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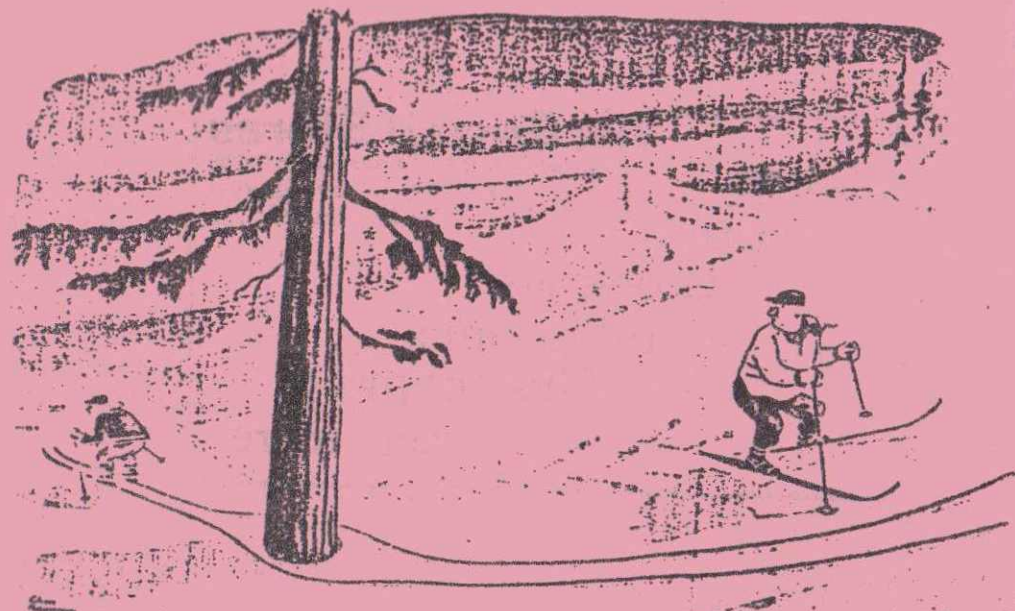


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**HAPPY
CHRISTMAS**

EDITORIAL - DECEMBER.

The Season of goodwill is already upon us; how else to account for all the good things happening and still to happen in our two villages? The highways authorities have promised to come and mend the holes in the roads, the swamp on the heath has been bridged and the poor old village hall in Bawdeswell seems to be bursting with activity, day and night - we wonder if it knows that its fate is almost sealed? At a splendid dance in the hall recently, someone won £100 in the 200 club draw and, in response to the request for limericks, several of you responded with witty examples - see elsewhere for the winners.

As to the future, we are engaged in drawing plans for a new hall and sports centre on the recreation ground though we must first be assured of certain grants. Christmas activities are planned and will include a visit from the excellent Reepham Singers. And finally, Father Christmas is due here on December 8th, travelling via Accrington, so we hear.

In the same spirit of goodwill, we thank the loyal and hardworking team which combines to produce this newsletter each month and send to all our readers our good wishes for the festive season.

A.R. HOLMES (Editor).
The Willows, Bawdeswell (Tele 518).

BAWDESWELL RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE FINAL 200 CLUB DRAW (20th Draw).

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£30	106	L. Watling, 8, Bell Close.
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£15	135	Mr. Mann, 1, Church Close.
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Dear Friends,

December is probably the busiest month of the Year. The first batch of mincepies are about to emerge from the oven and I can't wait! But amongst the hustle and bustle lies the true message of Christmas that we should always keep at the heart of our celebrations.

God came among us in the person of Jesus Christ - not only the babe of Bethlehem but the Saviour of the World at Calvary. One of his names which will ring out in both Advent hymns and Christmas Carols is Emmanuel - God with us. His coming among us makes the way to God a straight forward path and an achievable goal. He has done the searching, he has seen our needs and our shortcomings - and come to us.

My two visits to Bethlehem this year have only helped to grasp afresh the truth of his coming. The Church of the Holy Nativity, just off Manger Square, contains a very small entrance doorway. From the main church, to go down into the cave chapel - the traditional site of Jesus' birth, another low arch has to be negotiated. Finally to view the site of the manger another low entrance lies before you. To worship at the spot where God stooped low and came among us the pilgrim stoops low three times in reverence.

May your Christmas preparations, as well as celebrations, bring much joy to you and your loved ones and may the heart of the Christmas message, as expressed through the familiar carols, bring you "all joy and peace in believing".

With all good wishes for Christmas and the New Year from Grahame, Mary, Clare and Alexander

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At our meeting on Monday, 14th November, we had the fun and games before the serious stuff. Let me explain - after our President had welcomed everyone, she introduced our Speaker, Mrs. Barbara Fielder, who kept us well entertained with her tale of the fun and games that went on in 1953, the year that she worked as a hostess at a Holiday Camp at Hopton. It appears that Hi de Hi is a far superior holiday camp than Hopton was 35 years ago, but not quite as inventive as the staff at Hopton had to be, while working from 6.30 a.m. to gone midnight every day, seven days a week for the seventeen weeks of the season, for the princely sum of £7 per week. Mrs. Fielder is an excellent raconteur and is a firm favourite with everyone, as usual her fee was to be donated to charity, this time to Redwings Sanctuary.

After we has partaken of our refreshments (an early start on the mince pies) served by Mrs. Kemp and Mrs. Lucas, the President called the meeting to order and we started on the serious stuff, namely our A.G.M. The new Committee will be:-

Mrs. H. Loose	- President
Mrs. A. Murrell	- Treasurer
Mrs. M.A. Curson	- Secretary
Mrs. G. Lowe	- Press & Magazine Secretary
Mrs. I. Ames, Mrs. P. Kemp, Mrs. N. Lucas,	
Mrs. G. Wright, Mrs. B. Sayer, and Mrs. C. Sparkes	Committee Members.

Our December meeting will be our Christmas Dinner on Monday, 12th December at The Old Rectory, 7.30 for 8.00 p.m. I look forward to seeing you all then.

A very happy and peaceful Christmas to everyone in Bawdeswell and Foxley.

Gladys Lowe

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NOTE THE TIME IN EIGHTY NINE!

Several important dates for 1989 have already been fixed in the local churches calendars. Perhaps you would like to note them in your calendars and diaries too.

Sun. 26th Feb.	6.30 p.m.	Deanery Lent Service at Bawdeswell
Sun. 11th June		Bawdeswell Gardens Open Day ending with a service at 6.30 p.m.
Sun. 30th July	6.30 p.m.	Summer Praise Guest Service at Bawdeswell
Sun. 17th Sept.		Foxley Harvest Festival
Sun. 1st Oct.		Bawdeswell Harvest Festival

We hope to include as many gardens as possible in the Open Day at Bawdeswell next June, do please begin thinking about the possibility of including yours. Further details in the Spring.

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LIMERICK COMPETITION

In Bawdeswell and Foxley they say

The Bell Inn was the place for a dray,

Plus the Ram, Crown, Black Horse

And the Chequers, of course,

But now all go Jubilee way.

Highly commended - Ah! for the Good Old Days! (Editor)

LIMERICK COMPETITION

The competition announced in last month's edition attracted 11 limericks and we are delighted at this very good response. Entrants showed much originality and deciding on the winner was a very difficult task. In the event, we decided to award a special prize to Eleanor Nicholls (age 10) for an excellent try and an almost frightening imagination! Well done, Eleanor, even though you claim to be 'only joking', which is something of a relief.

In Bawdeswell and Foxley they say
A monster lives at Paradise Way.
He comes out at night
And gives people a fright.
The next morning they'll all run away.

Overall, we felt that several entries could have been selected but, ultimately, awarded the £5 to Mrs. Miners of 2 Church Close for the following:

In Bawdeswell and Foxley they say
At the end of a terrible day
Drown your sorrows in drink,
But, what do you think -
They've taken the pubs all away.

(The lack of a public house in the village is becoming something of an obsession among readers; see the limerick printed on page 8!)

We will print some of the remainder in future editions, but many thanks for your efforts.

ARH

VILLAGE BRIEFS - DECEMBER

1. Anti-Waste Through the generous efforts of Andrew Battley at the Village Stores in collecting waste paper, the sum of £17.20 has recently been received for recreation ground funds. Also, a further £4.90 has been received from the bottle bank. Well done, everyone - keep up the good work.

CWS

2. Bridge over troubled waters Many thanks to George Kemp for organising the splendid bridge over the stream on Bawdeswell Heath. We understand that there's now a vacancy for a resident Troll! (Anyone who does not understand this should read "The Three Billy Goats Gruff" - much loved by small children. Editor).

JD

3. Bawdeswell Church Flowers We shall be decorating the church for Christmas on Saturday, 17th December. Help, flowers and greenery would be most welcome. In the evening there is to be a concert by the Reepham Singers and from one who has had the pleasure of hearing them on several occasions, it should be a really lovely evening.

Irene Ames

4. Bawdeswell Poppy Day Appeal The results of our house-to-house collection will not be available for this month's edition but will appear in the January one; we are very grateful to those who helped to collect and those who gave.

Irene Ames.

5. Volunteers Needed At present, prescriptions from the doctors' surgery at North Elmham are often delivered by Dr. MacNair but clearly this is often inconvenient. They could, however, be placed in a box at the surgery and collected once or twice a week (for routine needs) or otherwise on the day they are required. Please help us to start a scheme for our two villages so that the

surgery has a list of volunteers to contact. Let me have your name and 'phone number and I will try to get things started.

A. R. Holmes - Bawdeswell 518

6. A Christmas concert We give you a warm welcome to join us for our Christmas Concert at All Saints, Bawdeswell, on Saturday, 17th December. The Reepham Singers will be performing a seasonal selection, including some carols; the concert begins at 7.30, followed by coffee and mince pies. Admission free, but there will be a retiring collection for church funds.

GLH

7. Foxley Flowers The holly and the ivy is nearly upon us! So we shall be decorating St. Thomas' for our carol and gift service during the afternoon and early evening, Friday, 16th Dec., and the following Saturday morning. Do please come and join us for an hour or so; everyone is welcome and extra help will be more than appreciated.

Secondly, Ash Wednesday is when our present flower and brass rota finishes so I will presume, unless I hear to the contrary by 18th January, that everyone is again willing to have their name retained on the list but I wonder if there is anyone in our midst who would care to join us on the rota? Please do ring me on Bawdeswell 242.

Finally, I take this opportunity to thank our rota ladies for all their unstinting help, year in and year out, in continuing to maintain a beautiful and peaceful atmosphere in the parish church to the glory of God.

A happy and blessed Christmas to you all.

NLG
Churchwarden

THIS MONTH'S GOOD FARE

As leeks are now plentiful, a reader has suggested the following recipe which she has found to be delicious:

Leek and Ham in Cheese Sauce

- 4 medium size leeks - cooked whole
- 4 slices of ham
- 3 ozs. grated cheese
- 1½ ozs. butter or margarine
- ½ pint of milk
- 1 full tablespoon of flour
- ½ teaspoon of mustard
- seasoning to taste

Wrap leeks in ham and layer in an ovenproof dish.

Make cheese sauce and pour over the ham and leeks.

Sprinkle with remaining cheese and a few crumbled crisps or cornflakes.

Cook in slow oven for 20 minutes.

Can be made earlier and warmed through.

Good served with wholemeal toast.

As a Christmas alternative, instead of leeks and ham, try white cooked turkey meat with broccoli spears.

BAWDESWELL PARISH COUNCILSummary of main matters discussed at November meeting

Present - All elected councillors - Councillor Sparkes in the chair.

1. Chief Inspector Lanham, accompanied by P.C. Watkinson called by invitation to discuss matters about which the Council remained unsatisfied after the last month's meeting. They promised to give attention to the question of speeding in the village by alerting the traffic police to the problem. In regard to misuse of the bus shelters, P.C. Watkinson would give this his attention but the best remedy would be in catching offenders in the act and reporting them to the Dereham police.

The Chief Inspector welcomed the co-operation of residents in the village and outlined the advantages to be gained by mutual co-operation.

In case of need, Dereham Police can be contacted on Dereham 693451.

2. The question of a budget was held over to the next meeting so that figures could be prepared in advance.

3. It was agreed to accept the D.C.'s quote of £440 for maintenance of the Recreation Ground next year.

4. Recreation Committee. Councillor Holmes reported a profit of over £200 from the Hallowe'en Dance and expressed appreciation for the efforts of George Kemp and his team. It is proposed to sell the hall and bowling green sites in the Spring and Mr. Ken Ewing has agreed to offer his services free of charge (other than expenses). Planning permission is, in the meantime, being sought. Plans of the new hall and an estimate of costs are awaited from the architect. The question of grants from all sources is now being explored.

5. It was agreed to seek a valuation of the 'surveyor's land' in Reepham Road before considering a request to buy by a local houseowner.

6. A gang from Highways Dept. is expected in the village in about five weeks time to carry out recommended repairs.

7. There is no official objection to the removal of the 30mph sign on the B1145 to a site nearer to Bennetts Garden Centre but this has to await a traffic order.

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DECEMBER

4th	9.00 am	Holy Communion, Bawdeswell.
	10.30 am	Family Worship, Foxley.
11th	9.00 am	Holy Communion, Foxley.
	10.30 am	Morning Prayer and Holy Baptism, Bawdeswell.
18th	9.00 am	Holy Communion, Bawdeswell.
	10.30 am	Carol and Gift Service, Foxley.
	6.30 pm	Carol and Gift Service, Bawdeswell.
24th	11.30 pm	Christmas Communion, Foxley.
25th	10.30 am	Family Communion, Bawdeswell.

JANUARY.

1st	9.00 am	Holy Communion, Bawdeswell.
	10.30 am	Morning Prayer, Foxley.
8th	9.00 am	Holy Communion, Foxley.
	10.30 am	Family Worship, Bawdeswell.
15th	9.00 am	Holy Communion, Bawdeswell.
	10.30 am	Holy Communion, Foxley.
22nd	9.00 am	Holy Communion, Foxley.
	10.30 am	Holy Communion, Bawdeswell.
29th	9.00 am	Holy Communion, Bawdeswell.
	10.30 am	Holy Communion, Foxley.

Foxley Methodist Services, for December.

4th	BIBLE SUNDAY	
	6.30 pm	Mr. M. Groom.
	2.30 pm	Family Service at Bintree Chapel Rev. C. Riches.
18th	2.30 pm	CAROLS
25th	10.30 am	United Christmas Service at Trinity Methodist, Dereham.

(Service details for January not yet available).

DECEMBER CALENDAR DATES.

Friday	6.00 pm	Childrens Christmas Disco at
9th Dec to	8.00 pm	Bawdeswell Village Hall.
Monday	7.30 for	W.I. Christmas Dinner at The
12th Dec	8.00 pm	Old Rectory, Bawdeswell.
Saturday	7.30 pm	A Christmas Concert by Reapham
17th Dec		Singers at Bawdeswell Church.
Sunday	10.30 am	Carol & Gift Service, Foxley
18th Dec	2.30 pm	Carols at Foxley Chapel
	6.30 pm	Carol & Gift Service, Bawdeswell
Tuesday	11.00 am -	Childrens Christmas Party,
20th Dec	2.00 pm	Playgroup, Bawdeswell Village
		Hall.
Saturday	11.30 pm	Christmas Communion at Foxley.
24th Dec		
Sunday	10.30 am	Family Communion for Christmas
25th Dec		Day at Bawdeswell.
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