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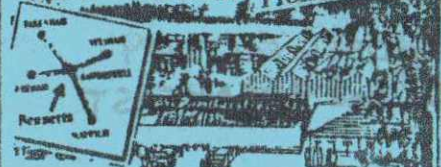
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In our two villages as elsewhere, we have little option but to accept the changes brought about as part of ever growing Norfolk. But it is good to be reminded from time to time of days gone by and of the sort of lifestyle then enjoyed. For example, those of us who have come to live here since the war wonder how a small village such as Bawdeswell could have supported four public houses: did its residents have an exceptional thirst or were there many more of them than now?

One of the public houses was The Ram and we have recently come across a photograph showing six motorcyclists proudly demonstrating their machines in front of the hostelry some time much earlier this century. From the notice over the door, it seems that the landlord was a certain George Gall. The riders have been identified as James Chaplin (with his father in the sidecar), Alec Hatley, Laban Paterson (the local baker), Percy Scott, Gilbert Gall (the landlord's son), and Hugh Parfitt.

Andrew and Shirley Battley have kindly agreed to show the picture on the shop notice board; we wonder if it will stir memories. Has anyone else some token of the past to which we could give publicity? We feel sure it would evoke much interest.

Naturally, your editor feels quite nostalgic as The Ram public house has now been privatised as The Willows. Drinks are at present dispensed without charge but how we wish we could pull a pint of real ale, as in the days of George Gall!

A. R. Holmes, Editor.
 The Willows/The Ram.
 Bawdeswell 518.

Foxley Rectory,
February, 1989.

Dear friends,

On Monday, 9th January, the Prince of Wales visited All Saints Church, Bawdeswell, as part of a private tour of Norfolk churches. The informal visit lasted for about a quarter of an hour and the Prince seemed pleased with what he saw - hopefully confirming our view that the fairly modern church (the building is only just over 30 years old) is pleasing and appropriate for worship within our local community. The Prince's views on more recent examples of modern architecture were made clear in the excellent T.V. documentary towards the end of last year.

I don't think a royal visit will entitle us to put a large royal crest over the church door with the words: "By appointment to His Royal Highness...". We are not in the same league as Robertson's marmalade or Nescafe Instant Coffee!

But there is one form of royal approval to which we should all strive in 1989. St. Paul, in writing to the christians at Rome said: "Anyone who serves Christ is approved of God". That's Royal Approval worthy of our full attention.

Yours most sincerely,
Grahame Humphries.

RADIO NORFOLK LENT COURSE

From the comfort of your homes you can enjoy this year's B.B.C. Radio Norfolk's Lent Course on Thursday evenings from 16th February until 16th March between 8 and 9 pm. This year's series is entitled: "Jesus Then and Now" - relating facts to faith. The speakers include the Roman Catholic Bishop of East Anglia and the Rev. Elizabeth Bellamy, the Methodist Minister in Holt. Subjects under the spotlight are (i) Jesus the Man, (ii) Jesus the Healer, (iii) Jesus the Teacher, (iv) Jesus the Saviour, (v) Jesus Risen. The programmes will come from a different house-group each week so should include plenty of lively discussion.

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We held our Christmas Dinner on Monday, 12th December at the Old Rectory Restaurant, and what a superb feast we had. Previous reports we had had were all very favourable and I can only add that the food, in abundance, and the service, was faultless. After we had eaten, our President, Mrs Hazel Loose gave a short speech and presented Mrs Gladys Dobbs with the Goodrick Cup for winning the seasonal flower arrangement competition, and Mrs Anne Murrell received the W.I. Cup for the largest pumpkin competition.

As Mrs Loose had won the most points in the monthly competition, she was presented with the President's Shield by Mrs Irene Ames.

Garden tokens and a card signed by all our members were presented to Mrs Olive Curtis who is soon to leave us when she goes to live in Reepham, she was a founder member of Bawdeswell and Foxley W.I. and I am sure our loss will be Reepham's gain.

There will be no meeting in January, and the 13th February meeting will be held at Thatched Cottage by kind permission of Mrs Loose.

A happy, healthy and prosperous New Year to everyone.

GLADYS LOWE.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

Mrs Jenny Jackson and family wish to thank all those friends of their father, the late Joe Jackson, who were so kind and caring during his illness in recent weeks. They much appreciate all the condolences and prayers offered which have been of great comfort to them in the loss they have sustained.

Janet and Jimmy Turner would like to extend their thanks to everyone for messages and cards sent to Jimmy during his recent illness in hospital. They also appreciate the kindness of those who have taken the trouble to visit him since his return home; he is now making a good recovery and hopes to see you

VILLAGE NEWS.

1. Prescriptions. Many thanks to all those who volunteered to help in collecting prescriptions from the surgery. Arrangements have now been made that those needing this service can bring their cards to the Willows before 12.00 a.m. on Wednesdays; they will then be taken to the surgery to be made up and can be collected from the village stores after 4.30 p.m., on the following Friday. We have a list of those who promised to help and will call on them as needed.

2. Parish Clerk. For a few months, Bawdeswell will need a temporary parish clerk during the maternity leave of the present holder of the office. Not a very burdensome task on a temporary basis: please telephone Charles Sparkes (312) if you are willing to help.

3. Dogs. Complaints continue to be received about dogs allowed to wander and foul, not only footpaths but front gardens also. This is anti-social and also an offence against the law and we appeal to all concerned to take note.

4. The 200 Club. The first draw for the 200 Club for the Recreation Ground fund has been delayed as there are still tickets to sell. Please get yours as soon as possible from any member of the committee. MONTHLY prizes will be for £20, £15 & £10 (2) and £5 (4). Final draw for £100, £25, £15, £10 and £5 (4). Help the village hall project please - and possibly earn yourself a bonus!

5. Bawdeswell Poppy Day. The result of the house to house collection was an excellent one; a total of £105.70. Once again, our grateful thanks. I.A.

6. Unclaimed. From Bawdeswell flower festival, an oval plate with brownish red border with gold pattern. Please ring B'well 455 and it will be returned at once. I.A.

7. Bottle Bank. Recreation Ground funds have benefited by a further £5.20 from the bottle bank.

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BAWDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL - MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 9.1.89
IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present - Councillors Sparkes (Chairman), Farthing, Eglinton, Smith, Cooke, Holmes and Wright.

Apologies - None

Minutes of Previous Meeting - taken as read, agreed and signed.

Planning - 5 Hall Road, Bawdeswell - conversion of roof space - Council had no objection but application has now been withdrawn.

Land beside Woodbine House, The Street, Bawdeswell - erection of house and garage - Council stated that they would like written into the planning permission that the hedge at the front of the proposed property should be kept.

Flat 5, Bell Inn, Bawdeswell - erection of car port. Council had no objection, the B.D.C. have not yet passed, but the port has already been built. Chairman to consult with owner.

Land next to The House, Reepham Road, Bawdeswell - new two storey house and garage. Council have strongly objected to this being given planning permission as the proposed area is outside the village guidelines and also the entrance would be on a very dangerous corner.

Finance - Chairman presented a breakdown of costs so far in the Financial Year and also a rough budget for the year 1989/90. After discussion it was proposed by Councillor Smith that the precept for the coming year should be set at 4p, this was seconded by Councillor Holmes and unanimously agreed. This should bring the Council the sum of £2,008 and together with the Lighting Grant of £418 it is hoped that the Council will be able to pay off the remainder of the Bank Loan. So all future fund raising will go directly towards the building of the new Village Hall.

A letter had been received from the Dereham Citizens Advice Bureau requesting a donation. Councillor Smith proposed a donation of £20 this was seconded by Councillor Cooke and unanimously agreed.

Chairman stated that there were still three outstanding loans made by villagers who he was currently trying to trace which amounted to £40.

Recreation - Councillor Holmes stated that he had had a meeting with Mr. D. Wheeler of the Norfolk Rural

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FOXLEY PARISH COUNCIL - MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
FRIDAY, 6TH JANUARY, 1989 AT VILLAGE HALL 8 P.M.

Present - K. Murrell, T. Cook, W. Potter, Parish Clerk
and five parishioners.

Apologies - Mrs. M. Joice, C. Skinner

Matters Arising

Village Hall Signs - Parish Council have taken full
responsibility for erecting the signs and a letter of
apology has been sent to concerned residents.

Road Junction - Arrow not painted back on road from
Fakenham direction following road resurfacing. The
hatched markings have been removed from the box on the
approach from Norwich to The Street, following meeting
of Mr. Murrell/Mr. Cooper of Highways Dept.

Foul Drainage - Negotiations still in progress. Anglian
Water have agreed our request for a new gate and hard
standing also fencing to surround pumping station. Forms
were delivered before Christmas to residents asking for
a direct answer to Parish Council's question "Did they
wish to be connected to the sewer in The Street?". At
the present time 10 replies out of 29 have been received
and the Parish Clerk will send them to A.W. with covering
letter.

Precept - Our precept of £575 should arrive in April. It
was agreed the Parish rate be left at 2p. We have money
in hand of £666 Deposit Account plus £155 loan to
Village Hall Table Tennis Club plus £325 for sale of land,
equals £1,146. Of this approximately £500 for ornamental
village sign to be paid, also a big uplift in our Village
Hall Insurance from £39 to about £120 including contents,
a mower will have to be purchased probably at cost of
£300 (see below) plus caretakers fee of £8 per week for
26 weeks. Also Parish Clerk's salary £150 per year,
plus expenses of stamps, phone calls and mileage approx.
£80 in all. Also £15 donation to Citizens Advice Bureau,
£8 C.P.R. subs. and National Association of Town &
Parish Councils £18 which adds up to a grand total of

£1,399 leaving a Debit Balance of £253, deduct this from
our precept of £575 and we are left with a Credit balance
of £322 from this must come Petty Cash for copying, petrol
for the mower and all other incidentals.

Grass Cutting - Parish Clerk has followed up an enquiry
to get our grass cut free of charge, we learned of another
village getting this service already, hopefully our
enquiries will produce results.

Environmental Health - re Village Hall - Quote for retiling -
new basins - and cupboards etc. for Village Hall of £520
is considered too high. Can we get a working party together
to do the work? Mr. Cook has offered loan of scaffolding
for decorating ceiling.

Donation of £15 - to Citizens Advice Bureau proposed
W. Potter, seconded T. Cook. C.P.R.E. to be considered
later for donation.

Surveyors Land - Mr. T. Cook expressed a wish to rent or
purchase Surveyors Land, and has been asked to submit a
formal request with details of use to Parish Council for
private consideration.

Highways - Potholes in Foxley. Parish Clerk to write to
Safety Officer.

Planning Permission - granted to W. & J. de Havilland -
conversion of barn to dwelling.
R.A. Dewing - extension to dwelling and new garage - Four
Winds.

PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED SUBJECT TO LEGAL AGREEMENT
BETWEEN APPLICANT AND COUNCIL

P. Davis - Moor Farm - 7 holiday flats.

Mr. J. Fletcher, Street Farm - prefabricated home.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING 17TH MARCH, 1989.

BAWDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL - (Cont'd from Page 9)

Community Council who assist the County Council in the administration of grants. Mr. Wheeler stated that it was possible that we may be eligible for a grant in 1991 (max. £15,000). He also stated that we may be able to obtain a grant from B.D.C. last year the max. they gave was £4,000. Mr. Wheeler gave the names and addresses of other possible sports councils where we may be able to obtain a grant, together with a book of various Hall designs - this is to be passed to the Architect.

The sale of the Hall and Bowling Green is complicated as both need new Trustees and also we need the authority of the Charities Commission before going ahead with the sale. Planning permission on this site for 2 houses has now been applied for and B.D.C. have no objections in principle. Mr. Ewing has agreed to Auction the land free of charge (except expenses).

The 200 Club is now in action again. There is a Jumble Sale on 25.2.89 and an Auction on 8.4.89.

Any Other Business - Clerk had received a letter from B.D.C. requesting that the village make an effort to keep clean and tidy in order to help promote tourism. There still seems to be a problem with rubbish being dumped on the Heath, one person from Dercham has recently been charged by the Police and another from Bawdeswell has been given a warning.

The Clerk is to write to the B.D.C. Highways Dept. as they have still not carried out the repairs we requested, also to advise them that the road outside Church Close is very uneven.

Clerk to write to Eastern Electricity as one of their poles on the Reepham Road has been moved and currently blocks the drain.

We are having problems with dogs fouling in private gardens, especially on Hall Road, and remind people that this is not only anti-social but unhygienic and unpleasant for the garden owners.

The position of Bawdeswell Parish Clerk will become vacant in the near future as the current Clerk is expecting a baby. Any interested applicant should contact Mr. Charles Sparkes on Bawdeswell 312.

NEXT MEETING 6TH FEBRUARY, 1989.

VILLAGE BRIEFS (cont'd).

8. Bawdeswell Heritage Register. (Price £3.50 from the village stores). A splendid publication, complete with maps, giving details of the village, its heritage of old buildings and sites of conservation interest, listed and otherwise. A very well produced book for those interested in learning more of the history of the village.

9. Carol Singing Aids Armenia. An evening of Carol singing organised by members of All Saints Church resulted in £90 being donated to the Armenian Disaster Appeal. This amount included £13 raised by Bawdeswell and Foxley Playgroup at their Nativity Play coffee morning. Grateful thanks to all who gave their support.

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(Left over from our last edition) LIMERICK.

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LOCAL MYSTERY UNSOLVED - WHODUNNIT?

Letter to Norwich Mercury on April 2nd;-

Sir,

"About 8 or 10 days ago, two husbandmen were digging a new ditch on Sparham Heath, they found the bones of two men which are supposed to have been not many years buried, for the bones hung together and their hair was very fresh upon their heads; it's further remarkable that on both their skulls were several places dented in, as if they had been made with strokes on an hammer; and as it's not remebered that, any persons have been missing for some time past, its probable they may be the bodies of some unfortunate strangers which were robbed and murdered there. But what makes this supposition more to be credited, I am told, a few years ago a bloody shirt and some clothes were found in a grove hard by to this place".

EDITOR'S NOTE:- Actually, this letter was published in the Norwich Mercury of April 2nd 1743 and is quoted in the Bawdeswell Heritage Register. Don't miss the next gripping instalment in the March issue of the Reeves Tale, when the mystery will be resolved! (Or you can, of course, buy your copy from the village stores, as noted on page 9.)

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Church of England Services

- 5th 9.00 am Holy Communion, Foxley.
10.30 am Morning Prayer, Bawdeswell.
- 12th 9.00 am Holy Communion, Bawdeswell.
10.30 am Family Worship, Foxley.
- 19th 9.00 am Holy Communion, Foxley.
10.30 am Morning Prayer followed by
shortened Holy Communion,
Bawdeswell.
- 26th 9.00 am Holy Communion, Bawdeswell.
10.30 am Holy Communion, Foxley.
6.30 pm Deanery Lent Service, Bawdeswell.
Preacher: Canon Geoffrey Shaw -
Pillars of Faith: John Wycliffe.

MOTHERING SUNDAY

5th March

- 9.00 am Holy Communion, Foxley
- 10.30 am Mothering Sunday Family
Worship, Bawdeswell.

Foxley Methodist Chapel Services

- 5th 11.00 am Mr. D. Potter.
- 12th 6.30 pm Major D. Carruthers.
- 19th 11.00 am Mr. Tatam.
- 26th 6.30 pm Mr. Mackrell.

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BAWDESWELL RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE

We have had a meeting with the Assistant Director of the Norfolk Rural Community Council and gained his advice on grants available for our proposed new hall. We have also spoken to the Breckland D.C. who will allow us to apply for a grant in March. The present hall and bowling green site will, we hope, be offered for sale in late April and Mr. K. Ewing has very kindly offered his services free of charge. We shall then know how much we have available and can complete plans, via our architect, to show to the village for approval.

Our plans to raise money continue, with a Valentine Day dance on the 11th February, a jumble sale on 25th February and a further 50/50 auction to be held in the hall on the 8th April.

Please get in touch with Mary Farthing (tel. 474) re jumble and regarding the 50/50 auction, any member of the committee, including Tony Holmes at The Willows (tel. 518) who can store goods if necessary until the sale.

FEBRUARY DIARY DATES

Mon.	6th	7.30 pm	Bawdeswell Parish Council, Village Hall.
Tues.	7th	8.00 pm	Bawdeswell P.C.C. meeting, Maytree Farm.
Sat.	11th	8.00 pm	Valentine's Day Dance, Bawdeswell Village Hall.
Mon.	13th	7.30 pm	Bawdeswell and Foxley Women's Institute Meeting, Thatched Cottage, Bawdeswell.
Fri.	17th	8.00 pm	Foxley Parish Council, Village Hall.
Sat.	25th	2.30 pm	Bawdeswell Recreation Ground Committee Jumble Sale, Village Hall.
sun.	26th	6.30 pm	Deanery Lent Service, All Saints, Bawdeswell.

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