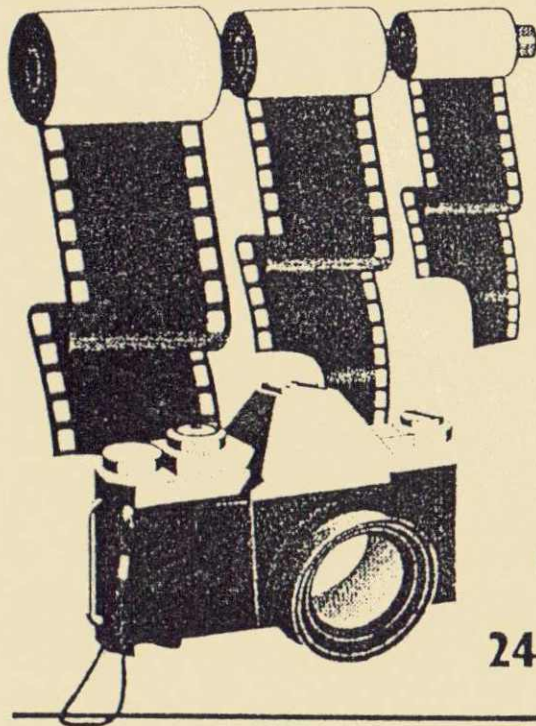


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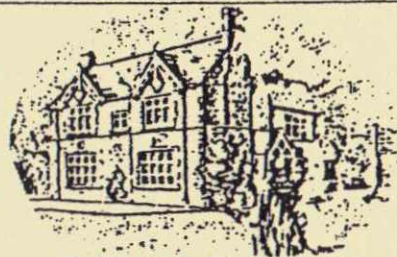
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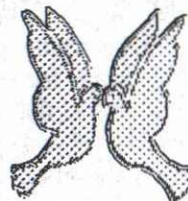
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Dear Friends,

The year to mark 900 years of Christian witness in the Diocese of Norwich has started. Both Churches have copies of the events guide which show the variety and scope of all that is on offer. Many of these will be taking place at Norwich Cathedral like the Flower Festival in July and the dramatic presentation "Fire from Heaven" in early August. In just a few days time on Friday 9 February "Any Questions" will be broadcast live from the Cathedral and in April "Mastermind" will see the famous black chair in the same building. The Bishop's Pilgrimage around the Diocese has, of course, been underway since last Spring and we look forward to having him with us in Sparham Deanery during Holy Week. He has chosen All Fools Day (April 1st) to visit Bawdeswell! A vital part of his week with us will be the evening Bible Studies which will be based on the Resurrection appearances of Jesus as recorded in St. Luke's Gospel chapter 24. This gospel has formed the bases for the bible studies throughout Bishop Peter's year on the road. We will be holding our usual series of services during Lent around the Deanery, beginning on Ash Wednesday at Weston Longville. Our series of sermons will be appropriately be on some of the main themes from St. Luke. Details are given in the list of services in the Reeve's Tale, you will be most welcome to any of these.

Every six years Church of England parishes are required to prepare a brand new membership list (known as the Electoral Roll). The period of revision in Bawdeswell is from 18 February until 31 March and at Foxley from 25 February until Easter Sunday 7 April (the date of the Annual Church meeting governs these dates). Forms are available from Mrs. Ames (Tel. 688455) for Bawdeswell and Mrs. Humphries (Tel. 688397) for Foxley. Being on the Electoral Roll signifies your allegiance to the Christian Church. Please don't miss this opportunity to nail your colours to the mast Christian Pilgrimage is not just for Bishop's!

Yours most sincerely,

Grahame Humphries - Tel. 01362 688397



Happy New Year everyone, this issue of The Reeve's Tale is a little thinner than previous, due only, we trust to the fact that routine has only just become a reality after the Christmas period and material for publication has been the last thing on our minds! However, if you require anything to be included in the March edition, we must have copy on or before 15 February

Eastern Electricity have replied; offering a "long winded" explanation as to why there continues to be power cuts in our village - for anyone who is interested, the letter is placed on the Bawdeswell Shop notice board, if you have any further comments please let us know

If you saw the Channel Four programme recently covering the awful things that happen to children in orphanages in China, you may feel the necessity to sign a protest petition that has been placed in Bawdeswell Store, if only to show the heartbreak, disgust and despair we feel for this nation in their turmoil, thank you

.....And then there were none.....!

Due to lots of unforeseen circumstances including the impending arrival of babies, (not Claires'!) extra days at work now causing limited use of computer equipment it is with regret that the existing Editorial Team must resign with effect from 31 March 1996

Nobody wishes to see The Reeve's Tale cease production. Although unless a new team comes forward soon next months issue - **will be the last**. The team aspect has worked and Editor, Sub Editor, Advertising Manager, Treasurer and Production assistant vacancies are all interesting and rewarding tasks, which only take up a few hours/days a month. We will of course offer support to any individuals, who wish to learn more about this, so please contact one of us below

Claire & Rafe Tel 688580 (Tuesday & Thursday at work - 01603 872121)
Liz & Simon Tel: 688382 Jackie Tel: 688409

Advertisers please make note that all existing adverts will finish in March, if you wish to continue to be included in any pending future edition please contact Claire who will make arrangements accordingly. Kindest regards

Claire & Rafe, Jackie, Liz & Simon

February 1996

Bawdeswell School Wildlife Pond Project

It was decided some time back that it would be pleasant if the pond planned for school grounds could be constructed thus continuing the nature area project started in 1993 on the school field. After initial discussions between the staff and Ken Walton it was decided that a feasibility study be undertaken. Ken produced this along with a detailed design document which was submitted in draft form to the staff and governors of the school for comment. After minor modifications this was agreed and presented to parents at the parents/governors meeting. The project is underway and approval has been granted by NCC Education. Unfortunately the Council will not fund the project so it is being undertaken as a self fund/build project with Ken Walton as project leader thus relieving the teaching staff of the extra work load. Over 60 requests for sponsorship both county and national have been issued and their response is awaited but in the meantime local fund raising has commenced by the children themselves. In addition to this two local events have been organised

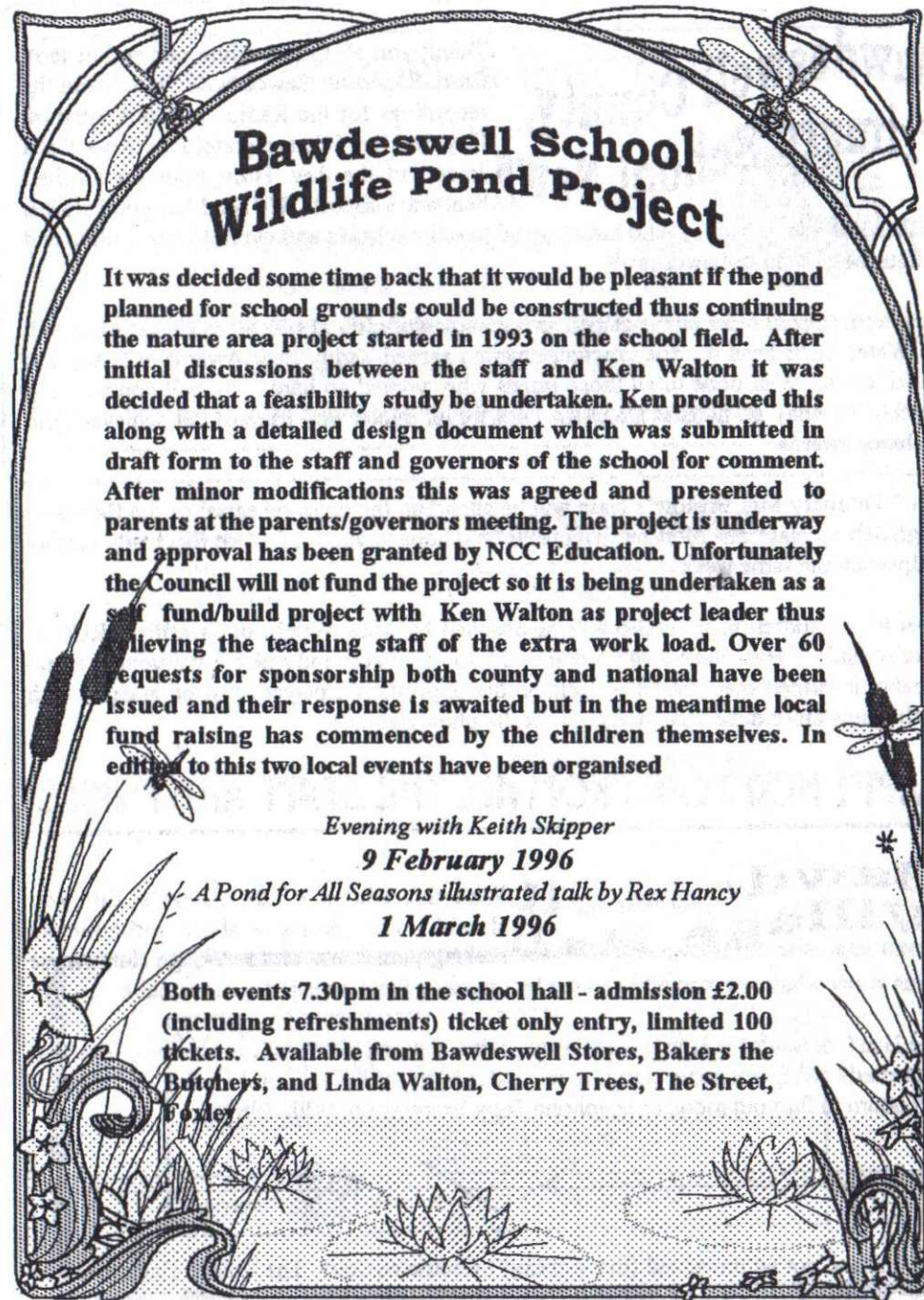
Evening with Keith Skipper

9 February 1996

A Pond for All Seasons illustrated talk by Rex Hancy

1 March 1996

Both events 7.30pm in the school hall - admission £2.00 (including refreshments) ticket only entry, limited 100 tickets. Available from Bawdeswell Stores, Bakers the Butchers, and Linda Walton, Cherry Trees, The Street, Bawdeswell



Bawdeswell County Primary School News

Thank you all for attending our end of term Carol Service in Bawdeswell Church and the recordings for the Radio Norfolk Christmas Day Service. We are grateful to Miss Celia Joice and the Rev. Humphries for all their help and support. We send our good wishes

to Zoe Eke and JJ Shirley who have moved to other schools and we welcome Callum and Angus MacEwan to Bawdeswell

Last term several older pupils gained swimming certificates at 100, 50 & 25 metres as well as Water Skills level 4. The younger children earned Teddy Bear Awards at Silver and Gold levels. Well done to all those pupils who worked so hard. We will continue our weekly Tuesday sessions at Dereham Pool for all pupils who haven't yet achieved 50m distance awards

On 7 February Mrs Bristow's class will be attending the dress rehearsal of the Reepham High School play 'The Monster that ate 9B' and hope to visit an Eastern Electricity display at Ipswich the same week

This term children in years 3-6 will be coached by Mick Wright of Swaffham RUC in Rugby skills. 'New Image Rugby' makes the sport suitable and safe for everyone - we are reliably informed that instead of tackling the opposition a player must be grasped with both hands around the hips. (look out for the photographs!)

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM ALL THE STAFF AND PUPILS

Bawdeswell Village Hall

With this edition of the Reeve's Tale you should also receive a short questionnaire seeking your views on the Village Hall. Please let us know what you would like to see by returning the completed questionnaire

The Hall Committee is always keen to welcome new members with fresh ideas. Are you interested? Why not come along to the next meeting at the Hall on Monday 26 February at 8.00pm to find out more, or telephone Tony Bramley on 01362 688753

Has anyone got an unwanted (but working!) electric cooker? The Village Hall would be keen to make good use of it! please contact Tony on 688753

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Bawdeswell Rovers F.C.



Our last home match before Christmas saw Bawdeswell Rovers entertain on form Swaffham Town. 3-0 down at half time it looked a lost cause for Bawdeswell. A spirited approach saw a remarkable change and two goals from Andrew Lees, one from Lee Wright and Mathew Jacobs put Bawdeswell ahead 4-3 with 3 minutes left. A final minute goal from Swaffham robbed us of all 3 points. Man of the Match trophy went to Andrew Lees

During the Christmas break the football club went to the Norwich City FC Christmas Pantomime. A great time was had by all and we saw our own Rachel Duffield beating Jeremy Goss in a game of British Bulldog. (the boys all failed!!). Another parent attending the function complimented us on the exemplary behaviour of our boys and girls (what else would we expect!). Some of our boys had their picture in the Norwich City programme for the match against Birmingham



Since Christmas we have played two games, both against top of the league Dersingham. In the first match for the league cup we were overwhelmed and lost 12-0. Man of the Match - Sam Bristow. The following week we played in the league and an excellent team performance saw us lose 5-0. This result did not do us justice and I am sure that with the commitment shown in the second match we will continue to do well in the league

Next home match Bawdeswell v Sculthorpe 4 February
at the Recreation Ground 10.30am kick-off

Bawdeswell Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held Mon. 4 December 1995

PRESENT - Councillors Battley (Chairman), Sparkes, Farthing, Wright, Cuncliffe, Johnson and one parishioner

APOLOGIES - Councillor Strickland

Minutes of last meeting - agreed and signed

Matters arising - The Clerk was asked to contact PC Jackson to chase up information on the Neighbourhood Watch meeting proposed for February

Clerks Report -

Finance: Agreed cheque for the Public Works Loans Board and Clerks Salary of £75 for December and January

A decision was needed on the level of precept for 1996/7 as the deadline was during Christmas holiday. It was decided to leave it at the same level and to try and build up some reserves to pay off the loan for the Village Hall driveway early, so that the precept can come down as soon as possible, as there are now only three payments remaining

It was agreed to authorise framing of the art competition results, so that they can be put up in the Village Hall, at a cost of £55

Correspondence: Bawdeswell Heath - The November trustees meeting had heard proposals from the County Woodlands Officer, Mr Harris for a management scheme which may attract some grant funding but require an initial investment of £1000. Mr Gurney, Chair of the Heath Trustees will come to the March meeting of the Parish Council to explain the proposals in detail

School Report: Mr Shreeve is still away and is making slow but steady progress. Mrs Parker was praised by the Governors for her work in his stead and other temporary teaching arrangements are going well

Recreation Report: Bonfire Night celebration had gone well and raised £220 after expenses but there was still some clearing up to be done. There was some concern over the lack of fundraising plans and whether basic costs would be covered this year

Any other business: The Chairman gave details of complaints about rubbish and noise problems around the village sign. They are part of an on-going problem of some 18 months now, which started on the shop forecourt and some of those involved are banned from the shop. The Police have been called and should be called again if incidents cause nuisance and there has also been some vandalism to the Village sign itself, which will be repaired

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Further problems were reported in Blackhorse Close with noisy dogs which are now being dealt with by Breckland Environmental Health.

Councillor Sparkes asked whether it would be possible to have a prominent sign directing people to the Village Hall, off the Reepham Road. The Clerk will investigate the cost and maintenance implications.

Miss Joice expressed appreciation of the good work being carried out by Mr Brookes in the churchyard and it is hoped that this can be extended to cover the Cemetery too. The Chairman agreed to discuss this with Mr Brookes

**NEXT MEETING ON MONDAY 4 FEBRUARY 1996 - 7.30PM
VILLAGE HALL**

Foxley Village Hall

The Committee wishes to thank all those who made the jumble sale on 2 December so successful. We appreciated the gifts of plants, jumble bric-a-brac and raffle items which were brought to the hall for us to sell. Our special thanks go to Joan, Maisie and Daisy for organising the event and providing the light lunches

We are pleased to report that at least £280 was raised for hall funds, urgently needed for the renovation of the kitchen area

Grants from the Parish Council have been given or promised but everyone in the village can help in another way. If you would put your waste paper, magazines, cardboard, etc., into the blue container outside the Foxley Village Hall then your waste will be turned into money for us. Our Treasurer, Keith Murrel, is agent for the collection of waste paper and, with the agreement of the Parish Council, all proceeds are credited to the Village Hall bank account.

In this way it will cost you nothing to help us with our improvement plans

Please help

John Fletcher - Committee Chairman - Tel: 01362 688629

Bawdeswell Parochial Church Council

During the Christmas period there were several Christmas services in Bawdeswell Church. We were glad to see a large congregation for the two recordings for Radio Norfolk, and specially pleased to see Bawdeswell school children take part in the recording for Christmas Day. Also we all enjoyed the school's end-of-term service, and we were delighted that so many parents came to support the children

We in the PCC would like to ask you what kind of services in church would interest you. We now have Sunday School on the first Sunday of each month and family service on the third Sunday, both at 10.30am. Are you interested in these, or do you have better ideas? The Church is for everyone and we should like to know what you think. Please will you give your comments and/or suggestions to the PCC by telephone or in writing, through their secretary:

Margaret Joice, May Tree Farm, The Street, Bawdeswell Tel: 01362 688265

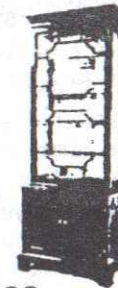


Church of England Children's Society

The annual Coffee Morning was held at Foxley Lodge on 6 December and over £200 was raised to help the Society with its vital work. A similar amount was also received from the collecting boxes which many kind people keep in their own homes. May I remind you again that we are always happy to relieve you of any unwanted goods which we could sell in our shop and to issue the little collecting boxes. It is also possible to donate by covenant, which gives the Society the added bonus of a tax refund. If you would like to help please contact me on Bawdeswell 01362 688650

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Foxley Church Roof Fund Report

As the finale to a very hard - working and successful year of fund raising, Foxley Church was itself the venue, beautifully decorated in greenery, candles and ribbons, for a Christmas Concert by the Pattesley Singers, on 15 December. With great expertise the choir performed works which spanned the years from medieval times to the present day, echoing most appropriately the long history of our church. Carols ranged from the boisterously jovial to the tender and meditative and the audience joined in heartily with the old favourites. Together with the takings from a Festive Sales Table, £200 was added to the fund, which is now, happily, within sight of its target for the first phase of renovation

The first event planned for 1996 is an opportunity to attend one of John Labouchere's fascinating evenings of reminiscences about his experiences traversing the Andes on horseback. This will take place in the Village Hall on Friday March 15

Diana Harvey, PCC Secretary

Earl Haig Fund

The collections from the door-to-door rounds this year in Foxley amounted to £69.90. This was rather less than last year in line with present trends, but, fortunately, Foxley did better than some other villages in the group, and Mrs Brown, the organiser, was very pleased with our result

Ann Murrell, Brenda Cockroft & Diana Harvey

Revision of the Church Electoral rolls

New Electoral Rolls will be prepared shortly for the Parishes of All Saints, Bawdeswell and St. Thomas' Foxley. Forms are available from Mrs Irene Ames, Barwick House, The Street Bawdeswell from February 18 (please return by 31.3.96) and from Mrs Mary Humphries, The Rectory, Foxley from February 25 (to be returned by Easter Day 7 April)

Neighbourhood Watch

The days of villages being "policed" by their very own "Bobby" are unfortunately just a distant memory. Looking after our homes and possessions is becoming more and more the responsibility of each and every member of the community

Not only looking after our worldly goods but also the more vulnerable members of our community, the very young and the elderly

It is with these thoughts in mind that it has been recommended that Bawdeswell has it's very own "Neighbourhood Watch" Scheme. Such a scheme offers many advantages, not to mention the possibility of cheaper insurance

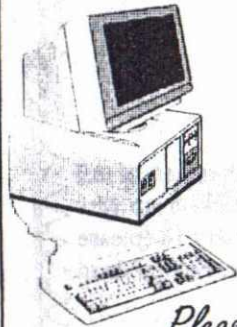
There are many things we can all do to protect our homes and hard earned possessions, the more people involved, the greater the protection

Watch out for further details, Watch out for each other

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Diary of Events

DATE	FUNCTION	VENUE	TIME
4 FEB	BAWDESWELL ROVERS V SCULTHORPE FOOTBALL MATCH	BAWDESWELL RECREATION GROUND	10.30AM
9 FEB	WILDLIFE POND PROJECT EVENING WITH KEITH SKIPPER	BAWDESWELL SCHOOL - HALL	7.30PM
26 FEB	BAWDESWELL VILLAGE HALL - PROMOTION MEETING	BAWDESWELL VILLAGE HALL	8.00PM
1 MAR	ILLUSTRATED TALK "A POND FOR ALL SEASONS" WITH REX HANCY	BAWDESWELL SCHOOL - HALL	7.30PM
15 MAR	JOHN LABOUCHERE'S EVENING - "THE ANDES ON HORSEBACK"	FOXLEY VILLAGE HALL (CHURCH ROOF FUND)	7.30PM
31 MAR	DUCKS & DAFFS EVENT ADVANCED NOTIFICATION	MAY TREE FARM (FOR BAWDESWELL CHURCH) MORE NEWS LATER!	1.30PM

Friends of Bawdeswell School

Happy New Year to everyone! during 1996 we are planning lots of fund raising events and will look forward to the pleasure of your company at some, if not all this years functions

We held an interesting and pleasant evening on January 25 where we enjoyed a Clarins make-up presentation. Sincere thanks to all those who attended.

Gill Straffon - Tel: 01362 688451

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SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY & EARLY MARCH 1996

Sunday 4 February

10.30 am

Holy Communion and Sunday School at Bawdeswell

6.00 pm

Evening Service at Foxley

Sunday 11 February

9.00 am

Holy Communion at Bawdeswell

10.30 am

Morning Prayer at Foxley

Sunday 18 February

9.00 am

Holy Communion at Foxley

10.30 am

Family Worship at Bawdeswell
(Beginning of Electoral Roll Revision)

Ash Wednesday 21 February

7.30 pm

Deanery Holy Communion at Weston Longville
Sermon Series on Luke's Gospel - I "Preparing the way"

Sunday 25 February

9.00 am

Morning Prayer at Bawdeswell

10.30 am

Holy Communion at Foxley
(Beginning of Electoral Roll Revision)

6.30 pm

Deanery Lent Service at Sparham II "Jesus comes to his home town"

Sunday 3 March

10.30 am

Holy Communion and Sunday School at Bawdeswell

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Deanery Lent Service at Foxley III "Called to be Disciples"

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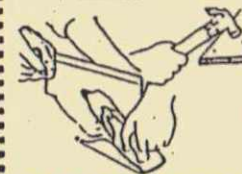
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