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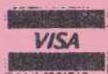
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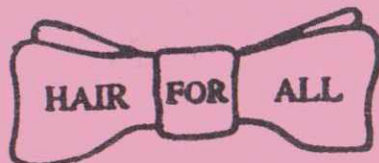


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Foxley Rectory  
December 1994

Dear Friends,

My diary for December is a bit like a jigsaw puzzle; each piece is fitting into place and a rich picture is emerging of a month of celebrating, yet again, the greatest event in the history of the world - the birth of Jesus Christ. Even in early November I've been to one event where carols were included to enhance the story and carols, including many of your favourites, I'm sure, will be sung in good number at the special services at Foxley on 11th December and at Bawdeswell on 18th December (both at 6.00pm).



Also designed to put you in the festive mood is the evening of dramatic readings by Charles Roberts plus music from a young people's choir on Wednesday 14th December. (Fuller details elsewhere in the Reeve's Tale). What with the Playgroup Christmas Party and a visit to the pantomime at Norwich's Theatre Royal, you can get a feel of how my diary is indeed filling up for the month.

Yet with all the preparation and celebrations it would be quite easy to leave out the central truth of the Christmas story. We could easily forget that God in Christ came to this world of ours, to come alongside us and to bring us back into a right relationship with Him. Reflecting on this great truth often referred to as the Incarnation should bring us to our knees like the humble shepherds. But after they had formed the first Christmas congregation in that Bethlehem stable they went out worshipping and praising God for all that they had seen and heard. May something of their experience be reflected in our own Christmas celebrations this month.

A very happy Christmas to you all.

Grahame Humphries

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ps Calling all Mums and youngsters for 'Carols around the Christmas Tree'. Wednesday 21st December at 2.00pm in Bawdeswell Church.

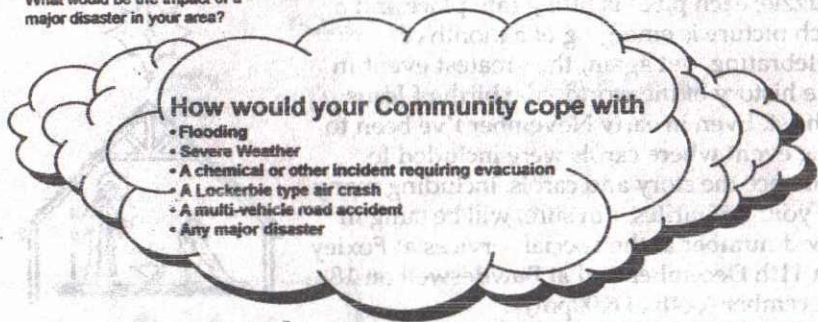


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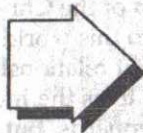
What would be the impact of a major disaster in your area?



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*The Professional Emergency Services would be fully stretched - Would you be PREPARED to give them your support?*

Norfolk County/Breckland Councils sponsored CIVIL EMERGENCY VOLUNTEER GROUPS have already been formed to provide assistance, but more volunteers are needed to train with them. Anyone over the age of 16 is welcome, especially those with experience in the areas on the right.



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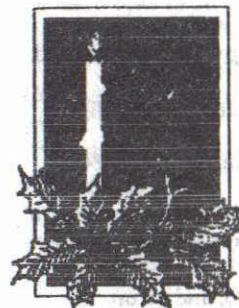
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## Christmas with C.V.R.



We look forward to having Charles Roberts of the Eastern Daily Press with us for a festive evening of readings and music at All Saints Church, Bawdeswell, on Wednesday 14th December at 7.30pm. Admission is by programme at £3.50, available from church members from early December, or on the door. Last year's event was enjoyed by all, so why not make this year's evening an occasion you definitely don't miss?

## Bawdeswell Church Flowers

Once again it is time to thank all who have kept the church decorated with flowers from Easter until Harvest. This was celebrated this year with our wonderful Flower Festival.

I hope that we shall all be getting together again to decorate for Christmas, and that the Winter months will be made brighter by the lovely cyclamens produced by the Misses Margaret and Celia Joice. Thank you both.

*Irene Ames*  
688455

## Foxley Church Roof Appeal

### Cricketing Reminiscences Evening with Peter Parfitt

I should like to thank my family, friends and PCC members for their help in making the above event so enjoyable and successful. We made a profit of £1,611.73 for the Foxley Church Roof Appeal Fund.

*Maisie Parfitt*

## Big 'C' Appeal

House to house collection in Foxley raised £80.74; my grateful thanks to all who gave.

*Jennifer Burlingham*  
688435



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### From the Editor:

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Please note that all Foulsham three digit telephone numbers are now six digit with 683- added in front, and STD code 0362.

Our advertisers have new numbers as follows: Hendry and Sons: 0362 683249; Clive Slaughter: 0362 683596; Ray Lake: 0362 683735

Don't forget that all STD codes in our area change by adding a '1' after the initial '0' early next year. You can actually use the new codes now if you so wish!

For example, Norwich (0603) becomes 01603; Dereham (0362) becomes 01362;

Cromer (0263) becomes 01263; Fakenham (0328) becomes 01328, and so on.

*Paul Shreeve*

688282 (weekday mornings)

### It's That Time of Year Again

-cold, wet and dark evenings.

Last year about this time we had a spate of house burglaries which occurred during the early evening. The villains simply went round housing estates knocking on the doors of houses in darkness- at times as early as 4pm! In many house both parties work until 6pm and if nobody answers the door in they go and make off with the video, jewellery and anything else they can carry. If somebody did answer their knock, as happened at a house with thick curtains, they asked a silly question like 'Where's the nearest garage?'

There are two things you can do to deter these criminals:

1. Install a timing device to turn on your lights, or even a radio. They cost less than £20 and are very effective. (I've got one).

2. If you are at home and the silly question comes note their description- better still their car number. Then 'phone the police IMMEDIATELY.

If you have any doubts about the security of your home please do contact Dereham Police Station (PC330 Coppack on Dereham 693451). Trained police officers will be pleased to visit, free of charge, to carry out a full crime prevention survey and offer advice to suit your needs and your pocket. As stated, it is a free service, so please use it.

It's a dangerous time for cyclists: especially those who try to be 'green' and cycle to work during the early, dark hours of the morning and the later, dark, hours of the evening. School children cycling to school should ask their parents for reflective jackets and helmets and proper lights for their cycles - a low cost to help prevent the loss of a life!

On our narrow rural roads drivers must think 'pedestrian' 'cyclist' or even 'lady with pram'. They cannot climb the bank to get out of the way.

Motorists should check their vehicle lights are in good working order DAILY before use. Treat yourselves to some spare bulbs.

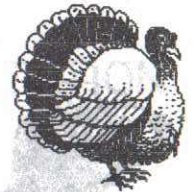
*PC 898 Pete Jackson*

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the Reeve's Tale Dec '94- Jan '95  
Leonard Neil of Accrington, a former editor and still an avid reader of the Reeve's Tale sent this funny poem:

### My Twelve Days of Christmas

On the first day of Christmas, my true love said to me

'I'm glad we bought fresh turkey and a proper Christmas tree.'



On the second day of Christmas much laughter could be heard  
As we tucked into our turkey - a most delicious bird.

On the third day we entertained the people from next door;  
The turkey tasted just as good as it had the day before.

Day four - relations came to stay. (Poor Gran is looking old).  
We finished up the Christmas pud and ate the turkey cold.

On the fifth day of Christmas, outside the snowflakes flurried,  
But we were nice and warm inside, for we had our turkey curried.

On the sixth day - I must admit - the Christmas spirit died.  
The children fought and bickered. We ate turkey rissoles - fried.

On the seventh day of Christmas, my true love he did wince  
When he sat down at the table and was offered turkey mince.

Day eight - and nerves were getting frayed. The dog had run for shelter.  
I served up turkey pancaked with a glass of Alka-Seltzer.

On day nine our cat left home - by lunchtime Dad was blotto.  
He said he had to have a drink to face up to risotto.

By the tenth day the booze was gone (except our home-made brew).  
As if that wasn't bad enough we suffered turkey stew.

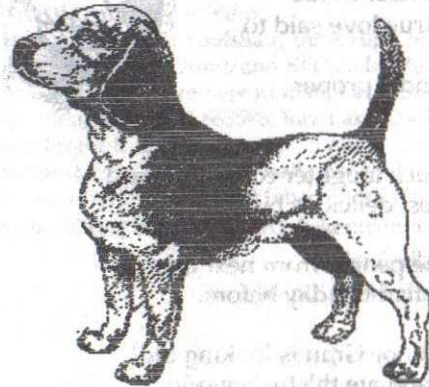
On the eleventh day of Christmas, the Christmas tree was moulting.  
The mince pies were as hard as rock and the turkey was revolting.

On the twelfth day my true love had a smile upon his lips.  
The guests had gone - the turkey too - and we dined on fish and chips.



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## A Puppy for Christmas???



Are you considering giving someone a puppy as a Christmas present? If you are, please think about it very carefully and ask yourself - is the recipient really prepared for a commitment of 10-15 years caring and training? Paying vet's bills? Buying food and vitamins etc? Paying out for boarding kennels during holidays? And much more.

Puppies are living beings, not wind-up toys that can be discarded when you're bored with them. Animal rescue centres are full of *unwanted* pets that were once little bundles of fun. Can you imagine how these dogs are feeling lonely - frightened - bewildered - rejected.

Before you buy that appealing little puppy, have a look at the full grown adult, read books on your chosen breed and talk to some experienced breeders and owners.

The reward of having a dog in the family are great indeed, I know from my own experience. Please remember '*Animals have feelings*'. The strongest feeling they have is unconditional *love for you*. Don't betray that love - it's priceless.

*Diane Weddell, Sparham*

## Blanket Appeal

Do you have any unwanted blankets, bedspreads etc? Danehaven Rescue at Foulsham has a lot of rescued dogs that would really appreciate them, now that it's getting colder.

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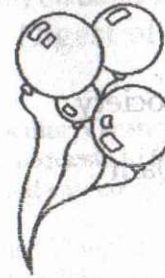


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## Children's Party

At Bawdeswell Village Hall  
on Sunday 18th December  
ages 2yrs - 17yrs  
Music, light refreshments  
£1.00 entrance

Arts Grants for Rural Norfolk  
Press release - 26th October 1994

Arts Grants for Rural Norfolk are seeking applications from town and village groups in the Breckland area interested in starting their own art project.

Up to £500 could be available for any project which complies with a number of basic criteria.

Grants are intended to help village and town groups bring some lasting benefit to their communities through the use of art whether it is music, visual art, crafts, drama, dance or literature.

The scheme is designed to help local groups run their projects in and for their own communities. Indeed the most important consideration of any application will be the extent to which the project will be locally generated and managed.

Breckland's Arts Development Officer, Daryl Fraser, says, 'This grant scheme presents an ideal opportunity for local groups to try something a bit different which will enrich the cultural life of their community. It is the first scheme designed by a national organisation to suit the needs of rural communities which have in the past been overlooked by the arts establishment. I welcome it and will be glad to offer advice to any group in the district who may be thinking about running their own art project and applying for a grant.'

Application forms can be obtained by writing to Daryl Fraser, Arts Development Officer, Breckland Council, Breckland House, Thetford, IP24 1BT or by telephoning 0842 756457. Deadlines for applications are 31st October and 31st March each year.



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**Digest of Bawdeswell Parish Council Meeting**  
held on 7th November 1994

Councillor Vacancy- if the District Council have not received two or more requests to fill this post by 9th November 1994, then the Parish Council can co-opt a volunteer at their next meeting.

Council Telephone Calls- the Clerk had applied for a B.T. Chargecard which will be used for all Parish business calls from now on. The cost and details of each call will appear on her bill and be presented to the Parish Council each quarter.

Best Kept Village Competition Results- Bawdeswell's position was slightly improved this year coming 4th out of 6 (rather than 7th from 8). More details reported elsewhere in the Reeve's Tale.

Highways matters- the poor state of the footpath outside the entrance to Folland Court and the need for salt bins has been reported to Highways and a reply is awaited.

Financial matters- it was decided not to send a donation to the Dereham C.A.B. this year in order to concentrate Council funds on local needs such as the Village Hall. The Clerk will write to explain.  
-It was agreed to purchase two large scale maps to assist the Ambulance Service in pinpointing houses with vague addresses.  
-A cheque for £2000 was received which is the second instalment of the Parish Precept.

Village Hall Driveway- it was agreed to provide a concrete 'apron' and sleeping policemen to help prevent the problem of stones creeping out onto the Reepham Road and cut the speed of cars along the driveway, at a cost of £578.78 plus VAT.

-The Clerk will also check whether it is possible to have a sign on the main road showing the entrance to the Village Hall more clearly.

Common Lane- the County Council have still not resolved the problem of the 'Lake' at the top of this lane. County Councillor Ingrid Floering-Blackman has said she will try to attend the next meeting, so it was decided to discuss this issue with her then.



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Recreation Ground hedging- the solicitors had advised that most of the hedging (apart from the private, planted sections) was jointly owned; with the Council responsible for the Recreation Ground side and the private owners responsible for their side. Written confirmation of this was in the post and the Clerk was instructed to get quotations for a tractor/hedge trimmer to cut the appropriate hedges twice a year.

Village Hall- a small profit was made from the Firework Display due to more fireworks but fewer people this year. There had been some unexpected expenses recently, including two broken windows, a broken door and anti-fly treatment. As the second year since the opening of the Hall is nearly over there was more concern and discussion about the lack of use of the building and lack of support for functions and interest in the Committee. Changes to the internal layout to make it into a Social Club with a cosier atmosphere and a weekend bar is one possibility but again this needs involvement from local people in planning and setting up new arrangements. It would also cost money to refit the building and provide staff to run the Club. Any views and ideas would be welcome and can be sent via the Parish Council or to any Committee Member. In the meantime the Chairman offered to sponsor one year of advertising in the Reeve's Tale to publicise the facilities and costs of the Hall.

Coping with a major disaster- P.C. Jackson brought details of the North Breckland Emergency Volunteers. See details elsewhere in this Reeve's Tale.

Planning- a parishioner expressed concern about the number of advertising signs, flags, notices etc at the Garden Centre. While this is an asset to the village and got a special, favourable mention in the Best Kept Village report, the Clerk will write to ask for some restraint on notices to keep the site tidy and attractive.

The Old Toll House- County Hall agreed to inspect and report on their opinions of this building which is becoming more and more dilapidated. The Clerk will chase them for a reply.

The next meeting is Monday 5th December at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

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The following report has been included at the request of Bawdeswell Parish Council.

### EDP Best Kept Village Competition 1994

Judges Summary Sheets: Village- Bawdeswell; Category: Over 500

Last Year's position: 7 from 8; This Year's position: 4 from 6

Churchyard: Disappointing. A small churchyard should be so easy to keep tidy as a fitting setting for your elegant church. Footings should be cleared and it's a pity your commemorative seat is overgrown.

Hall: Your new hall is a great asset which must have revitalised the village.

Green: -

Recreation Ground: Pleasing. Bowling green immaculate. New tree planting noted.

War memorials and fixed equipment: Very good village sign in pleasant green area with two good seats. Bench missing from one bus shelter.

Estates: Residential properties average to good. Some interesting houses in main street.

Commercial premises etc: New shop and butcher's shop clean and tidy.

High standard- garden centre.

Village Centre: Has character and is kept tidy. An attractive approach from the main road.

Tidiness: Litter in telephone box.

Public Buildings & Facilities: Cemetery is no better than when this particular team of judges last saw it a few years ago. Very unkempt.

General comments: The village has character and is mainly well looked after, but you have one or two black spots. If you could improve the condition of the churchyard, and particularly the cemetery, your position could be much higher.

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Sorry, we have no space for Playgroup or School News this month- hopefully there will be more room in the February 1995 issue.





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**Church Services for December 1994 and January 1995**  
Church of England Services

Sunday 4th December	10.30am Holy Communion at Bawdeswell 6.00pm Evening Prayer at Foxley
Sunday 11th December	9.00am Holy Communion at Bawdeswell (No 10.30am service at Foxley) 6.00pm Carol and Gift Service at Foxley
Sunday 18th December	9.00am Holy Communion at Foxley (No 10.30am service at Bawdeswell) 6.00pm Carol Service at Bawdeswell
Wednesday 21st December	2.00pm Carols around the tree - Pram service at Bawdeswell
Christmas Eve	11.30pm Midnight Communion at Foxley
Christmas Day	10.30am Family Holy Communion at Bawdeswell
Sunday 1st January '95	10.30am Holy Communion at Bawdeswell 6.00pm Evening Prayer at Foxley
Sunday 8th January	9.00am Holy Communion at Bawdeswell 10.30am Morning Prayer at Foxley
Sunday 15th January	9.00am Holy Communion at Foxley 10.30am Family Worship at Bawdeswell
Sunday 22nd January	9.00am Morning Prayer at Bawdeswell taken by Miss Celia Joice
Sunday 29th January	10.30am Combined Holy Communion at Foxley

**Services at Foxley Methodist Chapel**

Sunday 4th December	2.30pm Combined Service at Bintree Chapel
Sunday 11th December	11.00am Holy Communion - Rev Dr R Bean
Sunday 18th December	2.30pm Combined Carol Service at Bintree

- no service on Christmas Day - January details not available at going to print

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