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## The Rector Writes

#### CHRISTIAN AID

In 1974 the 'nited Nations set a target figure for its member countries, especially those in the western world, in which they asked them to try to give 0.7% of the Gross National Product to help to easy the burdens of human suffering in countries less fortunate than themselves. We in this country only succeeded in giving just over half that sum, in 1976 0.38% and last year much the same, in fact only just over half of our target figure.

All the more reason, then, for the voluntary Societies to raise as much as they can, so that the gap between what we do give as a Nation and what we ought to give is as small as is possible This is why once again we will be observing Christian Aid Week from 15th.- 20th.May, and why during that week volunteers will be coming round with envelopes asking for your help: any donation, however shall, will be welcome; but please only give to an adult collector, who will have an official permit.

## How will your gift be spent ?

Some small part of it will probably be held in reserve, so that there is something available to help in cases of sudden and unexpected disasters in poverty-stricken areas - floods, earthquakes and so forth, so that the necessities of life can be sent at a moment's notice to where they are needed: but . the greater part will be spent, not in food and clothing and the like, which will quickly be used up, but rather in schemes through which people will be able to help themselves, and as a result of which your gift will go on helping for many years to come. For example, Christian Aid <u>could</u> spend its money on rice for people to eat: in fact it normally would spend it on subsidising the building of dams and water channels so that desert land could be irrigated, and so that people could grow their own rice.

So I hope that we will all give generously, and beat last year's splendid total.

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# Church Services for May

Methodist:Rev.Ivor Claydon, 31, Trinity Close, Dereham Tel(9)5528 7th. Bawdeswell: 2.30. C.Edgell.

Foxley: 11amD.Fisher.

14th. Foxley: . 6.30 p.m. Miss Fisher

21st. Bawdeswell: 2.30 p.m. Rev.W.G.T.Westgate Foxley: 11 a.m. Parish Church: 2.30.Family Service 28th. Foxley: 6.30 p.m. R.Chappell.

Roman Cathodic.Fr.Peter Marsh: Catholic Church House, 35,London Road, Dereham.Tel.(9)4006 Mass each Sunday: RAF Swanton Morley 9.00 a.m. Dereham Catholic Church 10.30 & 6.30.

Anglican: Canon Tim Townshend: Foxley Rectory. Tel. 397.

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May 15th. Prayer Group. 10 a.m.

May 29th. Holy Communion 10 a.m.

Wednesday, 3rd.May. Deanery Confirmation:Wood Norton, 7.30 p.m. Thursday, May 4th.ASCENSION DAY.Holy Communion; Bawdeswell 10. Tuesday 9th. May. Archdeacon's Visitation.Worstead; 7.30 p.m.

# GERTRUDE PAYNE aged 76

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We mecord with sorrow the death on Sunday, April 2nd. of Gertrude Payne of Priory House, Bawdeswell, after a mercifully short illness.

It is just two years since her husband George died, and it is certain that she never fully got over this loss: but she made a new life for herself, and was greatly interested in the life of the village.

She and her gusband were London people, and did not come to Norfolk until his retirement, but they developed a great love for the peace and quiet of village life, and often said that they would never wish to go back.

Sadly they had no children of their own, though they had a great love for children, who were always assured of a warm welcome in their home.

Our sympathy goes to the niece and her family: may she regt in peace.

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#### CONFIRMATION

Our prayers will be with six people from Bawdeswell who will be Confirmed on Wednesday, 3rd. May in the Deanery Confirmation, which takes place in Wood Norton Church, and which will be taken by the Bishop of Thetford, the Rt.Reverend Hugh Blackburne.

Our Candidates are: Linda and Debbie Barnes(Mother and daughter), Joanna and Susan Ames, Glynnis Wright and Paul Buckingham, and we would especially commend them to the prayers of our congregations.

There will be eighteen other Candidates from other Parishes in the Deanery, five from Reepham, four each from Weston, Lyng and Wood Norton, and one from Guestwick, and I am sure that we will think of them as well.

The Service is of course open to any who may care to come along, and they will be very welcome. The time is 7.30 p.m. Page 5 .................

## BAWDESWELL & FOXLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

We were sorry that Mrs.Scale's visit to our W.I. had once again to be postponed, this time due to illness: a letter has been sent to her on behalf of us all, wishing her a speedy recovery.

We were very grateful to Mr.Loose who agreed to be our Speaker at such short notice; his subject,"My garden through the year" illustrated by beautiful slides, was greatly enjoyed by all present.

Mrs.Collet, our delegate to the County A.G.M. gave a lively report on the proceedings and delighted us all. The Coffee Morning on 12th.April at Mill House, Foxley, was a great success, and made no less than £57 for W.I. Funds. Our sincere thanks to our hostess, Mrs.Hepburn Wright, and to all who worked so hard and who gave the lovely cakes and gifts for the stalls.

The next Committee Meeting will be held at Mrs.Loose's house on Tuesday, 2nd.May, at 7.30 p.m.

The next Monthly Meeting will be held in Bawdeswell Village Hall on Monday, 8th, May at 7.45 p.m., when we hope to welcome Mrs.Downton back to the Institute which she formed last Movember; and we hope that she will be accompanied by another V.C.O. who will explain to us the Resolutions which are due to be debated at the Annual General Meeting to be held in the Albert Hall in June.

Future dates for your diaries: June 12th. Mrs.Jefford: Crochet and Suede July 10th. Lady Margaret Barry and Mrs.Smith:

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Talk: "Above and Below the Salt"

(Editor's Note: <u>Very</u> strongly recommended) September 11th. Mr.John Kett:

entertains with Norfolk Song and Verse.

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BAWDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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BAWDESWELL VILLAGE HALL

Monday, 22nd. May, 1978

7 p.m.

This will be followed by:

A Meeting of the Bawdeswell Heath Trustees

It is hoped that as many parishioners will attend both these Meetings.

WASTE PAPER

Many thanks to those who havedelivered Waste Paper to the Collection Centres, which are located at the dwellings of:

Mrs.Curtis - Norwich Road

Mrs.Ames, Barwick House, the Street, Mr.Sparkes, Dereham Road. Keep the good work going !

AWAITING A BIRTH - contributed by Mrs.Holmes Two years ago I wrote an Article with the above Title, and since than Susie, our lovely brood mare has had two more colts.

'Confidence' was born on 20th.April, almost black with a white star, and I was there when she came into the world. All our foals have the prefix 'Cuttings' and so far we have had 'Coyrage','Caprice', 'Candy' and now 'Confidence'.This name was given the foal by Katrina Carter, although she is no longer with us. We hope hat she will be pleased to know that the name has not been changed. Page 7 .....

### FOXLEY VILLAGE HALL

Our warmest thanks to Jimmy Elsden for putting on a Country & Western Dance on 31st.March in aid of Church and Chapel Funds. This raised the splendid total of £42.52.

He is running another Dance for the Church and Chapel Funds on 19th.May.

The Dance for Village Hall Funds on 21st.April raised £69.33.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr.& Mrs.Jack Lane who are now grandparents: their son Peter and his wife Sheila have a daughter, born on 4th.April, Jessica Elizabeth.

REEPHAM TENNIS CLUB All new Members welcome. Club nights: Tuesdays: Beginners; Thursdays; Children Saturday mornings.

If you are interested, please contact Heather Davis, Moor Farm, Foxley. Tel.Bawdeswell 217.

# ITS A DOG'S LIFE !

#### Non-productive

Mr. & Mrs.Winter of The Elms, Foxley, would like to apologise for the amorous proclivities of their dog, Fred. His masculinity has now been removed, but he still has his memories !



