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EDITORIAL

It was nice to forget one's troubles and the peculiar weather, when I went to Bawdeswell Village Hall on the 5 September. What a superb evening, I'm referring of course to Janet & Jimmy's Country Evening. Excellent food, excellent entertainment, plus a bar, and only £2.50 a head. I shall certainly go to the next one.

Continuing the Resume of my Life.....

At the end of my 13 weeks of hard study in the classroom, I was posted to the mining town of Ashton in Makerfield near Wigan as a Probation Constable, (one's probationary period was for 2 years altogether) and was given single mans lodgings, although married. Haydock Park Racecourse was in our sub division and some duties were spent there. After serving there for about 12 months, I was posted to Prescot, Near Liverpool, a married man's vacancy and our first Police House. It was nice to finish with lodgings. To be continued .....

Thanks for your donations from Mace Stores, General Stores and the Garden Centre which amounted to £5.95, these are most welcome.

The deadline for the November issue is the 16 October, please let me have your items for inclusion by then.

Leonard Neil, Editor 7 Hall Road, Bawdeswell Tel: 303

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This months magazine kindly sponsored by Mrs Sheila Neil in memory of her mother - Anyone who would like to sponsor any future issues would be most welcome.

Foxley Rectory  
Foxley

Dear Friends

Perseverance is a quality I respect in others but often lack in myself. One of the highlights of our holiday this year was a day trip to Edinburgh, by train from Yorkshire. It was festival time so the streets were crowded with performers advertising their shows. The area around the Scottish Academy of Art is a popular place for pavement artists. One young man in particular caught our attention - he was confined to a wheelchair and his legs were wasted possibly as a result of polio. He was just putting the finishing touches to a chalk reproduction of the Stag in the Scottish Highlands painting, often featured in whisky adverts. It was obvious that he had spent some of the day on the pavement itself as his trousers were a kalidiscscope of colours. When we chatted to him he was happy to tell us that a friend had helped him for part of the day. But even with help, it had taken over six hours to complete his masterpiece. No wonder he had gathered a large appreciative crowd around the steps of the Academy. His perseverance paid dividends as passers by put something in the tin which I'm sure will come in useful for the handicapped art student. His example surely helps others - stickability is a quality many of us lack. One of the New Testament writers likened the need for perseverance in the Christian life to a race and he too, was able to direct us, to a supreme example to take as our guide - "let us with perseverance run the race that is set before us - looking to Jesus the author and finisher of our faith".

Yours most sincerely

Grahame Humphries

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## FOXLEY VILLAGE HALL

A recent open meeting held in the Village Hall resulted in a new Village Hall Committee being elected. Those elected were:

CHAIRMAN: Mr Bill Potter    TREASURER: Mr Keith Murrell  
SECRETARY: Mr Howard Lupton

It is understood that Jane Venworth will continue with receiving bookings and running the Hall Diary. Anyone wishing to book the Village Hall for functions should contact Jane on Bawdeswell 300.

Bookings fixed throughout the Autumn/Winter:  
TUESDAYS: Dog Training    WEDNESDAYS: Table Tennis  
THURSDAYS: Carpet Bowls

The first objectives set by the Committee is to give the Hall something of a face lift. Planning to paint both internally and externally in the near future.

Howard Lupton, Secretary.

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## FOXLEY TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Foxley Table Tennis Club successful season last year has resulted in promotion to the top division of the Dereham League. More locals have recently shown an interest in the game. Which has enabled the Club to field a second team for Season 1987/88. Home nights are on Wednesday evenings starting at 7.30pm. Anyone wishing to come along and support the teams will be welcomed.

DATE	HOME TEAM	DIVISION	VISITING TEAM
9 Sept	Foxley B	3	Dereham CND
16 Sept	Foxley A	1	Hippos B
23 Sept	Foxley B	3	Bats B
30 Sept	CUP WEEK	?	?
7 Oct	Foxley A	11	Swanton Morley A
14 Oct	Foxley B	3	Watton Sports Centre
21 Oct	Foxley A	1	Foulsham
28 Oct	Foxley B	3	Swanton Morley D
4 Nov	Foxley A	1	Hippos A
11 Nov	CUP WEEK	?	?
18 Nov	Free Week		
25 Nov	Foxley B	3	Dereham Youth Centre

**MATCH SPONSORS WANTED**

Foxley Table Tennis Club have a greater responsibility to the league now they have reached Division 1 status. Better status. Better standards of equipment and facilities have to be met. In addition, fees to the English Table Tennis Association, Dereham League Fees, Hire of Venue, Heating, Match Balls, and refreshments tend to accumulate into a tidy sum.

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Anyone interested whether it be individuals or a business can contact Foxley Club Secretary Mr Howard Lupton on Bawdeswell 522 in the evenings.

**REMINDER** A bring and share harvest supper is being held at 7.30pm on Friday 2 October in Bawdeswell Village Hall and bring your own knives, forks, spoons with a fun night of entertainment.

Congratulations to Bawdeswell Bowls Club on winning the Elmham League Cup beating Gressenhall after a shortened match which finished in torrential rain at Swanton Morley. The green ended up looking more like a boating lake. They also won the Elmham League Knockout Cup when they beat Gressenhall in the final.

If there is anyone interested in playing football for Bawdeswell Football Club, would they contact the secretary Philip Duffield on Bawdeswell 611.

The Reeves Tale would like to welcome to Bawdeswell & Foxley:  
Mr & Mrs Williams of 36 Hall Road, Bawdeswell  
Mr & Mrs Dance of 31 Hall Road, Bawdeswell  
Mr & Mrs Gladwell, Cranfield House, Foxley

Mrs Melton of The Street, Bawdeswell is now back home from her third spell in hospital and is much better. She thanks all who enquired after her.

**MINUTES OF FOXLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - MONDAY 7TH SEPT.**

**PRESENT:-** K.Murrell (Chairman) C. Skinner, W. Potter, T. Cook and four parishioners (P.C. Dingle attended).

**APOLOGIES -** M. Joice.

**MATTERS ARISING:-**

**Foul Drainage** - Chairman opened the meeting with a brief summary of the position to date. A number of letters have been sent to Richard Ryder MP, who is acting for us, answers were received. We have had no response from District Councillor David Sayer. Dept. of Env. have stated they can do nothing for us, their comment was "the District Councillor must pursue a change of policy" and there the matter rests. It was agreed everyone should have a say in whether they can afford the connection charge to the sewer and to this end a questionnaire will be delivered to all residents.

**Neighbourhood Watch Scheme** - P.C. Dingle from Dereham stated they have two Home Watch Schemes operating, proving quite successful. To get the peoples interest it will require someone willing to call on all residents to find how many will join the scheme, then we will contact the police again to arrange a meeting. Stickers will be provided for house or car windows denoting Crime Watch Area. Leaflets will also be supplied by Home Office.

**Village Hall** - Meeting took place as arranged on July 13th 1987. Mr. W. Potter is now Chairman. The roof will be refurbished and the outside painted. There are now two bowls mats. This activity has proved very popular.

**Surveyors Land** - The ground is now clear of previous tenants property. The ground will be cleared in front of gate, and part will be advertised as woodyard. The rest of the land will be kept in its natural state after some work has been carried out on the ground.

**Library Halt Seat** - Is it necessary? Will it be vandalised? These are the questions asked. It was suggested a pensioner be employed to generally clear up the village and keep an eye on things. The proposal was carried unanimously. An advert to this effect will be placed in the Reeves Tale.

**Village Sign** - Suggestion to erect on triangle at War Memorial. An idea for the sign is a background of trees with Fox in foreground. A flint base was suggested.

Other Matters - Clerk to send flowers and card to Mr & Mrs Meale with best wishes from all of us in the village. This was carried out on the 8th September.

Highway Signs - Both signs reported down have now been restored at West Foxley.

Planning - 3/37/0816 Mr & Mrs Venworth - building of two dwellings Chapel Road. B.D.C. Planning permission not granted.

Mr. Murrell declared meeting closed at 9.55. Next meeting Monday 9th November, 1987.

Marjorie De'Ath - PARISH CLERK.

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MINUTES OF BAWDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - MONDAY 7th SEPT.

Present:- Councillors War, Sparkes, Eglinton, Wright, Neil, Farthing and one parishioner.

APOLOGIES - None.

Minutes of previous meeting taken as read, agreed and signed.

Finance/Recreation Ground - The Chairman stated that at the meeting held with regard to the Recreation Ground several people had expressed an interest in joining the Recreation Ground Committee and the Village Hall, Bowls Club and the Playgroup are now represented. However, there had been a member of the Bowls Club who had expressed a view against that of the majority of the people attending the meeting but the Chairman pointed out that this view had to be taken into consideration. It was agreed by everyone after discussion it would be better to proceed with getting a valuation purely for the Village Hall site without the Bowls Club land. A meeting of the Recreation Ground Committee should be arranged as soon as possible to be held in the Village Hall. With regard to the levelling of ground for the footpath - the Chairman stated that he would contact Councillor Smith with regard to labour to carry out this work.

Parish Clerk Vacancy - The Clerk stated that due to a move out of the village, she would be resigning but, if necessary, she would be willing to continue until Christmas. Councillor Sparkes was asked if he knew of anyone willing to take on the job - he stated that he would ask around.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS:-

(a) Councillor Wright stated that she had received a telephone call from Sandy Taylor who lives in Paradise Lane about the amount of noise coming from a grain dryer. Councillor Eglinton stated that he would go round to see the people concerned. The Chairman stated that there would need to be three separate complaints before this noise could be classed as a public nuisance. Councillor Eglinton stated that bales of straw had been put in place around the grain dryer to deaden the noise in the past.

(b) Footpath to Foxley passed the Old Rectory. Councillor Neil requested a letter be written to Norfolk County Council asking them to cut back the nettles as they had grown across the footpath making walking to and from Foxley very painful.

(c) Street Nameplates. Councillor Sparkes stated that he had been contacted with regard to positioning of signs for the Street they had suggested putting the sign near the noticeboard by Felland Court. However, it was thought it would be better to position it nearer the junction by Virginia Stores.

(d) Footpaths 2 & 3. Mrs LeSurf had attended the meeting on the 9th August and the area by Elsing Lane had been walked. There was no problem envisaged and the footpath matter would be raised at the next meeting of the Ramblers Association and would send a letter to confirm the outcome.

(e) Bawdeswell Heritage Map. Councillor Eglinton suggested that it might be a good idea if the people who had produced the map could come along and talk about it, possibly at the next A.G.M. Councillor Sparkes said that he would drop in and see the Council next time he is in Dereham and see if this is possible.

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BAWDESWELL AND FOXLEY W.I.

It was nice to see all our members at our meeting on 14th September after the "Summer" break.

Our speaker, Mr. Bryan Sage, who is an old favourite transported us to the frozen wastes of Hudson Bay and showed us wonderful slides of the wild life there, in and around the town of Churchill.

Thanks to Mrs. P. Kemp and Mrs. G. Wright for the super refreshments and congratulations to Mrs. A. Murrell on winning the raffle.

Next month, on October 12th, we are having a speaker from the Police Force to talk about drugs. This is a subject very much in everyones mind now and we shall be only too pleased to welcome anyone who would like to hear what he has to say, do come along, Ladies and Gents, so long as you are over the age of 18.

The W.I. Group meeting is on 5th October at Fulmodestone, the speaker will be Mr. Da Silva of the Norwich Puppet Theatre fame. We shall meet at Bawdeswell Village Hall at 7.00 p.m. This will be the last Group meeting, as with only Bawdeswell, North Elmham and Fulmodestone W.I.'s remaining, it is not possible to carry on after October.

I look forward to our next meeting.

GLADYS LOWE.

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FROM:- Maureen Bateman - Spastics Society  
          Appeals Officer.

A total of £49.15 was collected in Bawdeswell. We would like to thank all who collected on our behalf and the villagers of Fawdeswell for their generous donations.

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DEDICATION OF CHURCH KNEELERS.

Readers of the Feeves Tale will remember previous notices about making tapestry kneelers for Bawdeswell Church. This project is now virtually completed and the kneelers will be dedicated by the Right Reverend David Bentley, Bishop of Lynn, at a service in All Saints Church on All Saints Day, Sunday, 1st November 1987 at 6.30 p.m.

We hope that many Bawdeswell residents and their friends will be able to attend this service to meet the Bishop and see how these tapestries add to the beauty and interest of Bawdeswell Church.

Coffee will be served in Church after the service.

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The Rector, Churchwardens and P.C.C. of Bawdeswell Church would like to thank Richard Hendry for giving gravel for the Church paths.

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Bawdeswell Recreation Committee met at the Village Hall on Thursday, 17th September. Among the items discussed were a request from the Football Club, Fund Raising, Draft Constitution and a plan of the site. The next meeting to be held 8.00 p.m. Thursday, 1st October.

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The Reeves Tale will shortly be losing one of its typists, Julie Swallow, who, with her husband, is moving on to pastures new. Julie has been typing for the Reeves Tale for some considerable time and will be sorely missed. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Julie and wish her and her husband all the best in their new environment.

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With reference to the above, the Reeves Tale would like to hear from typists willing to join the team and especially if they have access to wide carriage typewriters.

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ADVANCE NOTICE - Foxley Christmas Market Saturday, 21st November, 1987. Gift ideas, Decorations and Festive Fare. Donations of these most welcome, contact Mrs. Humphries at the Rectory. "BOOK THE DATE".

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HOW TRUE!! This is the story of four people named Everybody, Somebody, Nobody and Anybody.

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure Somebody would do it, Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybodys job. Everybody thought that Anybody could do it but Nobody realised that Everybody would not do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when actually Nobody accused Anybody.

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VILLAGE RECREATION FACILITIES.

I would like to take this opportunity to advise you of progress on the provision of Village Recreational facilities. The long-term objective is to provide an area of land of sufficient size to enable the provision of a football pitch, tennis courts, childrens play area etc., together with a Recreation Centre building providing a clubroom, amenities hall, changingrooms etc.

An area of land comprising of approximately 5½ acres has been obtained, which will meet the above objective, together with ample car parking. The siting is important, as it should not cause a nuisance to residents through noise and car parking, as could be the case if located within the centre of the village, and yet it must not be too far removed, thereby causing problems for access. Located just into the Reephams Road, the location is as near to the ideal location as we could get.

Planning approval has been obtained in the lands change of use from agriculture to recreation. The road verge has been widened and the County Council will be extending the pavement into the Recreation Ground's entrance at any time now. This will overcome the problem of having to walk in the road in order to gain access.

The way forward, as we see it, is the formation of a Village Recreation Club. All villagers wishing to use the facilities would become a member and make an annual contribution, designed to offset the costs of fixed and variable overheads associated with the Centre. Members wishing to take part in a particular activity i.e., Tennis, would form a tennis section which would be responsible for the provision and maintenance of the necessary facilities. To this end the section would set up its own additional membership fees.

To date discussions are in progress with the existing Village Hall Committee, looking at an acceptable way to replace the Hall with a new Recreation Centre located on the Reephams Road land, any arrangement would require that the new building was ready for occupation before the existing building was disposed of.

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VILLAGE RECREATION FACILITIES (cont'd).

Discussions are also taking place with the Football Club and the Bowls Club, looking at a possible move onto the new recreation ground.

Fund raising activities will not, at this stage, be directed towards individual activities, but towards costs associated with the land and the provision of a new building. When discussions with the Village Hall Committee have concluded, a balance sheet will be published indicating how much money we have available as a start towards the new building.

Arrangements are in hand to seek advice (free) on (1) the best layout for activities, thus maximising use of the recreation ground and (2) a plan and specification for a new building. When these are in hand, in a draft form, it is intended to hold a public meeting, thereby giving people the opportunity to see what is happening and to comment, if they so wish.

Even though we are not yet using the land we are attracting expenses in the form of grasscutting etc., and are desperately in need of additional funds.

The recreation Committee has been increased in size from its original concept, additional members offering their services to assist in fund raising activities and the provision of facilities. These people will probably be contacting you in the near future and seek your support in various fund raising activities.

We have the opportunity now to provide a range of recreational facilities within the village for both adults and children, all that is required for this to succeed is your support.

V. WARD.  
Chairman, Recreation Committee.

Janet and Jimmy would like to thank all who helped to make their Country Evening a success on the 5 September at Bawdeswell Village Hall where the sum of £182 was raised for Hornintoft Cricket Club and Bawdeswell Bowls Club.

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THE FOOTPRINTS

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the Lord. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand: one belonging to him and one to the Lord.

When the last scenes of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there were only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life.

This really bothered him and he questioned the Lord about it.

"Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome time in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me."

The Lord replied "My son, My precious child, I love you and would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering. When you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you.

Author Unknown

## BAWDESWELL &amp; FOXLEY PLAYGROUP

After all these exhausting weeks of sunbathing, outdoor BBQ's and days spent lazing in our paddling pools, it was time to say goodbye to the Summer !!! and back to playgroup.

Everything looked the same, but some of the faces had changed. We now have 20 children on the books, most of whom are around the three year mark. This makes things slightly more unpredictable as they get used to things being quieter now the noisiest ones have moved on to higher things - but give them time.

Our AGM on the 3 September was fairly well attended, many thanks to those who did. After quite a long and raucous meeting we elected our new Committee, all details and contact list available from playschool. Many thanks to the retiring Committee for all their hard work and support. Welcome to the incoming Committee members who were bullied and cajoled into it.

Thinking of Christmas (arn't we all), playgroup is running a Christmas Catalogue so anyone who wants a good selection of cards and gifts, all commission to playschool funds, please call in.

In a similar vein, we are running a Christmas Club of 50p per week so that all of us mums, who don't have office parties to look forward to can all go out together for a meal, date and venue to be decided when we know definite numbers. The more the merrier.

Thank you to everyone who came to our last coffee morning which raised £6.56. We are hoping for a busy term, and an interesting one.

Until next month....

Melanie Chilvers (Tel: 461)

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Sunday 11 October  
 9.00 Holy Communion at Bawdeswell  
 10.30 FAMILY WORSHIP at Foxley

Sunday 18 October  
 9.00 Holy Communion at Foxley  
 10.30 Holy Communion at Bawdeswell

Sunday 25 October  
 9.00 Holy Communion at Bawdeswell  
 10.30 Holy Communion at Foxley

Sunday 1 November  
 9.00 Holy Communion at Foxley  
 (No 10.30 am Service)  
 6.30 PATRONAL FESTIVAL AND DEDICATION OF KNEELERS  
 at Bawdeswell. Preacher: Bishop of Lynn (Coffee after the service and a chance to meet the Bishop and see the kneelers).

Sunday 8 November  
 10.30 Remembrance Sunday Service at Bawdeswell

**METHODIST FOXLEY CHAPEL**

Sunday 4 October  
 11.00 Mr R Adams  
 6.30 The H2O Show at Trinity Church, Dereham

Sunday 11 October  
 6.30 Mr J Hilton

Sunday 18 October  
 11.00 Mrs B Flint

Sunday 25 October  
 6.30 Rev S Luckcock

Sunday 1 November  
 11.00 Mr K Garner

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Friday	2 October	Bawdeswell Village Hall Harvest Supper Evening 7.30pm
Saturday	3 October	Giving at Church
Sunday	4 October	Harvest Festival Service at 10.30am
Monday	5 October	BAWDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING VILLAGE HALL at 7.30pm
Tuesday	13/27 October	Bingo Bawdeswell Village Hall at 7.30pm
Saturday	17 October	Country Dance Foxley Village Hall at 8.00pm Jumble Sale Bawdeswell Village Hall
Monday	19 October	Bawdeswell PCC Meeting at Paradise House at 7.30pm
Thursday	29 October	Coffee Morning at Willows, Bawdeswell at 10.30am
Sunday	1 November	Dedication of kneelers service at Bawdeswell by Bishop of Lynn at 6.30pm

**PRELIMINARY MESSAGE** of a Grand Xmas Draw in aid of the new Recreation Centre at the Children's Disco on 18 December 1987 by Father Christmas. Tickets for this will shortly be on sale.

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