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Foxley Rectory  
April 1995

Dear Friends,

Stickability is a virtue that is rated highly these days. Employers look for staff who are reliable, stick at their tasks and don't turn out to be absentees when the work gets tough. Likewise the friends we most value are those who stick by us and are always there even when we're not very nice to know.

As the season of Lent draws to a close and I prepare to celebrate the joy of Christ's Resurrection from the dead, I realise how stickability applies to Him. His spiritual agony in the Garden of Gethsemane, his painful agony on the cross, paint a real and vivid picture of his willingness to bear our pain and suffering - and not to give up or give in. In the garden he wrestled with his impending death but left himself in God, his heavenly Father's, hands "thy will not mine be done". Then there were the jibe of his enemies as he hung on the cross. "If you are the Son of God come down." Through it all Jesus portrays the true nature of God "in whom there is no variableness or shadow of turning".

When on that first Easter Day he appeared to his followers they gradually realised that he had broken the bonds of death - in short he had stuck to his task. We too, can share in his victory and know him as our Risen Lord and Saviour; I can think of no better friend on whom I can rely.

A happy and joyous Easter to you.

Yours most sincerely,

*Grahame Humphries*  
tel 688397



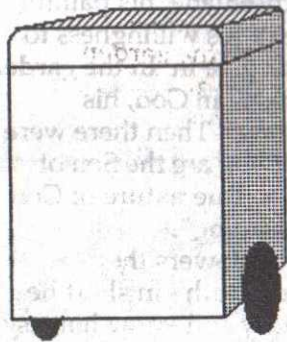
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**Foxley Church Repairs**

As we face the prospect of raising a further £6,000 to start the essential repair work on St Thomas' Church we are planning a series of monthly events. These will begin with a coffee morning at Foxley Rectory on WEDNESDAY 12th APRIL at 10.00am. Admission 70p. There will be a bring and buy, plus a cake stall and freshly made Hot Cross Buns! Do please join us then.

We also hope to mount a popular Salvation Army Band Concert in church on either Friday 12th May or Saturday 13th May; full details in next month's issue of 'The Reeve's Tale'.

### Foxley Churchyard



This Easter two new facilities will appear in Foxley Churchyard. A WHEELIE-BIN and a RAINWATER-BUTT are being installed for the convenience of those tending graves and as a first step in a new effort to keep the churchyard tidy. As all Foxley residents will know this project has gained ahead importance since the Parish Council entered us for the 'Best Kept Village' competition!

In the light of recent experience our rainfall should be adequate to keep the butt supplies with water, and it is hoped that discarded flowers, foliage, plastic, ribbon and so on will all be put into the bin, so that the present unsightly mound of rubbish can be removed. Some stalwart locals already make a valiant contribution to keeping the grass mown, but the PCC need extra help of the Churchyard is to become the attractive feature which it could be in the centre of the village, to be a credit to us all, and, incidentally, improve our chances in the competition!

*Diana Harvey (Foxley PCC)*

**Foxley Parish Council**  
next meeting 13th April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

From Mrs Garrod:

### A Lent Letter from Bishop David

Some time ago I came across a short poem called Small Boy by Norman MacCaig. It describes a little boy standing on the beach throwing pebbles into the sea, just for the fun of it.

The poet, however, glimpses some deeper significance in this. He writes:

'Like a kitten playing  
he was practising for the future

when there'll be so many things  
he'll want to throw away

if only his fingers will unclench  
and let them go.'

We human beings have a habit of becoming hoarders.

It is as if the more we observe and feel life's uncertainties, the more we clutch at what we hope will bring security.

We might grasp at what we really know is superficial: money, possessions, recognition and position in the pecking order.

More subtly, we perhaps cling to familiar ideas and attitudes which have for so long shaped our views of things.

To our shame it is often resentment and regret around which our fingers tighten and refuse to release.

Our reluctance to 'let go' is at the heart of much of the human conflict that spoils our world.

The fear of letting go often afflicts us corporately, not least within the Church. We can sometimes find ourselves weighed down by certain habits and attitudes and yet unable to shrug them off.

I suspect, however, that the more we explore what it means to take our 'mission' seriously in today's world, the more we shall discover that a deal of loosening up is necessary.

We are now in the season of Lent, that time of the year when we are encouraged to take a good look at ourselves.

Maybe it is time for 'practising for the future', an opportunity to examine those areas in our individual and corporate lives where a bit of 'letting go' might bring relief and release new energy.

*The Bishop of Lynn*

## Bawdeswell Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held in the Village Hall  
on Monday 6th March 1995

**Present:** Councillors Battley (Chairman), Sparkes, Farthing, Cunliffe and Johnson, and three Parishioners.

**Apologies:** Councillors Strickland and Wright.

**Minutes:** Agreed and signed.

**Matters Arising:** - Councillor Johnson said she may have found a volunteer willing to help with the upkeep of the Graveyard and Cemetery. A mower and strimmer would have to be provided. Miss Joice agreed that the cemetery was something of a problem, and may need levelling in parts, now that the graves have settled. The Chairman agreed to discuss this proposal with the man in question before the Clerk goes back to the Reverend Humphries.

### Clerk's Report

**Finance** - agreed cheque no. 100175 in the sum of £5.00 to Bawdeswell Village Hall for a 200 Club ticket.

The Clerk announced that five donations totalling £90.00 had been received towards the cost of fencing the play area and the five-a-side pitch. Quotations for this work were awaited from May Gurney and Darfen. If their prices are too expensive it may be possible to arrange for a team of volunteers to install the fencing.

### Correspondence

Acknowledgement received from RoSPA to say they will carry out the Playground Inspection in July.

A letter from Breckland D.C. was read out giving details of an objection to the proposed Local Plan from Rogers Builders who wanted the Village Boundary extended to allow further development next to the Hall Road area up to the A1067. The District Council opposed this as they wanted to keep a landscape buffer between the village and the main road and the Parish Council agreed.

It was agreed to allow the Foolhardy Folk Circus Troupe to visit the Recreation Ground during September. They ran a circus workshop and a show on their last visit, which was a great success.

Play equipment. The Clerk reported that the wooden equipment will need preservative treatment this year and she was authorised to buy the materials and arrange for volunteers to carry out the work.

### Planning

Approval received from the extension to Field View, 25 Reepham Road.  
Application received from Mr Gurney to demolish the Old Toll House

on the Reepham Road. (ref no 3/95/156/CA). The Parish Council have been keen to retain this building and were hoping it could be protected as a Listed Building but the cost of renovating it is believed to be well over £30,000 and there are only limited grants available. The Council objected to the proposal to demolish due to its historical and sentimental value to the village and asked the District Council to investigate funding for the renovation eg from the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

### School Report

The Chairman announced that the new office and entrances are now complete and in use.

The school was one of many which closed for a day during the recent spell of bad weather.

### Recreation Report

It was agreed that the Clerk should arrange for the springy animals to be repaired as once again they have been damaged due to older children using them, which has strained the fixings.

The recent Village Social in the Hall was not well attended but Councillor Johnson said they will continue for a few months, in the hope that more families will come. Those who came this time enjoyed themselves and will pass on the good word.

### Any Other Business

There was a further discussion about the problem of dogs' mess on the Playing Field. When the Council Dog Warden attended a meeting last year he advised that the best way to eradicate the problem is to identify the owners of the dogs and for the Parish Council to ask them not to use the Recreation Ground and explain the dangers to children etc. Legal enforcement of dog free areas seems weak but the Clerk will look again into the possibility of a local bye-law.

Next meeting Monday 3rd April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

## Bawdeswell Parish Council Elections

Deadline for nominations: Monday 3rd April

Anyone who would like to be a Parish Councillor can obtain a form from Breckland D.C. offices in Dereham. (You must be over 21 and have lived in the village for more than one year.)

For help or advice contact:  
Breckland D.C. or the Parish Clerk on 688753.

### Eastern Counties Newspapers Limited- Eastern Daily Press and Eastern Evening News.

Your local correspondent is Mrs M Farthing, telephone 01362 688474.  
If you have an item to mention please contact the correspondent.

### Bawdeswell Bowls Club

Do you enjoy watching Bowls? Why not join the Bowls Club in Bawdeswell and play for the team yourself on our lovely green. The Bowls Club is inviting new members to join the 1995 Season: membership is £5. For further information contact Paul on 688474.

### Social Evening

This is being arranged again on 1st April at 7pm. We hope some more of you will be able to attend. Pool and table games will be available, also music and a bar for the evening. Entrance is free; do come along and make use of your Hall.

### Dates for your Diary

- 1st April Social Evening
- 8th April Wings of Song £3.50
- 7th May Dog Show
- 19th May Social Evening

### 200 Club Tickets

Available now: Members of the Village Hall Committee will call on you in March.

*Mary Farthing*

The Beck W.I.

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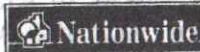
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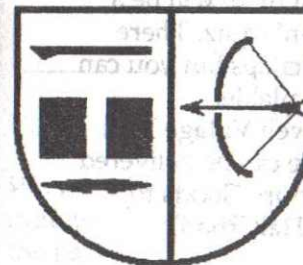
## Playgroup News



At the start of this half term we said farewell to Amy Austin who has moved away with her family; we shall miss her. We welcome Zoe Gorbould and Amy Fuller to playgroup and hope they enjoy their time with us.

The meeting held just before half term was very well supported, and as a result we have a new chair and secretary. After a handover period Debbie Wright will be chair and Bridget Bennett secretary. Well done to both. Also a very big thank you to Debbie Bramley and Sally Williams who are standing down, for all they have done for playgroup. The children enjoyed a visit from PC Pete Jackson who came to talk about 'Stranger Danger' and also a visit to church to sing songs with music provided by Jane Ewing, and a story read by Lynsey Cockburn. Our thanks to them and Grahame Humphries. On Thursday 6th April, our last day of this term, we are holding a sponsored egg hunt; please watch the noticeboard for further details and for other forthcoming events. Finally, a reminder that Parents and Toddlers/Babies meet in the portacabin on Wednesdays 1.30-3.00pm: everyone welcome. The Nearly New Sale held jointly by the Playgroup and School on 9th March at Bawdeswell Village Hall raised £119.60 to be split 50/50 between the two organisations.

## Bawdeswell School News



On Friday 17th March the school held a 'non-uniform' day to raise money for Comic Relief. The event was arranged by the children in Class 4, and was a great success; as The Reeve's Tale went to press, nearly £60 was raised. In the afternoon, the infants were joined by children from Foulsham and Great Witchingham schools to watch 'Frog and Toad', a play by Tiebreak Theatre.

It was a really busy day, as in the morning a team from Bawdeswell School went to Dereham Hockey Club to take part in a tournament.

The day before, the children in years 6 and 5 went to the Theatre Royal in Norwich to see the 'Electric Workshop', a science entertainment. We are pleased to say that the office building project is now completed, all the new office furnishings and equipment have arrived and the office is in use. Thanks to the Friends of Bawdeswell School, we have three new pine bookshelves in our work area, to accommodate the books moved from the entrance hall area. We hope to establish a study and display area facing the new entrance doors. New exit and safety notices have been set up. We have set up extra notices along the front of the school to guide visitors to the main entrance, as there is only access to visitors through the main entrance; the former 'back' door from the playground is now only an emergency exit door.

We welcome David Dickson who joined Class 1 at half term, and wish all the best for Michael Strickland who has moved on to Town Close School.

Cabaret Night 24th February. Mrs Gill Straffon writes:

This proved to be a huge success, about seventy people attended, a superb buffet was provided, and we took along our own drink; many thanks to Ian Share and Phil 'B' for the entertainment, and a big thank you to all who provided food and helped clear up, about £230 was raised for the school. Look out for the next fundraising event organised by the Friends of Bawdeswell School, and be sure not to miss it!

Why not come to the Fashion Show on Tuesday 21st March, 7.00pm in the School Hall?

This is followed by a Quiz Night at Bawdeswell Village Hall on Friday 31st March, 7.00-9.00pm: £1.00 per entrant to be paid on the door.

Teams of four, children can be included in the team but there will be a separate picture quiz for young children, and a children's quiz. There will be refreshments available, coffee/tea/soft drinks/crisps but you can bring along your own bottle of wine/beer - glasses available.

Jumble Sale - Saturday 29th April 2.00pm at Bawdeswell Village Hall

This is being held with playgroup; any jumble you have can be delivered to the Hall on the day. Proceeds to School and Playgroup. Goods to Janet Lees on 688509 or Debbie Wright on 688319 (30 Hall Road).

Refreshments Available: Admission 20p.

Looking further ahead, our Summer Fete will be on Saturday 24th June at the school, start time 12.00 noon. Please book that date in your diaries, and come along and support your local primary school.

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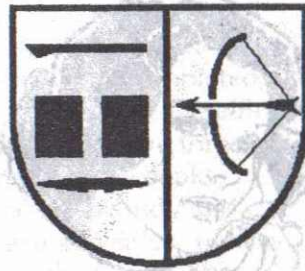
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# Jumble Sale



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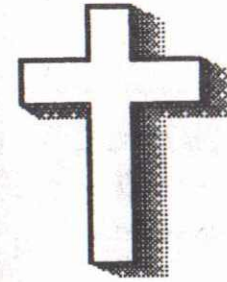
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## Church of England Services for April and early May

### Sunday 2nd April

- 10.30am Holy Communion at Bawdeswell
- 6.30pm Deanery Lent Service at Foxley.  
Preacher: Rev Patrick Foreman  
"Lead us not into temptation ...."

### Sunday 9th April

- 8.30am Holy Communion at Bawdeswell
- 10.30am Morning Prayer at Foxley
- 6.30pm Deaneer Lent Service at St George's Church Hindolveston  
Preacher: Rev Andrew Gandon  
"For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now  
and for ever ...."

### Thursday 13th April Maundy Thursday

- 7.30pm Celebration of the Last Supper at Bawdeswell

### Sunday 16th April Easter Day

- 8.30am Holy Communion at Foxley
- 10.30am Family Holy Communion at Bawdeswell  
taken by Canon Ivan Bailey
- 6.30pm Deanery Easter Service at All Saints' Church Wood Norton  
Preacher: Rev Michael Taylor  
"Amen"

### Sunday 23rd April

- 8.30am Morning Prayer at Bawdeswell taken by Dr Jane Ewing
- 10.30am Holy Communion at Foxley

Sunday 30th April

10.30am Combined Holy Communion at Bawdeswell

Sunday 7th May

10.30am Special VE Weekend Service at Bawdeswell  
(No Service at Foxley)

Sunday 14th May

8.30am Holy Communion at Bawdeswell

10.30am Morning Prayer at Foxley

### Marathon Monitor Appeal

David and Kathy Warman wish to announce: 'We are both running in the London Marathon on April 2nd: We are raising money towards a new monitor for the Maternity department at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital.

Any donations will be gratefully accepted at Beech Corner, The Street, Bawdeswell tel 688201.'



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