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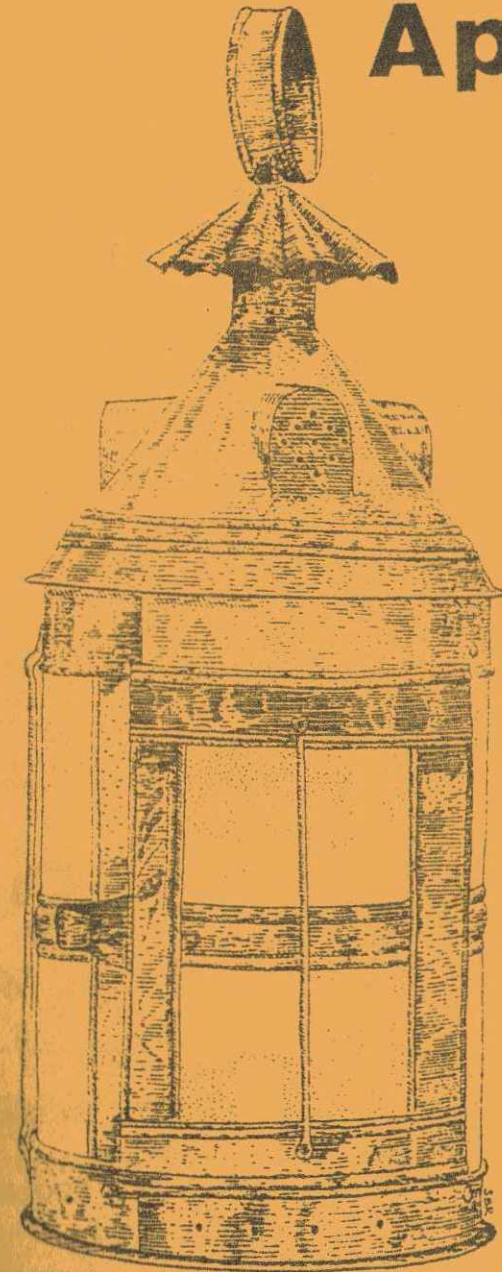
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EDITOR'S LETTER

Spring is here as the crocus and snowdrops give way to daffodils and as I sit down to compose my first editorial, I wonder what I have let myself in for. "Isn't our Rector persuasive?" The Reeves Tale appears as promised, although to get it out on April Fool's Day, I ask you. You those that do not know me I shall be giving a resume of myself over a few issues. I was born in 1933 at Little Walsingham, Norfolk, I attended the local Primary Schools until 15 years of age when I commenced work with the Eastern Electricity Board as a trainee assisting the electricians rewiring Holkham Hall. I played football, cricket and tennis for Walsingham To be continued.

THANKS TO THE TEAM

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Thanks to the Rector for managing to obtain butter and cheese for the Senior Citizens in the parish. Please send in your snippets of news, including new arrivals and departures from the village. Thanks for your donations collected from the Mace Shop which amounted to over £45 these are always welcome. Last date for news and adverts in the next issue is 16 April. Leonard Neil, 7 All Road, Bawdeswell. Tel: 303 Editor

A VOTE OF THANKS

To Mr and Mrs J. Ames, Mrs O. Curtis and Mr Neil for giving their time on Wednesday afternoons to distribute the EEC Butter and Cheese. I am sure I speak for all recipients when I say it is much appreciated. NON

RURAL NOTES To Iron or Not to Iron

In March 1894, The Rev Whitwell Elwin of Booton wrote: "To iron everything is weary work for the poor mothers, I have bought what is reputed to be the best mangle going, and have set it up in the village this very day. We tested its capabilities by mangling a tablecloth (the work of a minute) and comparing it with a well-ironed duplicate, and the mangled specimen had a hollow victory, the exceeding delight of the assembled community".
 A communal mangle in Booton! Anyone heard of the like in Bawdeswell or Foxley? ROSE ELDER

Foxley Rectory
April 1987

Dear Friends

Len Neil and I have just spent a fascinating morning with the lady who is going to cut the electro-stencils which are needed to produce the advertisements in the Reeves Tale. The equipment, from Word-processor to three very active duplicators, indicated to us just how important the printed word is in conveying news in our locality. Her help has proved invaluable in re-launching the Reeves Tale this month and it certainly brought home to me the value of grass-roots communication. That was something which was present that first Easter. Jesus' friends and followers began to share among themselves the joyful news of his resurrection. Words of encouragement and peace took hold of their lives and they came to realise the full implication of the message - Jesus is alive. In time, of course, when word of mouth proved inadequate in conveying the message, the written word speeded its progress and brought the Good News to this land of ours. We can rejoice in our freedom to read the Gospel accounts of that first Easter with it's reminder that Jesus instructs us to share it with others. Don't let God's word to us remain a closed book in your household; pick up a New Testament and made time to read even just the shortest gospel account of Jesus' life, as recorded by Mark. Grass-roots communication can really make a difference to our lives especially when the message is coming from God. May I wish you all a Happy and Joyous Easter and extend a warm invitation to the Easter services.

Yours most sincerely, Grahame Humphries

Eileen and Paul Larwood and their family would like to say a reluctant farewell to all their friends and acquaintances in both villages, and you will always be sure of a welcome at their new home at 3 Regent Close, Toftwood. Tel Dereham 66290. We will have many happy memories of Bawdeswell, which we will always treasure.

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BAWDESWELL PLAYGROUP

Hello everybody! Have you missed your monthly village magazine? I personally will be pleased to hear the Reeve's Tale drop through the letter box again.

As you have probably guessed, we are still in operation. At the moment we are busily preparing for Easter. Due to popular demand we are holding a "Nearly New Clothes Sale" again combined with our Coffee Morning, this event will take place on Thursday 9th April 1987, from 10.30 to 12 noon. Watch out for posters at the Post Office and General Stores.

Birthday Greetings go to Oscar Watling who will be 4 years old on March 24th 1987.

I would like to express some belated thanks to everybody who made our Christmas Bazar successful. Special thanks to Rev. Humphries for conducting the Christmas Draw.

Ottilie Barber

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BAWDESWELL CHURCH FLOWERS

Gifts of flowers, greenery and help to decorate the church for Easter on Saturday 18th April would be much appreciated, the Church will be open from 9.30 a.m.

Bawdeswell Church Flower Rota

Mrs C Curtis	Saturdays	May 2nd & 9th
Mrs S Lilwall	"	May 16th & 23rd
Mrs G Vince	"	May 30th
Mrs G Lowe	"	June 6th & 13th
Mrs J Mossman	"	June 20th & 27th
Mrs H Holmes	"	July 4th & 11th
Mrs C Curtis	"	July 18th & 25th
Mrs S Lilwall	"	August 1st & 8th
Mrs G Tym	"	August 15th & 22nd
Mrs G Vince	"	August 29th
Mrs H Holmes	"	September 5th & 12th
Misses M & C Joice	"	September 19th & 26th

Our thanks once again to Miss Celia Joice whose magic touch with Cyclamen does much to cheer us through the winter months.

The W.I. Meeting was held on Monday March 9th at Bawdeswell Village Hall, when the speaker was Mrs Kirk, who gave us a history and brief outline of Hereldry and Coats of Arms. Her sense of humour was infectious and we all had a good laugh.

Teas were served by Mrs P Sayer and Mrs N Lucas. The Raffle was won by Mrs A Musseil and the Competition for the best imaginary Coat of Arms was won by Mrs H Loose. Our next meeting is on April 13th when Mr Alan Hales will tell us how to invest money and make your capital grow, maybe a few mysteries will be explained. Anyone is welcome to come along, menfold especially, and of course questions are invited.

The Group Meeting is to be held at Bintree Village Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday April 8th. The entertainment is by "Flair" a trio of ladies who sing light heartedly to their Guitars. Let me know if you need transport to get there.

Our Jumble Sale is now to be held on Saturday April 25th at 2pm in Bawdeswell Village Hall. There will be a Cake Stall, Raffle and Teas. Any Jumble can be collected from now on, or brought to the Hall the morning of the Sale.

Ring Bawdeswell 524

Gladys Lowe

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DETAILS OF FOXLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 30TH JANUARY 1987 AT VILLAGE HALL

Items Discussed

Surveyors Land - Precept - Highways - Tree Planting - Battle for Breckland - Foul Drainage in Foxley Village.

Planning Application - For new vehicular way to Paddock, Mr J Venworth.

You will now be aware on the forthcoming elections in the village. Please use your right to vote for the councillor of your choice.

Next meeting March 20th 1987 at Village Hall.

Marjorie De'ath, Parish Clerk

BAWDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Bawdeswell Parish Council Meeting on Monday, 16th February, 1987 in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Councillors R. Eglinton (Chairman), Irene Ames, J. Ames, Olive Curtis and V. Ward. Also present Janet Hatley, B.D.C. representative and three parishioners. Apologies from Councillors A. Smith and P. Kane. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 19th January, 1987 were taken as read, agreed and then signed.

MATTERS ARISING

Recreation Maintenance

Clerk gave details of tenders received, and after discussing the matter, Councillor Ward suggested the item be deferred to the Recreation Committee for review before deciding which tender was acceptable.

Councillor Smith, through the Clerk, has requested advice on surplus items remaining from fencing off the grounds. It was agreed items should be advertised and disposed of locally for an acceptable return for funds.

Best Kept Village Competition

The 17 posters have been returned by the Clerk to Mr. J. Cox, Headmaster, Bawdeswell School, thanking him again for arranging the children's efforts and hoping something similar could be arranged for the forthcoming competition due to commence 1st May, 1987. Parishioners are requested generally to assist the Village Scheme with voluntary help tidying up open spaces, Church Yard, Cemetery, etc.

Norfolk Link

It was decided not to order extra copies of the Norfolk County Association of Parish Councils' News Letter for circulation to Councillors, as has been the practice to date.

Planning

3/86/1612. M.A. Elsdon. New dwelling, The Street.

B.D.C. Observations: Planning permission granted.

The development must be carried out in strict accordance with the application form, plans, drawings and other details submitted or provided by the applicant as amended, by the documents referred to above. The access should be laid out and constructed, prior to the commencement of the use of work on site to the satisfaction of the Local Planning Authority in conjunction with the Highways Authority, in the interest of Highway safety.

3/87/0164. Local Developments. Cottage style dwelling and garages, Black Horse Meadow.

B.D.C. Observations: It is requested that access into the area off the Main Street, be made up before further building is commenced, due to mud, etc. conveyed on vehicle movements.

Reeve's Tale

On the re-issues of the Reeve's Tale anticipated for April, 1987, items of news for inclusion must be submitted by the 15th of the month. With this in view, it is necessary for Parish Council meetings to be re-programmed to the FIRST MONDAY in the month instead of the third as at present, and this has been arranged to commence with effect from Monday, 6th April, 1987.

Finance

Councillor J. Ames raised the question regarding clarification of the 1p. rate scheduled for 1987/88 period. The Clerk stated the increase would be between .2 and .3% of a 1p. rate, but he would check the figures.

BAWDESWELL SCHOOL

Miss Margaret Joyce, Parish Council School Governor representative, had paid a visit to the School, and reported the day attendance to be 62 children.

C.W. Sparkes
Parish Clerk

Parish Council Election

Application forms will be available from the Parish Clerk for Parishioners of Bawdeswell Village who wish to apply for nomination as Parish Councillors. Applications to be submitted by 6th April, 1987 for the election which is due on Thursday, 7th May, 1987.

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It was agreed that the tender submitted by the County Playing Fields Grounds Service be accepted for the 1987 Season. Councillor Smith informed that there were dead elm trees in the far boundary hedge, and it was agreed under his supervision they be cut down and disposed of.

Best Kept Village Competition

Voluntary efforts of parishioners with Committee members in the erection of fencing on the recreation grounds and along road approach, would be an item for observation by the Judges of the Competition.

Planning

3/86/1393. Forster & Mann Ltd. Erection 5 dwellings garages and site works.

B.D.C. Observations: Planning permission granted. The access and parking area shall be laid out and constructed prior to the commencement of the use, to the satisfaction of the Local Planning Authority in conjunction with the Highway Authority.

3/87/0274. E.B. Ingram. Change of use Barn to Residential The Street.

B.D.C. Observations: As this application is linked with that of 3/87/0164, the request would apply to both applications, that is, the access be made up before further building work is undertaken.

Norfolk Rural Advice and Information Project

A request has been received from this project for support from Parish Councils in the form of letters addressed to

District Councils for them to assist in the running costs of the scheme. Otherwise Advice Bureaux like that at Dereham would have to close. Janet Hatley stated assistance was already given to support some areas, but agreed full coverage is needed. It was decided Parish Council will support the scheme and request District Council to help with financial aid.

Parish Council Meetings

Due to Parish Council Elections being held on 7th May, 1987, it will be necessary to revert to the third Monday, 18th May, 1987 when the Parish Councils Annual General Meeting will take place in the Village Hall at the usual time of 7.30 p.m. April's meeting will be on the first Monday, 6th and from June onwards the first Monday in the month is the day. Please make a note, they are open meetings, so why not come along and take an interest in your Parish affairs.

Any Other Business

Highways

Councillor J. Ames referred to road work repairs needed for pot-holes in The Street, and this applied also to other areas in the village. Clerk to contact Highways Authority also Building Contractors in the village.

Surveyors Pits

Councillor Ward enquired if it was still desired that earth could be deposited on site in Reepham Road by a Building Contractor working on Black Horse Meadow site. Confirmed it was permitted.

EDITOR'S NOTE

In future editions, we will be carrying just notes of Council Meetings, together with details of Planning Applications.

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NOTE No refuse collection in Bawdeswell on 20th April. 2 bags will be left previous week for collection on 27th April.

RING OUT THOSE BELLS

No this is not an item left over from the Christmas edition! but rather a brief report to say that the bells of Foxley Church can once again be rung in safety after the completion of the Tower repairs. Hopefully by the time you read this they should have been heard again as plans for a visiting team on Mothering Sunday (29th March) are in hand. Their ringing serves as further proof of the tremendous support we received during Phase I of the repairs, so once again thank you to all concerned.

Incidentally you may like to listen out for them again next month on 16th May when they are due to mark the occasion of a local wedding!

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Foxley Church was packed on Sunday 8th March for the Funeral Service of the late Mr Norman Davis of Moor Farm. Norman had a lifelong commitment to Christ and had served for many years as a Methodist local preacher. His particular interest in Mission and Evangelism had been strengthened through his time at Cliff College in his younger days. Though in recent years he had suffered from ill health, he had continued to keep a firm interest in Church and social affairs. We express our sympathy to Joan and Paul and other members of the family.

The service at Foxley was conducted by the Rev. Colin Riches and served as a fitting thanksgiving to God for Norman's life.

Norfolk Social Services has a major investment in improving the services for the elderly throughout the County. The local office for North Breckland is based in Dereham and covers a large rural area stretching from Hockering to way beyond Staffham to the West, and from Cranworth to Guist in the North. A large proportion of the population are elderly people living in small rural villages. Rather than centralise services in the two main towns, staff in Area 10 has recently been asking the smaller individual communities themselves, exactly what they feel they require in the way of services for its older people, and then responding to their requests by offering professional support and backing in the setting up of various projects i.e., day centres, luncheon clubs, meals on wheels, etc.,.

One area currently being explored is around Bawdeswell, where there is clearly potential to develop further services in addition to the meals on wheels scheme for elderly residents. With the Housing Department, Social Services have recently been looking into the prospect of starting a Luncheon Club, using the community room at Folland Court, the sheltered housing complex in Bawdeswell. The first meeting between volunteers and social services took place at Folland Court on Wednesday 4th March 1987 at which the Steering Committee was formulated to prepare the ground for planning the new venture. It is hoped that with further support by volunteers within the Bawdeswell community that a service can be established and be operated by the summer. If you feel you are able to spare a little of your time in assisting the older members of your community with this project, then the steering group would be only too pleased to hear from you.

(Mrs) Irene E Ames

Barwick House

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P.S. I would especially like to hear from those elderly people living in Bawdeswell and Foxley who feel that they would enjoy having a luncheon club, transport could be arranged for anyone who has difficulty in walking etc.

Please let me know if you are interested and live in Bawdeswell or contact Mrs Ann Murrell if you live in Foxley.

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 Sun 19th EASTER DAY 11.00am Mr G Reardon
 Sun 26th 6.30pm Mr V Butters

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SERVICES

Sun 5th 9.00 am Holy Communion at Foxley
 10.30am Morning Prayer at Bawdeswell
 6.30pm Deanery Service at Wood Dalling
 Preacher: Rev Peter Taylor

Sun 12th PALM SUNDAY
 9.00am Holy Communion at Bawdeswell
 10.30am FAMILY WORSHIP at Foxley
 7.30pm Deanery Service at Weston Longville.
 Preacher: Bishop of Lynn
 (This service is being broadcast live by BBC
 Radio Norfolk)

Sun 19th EASTER SUNDAY
 9.00am Holy Communion at Foxley
 10.30am Holy Communion at Bawdeswell

Sun 26th 9.00am Holy Communion at Bawdeswell
 10.30am Holy Communion at Foxley

BUNS FOR FUNDS

Bawdeswell Church has to find nearly £2,400 at its share of the Diocesan Quota for the current year. One of the many ways you can help us meet the target is by giving your support to an Easter Coffee Morning at the Rectory on Thursday 16 April between 10.30am and midday. Mrs Humphries will have been up from the crack of dawn making hot-cross buns to tempt you to forget the calories. Anyone who has tasted her home-made bread will tell you that yeast cookery is her speciality! As well as supporting the coffee morning items for a cake stall (preferably with an Easter theme - simnel cake etc) and bring-and-buy stall will be most welcome. Coffee and biscuits 30p.

APRIL DIARY DATES

Thursday 2nd 8.00pm Radio Norfolk Lent Course live from Norwich Cathedral - this weeks topic WEALTH

Tuesday 7th 7.30pm Bawdeswell Annual Parochial Church Meeting in All Saints Church

Thursday 9th 10.30am Playgroup Coffee Morning and Nearly New Clothes Sale, Bawdeswell Village Hall
8.00 pm Final Lent Programme. This weeks topic POLITICS with Brian Mawhinney MP

Monday 13th W.I meeting 'Making Money Grow' at Bawdeswell Village Hall.

Tuesday 14th 7.30pm Bingo at Bawdeswell Village Hall

Thursday 16th 10.30am - noon Coffee Morning at The Rectory. Special attraction freshly made Hot-Cross Buns!
7.30pm Maundy Thursday Celebration of the Last Supper at All Saints, Bawdeswell

Sunday 19th Easter Services (Details elsewhere in Reeves Tale)

Saturday 25th 2.00pm W.I. Jumble Sale at Bawdeswell Village Hall

Tuesday 28th 7.30pm Bingo at Bawdeswell Village Hall
7.30pm Foxley Annual Parochial Church Meeting at the Rectory.

REGULAR EVENTS

Foxley Village Hall

Every Monday 7.45pm Swing into Shape £1.30 per session

Every Thursday 7.30pm Indoor Bowls

BAWDESWELL RECREATION CENTRE

Another Spring, another crop of stones. Harvest time will be Sunday 11 April 10.00am with enough helpers, we can get it finished in a couple of hours. Bring buckets. The more the merrier. Let's hope some of you energetic parishioners will try and engender activity on the field.

See you down the Field on 11 April at 10.00 DON'T FORGET.
Tony Smith

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