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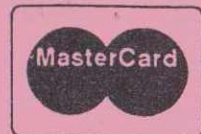
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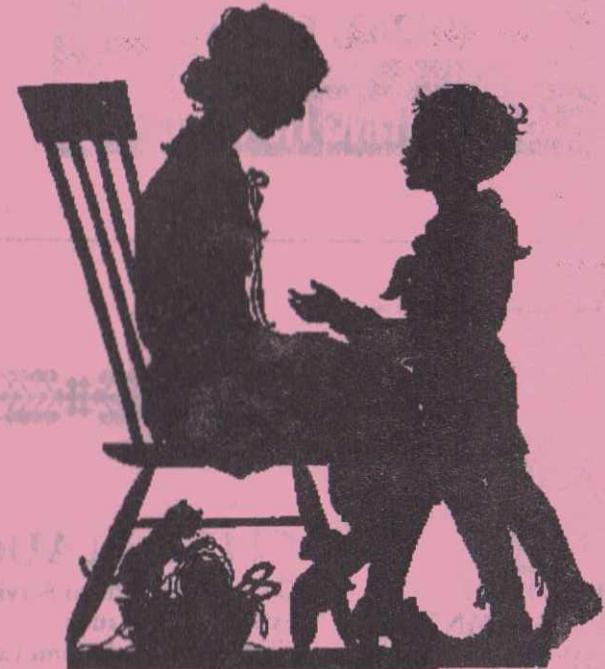
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Foxley Rectory
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Dear friends,

I was very much encouraged by the large number of people who gathered in Foxley Village Hall in early April to discuss support for St Thomas' Church.

As well as many practical suggestions there were some helpful ones about how the worship at St Thomas' might even better suit the local community. Plans were already in hand for a VE Weekend Songs of Praise at Foxley, at 6 o'clock on Sunday 7th May and I'm certainly hoping that the informal service together with some well loved hymns will appeal to many people.

The following month on Sunday 4th June we will have a similar service at Foxley, this time at 6.30pm with hymns that will reflect the work of God's Holy Spirit, appropriately enough on Whit Sunday.

Another new addition to services at Foxley will be the Family Worship Service on Sunday 14th May at 10.30am. It will be a particular pleasure at this service to welcome baby Grace Alice Clarke as a fellow member of the Lord's family and following her baptism at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital.

Don't forget that full details of the services at Bawdeswell and Foxley are included towards the back of the Reeve's Tale. I hope you will find one or more that might appeal to you. You will be very welcome.

Yours most sincerely

Grahame Humphries
tel 688397



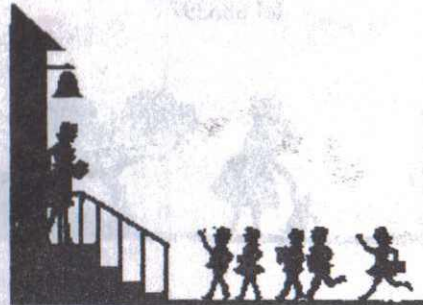


Editorial

Welcome again to the pages of your local magazine. I hope that you have had a good Easter break. Your copy of The Reeve's Tale is a little later than usual reaching you this month, as deadline day was Easter Saturday, and I had had only three pages of copy submitted to me by then- so I have had to extend the deadline this time to make sure that it was worth going to press. If you would like to submit an item for The Reeve's Tale, drop it in to Bawdeswell Primary School's letterbox by hand, or post it (Paul Shreeve, The Reeve's Tale, Bawdeswell Primary School, Fakenham Road, Bawdeswell, Dereham Norfolk NR20 4RR). In either case, the deadline is the fifteenth of the month prior to the month of issue. Messages can be left by phone (01362 688282) on weekday mornings (when the school secretary is in). Please note that I am teaching during school hours, and so not available to deal with The Reeve's Tale business then.

I am sure that you will want to join me in saying a big thank you to Mrs Christine Reeve of Foxley for her help in delivering The Reeve's Tale in Foxley West in recent years. We welcome the Brett family as our new deliverers.

Paul Shreeve



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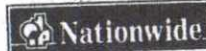
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Dog Show



Kennel Club exemption show to be held at Bawdeswell Village Hall on
May 7th at 10.00am onwards. Refreshments and bar will be available.
All will be welcome.



Bawdeswell Bowls Club

Is inviting new members to join their club. Membership is £5; for
further information call Paul Digby on 688615.

Social Evening

On Friday 19th May we are holding a family social evening: the 200
Club will be drawn during the evening- eight prizes will be paid as
follows: £20, £15, two at £10 and four at £5.

The Bowls Club will be playing against Reepham Privates; come and
watch the game; also a refreshment bar, pool, darts and background
music.



Invitation to a Coffee Morning

In aid of The Talking Times (weekly tapes sent to Blind People) - funded
by Voluntary Contributions - at Mrs Joan Parfitt's: 'Pol-Na-Chess',
Mill Road, Foxley, on Saturday 13th May 1995 from 10.30am to
12.30pm. There will be a Cake and Produce Stall, Bring and Buy, White
Elephant Stall, Clothes Rail, and a Raffle.

Book the date now:

Hog Roast



on
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Thank You!

Following the valuable meeting to discuss the extra funding for Foxley Church Roof Fund, the Coffee Morning at the Rectory on Wednesday 12th April raised £164. Mrs Mary Humphries would like to thank everyone who supported the event and hopes they enjoyed their Hot Cross Buns!



We shall not cease from exploration
And the end of all our exploring
Will be to arrive where we started
And know the place for the first time.
Through the unknown, remembered gate
When the last of earth left to discover
Is that which was the beginning;
At the source of the longest river
The voice of the hidden waterfall
And the children in the apple-tree
Not known, because not looked for
But heard, half-heard, in the stillness
Between two waves of the sea.

T.S. Eliot (from 'Little Gidding' in Four Quartets)

Church Services May and early June



Sunday 7th May
10.30am Combined VE Day Special Service at Bawdeswell
6.00pm V.E. Weekend 'Songs of Praise' at Foxley
(STOP PRESS STOP PRESS - change from last month's Reeve's Tale).

Sunday 14th May
8.30am Holy Communion at Bawdeswell
10.30am Family Worship at Foxley and welcoming of baby Grace Alice Clarke.

Sunday 21st May
8.30am Holy Communion at Foxley
10.30am Family Worship at Bawdeswell

Sunday 28th May
8.30am Morning Prayer at Bawdeswell
10.30am Holy Communion at Foxley
2.15pm Holy Baptism at Bawdeswell

Sunday 4th June Whit Sunday
10.30am Holy Communion at Bawdeswell
6.30pm Pentecost Praise at Foxley
light refreshments afterwards at Street Farm, adjacent to the Church.

Sunday 11th June Trinity Sunday
8.30am Holy Communion at Foxley
10.30am Morning Prayer at Foxley.

Bawdeswell Parish Council

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

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

Apologies: None.

Minutes - Agreed and signed.

Matters Arising

Regarding the maintenance of the churchyard and cemetery, it was confirmed that Mr George Brookes has agreed to take on this work. A mower and strimmer are available and it may be necessary to provide goggles and ear defenders. As Church Warden Miss Joice agreed to pay for the petrol and the Parish Council will pay for up to 2-3 hours work per week (in the season). The Clerk will now contact the Reverend Humphries who will discuss the detail of the works with Mr Brookes. The Community Service Volunteers visit due shortly would hopefully help to keep things tidy until this new arrangement is in place.

Clerk's Report

Finance - Agreed cheque no. 100176 in the sum of £50.00 to the Clerk for Petty Cash and no. 100177 in the sum of £73.86 to the Norfolk County Association of Parish and Town Councils for annual subscription and stationery.
- The Clerk's business telephone calls for November - February in the sum of £3.31 were approved, to be paid out of petty cash.

Correspondence

- This meeting marked the end of the term of office for the current Councillors, as elections are due on 4th May 1995. The Chairman thanked his colleagues and the Clerk for their support and hard work. The Clerk reported that no-one had come forward to be new Councillors and as the deadline was the following day, she agreed to take nomination papers from all the Councillors for re-election, for delivery by hand.
- The Audit papers for 1994/95 have been received and notices will be posted by the end of the month.

- Dog fouling on the Recreation Ground.

The Clerk had asked the District Council about Bye-laws: they said they had no plans to introduce one which would cover sports grounds and play areas in villages but noted our concerns. Other villages had also made enquiries so the Clerk will put in a formal written request for a new bye-law.

In the meantime the lowest quotation for fencing off the five-a-side pitch and play area was from May Gurney in the sum of £767.22 plus VAT. (This is to supply only as the installation will be done by volunteers, but does include two gates for pedestrians and mowing machines).

As only £90.00 has been received in donations, there was a long discussion, including those parishioners present, about whether to proceed with the fencing, bearing in mind the shortage of Parish Council funds.

On balance it was decided to buy the fencing and have it installed but continue to appeal for donations and apply for a grant from Breckland District Council, so that the children's areas are protected in good time for the summer holidays.

Councillor Strickland provided some information on Toxocara which could be put in The Reeve's Tale.

- Two quotations have been received for hedge trimming around the Recreation Ground but the Clerk will need to clarify their pricing basis as they range from £90.00 to £234.00 per annum.

School Report

Miss Joice reported that all was well. The number of pupils is still just below 100 and there are no plans to expand further at this time.

Recreation Report

The Treasurer gave a brief report on the state of the accounts. The final amounts will be confirmed after interest is added but are roughly £600 in the current account and £3600 in the deposit account.

Any Other Business

Councillor Sparkes handed over some deeds and paperwork concerning the Village Hall, to the Clerk for safe keeping.

Next Meeting Tuesday 9th May 1995 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Foxley Church

Recently a letter from the Churchwardens and Foxley P.C.C. was delivered to every house in the village, inviting all residents to a meeting in the Village Hall, which, it is no exaggeration to say, was to decide the fate of the Parish Church.

The P.C.C. had realised that, despite raising £6500 in the last few years, and a generous offer of a grant from English Heritage, the money in hand still fell far short of the sum required to pay for the re-roofing of the nave and the other work necessary, and, without which, the Church would soon not be safe to use for services.

The meeting was told by Mr John Harvey, Churchwarden, that, if the work could not be started within a year, the grant offer would lapse and the likely future of the Church would be redundancy and eventual ruin. The small congregation could not bear the full burden of paying its dues to the Diocese and its own running expenses, as well as maintaining the fabric of the ancient building. The Church has stood at the heart of the village for many hundreds of years, and in every century since the records started, improvements and additions had been made: was our generation to be the one that allowed at least nine hundred years of Christian witness in Foxley to die?

Happily there was a generous and positive response from the thirty or so villagers present and promises of help from several others. Suggestions were made for a whole series of fund-raising events. Foxley is going to be a very busy place this summer!

Ideally it would be wonderful if everyone could make a contribution to saving our Church: a number of those present were enthusiastic about joining an 'Envelope Scheme' through which regular gifts could be made to the Fabric Fund. This would enable those with little time or energy to spare to do their bit. Anyone interested should contact Mrs Joyce Waters on Bawdeswell 688558.

Appropriately there will be an opportunity to 'raise the roof' in a different sense on Sunday 7th May at 6.00pm when we shall be singing 'Songs of Praise' to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of our deliverance from warfare. Do come and join us!

Diane Harvey

PCC Secretary
tel 688650

Sunday Football



On Sunday 9th April we played a friendly match against Dereham Wanderers at the Recreation Ground. We won 10-0 but Dereham deserved a better score as they played well and did not give up. Tom Brett scored five goals, Tim Edwards three, and Jack Bristow and Oscar Watling scored a goal each, even though they were supposed to be defenders!

Thanks to Mr Casey and Mrs Page for the refreshments and to Mr Lees and Mr Duffield for their refereeing. Mrs Page also washed the strips and sweaty socks.

We hope to hold a disco soon to raise some money towards the cost of fencing off the football pitch to make this a 'dog mess free zone'.

Jack Bristow

Calling all long-time residents of Bawdeswell & Foxley!
The Reeve's Tale needs you! If you have reminiscences of the villages during the war (life in general, when the aircraft crashed on Bawdeswell Church, VE day, VJ day.... etc) - do send these in to us for publishing - I'll bet everyone would enjoy your memories!

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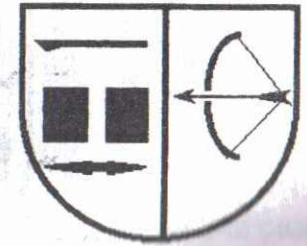
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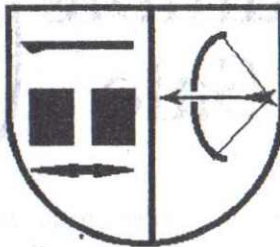


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Bawdeswell Primary School News

We held a 'non uniform day' on Red Nose Day, 17th March, organised by the children in Class 4, and raised nearly £60 for Comic Relief. This was a hectic day, as we sent a team to the Hockey Tournament in Dereham, and in the afternoon the younger children were joined by groups from other local primary schools in our area to see Tiebreak Theatre's show 'Frog and Toad'.

On Tuesday 21st March the Friends of Bawdeswell School held a Fashion Show in the school hall, which raised £153.70. Thanks to everyone for all their hard work and help. The money is being spent on a trip for Classes 1 and 2 on Thursday 6th April to Hunstanton, to the Sea Life Centre, and for maths equipment for investigation work for Classes 3 and 4.

On Saturday 25th March the school sent two teams to the Aylsham six-a-side football tournament: thanks to the parents who helped with transport and refereeing.

The Friends ran a Sports Quiz Night at the Bawdeswell Village Hall on Friday 31st March, which raised £85.

On Tuesday 4th May we hosted a netball game (lost 4-8) and a hockey match (won 7-0) at school against Great Witchingham school.

The term was finished with a teacher inservice training day at Reepham High School, where we looked particularly at special needs. We wish all the best to Kathryn and Martin Jackson who have moved to Cambridgeshire, and to Kirsty and Samantha Walpole who have moved to Shipdham... we should have three new four year olds joining our reception class, and a new pupil in year 3, so our number on roll remains at 94.

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