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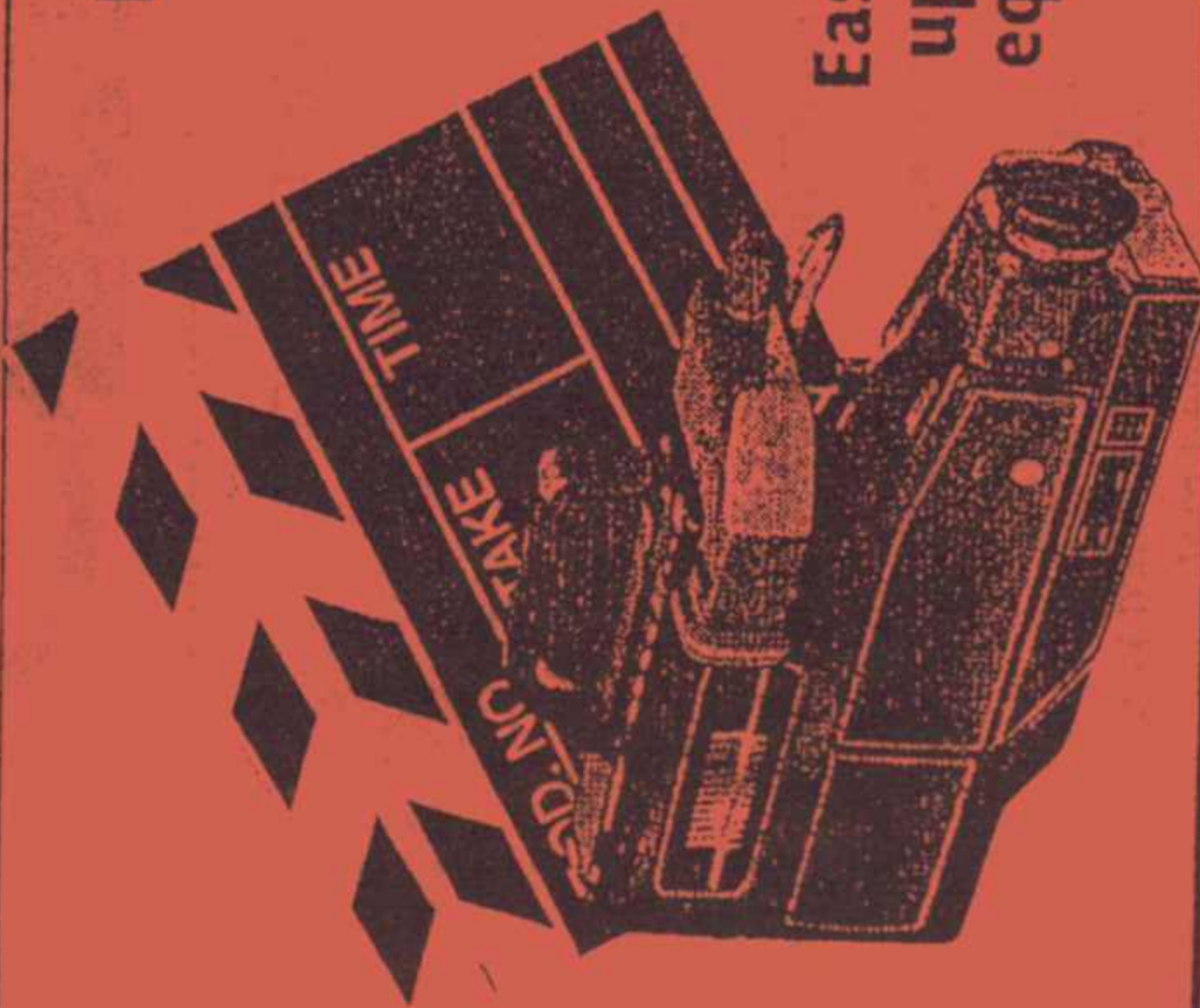
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The Reeve's Tale



June 1995



- Application no 3/95/449/F received from Bawdeswell Store to retain the Satellite Dish at the rear of the property. No objections.
- Further to an earlier application from Mr Gurney to demolish Tollgate Cottage, the Clerk read out correspondence from Breckland DC who are sympathetic to local wished to retain this building and hoped the Parish Council might be able to help. Between meetings the Clerk and the Chairman had discussed the problem of lack of resources to renovate the Cottage and the Clerk then passed the comments onto Breckland. A letter with their final decision is awaited.

Correspondence

- The order for the fencing to the Play Area has been placed with May Gurney. The width of the gates to allow access for the gang mower on the 5-a-side pitch had to be changed from 2.4 metres to 3 metres after consultation with Norfolk County Services, which will increase the price slightly. A delivery date is yet to be confirmed.
A letter from Jack Bristow of Bawdeswell School was read out. Class 4 have taken up the cause of this fence and dog-free areas as a project and will be holding a disco with barbeque and sports to raise money towards the cost. The class also offered to help with the installation.

-Recreation Ground Hedging. The Clerk had made extensive enquiries into the tenders submitted and it was decided not to go ahead with the lowest tender as this was for work to be done with a flail and would have left masses of debris to clear and damage to hedge. She will be meeting the Project Manager from County Services to draw up a full report with recommendations on how the hedge can be thickened and maintained in the long term, with costs for the Council to consider at the next meeting. As the hedge is extensive and has never had any planned maintenance, this is likely to be expensive but it was agreed to be a prudent plan to preserve the boundary and prevent future problems.

- As the nomination papers for the Parish Elections were received so late, in order to meet the deadline they were delivered by Courier.
Councillor Battley took personal responsibility for this initiative and agreed to bear the cost himself.

School Report

The number of pupils is still running at just under 100. An application from the Resource Centre (in the Old School House) to use the school playing field, was refused by the Governors.

Recreation Report

Councillor Wright reported that the committee urgently needed more members as they are now down to only five, which is the minimum

number. Mr Lees has now taken over as Treasurer.
April was a slightly better month showing a profit of £427 and the proceeds from the recent Dog Show were over £300.

Any Other Business

A Parishioner asked for the Parish Council view on the re-activated Poultry Unit at the rear of Church Close which is causing nuisance to neighbours as it is smelly, noisy and adjacent to their houses. This unit has not been used since before 1987, when the houses were built. Local residents had already been in touch with Environmental Health and Planning to see whether it was possible to restrict the use of the sheds as they are so close to the houses and there are concerns about health, property values and the long term future of the site. The Parish Council were sympathetic to these concerns and the Chairman asked to be notified the next time the nuisance occurred so he could visit the area. Residents were advised to continue dealing with Breckland DC and consider writing to County Councillors, the MP and a petition if necessary.

The Parish Council were questioned again about the reasons for the increase in the precept this year. The Chairman explained the rising costs of local services such as the Recreation Ground and the Churchyard and Cemetery, which need to be maintained but for which there are no more volunteers and the need to underwrite the costs of the new Village Hall to help it through its early years, in the hope that it will later become self financing. The Council plan to review this strategy annually and aim to remove this cost to the precept in the future but it does rely on more support for and use of the Hall from local people.
Next meeting Monday 5th June 1995 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.



W.I. News

The Beck W.I. would like to thank everyone who supported our coffee morning on the 8th April. This was a great success due to willing helpers, and kind donators. We made the grand sum of £302.77 and a good time was had by all. Don't forget all will be made welcome at our meetings.

Jean Hinton (Secretary)

688771

Red Cross Collections

The house to house collection in Bawdeswell raised £118.83 including also Bawdeswell School. Thank you very much to everyone for your generous support. Many thanks also to our collectors: we are very grateful.

Margaret and Celia Joice

The recent house to house collection in Foxley totalled £50.83; thank you very much, everyone.

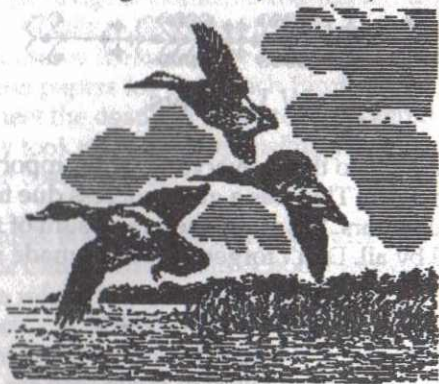
Franz Gladwell and Diana Harvey



Royal National Lifeboat Institution Dereham and District Branch

The house to house collections in late April totalled:
Bawdeswell £92.57 Foxley £46.81
We still await the final total for the area at the time of going to print-
meanwhile very grateful thanks to those who worked so hard to collect
and those also who gave so generously.

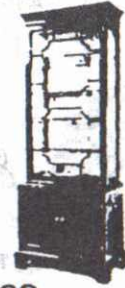
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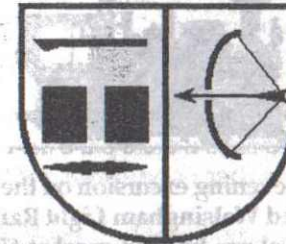
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Bawdeswell School News



The Friends of Bawdeswell School have been busy fundraising as usual, and joined with the Playgroup Committee to run a jumble sale at Bawdeswell Village Hall on Saturday 29th April: each organisation raised £45: thank you to all those who helped and all those who came along to buy.

The Friends have bought a set of five-a-side football goals and nets which the children are already using and enjoying.

We welcome Scott Dawkins who has joined Class 3, and Thomas Lake, Kevin Ryan and Jeremy Seaman who have joined Class 1. We hope they enjoy being at Bawdeswell School.

Our Summer Fete will be held at the school on Saturday 24th June, and we do hope that everyone will come along and join in the fun and support the school. The fete will open at 12 noon; this year there will be a football tournament as a central attraction- look out for posters and fete programmes for the full details.

We are grateful to Mr Straffon who came and spent time with Class 4 to explain about his work as a printer, to help the children with their science work.

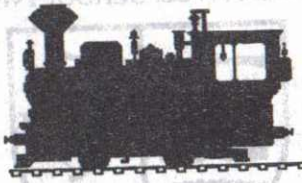
The trees in our nature area are thriving well, and we are working on improving the area around our playground: removing prickly bushes, levelling the beds and hopefully putting bark down and some more benches.

We congratulate the children in the Bawdeswell Sunday Team who joined in the Shipdham VE Day tournament, over the holiday weekend, and came second: each player received a medal to commemorate their success.

We welcome Louise Baker from City College Norwich who is doing her work experience at Bawdeswell School, particularly with Class 1.

Paul Shreeve
(688282)

Full Steam Ahead



An evening excursion on the
Wells and Walsingham Light Railway
(and an optional pre-booked meal at £5 per head)

Friday 9th June 1995 at 6.30pm
from Wells Station (parking available)

Tickets - £10 (inc meal) or £5 (train only)
(reduction for children)

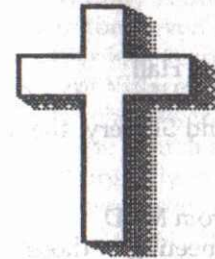
ring Rev Grahame Humphries (688397) to reserve your place
(numbers limited)
proceeds to Foxley Church Roof Fund.

Garden Evening



Plans are in hand to arrange an evening visit to the Gardens of
Bawdeswell Hall (by kind permission of Mr and Mrs D Gurney) and to
enjoy music, wine and light refreshments in the marquee on Friday 23rd
June 1995. The evening will be held on behalf of the Foxley Church Roof
Fund. Watch out for posters and details of tickets shortly.

Church Services for June and early July



Sunday 4th June

10.30am Holy Communion at Bawdeswell

6.30pm Pentecost Praise at Foxley

Sunday 11th June

8.30am Holy Communion at Bawdeswell

10.30am Morning Prayer at Foxley

Sunday 18th June

8.30am

Holy Communion at Foxley

10.30am

Family Worship and Holy Baptism
at Bawdeswell

Sunday 25th June

8.30am

Morning Prayer at Bawdeswell
taken by Miss C Joice

10.30am

Holy Communion at Foxley

Sunday 2nd July

10.30am

Holy Communion at Bawdeswell

6.30pm

Evening Prayer at Foxley
taken by Mr & Mrs Harvey

Sunday 9th July

8.30am

Holy Communion at Bawdeswell

10.30am

Family Worship at Foxley

Sunday 16th July

8.30am

Holy Communion at Foxley

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Foxley Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting

held on Thursday 13th April 1995 at the Village Hall

Present: Cllr Skinner (Chairman), Cllrs Davis, Saker and Slattery, the clerk and seven parishioners.

Matters Arising: The Clerk read out a letter received from Mr D Cumming of Breckland Traffic Management after the meeting of those parishioners able to attend, himself and the Clerk regarding various highway matters affecting the village. Request for a speed limit through The Street will be added to the pending list for consideration. Additional warning lines will be added to the existing road markings at the junction with the A1067 in an effort to prevent overtaking at this point. The re-routing of traffic to Foxley Wood is considered unlikely as there is not a more suitable alternative. Mr Townly, the Maintenance Engineer, has arranged an inspection of the overgrown footpath outside the Rectory.

Election of Councillors

There were no valid nominations for councillors for Foxley Parish Council for the election to be held on 4th May. This will be readvertised in due course, and hopefully with more success. The re-run of the election will cost the village more money!

Finance

Balance at the bank is £184.87. Precept and Parish Grant totalling £1,000 is due any day. The Auditors have invited Foxley to participate in a scheme whereby the accounts will be audited once every three years instead of annually as at present. Benefits will include a lower audit fee. Letter received from Foxley Village Hall Committee Chairman regarding the on-going cost of renovating the kitchen area of the Hall. Units offered last year in lieu of hard cash by the Parnell-Cooks have proved incomplete and therefore useless. Request for a grant of say £150 would make further grants available through Breckland and the County Council. Cllr Slattery proposed that £200 be made available.

Correspondence

Two letters received from Rev Humphries who was unable to attend as this was Maundy Thursday. One letter concerned the footpath outside the Rectory (already mentioned earlier) which is understood to be the

responsibility of Breckland District Council and has only been cleared twice in the eleven years that Rev Humphries has been in the village. The other letter expresses concern over the inclusion of Foxley in the Best Kept Village Competition as much voluntary help will be needed to raise the churchyard to a suitable standard. At a recent open meeting the state of the church and churchyard was discussed at length. £6000 is needed urgently to enable application for further grants needed to prevent the church falling into serious decay. The Best Kept Village Competition was discussed further. Ken Walton suggested dividing the village into sections and enlisting a volunteer from each of the areas to be responsible for chivvying along parishioners into keeping their patch clear. This was thought a good idea and possible volunteers were discussed and will be approached shortly. Preliminary judging is in June with the results published in late Autumn.

A request was made for regular meetings of the Parish Council, say every two months on the first Thursday, or whenever is most suitable to those involved. This will come into effect as and when new Councillors are elected.

Foxley Clerk will be unable to continue with the post after the end of July. There is a small salary and payment of expenses. The job is interesting, involving taking minutes at the six to eight meetings held annually and dealing with correspondence. Would any resident of Foxley able to give up a few hours a month to take on this position please contact Ms Konoba on Bawdeswell 688637.



Coffee Morning - The Talking Times

Mrs Joan Parfitt and Mrs Constable would like to thank the many people who supported the Coffee Morning in aid of The Talking Times.

A sum of £341 was raised with a few more promised donations. This money will greatly help to continue this very worthy cause.

From the Editor

A personal note -I hope that you like the way that the Reeve's Tale is currently laid out: I have enjoyed the creative aspects of the task firstly as typist and desk top publishing person for The Reeves Tale, and then as editor to succeed Jane Thompson.

Actually, editor is a bit of a misnomer, as in recent months I have been short of copy for The Reeves Tale, so it has been a case of looking for poems, anecdotes, etc to fill up the spare space.

If you have anything (non commercial) to say to your fellow inhabitants of Bawdeswell and Foxley (or the many ex-villagers who seem to get a sight of the magazine), there is generally enough space to put it in.

Unfortunately, I have found over the months that I just do not have the spare time to produce The Reeve's Tale any more, and so this will be my last issue as editor. I had hoped to keep going until the joint August/September issue, but pressure of work, home and church tasks has conspired against this.

Please could you send your copy to Rev Humphries until a new editor is found. I am sure that he would be glad to hear from anyone (or a team?) who would like to take on the task of keeping everyone in the villages in touch with each other.

Paul Shreeve



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