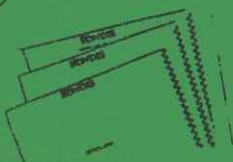




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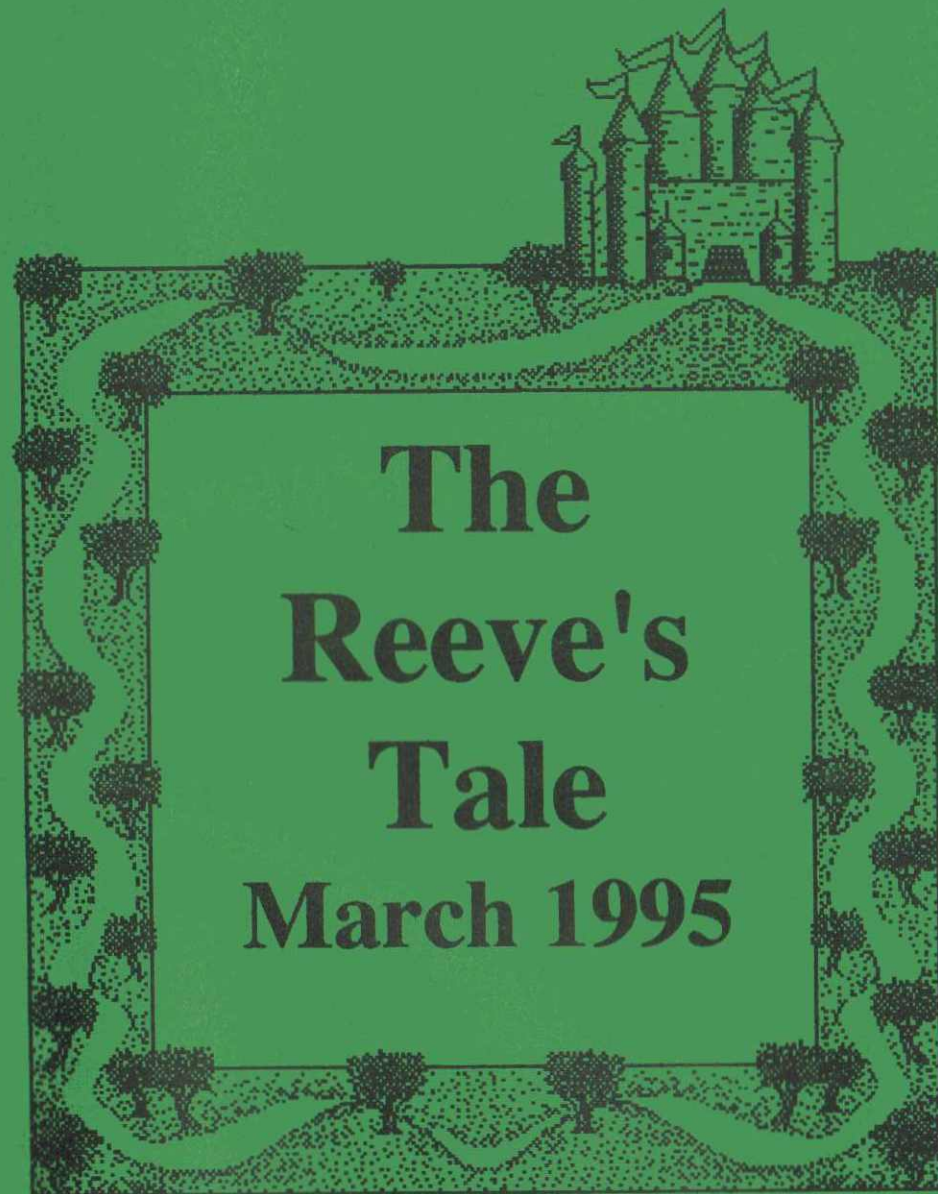


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Dear friends,

"We missed you on the radio last week" - that was a comment made to me when I was out visiting recently. "I was there," I said, "but they've changed my time." After all the years of being able to promote my gospel music programme on BBC Radio Norfolk with the catchy phrase "Saints Alive, four till five", I'm now broadcasting an hour later, between five o'clock and six o'clock to be precise. Several other people that I've spoken to just recently say that they had already caught up with the change and are enjoying the lively selection of gospel music while having their Sunday tea.

As we get into Lent I'm going to need to be in two places at once for the next few Sundays! As you will see from the service details towards the back of the Reeve's Tale, we are having an excellent series of Deanery Lent Services at which our visiting preachers will be preaching on The Lord's Prayer. The series starts in Bawdeswell on the very first day of March which is Ash Wednesday. The Holy Communion service at 7.30pm should, like the Sunday evening services, be well attended. The deanery now stretches from Stibbard to Attlebridge and Wood Norton to Weston Longville.

Probably, like me, you've known and used the Lord's Prayer since you were very young. But there's always that danger of saying it without really thinking what it means. So, through this Lent, here's your chance to study it afresh while making new friends and meeting old ones in a variety of Norfolk churches.

I'll be a late arrival at several of the services but I hope to get to as many as possible and when it's Foxley's turn on 2nd April I'll be pre-recording Saints Alive for once!

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Let's Keep Our Children Safe and Clean!

After the letter about dog mess in last month's Reeve's Tale, the Parish Council have started a fund to pay for fencing around the play area and five a side pitch on the Recreation Ground. Two cheques have already been given in. Any further donations can be sent or given to:

Mrs D. Bramley (Parish Clerk) Mayes Cottage The Street Bawdeswell
or Mr A. Battley (Chairman of the Parish Council) at Bawdeswell Store.

Cheques should be made payable to Bawdeswell Parish Council.

Bawdeswell Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held in the Village Hall

on Monday 6th January 1995.

Present - Councillors Battley (Chairman), Sparkes, Wright, Strickland, Farthing, Cunliffe and Johnson, and two Parishioners.

Apologies - None. Minutes - Agreed and signed.

Matters Arising - Councillor Cunliffe asked if the £6000 precept agreed at the last meeting was now confirmed. The Clerk showed the acknowledgement from Breckland D.C., the Parish will also receive £1,231 Parish Support Grant.

Clerk's Report

Finance - agreed cheque no 100172 to Norfolk County Services in the sum of £45.21 for the VAT on the Ground Maintenance Contract; no 100173 to N.G. King in the sum of £680.06 for the driveway works and no 100174 to NCA of P&TC in the sum of £1.79 for the 1995 Handbook.

Correspondence

Salt Bins - some time ago the Council had put in a request for salt bins and had been told their request was on a waiting list. Recently Norfolk County Council had written saying it would only provide the salt and the Parish would need to buy the bins themselves. The Clerk had been asked to check on the reasons for this change of heart and found that there had been a policy review and so no new bins are now provided.

Best Kept Village - it was agreed to enter the competition again this year.

Councillor Johnson agreed to look out for an application form in the EDP and pass to the Clerk.

Ground Maintenance Contract - Two tenders had been received for this work. It was agreed to accept the tender from Norfolk County Services as theirs was the lowest price, by almost £100. It was also agreed to enter into a five year contract deal which represents better value for money.

Only one quotation had been received for the hedge trimming work on the Recreation Ground. The Clerk was instructed to get a second quote from Norfolk County Services in order to get the best price before a decision is made.

Playground Inspection - It was agreed to have a RoSPA inspection of the play area again this year. This will be carried out in June 1995.

Inspection of Roads and Paths - At the last meeting the Clerk was asked to clarify some points about the proposal to transfer responsibility for some of these areas to the Parish. Breckland have advised that the two areas in question are, the lay-by fronting the ex-Council Houses on the Reephams Road and parts of Folland Court. (The remainder being Norfolk County Council's responsibility). They also said there would be no liability on the Parish if there was an accident on these paths and that they would consider paying the Parish for time spent on inspections which would need to be carried out every six to eight weeks.

It was agreed that the Clerk should write back for an absolute guarantee of no liability for accidents, a map of the Folland Court paths affected and clarification on how reports should be made.

Churchyard and Cemetery - A reply was read out from the Reverend Humphries which asked for the Parish Council's help in maintaining these areas.

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In the context of subsequent discussions about the increase in Parish spending, due to the cost of the Village Hall and the decline of volunteer activities, there was some concern about assuming yet another financial responsibility.

As a first step it was agreed that the Clerk would discuss these concerns with the Reverend Humphries and find out the scope and frequency of the work involved so that quotations could be obtained, if no volunteers could be found.

Planning

- Planning permission given for the standing of a mobile home behind the Old Rectory Restaurant (Planning ref 3/94/1189/F)

- Application received from Mr A Jones to build extension to Field View, 25 Reephams Road. No objections.

School Report - The Chairman reported that all was running well. Numbers are still up. The new entrance works are complete and a full report on activities appears every month in the Reeve's Tale.

Recreation Report - Tickets for Valentine's Night were still available and numbers were low again. A further Social Night is arranged for 4th March. More ideas for events and members for the Committee would be very welcome.

Any Other Business

Following Councillor Wright's letter to the Reeve's Tale there was a full discussion about the problem of dogs fouling the Recreation Ground.

It was decided that a fund to provide fencing around the Play Area and 5-a-side pitch should be started and a clear declaration of the Parish Council's support to stop this anti-social and dangerous practice. Councillor Strickland was asked to provide more information about the health problems.

The Clerk will obtain prices to provide chain link fencing, with gates for maintenance and access.

Councillor Wright passed a cheque to the Clerk to start the fund.

Councillor Johnson reported that the Bottle Bank needed emptying. The Clerk will contact Anti-Waste.

A Parishioner questioned why the precept for 1995/96 had been increased to £6000. The Chairman explained the decision had not been taken lightly but went over the budget figures again. Over the last two years costs had been rising steadily; last year the precept did not change but now reserves had been used up. Some tasks in the village which were done by volunteers in the past, such as looking after conservation areas, planting trees etc had now been taken on by the Parish Council, due to lack of public support; the Village Hall had not produced the income to support itself, as was hoped, again due to lack of support.

The reasons for this are of great concern to the Parish Council and it is keen to keep a Village Hall and encourage local commitment to the Village in general. However, the Hall must start to pay its own way one day and certainly be more regularly used. This situation is discussed at almost every Parish Council meeting but all members are concerned for the future as money cannot keep being increased to keep the building going indefinitely. So the message is 'Use it or lose it'!

The next meeting is Monday 6th March 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

(Please let the Editor know if you like having the full Minutes instead of a digest.)

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Foxley Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held in the Village Hall
on Thursday 2nd February 1995.

Three parishioners, three councillors and the clerk turned out for this meeting. At the end of this financial year there will be £184.87 in the bank with £1,000 due from Breckland at the beginning of April. This is made up of the precept set this year at £571 plus the Parish Support Grant of £429. Expenditure for the year includes Village Hall and Employer's Liability (compulsory) £250, the audit fee £100, the clerk's salary £300 along with petty cash, various subscriptions and donations throughout the year.

Foxley has decided to enter the Best Kept Village Competition this year and it is hoped that this will generate a little more community spirit.

There are again complaints of dogs fouling walkways and public areas. Also once again the lay-bys are in a disgraceful state though this is more likely to be from people passing through the village than from residents. Similarly we have received many complaints about the dangerously muddy condition of the Themelthorpe Road. The footpath outside Floranova is in need of more attention as the roots left under the surface are beginning to sprout. Traffic speeding through The Street is still a nuisance and a danger. After a large (for Foxley) representation of parishioners at the end of the year concerned about the problem there was no follow-up at the next meeting when people were needed to air their grievances directly with an officer from the Highways department. To date this meeting has not taken place, however the Clerk is arranging to meet with Highways and any other interested parties at the end of February.

It was agreed to have a waste paper bank sited in the village, probably beside the Village Hall, for a trial period. Breckland Council will pay £5 per tonne to village funds.

A suggestion was made that a sand/salt bin in the village would be useful during the winter months for use by any parishioners on icy stretches. The clerk will make enquiries.

The need for a volunteer or group of volunteers to do odd 'tidying up jobs' in the village was discussed. With a little thought it could be possible to benefit the village considerably - improving its appearance, encouraging participation in village life and maybe relieving elderly or disabled residents of tasks they find difficult or impossible to cope with. In this year of the Best Kept Village Competition perhaps this is the time to get some sort of scheme off the ground. The next meeting of Foxley Parish Council will be on Thursday 13th April at 7.30pm in the village hall. Do come along to support your village and air your views.

Mary Ann Konoba

Parish Clerk



To all residents of Foxley

Your Village Needs You!

Volunteers wanted to pick up litter, tidy odd corners and generally care about Foxley. Have you an hour or two to spare?

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Sunday Football for Under 11s

Every Sunday morning from 11.00am at the recreation ground to 12.00 noon there is football coaching for under 11s. It costs £1 and it's good fun. Simon, the coach is patient (and funny) even though he supports Ipswich!

On Saturday 15th January we played a match at home against Shipdham. There were loads of supporters, especially the Page family. Everyone who does training got a chance to play and the score was 1-1. We collected nearly £8 in donations to buy our own footballs instead of borrowing the school's or Oscar's and Sam's. Thank you to Mr Duffield and Mr Lees for being referees and linesmen. The goal was scored by Lee Wright. We are playing a return match at Shipdham on 28th February and another match against Dereham Wanderers in March. If anyone knows any other teams who want a friendly match please let me know. Our teams are:

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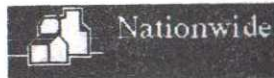
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Logs to Burn

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With new-cut holly laid beside.
Chestnut's only good they say
If for years it's stored away.
Birch and fir-wood burn too fast,
Blaze too bright and do not last.
Flames from larch will shoot up high
Dangerously the sparks will fly.
But ash-wood green and ash-wood brown
Are fit for a queen with a golden crown.
Oaken logs if dry and old
Keep away the winter's cold.
Poplar gives a bitter smoke,
Fills your eyes and makes you choke.
Elm-wood burns like churchyard mould
E'en the very flames are cold.
Hawthorn bakes the sweetest bread
So it is in Ireland said.
Apple-wood will scent the room
Pear-wood smells like flowers in bloom.
But ash-wood wet and ash-wood dry
A king may warm his slippers by.

Does anyone know the origin of this poem? If so I'd be very interested to know who wrote it or what book it may have come from, as the Library has been unable to trace it.

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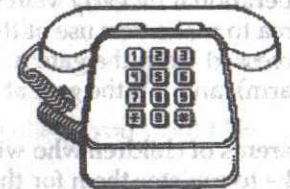
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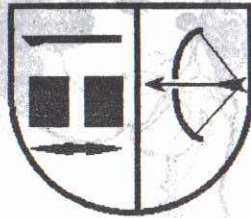
We would like to welcome Lauren Hopkins and Harry Gordon-Moys who have recently started playgroup, and we hope they enjoy their time with us. We are now full on most days and have only a few places available, so if you would like to put your child's name on the waiting list please contact either Janet (01362 663824) or Rosemary (01603 871142) as soon as possible. During the next few weeks we have visits planned from PC

Jackson and the dentist, and looking further ahead a visit to Gressenhall Museum and Farm and Reepham Fire Station. More details will follow. The playgroup closes for the Easter Break on Friday 7th April and reopens on Tuesday 25th April.

Just a reminder of the meeting on Tuesday 28th February at 1pm at playgroup; please come along to support your playgroup. Everyone is welcome so please join us.

Primary School News

In February a coachload of children from years 3, 4, 5 and 6 went to Great Ryburgh school to play football and hockey. Both games were greatly enjoyed: honours were equal, as we on the football and Ryburgh won the hockey. We shall invite Great Ryburgh back for return fixtures in March. Thank you to all supporters and Mrs Paling for her enthusiasm.



Our new office and entrance area are now finished, and will be fully operational by early March. We are reorganising our library and work area to make best use of the new space. The school main entrance is accessed from the gate nearest Bawdeswell village (next to Maytree Farm), and not the gate at the cul de sac end of the school.

Parents of children who will be four by 31st August 1995 and who would like to register them for the next school year are asked to contact the school to arrange to look around the school and obtain a prospectus, etc. Please phone on 688282 to contact Mr Shreeve, headteacher.

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The Playgroup are hoping to join us so do come and give us your support.

Social Evening

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Mary Farthing

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Church of England Services for March and early April

Ash Wednesday 1st March

7.30pm Deanery Holy Communion at All Saints', Bawdeswell

Preacher: The Very Rev Alan Warren, formerly Provost of Leicester Cathedral - 'Our Father in Heaven...'

Sunday 5th March

10.30am Holy Communion at Bawdeswell

6.30pm Deanery Lent Service at St Margaret's Lyng

Preacher: Canon Pamela Fawcett, Asst Diocesan Director of Ordinands - 'Hallowed be your name...' [NO service at Foxley].

Sunday 12th March

9.00am Holy Communion at Bawdeswell

10.30am Morning Prayer at Foxley

6.30pm Deanery Lent Service at St Mary's Reepham

Preacher: Canon Richard Hanmer, Canon Treasurer of Norwich Cathedral - 'Your Kingdom come, your will be done...'

Sunday 19th March

9.00am Holy Communion at Foxley

10.30am Family Worship at Bawdeswell

6.30pm Deanery Lent Service at All Saints' Stibbard

Preacher: Ven Anthony Footitt, Archdeacon of Lynn - 'Give us this day our daily bread...'

Sunday 26th March

9.00am Morning Prayer at Bawdeswell taken by Miss Margaret Joice

10.30am Holy Communion at Foxley

6.30pm Deanery Lent Service at All Saints' Weston Longville

Preacher: Rev Michael King, Rector of Cawston - 'Forgive us our sins...'

Sunday 2nd April

10.30am Holy Communion at Bawdeswell

6.30pm Deanery Lent Service at St Thomas' Foxley

Preacher: Rev Patrick Foreman, Rector of Hevingham and Rural Dean of Ingworth - 'Lead us not into temptation...'

Methodist services not available as we went to press on 15th February.

From the Editor:

Last month we were short of copy, this time we are short of space... fewer graphics, no quotable quotes, in places smaller text. Do drop a line to let me know what you think the Reeve's Tale should look like and what our priorities for space should be. *Paul Shreeve*

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