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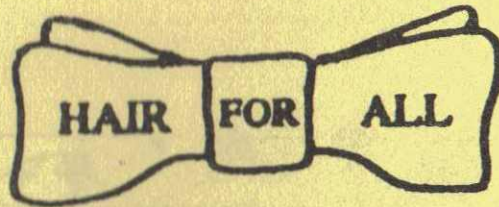


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# The Reeve's Tale

## March 1994



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## From the Rectory

Foxley Rectory  
March 1994

Dear Friends,



With the days lengthening, two very unusual animals will start to emerge from their winter sleep. The hedgehog and the tortoise both have the ability to shut themselves off from activity for several months, lying dormant until warmer spring days encourage them back to active life.



Like most parishes around the country, Bawdeswell and Foxley have an interesting species of human beings in them. Dormant Christians are conspicuous by their absence at the week by week services of local churches. While the examples of hibernation in the rest of the animal kingdom end as new life springs through trees and plants, the Dormant Christians are in danger of entering into prolonged inactivity. What better time than the season of Lent, leading up to the celebration of New Life through Resurrection at Easter, to make a fresh start, to come out of hibernation and recapture the sense of belonging to the active Body of Christ, through the worshipping life of the local church.

Through my ten years in the parishes I have known many friendly people who fall into the category of 'occasional worshippers'; if you know you are one, do join us again soon - help make Dormant Christians a dying breed!

Yours most sincerely,

*Grahame Humphries*  
(Bawdeswell 397 (688397))



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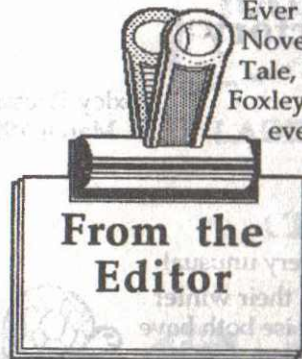
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Ever since I came to Bawdeswell School in November 1990, I have enjoyed reading the Reeve's Tale, to keep in touch with the happenings in Foxley and Bawdeswell. Little did I think then that eventually I would end up as the editor!

Actually, this should not be too arduous a task for me, as I have already been typing the finished copy of the Reeve's Tale for some months now.

As I do not live in the villages, I shall have to rely on you, the readers, continuing to give your active support by submitting news items, and advertising your businesses and services to pay for the production. If you have something to say that you think everyone should hear, then do submit it as an item for the Reeve's Tale! Please send along your items as soon as they are ready- don't wait until the deadline, as things can be tricky if the 15th falls in the middle of a hectic (normal!) school week.

*Paul Shreeve*

(Bawdeswell School: tel 282 (688282))

## Telephone Changes!

As from 7.00am on Thursday 3rd March, all telephone numbers on the Bawdeswell exchange will be altered: three digit numbers will have '688' added in front of them, so that, for example, the school number will change from 282 to 688282. The dialling code for Bawdeswell will be simplified to 0362. We are listing 'old' and 'new' numbers in the editorial section of this issue of the Reeve's Tale, but as the advertising pages are produced some time in advance, they only have the 'old' numbers listed - so don't forget to 'add 688' to avoid a BT recorded message!



From March 3rd 1994:

**the Bawdeswell Dialling Code will be 0362**  
**'add 688' to the front of your**  
**3-digit phone number**

## Playgroup News



Our register is bulging again so we are planning to open for an extra session on Monday afternoons from 12.30 to 3.00pm. As this is a slightly shorter session the price will be £1.60. See playgroup staff if you wish to make use of this session.

As the weather improves we are thinking ahead to the short-sleeve season and the children are having a design competition for tee shirts to be produced later this term. There are also plans for special events, such as a trip to a Fire Station, and as our costs are rising (especially insurance) we shall be arranging some fund raising events to keep our funds healthy. Being busier means we need more help and it is a pleasure to have so many parents willing to come in to help run sessions and enable us to provide more individual attention for the children. Thanks to all volunteers for their enthusiasm and support.

## Easter Fun Day



Need something to do in the Easter Holidays? Why not bring the family and have a day up at Bawdeswell Village Hall and Recreation Ground. Parents relax while children have fun. Why not bring a picnic if the weather is good, and stay all day.

**Thursday 31st March**  
**10am to 4pm**

Activities planned:

- Soft play stuff (indoors)
- Field games
- Raffle
- Refreshments
- Cake Stall
- Bring and Buy Stall (no clothes)

Plus

**Easter Bonnet (or Baseball Cap) Parade**

There will be a charge of 75p per child for the soft play area (reduced prices for more than two children per party).

## Digest of Bawdeswell Parish Council Meeting

held on 7th February 1994

### Dog Warden Service

Mr Keats, the Dog Warden for Breckland District Council, came to give a talk on the service and advice on the problem of dog fouling. He felt that the best solution to this problem was through education so that people fully understood how anti-social and dangerous dog mess can be especially where children play. He donated some notices to be posted around the village.

### Village Hall

The Management Committee submitted a comprehensive report on their activities and finances for the first year of the Hall. In general, fund raising activities and booking have not produced as much money as hoped and the committee are discouraged by the lack of enthusiasm from the village. There is the AGM coming up soon to review plans for the future, which may well conclude that extending the Hall will be deferred indefinitely, unless there is more support from the village. The Parish Council agreed to meet the annual standing costs of £838 for this year and a similar sum for 1994/5, so that profits can be spent on improving the Hall.

### Recreation Ground Planting Scheme

Three tenders had been received for the reinforcement of the boundary hedge and driveway planting. It was agreed to accept the lowest price from Nigel Curtis so the work can go ahead.

### Planning Permission

The applications and replies this month are as follows:

- Application to extend the kitchen and dining room of the Old Rectory - no objections.
- Application to erect a garage at Squirrels Drey Barn, Paradise Road - no objections.
- Permission refused for a new house on the green in Blackhorse Close.
- Permission given for new greenhouse at Garden Centre, change to roof pitch of 5a Chaucer Close and change of use of the School House to a Tutorial Centre.

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**Highway Repairs**

- The ponding problem outside the School will be tackled by patching part of the footway and the playground.
- Norfolk County Council are quoting for the work needed to the path outside the Old Rectory and liaising with Mr Pollock.

**Local Government Review**

There are many options and lots of publicity on this issue, which is crucial to the future and cost of local services. The Council were agreed on general principles that there should be more local control and accountability and that it is better to have fewer tiers of responsibility. Individuals are encouraged to send in their views on one of the many questionnaires in circulation, such as those in the local papers recently.

**Other Business**

- RoSPA will be carrying out a safety inspection of the play equipment in June.
- Breckland District Council have sent a £500 grant as promised towards the cost of the new play equipment.

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



**Cissie Hale**



*The family of the late Cissie Hale would like to thank everyone for the cards and letters they have received.*

Many thanks also to those who made donations to Foxley Ward of Dereham Hospital: these amounted to £230.

Many thanks once again.

**Ruth Hale**

## Foxley Village Hall Appeal

The expected has happened.

The Environmental Health Officer (EHO) from Breckland Council has condemned our kitchen facilities, despite the fact that catering hardly ever takes place in it.

However, to conform to legislation and to retain our licence, certain conditions have to be met.

The choice is quite simple! Either we refurbish the present kitchen or we rebuild it within the main body of the hall. Either of these would involve great expenditure. The cruel part of all this is that we were saying nicely to upgrade the heating system, a long overdue venture which has handicapped better use of the hall in the past.

The least cost option is to strip out the present kitchen and replace as necessary the ceiling, the sink unit, the cupboards and surfaces, also to add a separate sink for hand washing (with hot water on tap) and redecorate.

The appeal starts here. With your help in the form of labour we can overcome this problem by sharing it. Please remember that the village hall is for all the community and everyone within the village is entitled to lend a hand to keep it going.

For a few years now, the committee has consisted of three people. We would be very pleased to welcome new faces.

An offer to help with this will not however place you under any obligation for the future, if that is your wish.

So if you can spare a little time from your crowded schedule (and we all have those) to help in any way, or if you can supply any of the materials from your surplus stock, then please contact the Chairman, John Fletcher, on Bawdeswell 629 (688629).

We regret that until these repairs are completed, no private party bookings can be taken. If you are however thinking of an event with no food involved, then the hall is still available for bookings. Please contact

the Secretary, Howard Lupton, on Bawdeswell 522 (688522).

Finally, if you are not able to lend a hand physically but nonetheless back our cause, please contact me, the Treasurer, Keith Murrell, on Bawdeswell 555 (688555) to arrange a donation.

Thank you all in anticipation.

Editor's note: I was pleased to hear that Foxley Parish Council has now been able to appoint a new Parish Clerk: Mary Ann Konoba. We look forward to having a digest of the Parish Council meeting in the next issue of the Reeve's Tale.

## All Saints Church Bawdeswell

Readers of the Reeve's Tale have, no doubt, seen in the press that the Church of England is short of funds and has difficulty in meeting all its commitments. Bawdeswell Church is no exception to this, and we are now planning various fund raising events for 1994. The village church is for everyone and we should like to be able to count on your support. We are therefore giving advance information about our efforts and we hope many people will take part in these activities.

Some of these are as follows:

on Saturday 23rd April at 7.30 in the village hall there will be a concert given by the singing group 'Wings of Song'.

Sunday 8th May will be the Church's gift day. Envelopes for your gifts will be sent out with the Reeve's Tale for May.

On Friday 30th September, Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd October there will be a Flower Festival in the church. Various events will take place during the festival including a concert by the Pattersley Singers. Other activities will be planned and offers of help would be appreciated. Further details will be given in future editions of the Reeve's Tale.

*Rector and Church wardens of Bawdeswell*

## Bawdeswell Village Hall - AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall Committee will be held on 1st March, to discuss the events of 1993 and also to elect some new members to the committee.

If you are dissatisfied with events held at the hall, please come and be elected, to help form a committee to run functions you and your family and friends can enjoy.

Come along on 1st March at 7.30pm and put forward your suggestions. After all, the Hall is there for the needs of the village.

*Mary Farthing*

Future events: dates for your diary -

Quiz Night - Friday 11th March; bar 8 - 11pm

Football 5-aside Competition - Sunday 10th April 10am start; more information in the next issue of the Reeve's Tale.

## Bingo at Bawdeswell Village Hall

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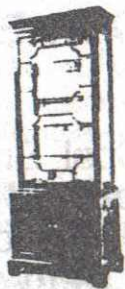
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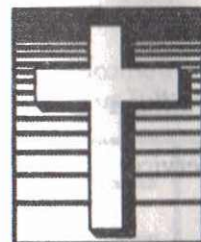
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### Church of England Services

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6.30pm Deanery Lent Service at Attlebridge
- Sunday 13th March **Mothering Sunday**  
9.00am Holy Communion at Bawdeswell  
10.30am Mothering Sunday Service at Foxley  
6.30pm Deanery Lent Service at Bintree
- Sunday 20th March 9.00am Holy Communion at Foxley  
10.30am Family Worship at Bawdeswell  
6.30pm Deanery Lent Service at Foxley  
Preacher: Canon Gordon Dodson
- Sunday 27th March **Palm Sunday** (n.b. British Summer Time begins)  
9.00am Morning Prayer at Bawdeswell  
taken by Miss Celia Joice  
10.30am Holy Communion at Foxley  
6.30pm Deanery Lent Service at Elsing
- Thursday 31st March **Maundy Thursday**  
7.30pm Celebration of the Last Supper  
at Bawdeswell
- Sunday 3rd April **Easter Day**  
9.00am Holy Communion at Foxley  
10.30am Holy Communion at Bawdeswell  
6.30pm Deanery Service at Lenwade
- Sunday 10th April 9.00am Holy Communion at Bawdeswell  
10.30am Morning Prayer at Foxley



## Services at Foxley Methodist Chapel

- Sunday 6th March 3.00pm United Service at Swaffham  
Sunday 13th March 2.30pm Mothering Sunday Service  
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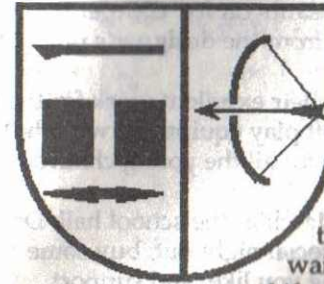
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## Bawdeswell Primary School

We welcome Thomas Webb who has moved into Foxley and will be joining us full time after half term in the Infant class.



The governors have decided that we will have a separate class for Reception children (those aged 4+) in September, as we have enough children on our waiting list to have a class for this age group alone, instead of our usual setup of an Infant Class for children in Reception and Year 1. We hope that we have advertised sufficiently widely the need to put your child's name down on our waiting list if (s)he will be 4 by 31st August 1994 and if you would like him/her to come to Bawdeswell

School. Please get in touch with us straight away if your child isn't on the list, as we need to confirm to parents their child's place by the end of March.

The new reception class for September (Class 1) will mean that Class 2 will be for Years 1 and 2, Class 3 for Years 3 and 4, and Class 4 for Years 5 and 6 (subject to any significant changes in numbers).

Despite the spectacle of ducks swimming in the goal mouth of our football pitch because it had rained so much, the children have been able to keep up their football practices and play two matches, one against Foulsham and one against Reepham, plus an 'internal' game where two Bawdeswell teams played each other. The netball club have been to Foulsham to hold a joint training session, and hockey club is a great favourite thanks to Mr Shaun Hill!

This past half term special dental health sessions have been held, ranging from Punch and Judy for the little ones to videos for the older ones.

We are continuing our efforts to make sure that the children have the best possible school environment; we refurbished the Infant room with new tables before half term, and during the half term break the staff and some parents have dismantled the central cloakroom to turn it into a new work area (the plumbing work is being done professionally) and reestablished the original Victorian entrance halls (currently classroom cupboards) as individual classroom cloakrooms. This should relieve the congestion, as well as providing extra workspace.

The day before half term, Classes 3 and 4 went on a trip to Norwich. Class 3 went to Rhone Poulenc to see how their fire engines work, (and

to have a slap-up lunch in their cafeteria!), followed by a visit to the Giant Pet Store to learn about animals and to buy a new goldfish for their fish tank.

Class 4 went to the Castle Museum, to visit their exhibition of all sorts of things which never normally get put on display (lots of things which children find fascinating) and to do the 'Dinosaurs on Ice' competition trail. After lunch, they looked at Castle Mall from the designer's point of view.

The Friends of Bawdeswell School continue their excellent work for the children; they have jointly funded the new soft play equipment with the Playgroup, and this will be a super new asset for all the young children of the area.

**Fashion Show** - Tuesday 22nd March in the school hall. Do come along and join in- have a social night out, buy some new clothes (if you see something you like) and support your local school.



**Nearly New Sale** - Thursday 14th April 10-12 in the school hall. There will also be a children's new clothes stall, by popular request. More details in the next issue of the Reeve's Tale.

**Quiz Competition** - sheets with 100 questions are available from the 100 Club organisers Angela Fuller and Margaret Duffield for £1 each; these should be returned by the end of term (25th March) with as many questions answered as possible.

**Technology Day** - Following the success of our two previous annual Technology Days (fetes with a smattering of technological happenings!) we are going to hold one again this year, on Saturday 25th June. Do book this date in your diary and come along. We've already got the Willhire open top bus booked, and the sponsored obstacle course planned, and will keep you up to date with the attractions as they are fixed up.

*Paul Shreeve*

If this issue of the Reeve's Tale does not have a report in it from your favourite local organisation, it is simply because we didn't get any copy from them! Please encourage them to send in a report by 15th March, for the next issue.

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