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HAPPY NEW YEAR !

1982 was an eventful year in Bawdeswell and Foxley with a new village sign and seat for Bawdeswell and a new bus shelter and notice boards for Foxley. During the year Whybrows shop closed, and we welcomed Tony Goodrich and Family to the Post Office Stores. SS

On one unfortunate night Burglars struck at all three village shops. The weather was none too kind with a very cold start to the year, a poor summer and an exceptionally wet autumn.

Most of the village organisations had a successful year with events being well supported, but the occasional event was hit by the dreaded 'Bawdeswell Apathy', it is to be hoped this will not put off organisers this year.

For 1983 we look forward to a village produce show again, and the Mammoth flower festival now being planned. Foxley village hall committee are now well on the way to making improvements to their hall, and we wish them luck.

During these long dark nights we hear talk of 'Street Lighting', and how nice it would be too! Nobody wants the village to be lit up like Piccadilly, but the odd well placed light would surely help. Your thoughts on this one would be most welcome.

Donations at our box in the Post Office Stores came to £10.82 during December, thank-you very much. Deadline for the next issue is January 22nd.

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New Year - New Hopes - New Faith ?

Well, once again it's time to write an article for a new year magazine edition. In many ways I feel that there's a kind of artificial division that we place in our minds about a 'new year'. After all morning follows the previous night, just like any other day of the year - but perhaps that reflects upbringing in a family that didn't bother to 'see the new year in' - Val and I still don't !

When we look at the Bible we find things said about the God that we worship that also reflect a changeness and a constancy, e.g. 'I am Alpha and Omega, and First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.', (Revelation 22.13) and 'Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever' (Hebrew 13:8) to name but two quotations. In a world that is constantly changing, and at a rate that has never been experienced by the human race before, those of us with a faith, like to cling on to the fact that there is a One who is Unchanging and Enduring.

But at the same time, the changes in the world happen and do affect us, whether we like it or not: sometimes for good sometimes for bad. My Grandmother at 95 - born before the invention of the motor car, (she remembers the first one coming to her village in Suffolk), enjoys Television: having constant hot water: and heat readily available at the flick of a switch. I doubt though that she relishes the thought that she could be blasted out of existence and the rest of us with her at the touch of a button.

There is however, a coming together of my two strands of thought - in that although God is constant - constant love, constant goodness, constant judge - He constantly seeks to change and renew us. (Behold I make all things New' (Revelation 21:5). The process begins when the Holy Spirit starts to work in a person - very often he or she is unaware of any such a happening.. then comes the point of conversion (and there is no true Christian Faith without conversion from the ways of the world and towards the ways of the Lord).

St Paul expressed the result of conversion in this way... Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new is come'. A further result is a new joy, almost inexpressible and indescribable to those who have not experience it; new love, new attitudes, that only God can give. The Psalmist expressed his joy in the Lord in words like 'Sing to the Lord a new Song, for he has done marvellous things'. Ps 98 and 'Clap your hands, all you nations shout to God with cries of joy' Ps 47.

So which way are you going to go this year ? Are you going to allow the changes of this world to drag you under ? Or are you going to frust in the constant love of God as revealed in Jesus and let him make a new creation of you, and give you new joy, strength, vitality, come what may. Jesus said, 'I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world' (John 16:33)

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Some Notes from the Bawdeswell PCC

With the difficulty that the PCC has been experiencing in raising the funds to pay 'The Quota' to the Diocese of Norwich Board of Finance, it was wondered if there were persons in the village, who whilst not being regular church attenders necessarily, would like to have a set of envelopes, dated for each week so that they might put away a regular sum to give to the work of the Church. If this idea appeals to you, would you please let the Rector know or the Treasurer, Mrs Olive Curtis, Cursden, Norwich Road.

There is to be a spring sale in March - details to follow

There is to be a Flower Festival in October, with a Festival Evening Service on October 2nd at 6.30pm. The Preacher will be Canon Berek Osborne, Vicar of Cromer. Any offers of help with the massive arrangements for the flower festival itself to Mrs Irene Ames, Barwick House, please.

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Bawdeswell and Foxley Playgroup

The month of December was a very busy time for playgroup, beginning with a coffee morning on 7th December to which we invited children from neighbouring playgroups. There was also a selection of clothes on sale from the Kiddi-Klobba range and playgroup benefited from the proceeds.

The next event was the Nativity Play on 14th December. We are very grateful to all those who came along on a cold morning to support the children and I am sure you will all agree that it was a wonderful occasion. Thank-you to Bridget and Dorothy for working so hard, and thanks also to Stephanie Rickett for providing musical accompaniment on her guitar.

On the last day of term, 16th December, we held our Christmas party. Sandwiches, Cakes, Crisps and jellies were consumed with great gusto, all washed down with plenty of orange squash! After a few games the children prepared themselves for a visit from Father Christmas, whose arrival was heralded by the singing of 'Away in a Manger'.

Having handed out presents to all, Father Christmas departed to prepare for his busiest time yet, and the children happily left for home. Many thanks to all those who provided food and help for the party.

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Foxley Village Hall Committee

Fund raising

The efforts towards the redecoration and repairs to the village Hall have made very good progress with the following results.

October Disco Dance	£106.50
November Disco Dance	33.00
Coffee Morning-Joan Parfitt's	82.05
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Bawdeswell & Foxley W.I.

The Victorian decor of the Old Rectory ,Bawdeswell provided exactly the right atmosphere for the Christmas dinner which I am sure was much enjoyed by all the members present. After dinner our usual presentations took place. For the most points gained in competitions during 1982 the Presidents Shield and first prize went to Mrs. D.Marquand, 2nd. to Mrs. J.Jarvis, and 3rd. to Mrs. G. Lowe. The Silver Cup which was given by Mrs. S.Lilwall for the Bawdeswell & Foxley W.I. member who gained most points at our annual Produce Show was won by Mrs. G.Lowe and Mrs. M.Parfitt jointly.

I was rendered speechless by a surprise gift to me supposedly for all my hard work which would be useless if it were not for the super team work by the committee and W.I. members.

I happened to meet our speaker for March, Mrs. Mary Law, she said that she enjoyed coming to our institute because we were such a friendly crowd.

Our next meeting will be held on Monday 10th. January in Bawdeswell Village Hall at 7.45pm. Our speaker will be Mr. Christopher Hanson-Smith, and his subject is the National Trust. We feel that this programme is of special interest, so we open this meeting to any husband or friends of members and indeed to anyone who would care to come along as a visitor.

The competition for members is ... an advertisement for the National Trust. Refreshments this month provided by Mrs. D.Marquand and Mrs. G.Wright.

There will be the usual Bring and Buy Stall.

May I take this opportunity of wishing you all a Happy New Year.

Irene Ames

Bawdeswell School News

1982 now gone - and what a super year it was !!! Our first successful Football Tournament. Girls Hockey Team getting into their stride and doing well - great hopes for the Norfolk Hockey Tournament in February.

More youngsters than ever are gaining their swimming certificates.

Your children, keen, and enthusiastic, are producing excellent work. A very happy environment for us all - occasionally we get the wee upset - just like home!

Our open evening was well attended and the Christmas Bazaar raised some £67.

The Dr. Barnado's collection raised £19.10

The children performed and sang exceedingly well at the Christmas concert. Snow White was enchanting - being given a new lease of life by a handsome Prince Charming. Some sixteen recorder players entertained.

Their progress has been remarkable - t'is well for the future. The afternoon finished with the traditional Nativity Play.

Uncle Mall had the children crying with laughter at the Childrens Party. School year ended with a surprise visit from Father Christmas.

School visit to Mother Goose at the Theatre Royal, Norwich on Thursday 20th January.

May we wish you all a very happy and Prosperous New Year.

Harold Pyne

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Bawdeswell Parish Council

The much looked forward break from council meeting during December, alas came to an abrupt end, due to the receipt of another planning application, and a meeting was held on Monday 20th. Items covered were:-

1 Planning 3/82/2423 A.Haynes. Reepham Road. Garage extension
P.C. observation: This will tidy up the end of the dwelling which had been left for an intended extension.

3/82/3497 Mr R. Dewing. Adjoining Post Office.
Renewal of Erection of three dwellings.
P.C. Observation: No objection to this renewal of previous application.

3/82/3544 Mrs O. Adams. Reepham Road.
Alterations and extension.

P.C. Observation. No objection to this improvement to the dwelling.

3/82/3614 Mrs J. Hatfield. Part o.s. 109, Reepham Road.
Erection of one dwelling.

P.C. Observation:- Residents find it necessary to be guided out onto this dangerous stretch of road, due to lack of visibility. Until road widening improvements are implemented it is not considered a suitable site for a new dwelling in this area.

Bus Shelters

Estimates for laying concrete bases for the two shelters have been received but one more is awaited, and then the lowest tender will be accepted, and on early progress, subject to weather conditions will take place.

Street Lighting

It was reported that Mrs Tavender wanted to know why the Parish was without Street lighting and that if the Parish Council were not interested in this matter, she intended doing something about it herself.

The Parish Council would like to remind parishioners that this matter was thoroughly investigated, and finally in May 1976 at an A.G.M. with the cost for village lighting at a figure of £3675 it was unanimously rejected. That was the result of three years inter department investigating, planning, and interviews between Eastern Electricity, N.C.C., B.D.C. and our parish council.

Bawdeswell Over 60's Club

We have been having our usual enjoyable meetings including a Christmas Whist Drive.

On February 3rd we will be having an outing to see the pantomime in Norwich. There is a spare seat available - if anyone is interested please contact Mrs Nobbs, Mrs Melton or any of the members.

We were all saddened by the death of Miss Fortune, she will be greatly missed.

Coffee Morning

Jan Turner must feel pleased at the success of her coffee morning which made £50.60 for Bawdeswell Church. No one guessed the name of the doll which was Jean so it was proposed that she be renamed and entered in the next fund raising event for Bawdeswell Church. Thank you Jan for your effort on behalf of the church. Thanks to everyone who gave donations, cakes, goodies and supported the coffee Morning by just being there.

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Poppy Appeal

Unfortunately the result of the house to house collecting did not reach me in time for the December Reeves Tale, but better late than never, here it is now and quite a pleasing result for our village. House to house collections £40.16. Donation for wreath £7.20. Church collection £14.83. Although not the final total when I last heard. £402.48 has already been collected which I understand is a record for our area.

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ANGLICAN SERVICES OF WORSHIP

Jan 02	Foxley	Holy Communion, Prayer Book	0830
	B'well	Holy Communion, Modern	0945
	Foxley	United Service at the Chapel	1100
Jan 09	B'well	Family Service, Informal	0945
	Foxley	Morning Prayer (Short)	1100
	Foxley	Holy Communion (Short)	1145
Jan 16	B'well	Holy Communion, Prayer Book	0830
	Foxley	Holy Communion, Modern	0945
	B'well	Morning Prayer, Prayer Book	1100
Jan 23	Foxley	Informal Family Service	0945
	B'well	Morning Prayer (Short)	1100
	B'well	Holy Communion (Short)	1145
Jan 30	B'well	Family Communion, Joint Service	
		Modern	1030
	Foxley	Evening Prayer, Prayer Book	
		Joint Service	1830

METHODIST SERVICES FOR JANUARY * *

Jan 02	Foxley	Mr Adams	United Service	1100
	B'well		at Bintree	
Jan 09	Foxley	Rev A.L.Jones	Covenant Service	1100
	B'well	Mr. Davis		1430
Jan 16	Foxley	Mr. Potter		1430
Jan 23	Foxley	Mr. I. Fisher		1100
	B'well	Mrs. Butcher		1430
Jan 30	Foxley	Mr. Hicks		1430

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WANTED . . . TIME

Time to have my close friends in to drink a cup of tea,
 Time to read the book of verse my sister sent to me.
 Time to sort my linens out and stack them in neat rails;
 Time to look my scrap o'er and work with rhyme and prose.
 Time to bake some muffins for the boy who mows our lawn;
 Time to listen to the lark at mornings early dawn.
 Time to cut pink roses for a neighbour living near;
 Time to plan the garden I have wanted for all year.
 Time to breakfast leisurely and scan the paper through.. .
 Time, just to do the things I really want to do.

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