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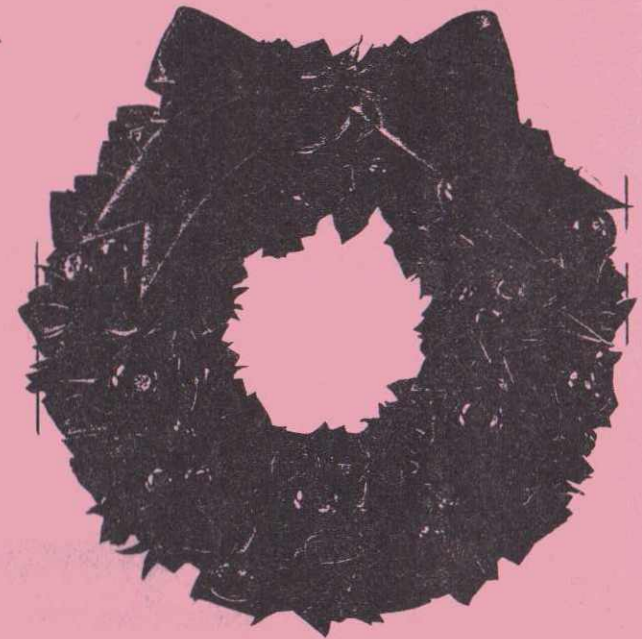
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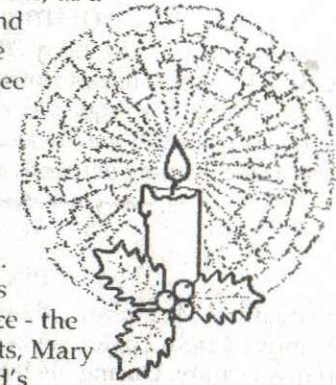
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Seasons Greetings

Foxley Rectory
December 1993

Dear friends,

The pictures of children suffering in various parts of the world which I see regularly on my television screen rather temper my approach to celebrating Christmas this year. Yet I remember that it was to harsh and unwelcoming conditions that Christ came, as a babe, to Bethlehem nearly two thousand years ago. Even if he didn't experience hunger there was homelessness, refugee status and fear of slaughter at the hands of King Herod's soldiers to contend with. Our Christmas card scenes often neglect the harsh realities of life both for Jesus and for the thousands who suffer in today's world. But for Christ, in his infancy, there was one factor which made all the difference - the devotion and love of his earthly parents, Mary and Joseph. Mary had been told by God's messenger that Jesus was a special baby and that she and Joseph had been entrusted with his care. They took their responsibility seriously and lived to see Jesus fulfil his earthly ministry.



We, too, can learn something from their example by showing practical care and concern for the world's children who are in such desperate need.

I hope you have a Happy and Blessed Christmas with your families here in Norfolk but let the love of the Christ of Christmas flow through you to your wider family in Him.

Yours most sincerely,

Grahame Humphries

Merry Christmas

Editor's Note

Could I, on behalf of everyone connected with The Reeve's Tale, wish all our readers a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year. Can I also on behalf of all villagers thank all those who deliver The Reeve's Tale in all weathers!

Our next edition will be February 1994 all entries should be with me by January 15th 1994.

Jane Thompson
(Bawdeswell 491)

A Christmas Celebration

- in words and music on Monday 20th December at 7.30pm in All Saints Church, Bawdeswell. Charles Roberts of the Eastern Daily Press will present the seasonal readings and will be joined by a choir of young people. Tickets priced £3 will be available shortly but book the date now for a memorable evening of words and music with Christmas in mind.

Mr Percy Holmes

With the death of Mr Holmes, Bawdeswell has lost a native Norfolk man. He moved from Foxley several years ago, and felt very much at home in this vicinity. During his later years his memory of people he had known and of local events long passed was quite outstanding. In the last months his health gradually deteriorated, but he was very grateful to end his days in his own home. Mr and Mrs Holmes had been married for more than sixty years.

We extend our sympathy to his widow in her bereavement.

Celia Joice

The funeral service for Mr Percy Alec Holmes was held at Bawdeswell Parish Church on Tuesday November 9th. The Rev Grahame Humphries conducted the service followed by burial at Bawdeswell Cemetery. Mr Holmes aged 83 years lived in Bawdeswell over fifty years; he was a builder.

Mary Farthing



Congratulations!

I am sure everyone will join me in congratulating Mr and Mrs Whybrow who celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on Christmas Day. They were married in Wheatacre, Beccles, Suffolk at 10.00am on Christmas Day 1933 and moved to

Bawdeswell with their son, then aged three months, in 1937.

They retired twenty years ago, having run two shops in the village for thirty-six years.

Congratulations to you both!

Jane Thompson

Bawdeswell and Foxley Playgroup



By the time you read this we shall be busy with the glitter preparing our Christmas crafts, but there are just a few things to remind you of first.

The AGM held on the afternoon of 1st November was very well supported, and thanks go to those who stood down, and a welcome to new members of the committee.

Thanks also go to everyone who contributes and helped at the Craft Fayre and Cheese and Wine evening. It was a very well supported event and raised £216.95 for playgroup funds.

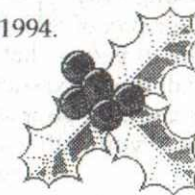
On Thursday 2nd December we are holding a Christmas Coffee Morning at 45, Hall Road, Bawdeswell, by kind permission of Linda Jackson; everyone is welcome to come along.

It is hoped to hold Coffee mornings on a regular basis, possibly once a month - not just to help swell funds but also to give parents a chance to get together for a chat.

We shall be holding our Christmas Party on Thursday 16th December and finishing on that day (Thursday 16th) for the holidays.

Playgroup reopens again on Tuesday 4th January 1994.

Wishing everybody a very merry Christmas and Happy New Year.





Beck W.I.

Our very first AGM took place on 8th November at the Old Schoolroom, Sparham.

Some of us were rather nervous and apprehensive. It was our first time and we wanted to get it right. To crown it all, a few hours before the meeting, our poor secretary was confined to bed by her doctor, with a very dizzy

head. Assistant Secretary (yours truly) had to step in. It all turned out 'all right on the night'.

Under the guidance of Pat Miller VCO and Gillian Collier of the organisation subcommittee all went very smoothly indeed, much to our relief.

Mrs Margaret Peachment was re-elected President, Mrs Brenda Emsden Vice President, Mrs Maureen Davis Secretary, Mrs Yvonne Gladwell Treasurer, Mrs Alethea Mann Programme Organiser and Mrs Diane Weddell Press Officer. Other members can be co-opted onto the committee as needed.

The Beck received a lot of praise from Pat Miller for its progress over the last eleven months. Membership has increased from seventeen to twenty-two. We have a monthly trade stall that is doing very well. Two outings have been planned for the near future. An interesting and full programme has been compiled for '94.

We have been told often that we are a happy and friendly lot 'At the Beck'. We hope that the four prospective members who attended the AGM found this to be true.

After a much needed tea break we had a beetle drive. It was hilarious; there was so much laughter that at times we didn't hear shouts of 'beetle' or stop. We all went home late but happy.

13th December is the Beck Christmas Party. May I remind members to bring along an item as requested and a pair of soft shoes.

Any inquiries? Please contact

Diane Weddell

(Press Officer) on Bawdeswell 564

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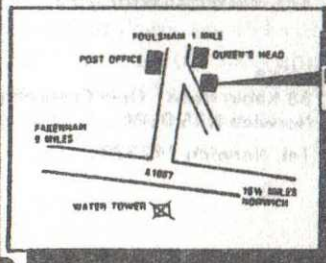
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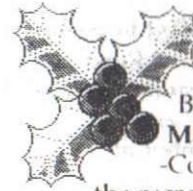
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Bawdeswell Parish Council Meeting
held on 1st November 1993

New Councillor

Bill Cunliffe was co-opted as a new Parish Councillor.

Matters Arising

-Councillor Wright will arrange for the concrete tube on the recreation ground to be removed.

-The response to the recent Housing Survey had been encouraging. The replies will be analysed by Breckland Department.

Clerk's Report

-Bawdeswell Garage are considering selling cars and will need to erect a fence at the front of the forecourt. As a result that it should be relocated next to the Village Hall, on the set aside for Phase 2.

-In the Best Kept Village Competition Bawdeswell came 7th out of their group (of 8) this year. Last year their position was 3rd out of 8, but the Judges' comments this year are very complimentary and standards overall have risen, so we shall just have to try harder next year!! The results are posted on the notice board outside Folland Court.

Planning Issues

-After appeal to the Planning Inspectorate, Planning Permission has been given for some changes to Phase 3 of Hall Road. This means that 7 of the larger houses will be replaced by 12 smaller houses, so the total number will increase by 5.

-Bawdeswell Garden Centre wish to erect another propagation greenhouse. While a successful local business is good for the local economy, the Council were concerned about the increase in overspill parking and traffic around the junction with the main road and the need for effective screen planting around the Garden Centre.

-Breckland Planning are insisting that there is more hedging and tree planting around the Village Hall. The Clerk will meet their representative on site to discuss the proposals.

-There was some discussion about the proposal to use the School House (next to Bawdeswell School) as a Tutorial Centre for staff from the Education Department to work with children who are having difficulties at Schools in the mid Norfolk area. Five staff would have offices there but mostly working off site. There are no proposals to involve Bawdeswell School. It was agreed to support the planning application.

Playground Report

The new equipment is now installed. Councillor Farthing had received four complaints about dog mess on this area. These will be discussed when the dog warden attends the December meeting.



Any other business

-The Highways Department will be asked to attend to the hole in the road at the junction of Hall Road and Norwich Road and the ponding problem outside the school (again!).

The next meeting is on Monday 6th December at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.



Foxley Parish Council Meeting

held Thursday 21st October 1993

Present: Councillors C Skinner, Mrs H Parnell-Cook, Mrs G Saker, Clerk Mrs G Dewing, BDC Representative Mr D Sayer and three Parishioners.

Apologies: Chairman Mr T Parnell-Cook and Mr P Davis.

Minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read and signed.

The meeting was opened by Vice Chairman Mr C Skinner.

Planning - Bawdeswell Farms - planning permission granted for road across fields at Beck Hall Farm on Billingford Road, Foxley.

Davis Egg Sales - permission granted for general purpose portable storage building at Moor Farm. Application received re: Anglian Water Services to ascertain whether replacement building for housing electrical equipment requires planning permission at STW Norwich Road.

War memorial rededication - Clerk reported arrangements had been made for this to take place Sunday 14th November 1993 10.45am. The rector has agreed and the Swanton Morley Boy Scouts will be in attendance. Clerk to arrange to purchase a wreath.

Bus shelter - an estimate has been received for repairing this at a cost of £39.80. This was unanimously agreed by Councillors for this work to be carried out.

A parishioner brought to the council's attention of a leakage of water near Cranfield House. Clerk to write to Anglian Water.

Very many complaints have been received re mud and filth on Themelthorpe Road again. Clerk to get in touch with Norfolk County Council, and also re loose chippings at the entrance to Mill Road and on Old Fakenham Road.

Resignation of Clerk was received with regret - see advertisement under separate entry.

Next meeting 9th December 1993.



Vacancy for position of Parish Clerk

It was with real regret that Foxley Parish Council accepted the resignation of Mrs Gladys Dewing as Parish Clerk.

We are therefore asking if anyone in the village is willing to undertake this task. There is a small annual remuneration and it would involve a few hours of your time each month.

Please contact Tony Parnell-Cook on Bawdeswell 436 in the first instance for more details.

Bawdeswell Village Hall

The Hallowe'en evening was enjoyed by approximately one hundred people on Saturday 30th October. They danced the evening away to the 'Three Beat Disco'.

Many of the children were in fancy dress; Gemma Johnson won first prize dressed as a pumpkin. Thank you to all mums for making the costumes. The evening raised the total of £95 for village hall funds. Thank you to Arlene for decorating the hall.

Bonfire Night on Saturday 6th November: the villagers and friends had an enjoyable evening at the Village Hall. The weather was right to enjoy the fireworks, bar and food (hot dogs, beefburgers, jacket potatoes and toffee apples). After expenses the total raised from the evening was £425. Thank you to the following for donations to the cost of the fireworks: D Gurney, G Wright, Tracey, Arlene and Edna's friends and relations.

After the Management Committee Meeting on 10th November, the last of the five monthly draws took place. The numbers drawn were as follows:

M Roberts	194	£100
G Killington	53	£25
Susan	179	£20
E Johnson	172	£15
P Blake	25	£10
B Minors	5	£5

as this was the last of this session, our committee members will be calling on the 200 Club ticket holders, to collect the money to start the next draw in February 1994 if all monies have been paid. New cards are being printed. There will be eight winning numbers monthly: 1st £20, 2nd £15, 3rd £10, 4th £10, and 4 at £5. The fifth month draw will still be £100.



Bingo

will be starting in the new year; the first session will be on Thursday 6th January from 7pm to 9pm and Mondays at 2pm to 4pm.

There will be a collection and delivery service for senior citizens on Thursday evenings. Entrance fee is 50p. So far, Edna Johnson will collect; other names will be added nearer the

time.

Christmas Party

on 18th December, being held at the Village Hall.

Live music to entertain

Bar, refreshments and raffle 8pm - midnight

Entrance Fee £2.50; tickets available from committee members.

It has been decided to hold this for adults only, to give parents a chance to have an evening on their own. The children are not being left out. We are having a party with a disco for them on Friday 10th December.

New Year's Eve

Come and see the old year out at the village hall; dancing is to 'Andy and the Critical Zone' and 'Mr Blobbie'.

Refreshments, bar and raffle; Adults £3, Children 50p; 8pm-1am.

Tickets from Committee Members.

Mary Farthing

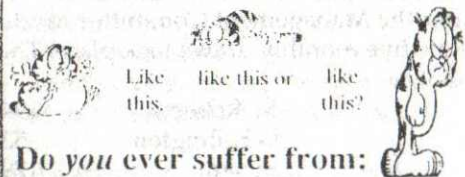
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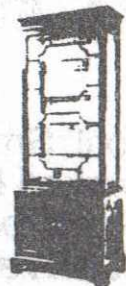
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Sunday 5th December

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6.00pm FP at Foxley

Sunday 12th December

9.00am HC at Bawdeswell

10.30am MP at Foxley

6.00pm Carol Service at

Bawdeswell



Sunday 19th December

9.00am HC at Foxley

10.30am Family Worship at Bawdeswell

6.00pm Carol Service at Foxley

Christmas Eve (Friday 24th December)

11.30pm Midnight Communion at Bawdeswell

Christmas Day (Saturday 25th December)

10.30am Family Holy Communion at Foxley

St Stephen's Day (Sunday 26th December)

9.00am HC at Bawdeswell [No service at Foxley]

Sunday 2nd January

10.30am HC at Bawdeswell

6.00pm New Year Service at Foxley

Sunday 9th January

9.00am HC at Bawdeswell

10.30am MP at Foxley

Sunday 16th January

9.00am HC at Foxley

10.30am Family Worship at Bawdeswell

Sunday 23rd January

9.00am MP at Bawdeswell

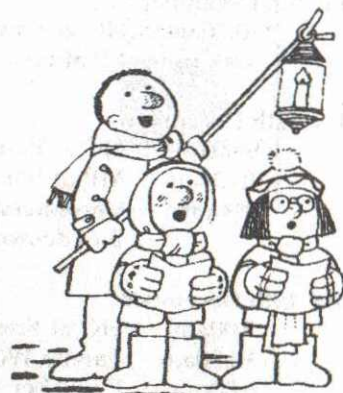
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Sunday 30th January

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Congratulations are due to our seven and eight year old football squad, who distinguished themselves before half term. Here we quote from the Eastern Daily Press of 3rd November:

Youngsters on target in penalty shoot-out

'Young footballers were given a champions' welcome when they returned to school after the half-term break with their trophy as winners of the Bryan Gunn penalty shoot-out competition.' 'The seven and eight-year-olds from Bawdeswell Primary School, near Dereham, won the finals at Norwich City's Trowse training ground in aid of the City 'keeper's leukaemia appeal.' The captain was Lee Wright, goalkeeper Sam Bristow and team Adam Upton-Browning, Andrew Lees, Liam Brett, Peter Thompson and substitute Matthew Cutter.

'Bawdeswell beat Norwich Avenue First School, Mulbarton A and Mulbarton B to claim the trophy.'

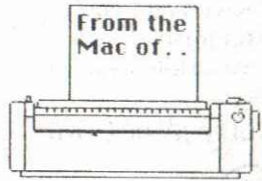
Many thanks to everyone who was involved in the Craft Fayre on Monday 8th November at the Village Hall, either as a fundraiser or by coming along to support the event. It was run jointly with the Bawdeswell and Foxley Playgroup, and raised £216.95 for Friends of Bawdeswell School, which will be spent on equipment for the children to use at Bawdeswell School.

Our Christmas play will be held on the afternoon of Wednesday 15th December, followed by the school party on Thursday 16th and our Christmas raffle will be drawn at our end of term assembly on the afternoon of Friday 17th December. We hope that the good citizens of Bawdeswell and Foxley will support our raffle: by the time you read this, the families of the children at the school will have tickets ready for you to buy.

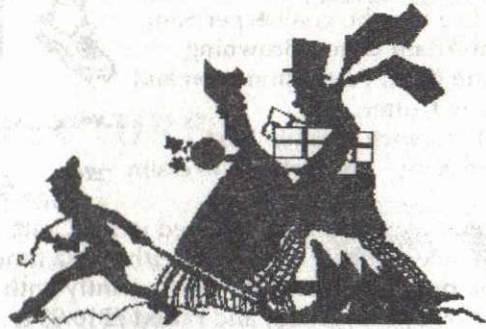
School finishes at 3.15pm on Friday 17th December, and reopens at 9.00am on Tuesday 4th January 1994.

Best wishes for a happy Christmas and a successful New Year to all readers of the Reeve's Tale from all the staff and children of Bawdeswell Primary School!





Merry Christmas
 from Paul Shreeve, who types
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