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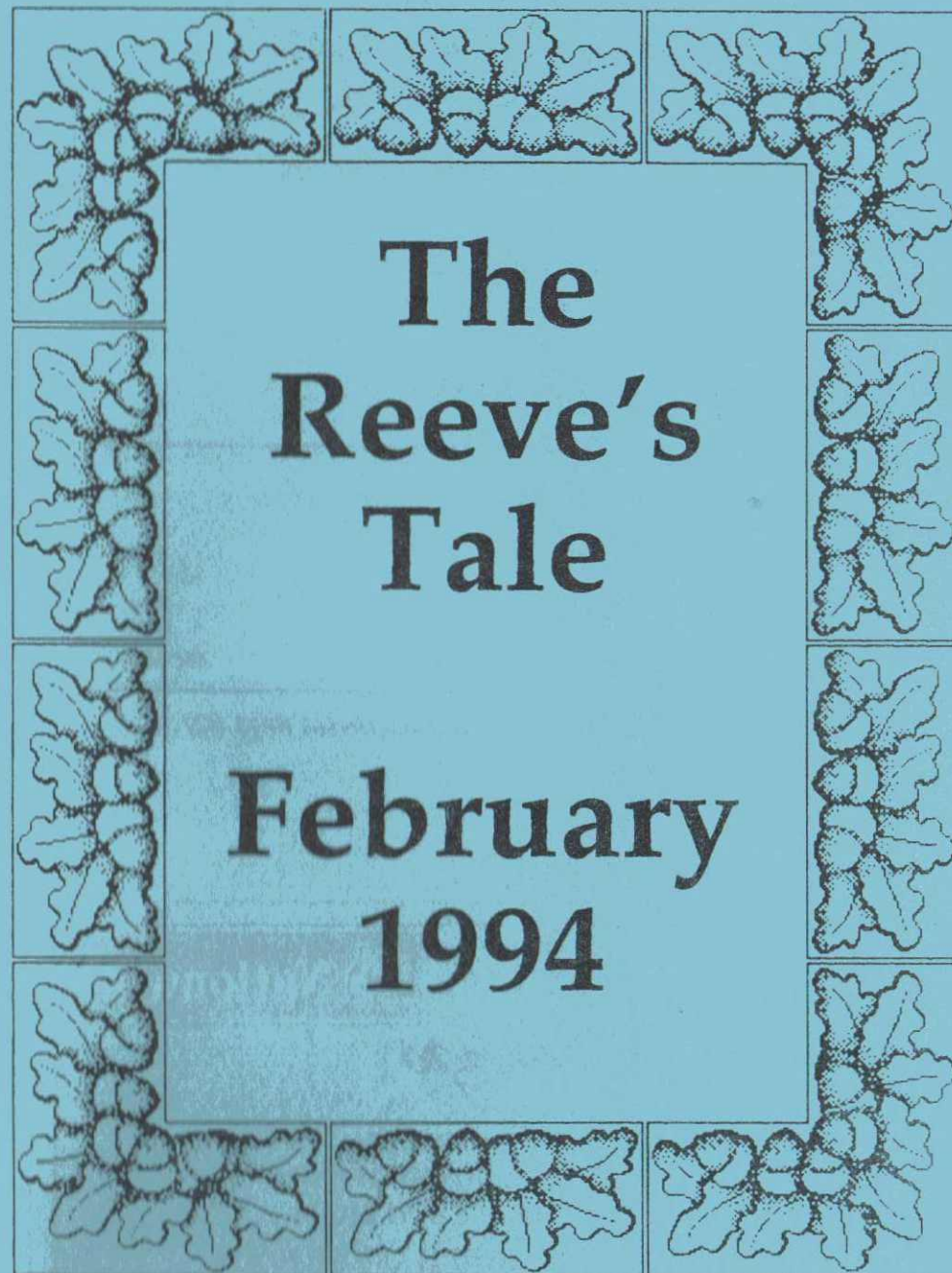
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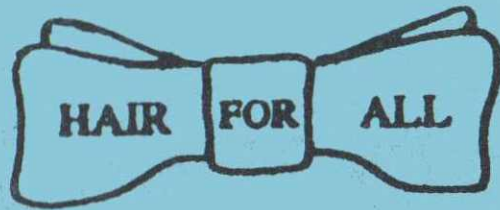
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From the Rectory

Foxley Rectory
January 1994

Dear Friends,

As it is still only early January when I am writing this letter I would like to wish you a Happy New Year.

I grew up in a parish in Cheltenham where our local church printed a motto card at the start of each new year. I, for one, appreciated having this and used to give it pride of place in my bedroom throughout the year. Unfortunately its a long time since I've been in a parish that adopted the practice, but even without a printed card the idea of a motto still seems to be a good one.

As I was preparing for the New Year service at Foxley on 2nd January I had chosen as one of the readings some verses from the Letter to the Hebrews, chapter 13. It contains some good practical advice about Christian living- concern for others, respect for those in authority, etc. Then in the middle of all this advice the writer states something which has been cherished by Christians down through the centuries - "Jesus Christ the same, yesterday, today and forever." The unchanging character of Jesus Christ is the touchstone of our faith and the means whereby we can have confidence both for today and the rest of the year ahead. So as we move forward into another busy and, at times, uncertain year let's take hold of this simple truth and prove His reliability every day.

Yours most sincerely,

Grahame Humphries
(Bawdeswell 397)



Editor's Note

Due to the fact that February is a short month and our usual deadline date falls within half term I am afraid we shall have to set an early deadline for copy for the March edition. This will have to be Thursday 10th February. I am sorry if this causes any problems to anyone.

From the Editor

This is my last edition as editor of the Reeves Tale. Due to pressure of work and other commitments I no longer have the time to devote to the magazine. I'm hopefully handing over to Paul Shreeve who has been busy typing the magazine for some months now and, may I say, improving its appearance greatly.

All copy can still be brought to Beech House, The Street, as two of my children are at the school and can take your copy in to Paul. I shall look forward to simply being able to read further editions!

Jane Thompson
(Bawdeswell 491)

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Notes and News

Thank You

Thank you to the carol singers and all who gave to the collection on 18th December. £18.19 was raised for Cot Death Research and Support.

Babysitting

Do you ever need a babysitter? Someone experienced, who will sit for points, not pounds? Interested? Call Bawdeswell 335.

Mr and Mrs L.S. Whybrow wish to thank their many old customers and friends who sent them cards and letters on their Diamond Wedding. To be remembered is wonderful!

Bridget Earthy

It is with deep regret that we announce the tragic and untimely death of Mrs Bridget Earthy, Bawdeswell's Sub Postmistress, in the early hours of 14th December, following her collapse in the shop the previous evening. It is particularly poignant that her death came a year after the death of her husband Ron, just as she was beginning to accept her grief and plan her life without him. Her Irishness would have appreciated the now ironic observation that her holiday did her the power of good. To the end of her life Bridget remained the shy sensitive colleen from Tara, County Meath, hiding the shyness behind a sometimes brusque manner. Those who were allowed behind the facade were privileged to know a woman with a puckish sense of fun and a warm heart, who appreciated deeply the support she received from the Village before and after Ron's death.

Before coming to Bawdeswell Bridget and Ron ran a newsagent's shop in East Finchley, London, a period marred by the death in a road accident of one of their paperboys. To the end tears would still well in Bridget's eyes at the memory.

Her death leaves Bawdeswell the poorer, and not just for those with a giro to cash. Our sympathy goes out to her children, three sons and a daughter, so cruelly robbed of both parents in a twelvemonth. One may pray that they are comforted by the thought that Ron and Bridget are reunited.

'The Earthy family would like to thank everyone for all the help and support that was given to Bridget since the death of Ron in November 1992. Mum was always very appreciative of all the things that were done for her, and the friendship and support that she received up until the day she died. We would like to thank you all for the help that we received following her unexpected death. It has been a source of comfort to all of us to know how well looked after she was, and despite all her difficulties she wanted to stay in Bawdeswell.'

Rev. Humphries received a letter from Mrs Cissie Hale, which included this note to everyone:

'Cissie Hale wishes to thank everyone for prayers, cards, flowers and good wishes during her stay in hospital.'

Editor's note:

We were very sorry to learn of Mrs Hales' death on 14th January. Her passing is a sad loss to our community.

Beck W.I.

We celebrated our first birthday at our January meeting, and we were treated to some very delicious cakes made by members.

During the past year we have all learned a lot about a variety of subjects, ranging from dried flower arrangements to breast screening and the International Rescue Corps.

We have learned (often the hard way) how to run our institute, how the large body of members can influence local and national affairs to improve many aspects of everyday life. We have visited places we've never been before, and made many new friends.

Our membership has steadily increased, and we were delighted to have five new members join in January. A very special welcome is extended to them.

Gill Page of Sparham gave a talk and slide show about Pakistan, where she lived and taught. You could have heard a pin drop in the hall as we were all transported to a country and a lifestyle so different from our own.

Well done, Gill! and many thanks. Our next meeting is on 14th Feb at 7.30pm in The Old Schoolroom, Sparham. The subject - North Elmham Bakery; The speaker - Norman Olley; Exhibition - 3 currant buns.

Everyone welcome to come along.

Diane Weddell - Press Officer

Bawdeswell 564.

On a Winter's Night



In the week before Christmas a programme of carols and readings for Christmastide with the above title, was presented in Bawdeswell church. "Bel Canto", a group of six singers aged between ten and sixteen sang carols; they were directed by Carole Timms, and each one sang a solo in addition to their choral singing. Their delight and enjoyment in singing was obvious to all and brought pleasure to the audience as well. The reader was C.V.R., Charles Roberts, who is literary and arts editor of the Eastern Daily Press. He delighted us with a varied selection of seasonal prose and poetry readings. The audience who braved the awful weather were rewarded by a very enjoyable evening, and about £100 was raised for Bawdeswell Church funds.

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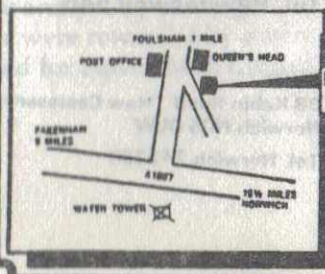
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Digest of Bawdeswell Parish Council Meeting
held on 6th December 1993

1994/5 Precept

It was agreed that the precept, which forms part of the Council Tax, should remain the same for the coming year, i.e. at £4000.

Dog Warden

Mr Keats was suffering from 'flu and sent his apologies but has promised to come to the February meeting.

Playing Field

Breckland D.C. are insisting that the hedges surrounding the field are reinforced and that extra trees are planted along the drive. Quotes will be sought for this work and maintenance and care of trees until they are established.

The Council is also reviewing the arrangements for grass cutting and care of the shrub bed and verges so that they are all maintained efficiently and economically.

School Report

The School were commended for their good reputation (which is reflected in the rising number of pupils) and also for their computer skills as demonstrated in the new format and presentation of the Reeves Tale.

Village Hall

Fundraising and regular bookings alone are not producing enough income for Phase 2 of the Hall. The Management Committee have therefore decided to look further into having a permanent bar.

Highways

Following a letter of complaint Highways have repaired the hole at the junction of Hall Road and Reepham Road; the ponding outside the school and the path outside The Rectory have still to be attended to.

The next meeting is on Monday 7th February at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Village Paper Bank

There is now a Paper Bank next to the Village Hall which has separate compartments for newspapers, magazines and cardboard for recycling. It is there on trial... please make good use of it.

Digest of Foxley Parish Council Meeting

held on Thursday 9th December 1993

Present: Councillors Messrs H Parnell Cook, C Skinner, P Davis; Mrs H Parnell Cook; Clerk Mrs G Dewing; BDC Representative Mr D Sayer.

Apologies: Mrs G Saker

Matters arising from previous minutes:

Leakage of water near Cranfield House - Clerk reported she had received a letter from A.W.A. who stated they did not think the problem was the water main but a blockage in the village drain. The matter was being referred to their sewage section.

Clerk to arrange a meeting between the council and A.W.A. as this gave cause for concern if there is a blockage in this drain.

Clerk received letter of acknowledgement from N.C.C. re complaints in village - these were being looked into.

Resignation of Clerk - no replies received from advertisement in previous Reeve's Tales. Clerk to put advertisement in local shop.

Planning A.W.A. S.T.W. Norwich Road - new application received for brick kiosk - all in favour.

Parish Precept - Unanimously agreed to leave the same as previous year.

Next Meeting January 20th.

Poppy Collection Foxley

A vote of thanks to Mrs D Harvey and her band of helpers, this year the collection total was £94.76 - this was £15 more than 1992. Well done!

Also we purchased a wreath for £15 which was laid at the war memorial at a rededication service on Remembrance Sunday by John Parfitt. Although the weather was atrocious this was well supported and with the Swanton Morley Scouts in attendance - thank you all for attending - it is a pleasure to see the War Memorial looking good.

G. Dewing

Clerk to Foxley Parish Council



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Poppy Appeal Bawdeswell

The house to house collection raised a total of £93.27

Bawdeswell Garden Centre £28.18

Primary School £9.45

General Stores £6.53

Donation for Wreath £15.00

Grand Total for Bawdeswell £152.43

Thank you to all those who gave to the Appeal and to those who collected. We were sorry to lose three collectors who have done such a good job for so many years but pleased to welcome two new recruits.

Total for the District £549.87

St Valentine's Dance

at Bawdeswell Village Hall

for adults and teenagers 14 plus

Friday 11th February 1994

8pm - Midnight

Ticket £4 - will include £1.50 for Buffet.

Mr and Mrs Quiz during the evening

Tickets available through the usual outlets, e.g. shop and committee members; it would help if you could purchase your tickets before the event so we know how many to cater for. Thank you!



Bawdeswell Primary School

Mrs Joan Howlett, who became school secretary in September 1972, retired at the end of the Autumn Term. We had a special presentation to her at the end of the Nativity Play on Wednesday 15th December. Mrs Viv Daniels has taken over officially as school secretary and is at school each morning.

We hope that you all enjoyed the Nativity Play, children's party and Carol Singing, in the last week of the Autumn Term. Many thanks to all

the staff, and to those parents and helpers who gave so freely of their time and efforts to make these events worthwhile.

100 Club Winners December 1993; 1st No. 14 Melody Fisher; 2nd No. 16 Arlene Knight; 3rd No. 67 Mrs Hadnett.

Swimming Certificates: congratulations to the following children, who earned certificates just before Christmas:
50 Metres Christine Eglington, Robert Hendry, Paul Wright
25 Metres Alana Duncan, Victoria Pryor

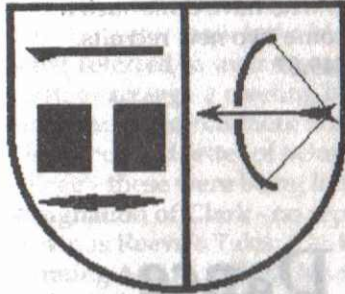
10 Metres Oliver Harrowven, Patrick Casey, Simon Fuller, Liam Brett
Romanian Appeal: We have donated redundant school equipment to the Northgate High School appeal for schools in Romania.

We gave two black and white portable televisions, two ancient sewing machines, a Gestetner duplicator, an OEM photocopier, an electronic organ and a tape deck. Although these are of no more use to us, hopefully they will help children in a country which has so little.

Breckland Freestyle

This term, on Thursday afternoons, Breckland Freestyle Team is coming to help the teachers provide a wide variety of PE activities for children in Classes 4, 3 and 2. The first week, 6th January, the children did running and jumping techniques, and on 13th January they did practical problem solving.

Do come to the next Fashion Show run by the Friends of Bawdeswell School, on Tuesday 22nd March, in the school hall. See you there!



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Church of England Children's Society

A Coffee Morning was held at Foxley Lodge late in November which raised £250.22; in addition the twenty two local people who have collecting boxes in their homes contributed a further £312.00, a total of £562.22. This represents a really worthwhile and creditable sum from a relatively small community.

The Society's activities include work with runaway teenagers, endeavouring to rescue them from prostitution, drugs and exploitation, an adoption agency, and a wide range of help for disadvantaged families, including day centres, playgroups and legal advice.

This is all such valuable work in our present moral climate and all the Society's income comes from charitable giving, fund-raising events and the Children's Society shops. The shops in Dereham and Fakenham are always anxious to receive your unwanted possessions, and will accept almost anything which can somehow be converted into money or channelled to some useful purpose. To remind you: household goods, clothing, books, toys, records, bric-a-brac, plants, wool, jewellery, used postage and Green Shield stamps, petrol tokens, all are welcome! Recent gifts from this area have ranged from a splendid exercise bike to a mystery kitchen utensil, the purpose of which has not yet been discovered! - not forgetting the excellent remains from the Playgroup jumble sales! If you have anything to donate or would like a box in which to put your leftover small change at the end of the day or after a shopping trip, or perhaps to give a regular weekly amount, please contact me on Bawdeswell 650.

Diana Harvey

Advertising in the Reeves Tale is a reliable way of bringing details of your business or product to over 400 homes each month. Our advertising spaces are let on a yearly basis and during February I will be contacting advertisers to see if they wish to continue. Usually there are one or two changes each year so if you know someone who would like to advertise, when a vacancy occurs, please encourage them to get in touch with me.

Grahame Humphries
(Hon Treasurer) Bawdeswell 397

Bawdeswell and Foxley Playgroup



We started the new term promptly after a lovely long holiday. In future we shall always try to keep our term time the same as the school so there should be no confusion for families with children in school and playgroup.

We are pleased to welcome Mark Fuller and Jacques Welcomme as new starters this term, who are settling in

happily and they both have older brothers at school, so they can wave to them at playtimes.

These two bring us nearly up to full capacity but if any parents wish to start their children this term or after Easter we can still fit them in on some days. We take children as soon as they are out of nappies and at any time during the term. As far as possible, we do like to plan ahead so it would be helpful to have an idea of who is coming during the year. Pop in for a chat with Janet or Rosemary any weekday morning if you are interested.

Later this term our new soft play equipment will be delivered which we were lucky to buy secondhand from Norwich City Council and the cost and use will be shared with the school. (Storage is going to be a problem as our shed is already full so if anyone knows of a shed which we could have or acquire cheaply, please let us know.) See the next Reeves Tale for details as a Fun Session using the new equipment will be arranged at the Village Hall in March.

Bawdeswell Village Hall

The Annual General Meeting of the Management Committee will be held on Tuesday 1st March with a view to boosting the membership of the committee, also to discuss the ideas and needs of the Village; so far we have arranged a dance on Friday 11th February, a Quiz Night on March 11th (as the one held in November 1993 was enjoyed by many people), and a Football Funday with barbeque. Any other ideas would be welcome; do come along and put your suggestions forward. The meeting will start at 8pm: we hope to see you there.

Edna Johnson has resigned from the Management Committee as booking clerk. We would like to convey our thanks to her for all the time and effort she put in to the events of the last year.

Thank you to Mr Cooke for supplying the lovely Christmas tree for the hall this year.

Our secretary Jackie Cunliffe has resigned, owing to pressure of work. The Management Committee would like to thank her very much for taking over the position when needed, on a temporary basis- thank you, Jackie.

The New Year's Eve Nice 'n Easy Dance was well attended and enjoyed by all who attended the event. The disco was supplied by Andy and the Critical Zone. A raffle was held and money prizes of £15, £10 and £5 were given to the winners. A buffet was supplied and prepared by some members of the committee. On hand was a bar run by Brian Taylor. Proceeds of the event will go to the Village Hall.

The Christmas Dance held on 18th December was enjoyable, dancing to the music of Bill; a bar was on hand, with nibbles supplies, also some raffle prizes. Although attendance was small it was a very pleasant evening.

The Christmas Party was held on Friday 10th December. The children of Bawdeswell and Foxley enjoyed their party provided and arranged by the Recreation Committee. There was a buffet with lots of goodies that children like; Father Christmas paid a visit during the evening and presented each child with a small gift; they danced to the 'Silver Moon' disco provided by George and Pearl. (A special thank you to George and Pearl for giving their services free.

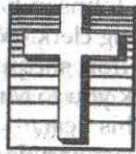
200 Club

Don't forget to purchase your 200 Club tickets! Our committee members will be calling on you in the next four weeks so the draw can commence in March. There will be eight winning numbers monthly: 1st £20; 2nd £15; 3rd £10; 4th £10 and 4 at £5- the fifth month draw will include a first prize of £100.

Waste Paper

The new site for waste paper collection is situated next to the Village Hall in Bawdeswell. All waste paper and magazines for disposal is to be deposited in the container provided and not to the Village Store. All proceeds are to be divided between Bawdeswell and Foxley.

Church Services: February and early
March '94



Church of England Services

- Sun 6th February 10.30am Holy Communion at Bawdeswell
(No service at Foxley)
- Sun 13th February 9.00am Holy Communion at Bawdeswell
10.30am Morning Prayer at Foxley
- Sun 20th February 9.00am Holy Communion at Foxley
10.30am Family Worship at Bawdeswell
- Sun 27th February 9.00am Morning Prayer at Bawdeswell
taken by Mr David Gurney
10.30am Holy Communion at Foxley
- Sun 6th March 10.30am Holy Communion at Bawdeswell
(No service at Foxley)
- Sun 13th March 9.00am Holy Communion at Bawdeswell
10.30am Mothering Sunday service at Foxley
- Services at Foxley Methodist Chapel**
- Sun 6th February 6.30pm Service taken by Guestwick Christian
Fellowship
- Sun 13th February 11.00am Mr D. Fisher
- Sun 20th February 6.30pm Mr C. Jolly
- Sun 27th February 2.30pm Combined service at Bintree Chapel
- Sun 6th March 3.00pm Combined service at Swaffham
- Sun 13th March 2.30pm Mrs N. Purvis

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