

THE RECTOR WRITES

It may be of interest to record some extracts from the Norwich Mercury of 1901 about the past history of Bawdeswell (Foxley next Month): I am indebted to Mr. George Anderson for Reepham for these.

BAWDESWELL

The Parish is spelt in a variety of ways in ancient records; e.g. Baldereswella, Baldeswell, Badswell, Bawswelle. Munford says that the prefix is the Old Norse 'Baldr' a personal name. Bawd and Baldr are the same, meaning 'bold', and Baldr is the name of a god in Northern mythology. The Anglo-Saxon Balder means a Prince and so the name may just mean 'Prince's spring', as 'well' means spring often enough.

Domesday Book says: "The land of Earl Alan:..in Baldereswella tweñve soemen (i.e. one who holds land in return for service), and they have 48 acres of land. Always two ploughs and a half, Pannage (i.e. enough food in the woods) for 10 hogs. Six furlongs in length and six in breadth, and pays 8½d to the Gelt. (A tax, like the old Danegeld)

In the Roll of Gaol Delivery at Norwich, before Richard Boyland, Hervey de Stanhow and Robert Baynard, Knights Justices, several (Bawdeswell) malefactors were indicted for trespass in Foxley Park. (So watch out ! Ed.) That was in 1283.

In 1672 there were 116 Hearths and Stoves taxed here, and in 1666 the Poll Tax realised £13.9s. This was at the rate of 1s. a head and £5 extra for an Esquire. The population was 546 in 1801, and only 392 in 1901.

At the time of the Norwich Domesday in the reign of Edward 1st. Baldeswelle All Saints was valued at 12 marks, and paid 6s. 8d.

Procurations (paid by the priest to the Archdeacon), 12s.

Synodals, and 8d. Peter's Pence (a tax to Rome).

In the Crown Pleas Roll about this date, it says that Henry, 'Clericus' (presumably Parich Clerk) of the Church of Baldeswell, killed Maurice de Thyrring, servant of the parson of the Parish, and fled.

The Rector also received 1s. 4d. out of the Rectory of Billingford. (Note: He doesn't now!)

Services for April

Anglican Bawdeswell

4th. 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion (1662) 11 a.m. Mattins
11th. (Palm Sunday) 9.45 a.m. Family Service (Series 3)
18th. Easter Day. 8.30 a.m. Communion 11 am. Mattins & H.C.
25th. 9.45 a.m. Family Service (Series 3)

Foxley

4th. 9.45 a.m. Family Service (Series 3)
11th. Palm Sunday. United Service. 11 a.m.
18th. Easter Day: Family Service 9.45. (Series 3)
25th. 11 a.m. See Methodist Services.

HOLY WEEK

Maundy Thursday, 15th. Foxley Holy Communion 10 a.m.
Bawdeswell Holy Communion 7.30 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY 1 Hour Devotion.

Foxley 12 noon. Bawdeswell 2 p.m.

Methodist

4th. Foxley 6.30 p.m.
11th. Bawdeswell 2.30 p.m. Foxley see Anglican above.
18th. Foxley 6.30 p.m.
25th. Bawdeswell 2.30 Holy Communion. Foxley 11. H. Communion.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS

BAWDESWELL: Monday 26th. April: FOXLEY: Wednesday 28th. April.

Both at the Rectory. Anyone is welcome, and all on the Church Electoral Roll can vote at these Meetings.

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COVENANTING

IF a). You want to support the Church: b). You pay Income Tax:
c). You want your gift to be worth more than half as much again
at no extra cost to you, you can achieve this by a Covenant.
Or if you don't pay Tax, but wish to give regularly through an
envelope, this too is a great help. In either case Peter
Walsh of Thistle Acre, the Street, Bawdeswell (Opposite the
Church) will be delighted to help you help us. Thank you.

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HEYWOOD GERARD BENSON FOLLAND, Priest.

Bawdeswell Church was crowded out for the funeral Service on 19th. March of the Reverend Gerard Folland, for 30 years Rector of the two Parishes, until his retirement just two years ago. In his Sermon, the Bishop paid tribute to a man of great scholarship, who undertook and completed the mammoth task of studying and listing the books and documents in every single church in this large Diocese, and through whose work many priceless records of the past, which would otherwise have been lost, will now be preserved for all time.

Gerard Folland gave 50 years of service to the Church, having been Ordained deacon in 1926, and one of the greatest tributes to him will always be the beautiful church in Bawdeswell, which owes so much to his inspiration. 'Si monumentum requiris, circumspice' - 'if you wish for a monument, look around' - is written on the simple tomb of Sir Christopher Wren in St. Paul's Cathedral; and the same is true of Bawdeswell, for Gerard Folland would have greatly disliked any memorial to himself, but only to the glory of God. We were very glad that Mrs. Folland, accompanied by her two daughters, was able, in spite of indifferent health, to attend the funeral. She too will be long remembered in the two Parishes, not least for the tremendous courage and zeal which she showed in fighting many battles on the District Council on behalf of the people here. She positively refused to take 'no' for an answer when she came across cases of hardship in housing or anything else, and many people owe their better conditions to her tenacity. We remember her and Margaret and Charis, and we commend his soul to God.

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JOHN PEACHMENT - aged 88 years

The funeral Service for Jack Peachment, formerly of the Hare & Hounds in Foxley, took place in Foxley Church on 15th. March. He left the village some 10 years ago, following the death of his wife, and since then has lived in London, to be near relations. For many years he attended Foxley Church, and kept it warm as honorary stoker; and he is remembered with affection by all who knew him. May he rest in peace.

BESSIE ELSDEN - aged 70

The Funeral Service for Bessie Elsdén of Foxley took place on 23rd. March, at St. Faith's Crematorium, following her death after a short stay in Hospital. She had spent nearly all her life in these two villages, coming to Bawdeswell, where her father owned the Bell, when she was ten, and moving to Foxley 50 years ago when she got married. She was a considerable pianist in her younger days, but for the past five years had suffered a great deal; during her illness she was cared for with great devotion by her husband and son. Our sympathy to them, and to all who mourn for her.

GEORGE PAYNE - aged 83

We record with sorrow the death on 27th. March of George Payne of Priory House, Bawdeswell. The whole of his working life until retirement was spent with the Great Western Railway in the days when the ambition of every small boy was to be an engine driver; and he worked up from a cleaner to the position of Superintendent Inspector. At the end of his working career, he and his wife ran a small business for some six years, before buying Priory House, and settling down to Norfolk life. For a number of years he suffered from poor health, but retained his cheerfulness and courage to the end. Our deep sympathy with his widow, and with all his friends.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

We are asked to say that Mr. R.A. Bugdale, a former resident of Bawdeswell, who has been living at Kenway, Norwich, has now moved to Beechcroft, Blackhouse Close, Sprowston Road, and would be delighted to see visitors.

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OUR SYMPATHY with Percy (Jim) Elsdén, who sustained serious injuries recently when he fell from a lorry, and caught his ankle, sustaining badly torn ligaments and serious bruising. We wish him a speedy recovery.

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FOXLEY VILLAGE HALL

The Salvation Army Gospel Service on 2nd.March was a great success, and the Hall was packed out. The proceeds -£22.05 were divided equally between the Church, the Chapel and the Salvation Army. Thanks especially to the Army, and also to all who halped to make the refreshments.

Phase One of the Hall improvements - the Ladies Toilets - is nearing completion, and should be in use by Friday, April 2nd.

DANCES

The Dance on 19th.March raised £72.93 for Hall funds.

April Dances are; COUNTRY & WESTERN

FRIDAY, April 2nd. to Patsy Powell & The Good Timers,
supported by Counry Harvest

FRIDAY April 20th. to 'Strange Blend'.

THE EASTER FAIR will take place in the Hall on Saturday, 10..April starting at 2.30 p.m.

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THE YOUTH CLUB

This has got off to a good start, and now has something over 30 Members. It meets on Thursday evenings in Bawdeswell Village Hall, and is open to people from Bawdeswell, Foxley and Sparham.

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THE SERVICES IN FOLLAND COURT

The Services in April will be:

Monday, 12th.April, 10 a.m. Holy Communion

Monday, 26th.April, 10 a.m. Hymns & Readings.

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WE WERE SORRY TO HEAR that Susie Ames had to be taken off to Hospital rather suddenly, but we are glad to hear that she is now much better again.

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STORIES FROM THE SCHOOLUnwanted - by Denise Laken - aged 9

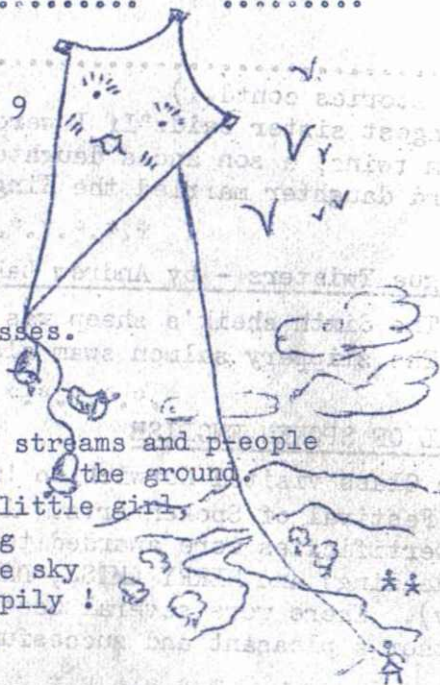
I'd love to be a kite
up in the sky so high;
I would have bells
on my tail

They would ring in the breeze
Just like the bells on fairies dresses.

I would fly over clouds
up in the sky
over valleys and mountains and streams and people
walking like little flies on the ground.

I would have the face of a pretty little girl,
People would wonder WHY I am flying
about in the sky
so happily!

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Little Fairies - Jane Webster - aged 10

Little fairies, little fairies, don't be afraid.
I only want to talk to you; I want to hear your voice.
They are so sweet. I like your wings.
How do you dance? I think you do it so daintily,
Little fairies, don't run away. Come out into the open to
see more people.

No, we cannot live here. Soon they ran away.

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Fairy Tales of Greece - by Michael Wright - aged 10

There was someone; there was no one; there were, they say,
three sisters.
One day the first said: "If I were to marry the King, I would
weave him a carpet so large that all his army would not be able
to cover it." The second said: "If I were to marry the King,
I would weave him a cloth so long that if you stood on one end,
you would not be able to see the other end."

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The youngest sister said: "If I were to marry the King, I would give him twins, a son and a daughter."
The third daughter married the King!

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Two Tongue Twisters - by Andrew Laken.

The Sixth sheik's sheep was sick.
The slippery salmon swam slowly.

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FESTIVAL OF SPOKEN ENGLISH

The Top Class visited Norwich on 16th. March to take part in the County Festival of Spoken Arts. All performed well, and First Class Certificates were awarded to JOANNA AMES (Poetry and Prose Reading) and KERRY AMISS, DAWN BUCKINGHAM and GLYNIS WRIGHT, (Poetry). There were several Second Class Certificates also. Altogether a pleasant and succesful day for all.

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ODDS & ENDS

WE ARE SORRY that William Farrow of Foxley is far from well, and is now in Aylsham Hospital.

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WE ARE GLAD to hear that Ted Webster is now able to be back at work again after a speeloff with a slipped disk or something like it.

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THE SPRING FAIR at Folland Court achieved a remarkable success in raising something over £70 in just over an hour. Congratulations to all who worked so hard. It was a happy occasion.

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BEST WISHES to Jackie Ferry and Malcolm Fisher as they prepare for their wedding in Bawdeswell Church on 24th. April.

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THE REEVE'S TALE, published by the Rector, is free to all in the two villages: donations may be given to Mr. Winterbone at the School or to Derek Webster at Foxley P.O. Our thanks to those who have given so far.

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