meeting of the Club was held on Monday, Feb. 12th when we had "Pearl's Lantern Show". It was great fun to see parts of Bawdeswell which are now so changed. There were lots of oh's and ah's as old faces were recognised. It was a lot more fun than holiday slides, and we all pronounced it a great success for our first meeting.

Next month we are going to meet at Rainbow Cottage and have a session of Trivial Pursuit. I can foresee lots of fun and laughter over that. Hopefully, we shall be holding a Spring Fair and Jumble Sale in Foxley Village Hall at the end of April so get clearing out those cupboards. More details in April Reeves Tale.

Gladys Lowe

HAVE YOU TRIED? - APPLE AMBER

1 lb cooking apples

2 oz sugar

juice of one orange (rind if liked)

2 egg yolks

For the meringue 2 egg whites

4 oz sugar (caster)

Cook peeled and cored apples in orange juice and sugar (no water); allow to cool slightly. Add egg yolks. Place in shallow ovenproof dish.

Top with meringue mixture made as above but save 1/2 oz caster sugar to sprinkle on top.

Watch point Make sure to cover the dish completely with the meringue, especially round the edges. Cook at about 150° C until meringue is crisp on top and golden brown. Serve warm.

H.M.H.

BAWDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, MONDAY 5TH FEBRUARY 1990

PRESENT - Councillors Sparkes (Chairman), Holmes, Farthing, Eglington and Smith, The Clerk and 5 Parishioners. An apology was received from Councillor Wright.

PLANNING - Mr R.Egmore. Erection of one 2 storey dwelling at Reepham Road. More details and sketch map to be requested before commenting on this development.

Mr A.Battley. Erection of non-illuminated shop sign. No objections.

Mr M.Elsden. Construction of conservatory on new dwelling at rear of "Robinia House". No objections.

CLERK'S REPORT - The final estimate of adults on the Poll Tax register is 493 and the expenditure per head is £3.86. The final precept figure is, therefore, £1,901 (plus lighting grant), a total of £2,500, to be paid in two instalments, April and October. Breckland is operating a tree planting scheme this year, for planting and tending by volunteers. It was decided to ask for up to a dozen native trees to be planted on the Recreation Ground. Councillor Smith offered his services for planting etc.

Mr Eglington will attend a meeting on "Planning in Breckland" in Swaffham in March. It was agreed to subscribe to "Rural Viewpoint" for a year at a cost of £6. The new handbook for Norfolk Parish and Town Councils is available at a cost of £1.25.

PARISH ROOM CHARITY - The Parish Room Committee met last month. The 200 club has re-started. The grant for £4,000 available only if the project has begun by 31st March 1990 is now deferred until 30th September 1990. No further progress had been made in the proposed sale of the combined Hall and Bowling Green sites for £60,000 and in case of need it is now intended to seek alternative permission to develop two houses on the Bowling Green, using the Hall site for access, as originally planned, to allow for the possibility of a sale without the complication of the adjacent site. Number two account has now been closed and the balance of £1,341 transferred to the Parish Room Charity Account.

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Bawdeswell Parish Council Mtg.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS - Councillor Farthing asked that a note be put in the Reeves Tale highlighting the dangers of youngsters riding their cycles without lights through the village.

Councillor Smith again raised the subject of the use by the Garden Centre of the corner of land opposite their business. The Chairman stated that an agreement had been reached between the Garden Centre and the Highways regarding the maintenance of the area and its use as a car park.

Councillor Eglington reported that a vehicle has again damaged the boards at the junction of the Billingford Road and main road.

Councillor Holmes said that whilst he was happy to allow the continued use of a room at "The Willows" for Council meetings, there would clearly be problems on occasions when large numbers of parishioners wished to attend. Miss M.E.Joice, Chairman of Bawdeswell School Governors reported that she had discussed the problem with the Headmaster but understands that the Education Officer would be unlikely to approve - and there would, in any event, be a charge of £9.50 per hour. In view of the lack of any other public room in the village, it was decided to take the matter further.

Car parking arrangements at the General Stores have given rise to problems for two households opposite, whose cars had been hit several times by cars manoeuvring in and out of the car park. It was decided to discuss with the Authorities concerned.

It was confirmed that the Council would certainly oppose any plans which would create an additional flow of traffic through the village; this was the reason for declining a recent application in respect of land adjacent to Adam's Pit.

Next meeting at "The Willows" on 5th March at 7.30 p.m.

BAWDESWELL PARISH ROOM COMMITTEE

At the February meeting of the Committee, the Chairman reported that no progress had been made in regard to the proposed sale of the hall and bowling green sites to the owner of the garage next door and we had to assume that this was now in abeyance. It was decided to write to the Chairman of the Planning Committee in Dereham explaining the problems caused by the lack of any public room in the village and asking for help in solving the problem. We would like the Planners to revert to our original proposal to develop two houses on the bowling green site, using the hall site for access. This approach has now been made and we have enlisted the help of Mr David Sayer, District Councillor.

The 200 Club has now been actively promoted with many tickets sold. We hope you will all want to take one and share in the weekly draw - and the top prize of £100 on the last draw. As usual, we would like you to help us to help you!

We hope to take a stand at the Swanton Morley Air Show in June, details to be announced later. And, with the help of the Breckland Freestyle team (see village briefs), we are going to hold a Grand Sports Day on the Recreation Ground, probably on 11th September. Watch this space - it could be a lot of fun.

A.R.H.

PREPARATION OF NEW CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLLS
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will be displayed in the appropriate parish from 9th April and will come into effect on 23rd April which is just in time for this year's Annual Parochial Church Meeting at Bawdeswell, which takes place on 23rd April. Foxley's Meeting will be one week later on 30th April.

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CHILDREN'S CORNER

We have been delighted to receive, unasked, a very interesting contribution from one of our younger readers. Melanie Curtis, who is 8, has taken a very topical subject - The Wind - and written the following poem:-

THE WIND

The wind is rough,

The wind is tough.

It blows,

It flows,

And gets up my nose

Melanie Curtis

Well, if Melanie can do this, how about some of you others out there having a go! We would love to have some short verses to publish in our April issue about Easter and all the lovely things we see around that time of year. The winners will see their names in print AND maybe get some sweets; please have a go and send to me not later than 17th March.

A.R. Holmes
(Editor)

VILLAGE BRIEFS

1. PARENTS PLEASE NOTE!

There have recently been several instances of children riding bicycles in the villages, after dark, without lights. A dangerous practice, to be discouraged please.

2. NORFOLK VILLAGES VIDEO SOCIETY are holding a meeting at Gressenhall Rural Life Museum on Saturday, 17th March 10.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. entitled "An Introduction to Video". If you are interested or are thinking of buying a camcorder, you will be welcome. The fee is £6, to include coffee, lunch and tea. Telephone Saxthorpe 509 to book a place.

3. ACTIVITIES FOR ADULTS We learn that "Freestyle" is Breckland D.C.'s rural recreation service, providing a mobile sports and arts resource for the district. They provide, at reasonable cost, workshops on a wide variety of leisure activities, sports, arts and crafts by taking these to rural villages. Anyone interested? If so, we will try to get something going. (Speak to the Editor in the first place on Bawdeswell 518).

4. THE LONDON MARATHON We hear from Chris Hough of Foxley that he is running in the London Marathon (his first attempt) and is willing to sponsor the Reeve's Tale, for which we are very grateful. The race is on 22nd April and we also hear that there should be other local entrants: please let us know and we will mention it in the next issue.

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PREPARATION OF NEW CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLLS

Every six years Church of England Parishes are asked to prepare a brand new electoral roll of their members. Notice is hereby given that the new roll will be prepared between Monday 5th March and Sunday 8th April. Anyone wishing to remain on the roll or to join for the first time should make sure they complete an electoral roll form between these dates. The Electoral Roll Officers are Mrs. Irene Ames for All Saints, Bawdeswell (tel. Bawdeswell 455) and Mrs. Margaret Joice for St. Thomas' Foxley (tel. Bawdeswell 316). The new Rolls

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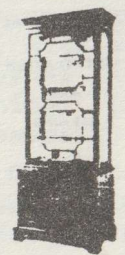
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- 11th - 11.00a.m., Mr. V. Butters.
- 18th - 6.30p.m., Mr. D. Potter.
- 25th - 2.30p.m., Mothering Sunday Service, Mrs. Flint.

Church of England Services.

- MARCH - 9.00 a.m. H.C. at Foxley.
- 4th 10.30a.m., Family Worship, Bawdeswell.
6.30p.m., Deanery Lent Service at Alderford.
- 11th - 9.00 a.m., H.C. at Bawdeswell.
10.30 a.m., Morning Prayer at Foxley.
6.30 p.m., Deanery Lent Service at Guestwick.
- 18th - 9.00 a.m., H.C., at Foxley.
10.30 a.m., H.C., at Bawdeswell.
6.30 p.m., Deanery Lent Service at Reepham.
- 25th - MOTHERING SUNDAY.
9.00 a.m., H.C. at Bawdeswell.
10.30 a.m., Mothering Sunday Service at Foxley.
6.30 p.m., Deanery Service at Lenwade.
- APRIL - 9.00 a.m., H.C. at Foxley
- 1st 10.30 a.m., at Bawdeswell.
6.30 p.m., Deanery Lent Service at Lyng.
- 8th - PALM SUNDAY.
9.00 a.m., H.C. at Bawdeswell.
- NO 10.30 SERVICE -
6.30 p.m., Deanery Lent Service at Foxley
Preacher: Right Rev. Alan Clark, Roman Catholic Bishop of East Anglia.

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DIARY DATES.

WEDNESDAY, 2ND MARCH - 2.30 P.M.

Womens World Day of Prayer service at Foulsham Parish Church.

MONDAY, 5TH MARCH - 7.30 P.M.

Bawdeswell Parish Council Meeting - The Willows.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH MARCH - 7.30 P.M.

Lent Study Group at Foxley Rectory.

FRIDAY, 16TH MARCH - 8.00 P.M.

Foxley Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall.

WEDNESDAY, 21st MARCH - 7.30 P.M.

Lent Study Group (venue to be announced).

WEDNESDAY 28TH MARCH - 7.30 P.M.

Lent Study Group (venue to be announced).

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St. Thomas' Foxley Flower and Brass Rota.

Through the Reeves Tale I should like to take this opportunity of sincerely thanking everyone on our Rota, past and present, for all there loyalty and helpfulness over the many years that I have been privileged to organise the welcoming "array of flowers" that has always greeted both Friend and Visitor to our Church. For me personally, my family, my business and my wider Diocesan Church commitments have suddenly all doubled and, therefore, I am going to find it increasingly difficult to personally man the Church when we are all together decorating for a Festival. Rather than let the team down, sadly, I think it is only right and proper for me to relinquish this organising role and, accordingly, Mrs. Margaret Joice of Foxley is shortly commencing to draw up a fresh rota for St. Thomas'.

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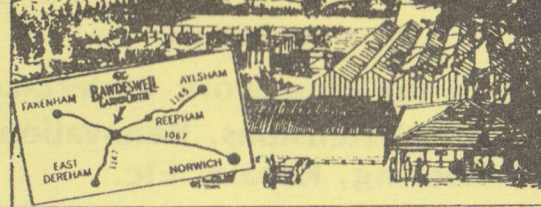
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