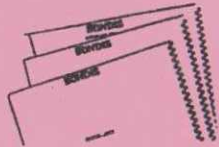




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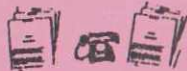
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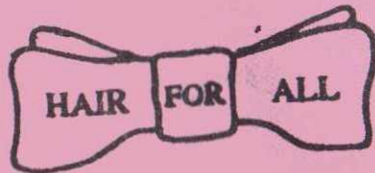
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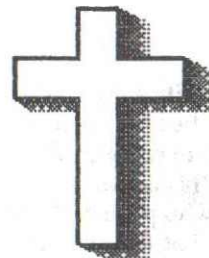


From the Rectory

Foxley Rectory
April 1994

Dear Friends,

"Better the day, better the deed" - this year sees April Fools' day as the day on which the church celebrates Good Friday.



Perhaps, like many people, you've been puzzled why a day, when the cruel death of Jesus on the cross is remembered, should be referred to as 'Good' in the first place. Surely it was a bad day - a black Friday. For Christ it was painfully so but, of course, it is precisely because he took our suffering that we can have confidence and hope. St Paul reminds us that the foolishness of God is wiser than men so remembering Christ's death on 1st April seems to add to its importance.

But Good Friday is only the prelude to Easter Sunday, the message that "Jesus is Alive" is the one that lives on and should be part of our worship every Sunday and for that matter every day of the year.

The theme of new life is very much in evidence at this time of year and no matter at what stage of our earthly lives we may be, it is never too late to receive the gift of new life in Christ. It is at the heart of the Christian message and the farthest thing from being an April Fool. A very happy and joyous Easter to you all.

Yours most sincerely

Grahame Humphries
(tel 688397)



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Grahame Humphries
(Hon Treasurer)



It doesn't seem long since the last issue of the Reeve's Tale, but here we are again! Thank you to everyone who has submitted copy for this issue, and especially to those who popped their articles in early, so that I could start typing straight away and spread the work over a longer period. Do please keep on sending in those articles- your village magazine needs you!

Paul Shreeve (tel 688282)

Thank you, Jane!

A big thank you comes from the readers of the Reeve's Tale to Jane Thompson for all the hard work she put in as editor. We are all most grateful for her efforts- thanks!

Help The Aged

Following a house to house collection towards the end of last year £391 was raised. Help the Aged have written to say - "We very much appreciate your support: your gifts enable us to continue to meet the needs of frail, isolated and poor elderly people."

G. Weymouth (Local collection organiser)

Wings of Song

Just a reminder of the Concert for Bawdeswell Church Funds by Wings of Song at the Village Hall on April 23rd at 7.30pm. The programme will include Songs from the Shows, and items for St George's Day.

The Churchwardens, Bawdeswell Church



Cissie Blanche Hale

aged 75 Years

Foxley is saddened by the untimely death of Mrs Cissie Hale.

Cissie was Foxley born and bred, her family going back many generations.

Cissie loved the village in which she lived, and contributed by giving much of her time for others to make it a happy place for them.

She was a stalwart member of the Methodist church, being a society steward. She also ran the Sunday School until her sudden illness. Nothing gave her greater pleasure than organising special treats for her Sunday School children.

They always looked forward to the Christmas party, and in the summer, a picnic and games on the field behind her bungalow.

Cissie always made sure the children went home after Sunday School on Mothering Sunday with a bunch of primroses for their mums.

In the summertime Cissie could be seen walking down the road with her lawnmower, such was her love for others, she not only lovingly tended her family graves, she made sure a pathway was cut so others could tend theirs more easily.

Cissie will be sadly missed but always remembered for her warm smile and loving ways.

Our condolences to her daughter Ruth and family.

Joy Webster

Bawdeswell and Foxley Playgroup News



The new soft play equipment is proving to be a real hit and it is a good way of letting off steam. The children also like the idea of visiting "big school" to use it and we are grateful to them for inviting us over, storing and setting it up for us.

The Monday afternoon playgroup sessions are starting after Easter - on the first day of the new term, which is Monday 11th April - from 12.45pm to 3.00pm at a cost of £1.60 per session. At the moment, we have fewer children registered for this session so it will be possible to give more attention to each one.

There will be a Tupperware demonstration and sale on Tuesday 19th April from 2pm to 3pm in the Playgroup building. There will also be a raffle and refreshments. This is open to everyone; why not pop in on your way into school?

Toni Hubbard is having an Usborne Book Party near Easter - there will be details posted later this month; watch the noticeboards. Again, this is open to everyone and a good way of boosting our funds, as well as a sociable event.

Janet Alderton
(tel 638245)

News from our village travels afar!

This cutting was taken from a local paper in Basildon, Essex:

Doggy Bravery

A little while ago I told you about some really brave dogs who had been given medals for their heroic actions.

Well, I've now heard about yet another hero dog - one who saved the life of her pensioner owner who had suffered a heart attack.

Mongrel dog Meg could now be in line for a similar bravery award after keeping her owner warm and barking for help.

Enid Silcott, 80, of Bawdeswell, Norfolk, fell over outside after having the heart attack. And she lay in her garden for up to 24 hours with Meg by her side.

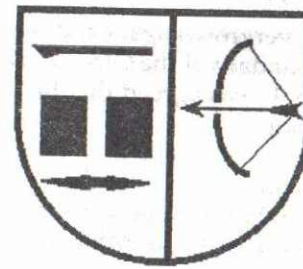
She was found by her brother Joe Braggins after a neighbour became worried and telephoned him.

Mr Braggins, 73, of Sparham, Norfolk, said: "I went round and found her in the back garden, curled up and with the little dog beside her.

"Another neighbour heard the dog barking. She never normally barks. She was obviously trying to attract attention."

Rita Green, chairman of the Norfolk branch of the RSPCA said: "It's amazing just how caring to their owners pets can be. The dog just wanted to look after her owner."

She said Meg could be in line for an award from RSPCA headquarters. Mrs Silcott was sent to hospital but is now recovering at home. The warmth Meg gave her almost certainly helped her to survive.



Bawdeswell Primary School

School life continues in its usual busy way. The children went in for the Ann Scriven Memorial Cup at the Dereham Swimming Pool; the idea is that the children swim as many lengths of the pool as possible in the allowed time, and then the total is divided by the number of swimmers. Our forty-one swimmers swam an amazing 600 lengths, and came a creditable 11th out of 25. Well

done, children. We also went to Reepham Primary School to have a cross country run, which the children who took part enjoyed a lot. We have entered two teams in the Aylsham 6-a-side football tournament and for the first time entered the Dereham hockey tournament, but results will have to wait for the next issue of the Reeve's Tale!

A group from the school went to the Theatre Royal in Norwich to see Roald Dahl's 'BFG' ('Big Friendly Giant' to those not in the know!) which was an exciting visit.

Our new work area is now in operation, which gives us a bit more space. We have even managed to make room for the new playgroup/school soft play equipment, which is proving a great hit with the little children. Many thanks to the Friends of Bawdeswell School and the Playgroup Committee for getting this for us.

We have had a visit from the Dog Warden, Mr Keats, who showed the children how he does his work, and warned them about the dangers of dog dirt to their health.

Our term ends on Friday 25th March with an Open Assembly at 2.45, school closing at 3.15pm. We reopen on Monday 11th April at 9.00am.

Paul Shreeve
(tel 688282)

Digest of Bawdeswell Parish Council Meeting
held on 7th March 1994

Clerk's Report - Ingrid Floering-Blackman, our District Councillor had contacted the Clerk to discuss the Local Government Review. She was keen to maintain contact with the Parish and will be informed of future meetings.

- The Council team for the Village Quiz Night was chosen, ie Councillors Battley, Strickland, Farthing and Sparkes.

- The Old Surveyor's Land and Adam's Pit are overgrown again and the hedges and ditches along the Reepham Road boundary of the Old Surveyor's Land are in urgent need of attention. It was agreed that the Clerk would arrange a spring and autumn cleanup.

School Report - no major items. The School has now taken over the production of the Reeve's Tale. Thanks are due to Jane Thompson and her team who were the previous editors, for an arduous and difficult task well done.

Recreation Report - the AGM was very poorly attended and there are now only six members left on the Committee. There is still a lot of apathy and concern about lack of support events and a long discussion about how to decide what local people want, as it seems a shame to have a good Village Hall and hard work put into events, which are not well attended.

Any Other Business - Councillor Farthing asked if Highways could be asked to drain the huge puddle at the entrance to Common Lane, possibly by using rubble etc to make the path more accessible in wet weather.

- The Chairman gave a brief statement on the latest news about the future of the Post Office. The Post Office are keen to keep a branch open in Bawdeswell, but no-one, including the Garage and the Bawdeswell Store, will take it on at the price/salary that is being offered at present.

The next meeting is on Monday 4th April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

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Digest of Foxley Parish Council Meeting held on 20th January 1994

Retiring Clerk Mrs Gladys Dewing was thanked by the Chairman for all the work that she has put in on behalf of the village and new Clerk Ms Mary Ann Konoba was welcome by the Councillors present. The Clerk has spoken to Mr S Jull of Anglian Water Authority regarding the drains near Cranfield House which have now been mended. Mr Fletcher maintained that it was not repaired. Bricks were dug up allowing the water to run down the pipe and not onto the road, but more problems are bound to occur.

The kerbstones in Lawrence Place have been removed, but loose chippings in Mill Road are still causing a problem. There is no improvement to the condition of the Themelthorpe Road. The fencing is down at the Chapel Road/Fakenham Road walk-through and the Foxley sign on the main road has now been missing for about three years. The state of the two lay byes continues to cause concern. All these matters will be referred to the Highways Department as soon as possible.

Planning Permission has been granted to Anglian Water Services who intend to demolish an existing shed and replace it with a brick kiosk. Application by Mr Durham at Chalet Poultry Farm to demolish existing poultry house and erect a breeder house and service building. No objections.

Renewal of the village hall insurance is now due and this year's premium is increased to £309 - in 1992 it was £92! Mr Fletcher, Mr Murrell and Mr Lupton representing the Village Hall Committee were present. It was pointed out that a large amount of renovation would be needed in the very near future if the hall was still to be used for food preparation. It was agreed that if the PC would pay the insurance the Village Hall Committee would make a contribution and the sum of £150 was suggested. Mrs Parnell-Cook suggested that the premium should now be reduced as the value of the building is now so low (around £40,000). It was agreed that Zurich Insurance Company be asked for a breakdown of the premium and a possible reduction for this year. The bus shelter has been vandalised and the culprits named. It was agreed that the Community Policeman be asked for advice in dealing with this matter. A quote of £39.80 for the necessary repairs has been received.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 21st March and the AGM will be in May. See noticeboard for details.

The Clerk Ms Mary Konoba can be contacted at Barn Cottage, Paradise Lane, Bawdeswell or by telephone on 688637.

Bawdeswell Village Hall

At the meeting for the year's end for the Village Hall Committee we had only one parishioner and six committee members present. After a difficult year we managed to raise around £2000 with which we purchased furniture etc for the hall. We all feel that this is quite an achievement considering the lack of support received from the villagers. What is left of the original committee has decided to soldier on and try to arrange events during the coming year. No fresh faces appeared to offer any support or alternative ideas, but it is not too late if you wish to join us or just pass on any suggestions you may have to make good use of the village hall; we would love to hear from you. We especially would like a new member from the Folland Court, Paradise Road area, to bring the village together. If the village hall committee has to fold due to lack of support the hall may have to be closed down as running costs are high; this in turn would put a drain on the parish precept to keep a white elephant standing. Please don't talk behind our backs- tell us what you feel is wrong, as only one parishioner turned up to the meeting we are still not sure of the feeling of the village on the events we have run.

Bawdeswell Village Hall Committee

Bawdeswell Village Hall AGM held on 1st March 1994

Chairman's Report
Resignation of Bill Cunliffe
Election of New committee:
Chairman: Graham Wright proposed E Johnson seconded M Farthing
Secretary: Wendy Spicer proposed E Johnson seconded M Farthing
Treasurer: Charles Sparkes proposed G Wright seconded W Spicer
Committee members to stay on: S Catchpole, S Lees, M Farthing, T Shewring, E Johnson (Bookings Only)
New Committee Member: Janice Buck

Any other business

The Recreation Committee would like to apologise for the late cancellation of the Valentines Dance on February 11th; the reason being very little interest was shown by the village. The purchase of tickets was very few- a dozen- that amount would not have paid expenses accrued with this event.

M Farthing

200 Club

Very sorry - 200 Club delayed again: we have been unable to collect all monies due on tickets. We hope to draw in April. Tickets are still available from Committee members, there are eight prizes each month: £20, £15, 2 @ £10 and 4 @ £5 on the fifth month a first prize of £100, all profits for Village hall fund.

Mary Farthing

A Plastic Bag 'Doggerel'

A dog however hard he tries, grows tubby without exercise.
He tries, by running and such feats, as walking through the village streets,
To try to keep his weight at bay, he'll make his owner walk each day.
It's not his fault his mess is left, it is his owner, quite bereft
Of common sense or decency, to leave it on the path for me.

A dog however hard he tries, must defecate in line with size.
(Although this may seem rather crude, it's always proportional to the food).

The owners own response should be, to take responsibility,
And seeing what is left behind, a hand in plastic bag should find,
Pick up the dirt, tie with a spin, and place it neatly in a bin.

A dog however hard he tries, should really cause you no surprise.
By leaving small deposits he is only acting naturally.
Whenever you see mess about, don't scold the dog, don't stand and shout.

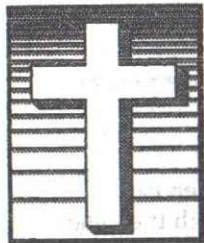
It isn't he who is to blame: his owner should take all the shame.
It isn't 'Dirty Dogs' at all- it's DIRTY HUMANS that appall.....

submitted by K Nyme of Bawdeswell

Foxley Church Flowers and Brass Cleaning Rota

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April 10th-17th	-	Mrs M Parfitt
April 24th-May 1st	-	Mrs B Slattery
May 8th-15th	-	Mrs J Webster

Church Services for April and early May



Church of England Services

Sunday 3rd April	Easter Day
9.00am	Holy Communion at Foxley
10.30am	Holy Communion at Bawdeswell
6.30pm	Deanery Service at St Faiths, Lenwade

Sunday 10th April	
9.00am	Holy Communion at Bawdeswell
10.30am	Morning Prayer at Foxley

Sunday 17th April	
9.00am	Holy Communion at Foxley
10.30am	Family Worship at Bawdeswell

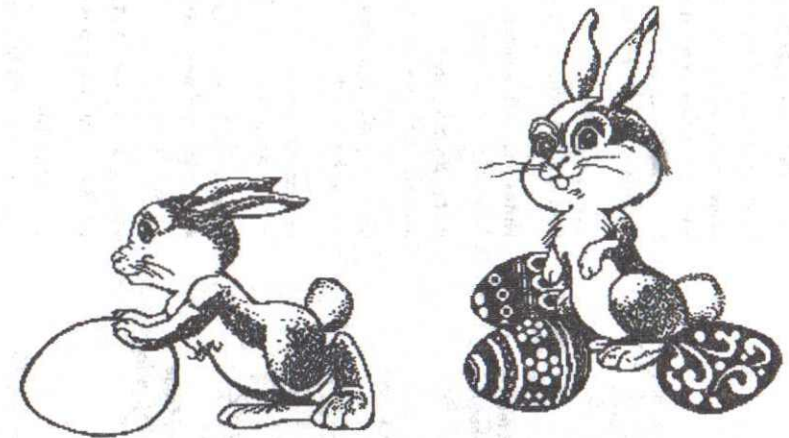
Sunday 24th April	
9.00am	Morning Prayer at Bawdeswell taken by Mrs Anne Middlemas
10.30am	Holy Communion at Foxley
2.00pm	Holy Baptism at Bawdeswell

Sunday 1st May	
10.30am	Holy Communion at Bawdeswell
6.30pm	Evening Prayer at Foxley

Sunday 8th May	Bawdeswell Gift Day
8.30am	Holy Communion at Bawdeswell
10.30am	Morning Prayer at Foxley

Bawdeswell Church will be open from 10.00am until 4.00pm for your gift envelopes.

Details of services at Foxley Methodist chapel were not available at the time of going to print.



Easter Bunnies

We had a little space left, so here are some Easter Bunnies for the children to colour in!

Knit a Jumper for Oxfam

Would you be kind enough to knit up your odd balls of wool into jumpers for Oxfam's Children in Africa appeal? The Patons/Oxfam pattern on page 12 is printed out for your guidance. Completed jumpers can either be dropped into an Oxfam shop or left at Foxley Rectory for delivery.

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Sleeve seam cm. 7 [8 10 12] - in. 2½ [3¼ 4 4½]

Patons Beehive Double Knitting x 50 gram balls 2 [3 3 3]

Pair each Nos 3½mm and 4mm Milward needles. Needle sizes quoted are metric, equivalent UK sizes are No. 10 for 3½mm and No. 8 for 4mm.

Tension

On No. 4mm needles, 22 sts and 30 rows to 10cm (stocking stitch).

CAUTION

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Abbreviations

K - knit P - purl st - stitch beg - beginning rep - repeat patt - pattern
cm - centimetres in - inches mm - millimetres

BACK AND FRONT (alike) With No. 3½mm needles, cast on 51 [57, 63, 69] sts and K7 [7, 9, 9] rows.

Change to No. 4mm needles and work in **patt.** as follows:

++ 1st row - (Right side), K. **2nd row** - P. **3rd to 6th row** - Rep. 1st and 2nd row twice. **7th and 8th rows** - K. These 8 rows form patt.

Continue in patt. until work measures 16 [17, 19, 22] cm, ending with right side facing for next row. **++** Keeping continuity of patt., cast on 15 [18, 22, 26] sts for Sleeves at the beg. of next 2 rows (81 [93, 107, 121] sts).

Next row - K3, -patt to last 3 sts, K3. Rep. last row until work measures 25 [28, 31, 35] cm, ending with right side facing for next row.

Next row - K3, patt 17 [20, 24, 28], K41 [47, 53, 59], patt 17 [20, 24, 28], K3. Rep last row 4 times more. Cast off.

TO MAKE UP Do not press. Join side and underarm seams, then join cast-off edges together leaving sufficient free at centre for head to go through.

Patons BEEHIVE 4 PLY VERSION

To fit chest cm. 46 [51 56 61] - in. 18 [20 22 24]

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Sleeve seam cm. 7 [8 10 12] - in. 2½ [3¼ 4 4½]

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Tension:

On No. 3½mm needles, 28 sts and 36 rows to 10cm (stocking stitch).

Notes and Abbreviations:

As Double Knitting version.

BACK AND FRONT

 (alike)

With No. 2½mm needles, cast on 64 [72 78 86] sts and K9 [9 11 11] rows.

Change to No. 3½mm needles and work in **patt** as for Double Knitting version **++** to **++**.

Keeping continuity of patt, cast on 20 [22 28 34] sts for Sleeves at beg of next 2 rows (104 [116 134 154] sts).

Next row - K4, patt to last 4 sts, K4.

Rep last row until work measures 25 [28 31 35] cm, ending with right side facing for next row.

Next row - K4, patt 29 [34 41 50], K38 [40 44 46], patt 29 [34 41 50], K4. Rep last row 6 times more. Cast off.

TO MAKE UP

Work as for Double Knitting version.

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