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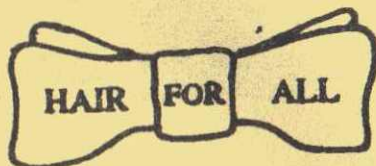
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From the Rectory

The Rectory
Foxley
May 1994

Dear Friends,

At a recent clergy meeting I was greatly heartened by the comments of two of my fellow clergy in the Sparham Deanery. As we finished an early morning communion service at St Thomas' Church Foxley, one of them made the point that he felt Foxley Church was the real gem within the deanery. Over breakfast that followed, talk about the pros and cons of local church buildings continued, and another of the clergy present said that Bawdeswell Church was his favourite church in the diocese!

Now over the past ten years I've come to appreciate the particular character and contrasting features of the two churches in which I lead worship. Like many people I am able to feel a sense of God's presence in both and am pleased that each village has a suitable building which the vast majority of the population can rightly feel is their church.

But the maintenance of the buildings is something which needs to be shared among all. Recently the Bishop of Norwich encouraged every parish in the diocese to look seriously at setting up a Friends Association to help with the upkeep of the church building. This is something that both church councils will need to consider in the near future.

For now we do rely on everyone's support to maintain your church buildings and I hope the Bawdeswell Church Gift Day on 8th May will have your generous support.

Yours most sincerely,

Grahame Humphries

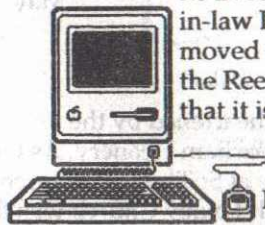
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'We shall not cease from exploration
And the end of all our exploring
Will be to arrive where we started
And to know the place for the first time.' T.S. Eliot - Little Gidding

From the Editor

The picture on the cover of the Reeve's Tale this month is from a sketch by Tony Leitch, now of Kingston upon Thames, who writes to say that he lived in Bawdeswell from 1945 to 1953. His mother-in-law Phyllis Bugdale, who lived in Foxley until she moved to Petersham in the 1960s, gives him copies of the Reeve's Tale to keep in him contact. (He also says that it is fascinating to see that an Applemac (the computer that I use to produce this) is being used to such good effect in deepest rural Norfolk).



I can do no better than quote from Tony's letter to Grahame Humphries:

'I am sending you a sketch of mine from an old photograph of the school - probably dating from the 20's... there have probably been changes, but last time I visited the general appearance was the same.'

'My wife Stephanie and I sat for 'the scholarship'... in the big room in the centre... After further education at Swaffham Grammar, I was at college in London... We have been in London for a long time now, but a phone call from my mother-in-law with her strong Norfolk accent puts me instantly back in Bawdeswell. We visit at least once a year, and treasure our memories of the village.'

I would like to thank Tony for his super picture of the school; if there is anyone else out there who is a Bawdeswell or Foxley 'expatriate' and who sees the Reeve's Tale, it would be really interesting if they could get in touch and share some of their village memories.

If you've wondered why there are lots of 'quotable quotes' in this month's Reeve's Tale, it's because I was short of copy from the two villages to fill all the space!

Paul Shreeve (tel 688282)

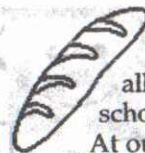


'If seeds in the black earth can turn into such beautiful roses, what might not the heart of man become in its long journey to the stars?'

- G.K. Chesterton

The Beck W.I.

In February we had a visit from Mr Norman Olley of North Elmham Bakery. He brought with him loaves and rolls of all shapes and sizes, and told us what they were called and how they were made. After his very informative talk, we were all invited to take home some of the produce. We were all very happy to accept, as the lovely smell in the old schoolroom made us feel rather hungry.



At our March meeting Mr Eric Hill gave us a talk and demonstration on sticks and stickmaking. Many types of wood are used, including ash, apple, bramble and rose. Handles can resemble animals, fruit, etc.

Our meeting on 11th April at the Old Schoolroom, Sparham, was on Age Concern, with Mrs Millington Smith as speaker.

All are welcome to attend our meetings. To members that are unwell, 'get well soon' - we miss you.

Diane Weddell (Press Officer) Bawdeswell 688564



Hog Roast - Hog Roast - Hog Roast

Book the date now -

Saturday 11th June at Bawdeswell Village Hall.

A hog roast for all the family.

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Details of ticket availability in next month's Reeve's Tale, but we hope you can come, so make a note of the details.

Bawdeswell Church Flower Festival Organising Committee

Bawdeswell and Foxley Playgroup News

We are pleased to welcome two new starters to playgroup: Mark Fuller and Alex Reeves. Mark has been to the Rising 3's group before, but started 'proper' playgroup this month.

The Easter Fun Day was a tremendous success, despite a howling gale, and it attracted children from far and wide. Thomas Loudon won the Hat Parade in the pre-school section but every child who entered (and there were some amazing creations) was rewarded with something.



Gressenhall Museum has invited playgroups to visit again this year. We are booked in for a morning in June- when hopefully the weather will be warm enough for a picnic- and they have a shape trail through the museum, as well as the farm to visit. For part of the morning we shall also have their activities room, which has some new attractions this year. As we will be a large party, we will probably go by coach, so if any parents would like to bring children who are not at playgroup already, there will be plenty of room. The trip will be on the morning of 10th June, which is well ahead but if you are interested, please leave your name in Playgroup.

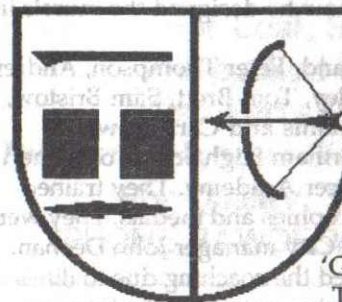
Janet Alderton (tel 638245)



If you ever go to the Rutland Arms Hotel, an old coaching inn at Bakewell, Derbyshire, you will see these lines inscribed in stone, by the doorway:

'Here's to one who took his chances in a busy world of men, battled luck and circumstances, fought and fell and fought again. Won sometimes, but did no crowing, lost sometimes, but did not wail; took his beating but kept going, never let his courage fail. He was fallible and human, therefore loved and understood both his fellow man and woman, whether good or not so good. Kept his spirit undiminished, never let down any friend; played the game till it was finished, lived a sportsman to the end.'

Bawdeswell Primary School



The Friends of Bawdeswell School hosted a fashion show in the school hall which raised £152. A quiz has been running during the Spring Term and this was won by Mrs Margaret Hendry, who received a prize of £15. The quiz raised £47 for school funds. Just in case you are still wondering what '2 = LWB' means, it stands for 2 lilywhite boys in the song 'Green Grow the Rushes-Oh'!

The joint playgroup and school Fun Day mentioned in the Playgroup report raised £160, split equally between the two organisations. As well as the soft play equipment, there was football, hockey and a treasure hunt. Mrs Sandy Taylor judged the Easter Hat competition: the winners were Thomas Loudon, Andrew Lees, Thomas Strickland, Gemma Slattery and Gemma Thompson, who each received an Easter egg.

There is an ancient Chinese curse which says 'May you live in interesting times', and over the past few weeks the school has certainly had some unusual happenings! Early in the morning of Saturday 19th March a duck flew into one of the school windows, smashing it, making a lot of mess everywhere, and setting off the alarm. It was doubly inconvenient, as two school teams were going to Aylsham Middle School that morning for a six-a-side football tournament.

Anyway, the parents and children went on to the tournament, whilst we coped with the duck and its aftermath. Our school's 'A' team of Daniel Beamis, Daniel Brett, Jack Bristow, Graham Corrish, Louis Hunt, Oscar Watling and Paul Wright won the small schools' competition, earning more points than the other six teams, and winning a medal each. We will hold the trophy until the next tournament, in a year's time.

Our next unwelcome excitement was a break-in, on the night of 22nd/23rd March. Fortunately the intruders fled when the alarm was triggered, without stealing anything much.

Finally, we had to close the school for the day on Friday 15th April when the heating system wouldn't function, as it was a bitterly cold day. (If it had been a 'normal' April day, lack of heating would not have been a problem). Many thanks to all those who helped spread the message so quickly that morning. We were able to get everything sorted out during

the day, ready for reopening on Monday 18th, whatever the weather. Since the last Reeve's Tale, two classes went to Norwich Castle Museum to join in a science day, and Mr Millington-Wallace, one of the school governors, came to show Class 4 how he designed the murals in the Castle Mall.

Thomas Strickland, Michael Strickland, Peter Thompson, Andrew Lees, Timothy Edwards, Matthew Bramley, Tom Brett, Sam Bristow, Matthew Jacobs, Jack Bristow, Daniel Beamis and Carl Shewring joined nearly one hundred children at Earlham High School over the Easter Holidays for the Norwich City Soccer Academy. They trained hard and played well collecting several trophies and medals. They were presented with their awards by Norwich City manager John Deehan. Commiserations to Lee Wright who missed the coaching due to illness but appeared with Lyndsey and two attractive nurses in the Evening News!

Paul Wright was selected to compete for a place in the Norwich City Football School of Excellence. His trial took place at UEA on 8th April, where he played well against strong competition from fifty youngsters from all over Norfolk.

Thanks to Trevor Buck for his delivery of top soil. Class 1 can now plant their giant bean stalks and Class 3 can attempt to grow some greens.

Paul Shreeve (tel 688282)



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5 most important words	You did a good job
4 most important words	What is your opinion
3 most important words	If you please
2 most important words	Thank you
1 most important word	We
The least important word	I

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Digest of Bawdeswell Parish Council Meeting held on 11th April 1994

Clerk's Report

- Breckland D.C. are offering grants for small improvement schemes. It was decided to apply for some benches for spectators on the Recreation Ground and to ask the Village Hall Committee for further ideas.
- Most of the planting scheme on the Recreation Ground is complete. There should be two more trees near the Paper Bank, according to the plans but the container is blocking the site. Moving the Paper Bank will cause problems for the collection vehicle, so the Clerk will discuss this with the Planning Department and arrange to resite the trees if possible.

Planning

- Permission had been given for the extension to the kitchen and dining room at The Old Rectory.
- There were no objections to the application by Mr G Wright to relocate his Builder's Yard and use a new access road along the Reepham Road.
- The Council objected strongly to the application by Mr M Powell to build a new house at the dead end of Reepham Road. Their objections were: this would be a large and intrusive house, blocking the views of neighbouring houses, the new driveway needed would make this quiet road too busy (it is virtually used as a footpath and currently reasonably safe for children), that there are better, safer sites for such a house elsewhere in the grounds of The Gables. The development would also require the demolition of a wall and single storey building (shed) which would then be replaced by a two storey house, which would be a significant change along this road. Breckland D.C. Planning Committee meets later this month (April) and their decision will be reported in the next Reeve's Tale.

The Post Office

- The Chairman reported that there has been some progress towards providing some kind of Post Office service in the village, on a part-time basis but negotiations are still underway.

The next meeting is Monday 9th May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.



Digest of Foxley Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Monday 21st March at 8.00pm

The Chairman, Mr T Parnell-Cook welcomed those present: Mr C Skinner, Mrs G Saker, Mrs H Parnell-Cook, the Clerk, two parishioners and County Councillor, Mrs Ingrid Floering-Blackman.

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed. The Clerk reported that Highways had promised to investigate and deal with rubbish in the two lay-bys and loose chippings in Mill Road. A new FOXLEY village sign has been ordered to replace the one missing on the Fakenham side of the village for about three years. Still to be dealt with are pot-holes on the Themelthorpe Road and the broken fencing at the Chapel Road walk-through in Foxley West.

After corresponding with Zurich Municipal the Clerk was able to report that the insurance for the Village Hall has been reduced to £246.08 for the current year. The vandalism to the bus shelter was reported to PC Jackson who visited the two boys concerned. It is hoped that this will be a sufficient deterrent!

A request has been received from Foxley Village Hall Committee for a donation towards the much need improvements to the kitchen. The Chairman has offered cupboards, kitchen units and sinks to the Committee and it has been suggested that the Parish Council should adopt the Hall as this year's 'project'. Members of the Village Hall Committee and any interested parties are invited to the next meeting when the matter will be discussed at length.

Planning permission has been granted to Mr Durham for the erection of a breeder house and service building. There is strong disapproval for the proposed development of a house and garage at Plot 1, Turnpike Farm, Foxley West. It is thought that the style of the new building is wrong, being another tall house which will dwarf the surrounding barns etc.

Mrs Floering-Blackman then spoke about her work. It has been decided to provide more nursery places for Norfolk, but as money is not available from Central Government £4,000,000 is to be taken from the road maintenance programme. Rural roads will suffer badly; major schemes for traffic calming measures, by-passes and pavements will be cancelled and she stressed the importance of reporting small problems

with roads before they reach serious proportions. Although the police budget is healthy they are hoping to create Village Special Constables and use civilian administrators in suitable areas. County level planners are responsible for strategic developments such as rail and other public transport and larger planning projects, whilst detailed planning is at District level and as it is imperative that bad design and inappropriate planning is not allowed the parishes should come across more strongly when they disapprove of planning applications. Written complaints from councillors and parishioners are to be encouraged.

Regarding the Review of Local Government in Norfolk Mrs Floering-Blackman queried the necessity of this as the existing three-tier system of Parish, District and County was already working well. Any new arrangement was bound to be expensive to implement and as there was a £600,000,000 budget county wide, if a Unitary system was adopted, there would be five authorities competing for finance and it is doubtful if such a system could work in large rural areas such as Breckland. After a discussion of the matter it was unanimously agreed that the Status Quo was by far the most acceptable option and would ensure consistency of the most important services.

The next meeting which will be the AGM will be on Thursday 5th May in the Village Hall beginning at 8.00pm.



On this day -
Mend a quarrel.
Search out a forgotten friend.
Dismiss a suspicion and replace it with trust.
Encourage someone who has lost faith.
Keep a promise.
Forget an old grudge.
Examine your demands on others and vow to reduce them.
Fight for a principle.
Express your gratitude.
Overcome an old fear.
Take two minutes to appreciate the beauty of nature.
Tell someone you love them.

Bawdeswell Village Hall

Is there anybody out there willing to become the new youth club leader? Due to other commitments and a young family, I haven't any spare time to carry on. Approximately sixty members are awaiting the return of the Youth Club. Please phone Wendy Spicer on Bawdeswell 688320.

Also, a caretaker is urgently required for the village hall. Hours and rates to be discussed. Contact Wendy on 688320.

Don't miss the Cabaret Night - on Saturday 14th May - four acts that have not been seen before! From 8pm to 12 midnight: Bar Tickets £5.00; tel Graham 688546 or Wendy on 688320.

200 Club draw - held on 5th April at the Village Hall.

1st Prize	No 73	£20	J Edwards
2nd	No 188	£15	Hollingsworth - Shavers
3rd	No 50	£10	D Jackson
4th	No 155	£10	C H Harold - Woodform
5th	No 21	£5	M Roberts
6th	No 107	£5	Unsold
7th	No 28	£5	Mrs Rudolf
8th	No 97	£5	Unsold



Letting off Steam!

Why not use the Reeve's Tale to constructively express your concerns?
I drive along The Street in Bawdeswell, to get back onto the bypass. I wait at the 'T' junction with Norwich Road, near the Village Store, indicating to turn right. Many are the times that I am just pulling out, having checked left and right before doing so, and I am nearly wiped off the face of the earth by some idiot or another who comes around that blind corner on Norwich Road, greatly in excess of the clearly signed 30 miles an hour speed limit.

Children at the school did a traffic survey recently at the junction, and out of 56 vehicles coming along Norwich Road, 18 were so clearly in excess of the speed limit that it was very obvious to the observers. What can we do about such dangerous drivers?

A Fed-Up Driver

Flower Rota for Bawdeswell Church

April 30th and May 7th	Mrs A Middlemass
May 14th and 21st	Volunteer needed
May 28th	Mrs Hinton
June 4th and 11th	Mrs S Lilwall
June 18th and 25th	Mrs A Middlemass
July 2nd and 9th	Mrs G Vince
July 16th and 23rd	Volunteer needed
July 30th	Mrs G Vince
August 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th	Mrs G Gurney
September 3rd and 10th	Mrs S Lilwall
September 17th and 24th	Volunteer needed

Irene Ames (tel 688455)



Bawdeswell Church Gift Day

With the Reeve's Tale this month an envelope is included for your gift to Bawdeswell Church. Any amount from £1 is most welcome. The church is for the whole village.

The Rector will be at the church on Sunday 8th May from 10.00am to 4.00pm to receive your gift.



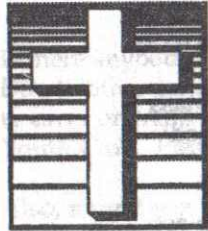
'If there is righteousness in the heart, there will be beauty in the character.

If there is beauty in the character, there will be harmony in the home.

If there is harmony in the home, there will be order in the nation.

When there is order in each nation, there will be peace in the world.'

- Chinese Proverb



Church Services for May and early June

Church of England Services

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

Sunday 8th May **Bawdeswell Church Gift Day**
8.30am Holy Communion at Bawdeswell
10.30am Morning Prayer at Foxley
Bawdeswell Church will be open during the day for your gifts.

Sunday 15th May 8.30am Holy Communion at Foxley
10.30am Family Worship at Bawdeswell

Sunday 22nd May 8.30am Morning Prayer at Bawdeswell
10.30am Holy Communion at Foxley

Sunday 29th May 10.30am Combined Holy Communion
(at Bawdeswell)

Sunday 5th June 10.30am Holy Communion at Bawdeswell
6.30pm Evening Prayer at Foxley

Sunday 12th June 8.30am Holy Communion at Bawdeswell
10.30am Morning Prayer at Foxley

Methodist Services at Foxley Chapel

Sunday 1st May 2.30pm Service at Bintree Chapel
Sunday 8th May 11.00am Mrs E Adams
Sunday 15th May 2.30pm Service at Bintree Chapel
taken by Rev R Purvis
Sunday 22nd May 11.00am Mr C Mills
Sunday 29th May 2.30pm Service at Bintree Chapel
Sunday 5th June 11.00am Mr J Fisher
Sunday 12th June 2.30pm Chapel Anniversary Service - Mr P Terry

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