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EDITORIAL - MAY

On 22nd June 1897, in honour of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee, a sports meeting took place on Mr. Jas. Joice's Field, Bawdeswell followed by a Grand Display of Fireworks. Both the events in the programme and the prizes reflect the spirit of the time.

In the "100 Yards Obstruction Race for Farm Labourers", the lucky winner came away with a hat and the runner up got a pair of gloves. The "60 Yards Thread the Needle Race for Girls under 14" awarded four yards of calico to the winner, second prize a pair of scissors. One of the more popular events, with three prizes, appears to have been the "200 Yards Stripping Race (Open)" with three shillings for the top stripper and two and one shilling respectively for the others, presumably marginally slower. (The imagination starts to run riot - what would Queen Victoria have thought, we wonder?) But no doubt our local ancestors had a wonderful time, possibly rounding off the evening with a visit to one of the four village hostleries. A copy of the 1897 poster can be seen in the Village Stores, by courtesy of Andrew and Shirley Battley.

On Sunday, 23rd April 1989, Vic Myhill from Bawdeswell ran in and completed the gruelling 26 miles of the London Marathon, expecting no prize other than the satisfaction of having done so. But he carried on his back a wide local sponsorship on behalf of the new village hall fund and his achievement will result in a handsome contribution to its funding. We congratulate him on a first class effort - like the event in 1897, very much in the spirit of the times.

A.R. Holmes - Editor
Bawdeswell 518

Items for June by 18th May please.

Foxley Rectory,
May, 1980

Dear Friends,

Writing my May letter just a few days after the football stadium tragedy means that the matters of life and death are uppermost in my mind. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all the families from Liverpool who have lost loved ones.

The apparent escalation of tragedy over recent months has meant that by the very nature of events death is not quite the taboo subject that it was. All of us seem freshly conscious "that in the midst of life we are in death".

At the same time as reading the reports of the Hillsborough disaster I was handed a school calendar which among other things gave the titles of the current term's Christian Union meetings. They too were about death - and Eternal Life. One title picked up words written by St. Paul "To die is gain". The full quote would explain things better - "For me to live is Christ, to die is gain". Paul had captured the secret of Eternal Life that Jesus came to give us; that it starts here and now and is found in Him alone. The greatest joy and happiness can be found in serving him now and then passing through the door of death to spend eternity in his presence.

Bereavement is a time of sadness and loss and I'm sure, like me, the families of those who died in Sheffield have been in your prayers, especially when so many of the victims were young people. But the privilege I have as a Minister of Christ is not only to bring people the assurance of God's love and presence in their sadness, but to point them to Jesus and that "whosoever believes in him should not die eternally but have eternal life" (St. John 3v16)

Yours most sincerely
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BAWDESWELL AND FOXLEY W.I.

Once again, our meeting in April was a great success, we were invited to Mrs. Joan Parfitt's home to see a Video of The Holy Land where she spent some time last year. It was amazing to see how beautiful the country was, as usually all we see are newsreels of the fighting there, but proof was that it is not all war torn and watching the Video gave one a sense of seeing the life and times as they were 2000 years ago.

After refreshments the Spring flower competition was judged, the winner Mrs. G. Lowe, second Mrs. M. A. Curson and third Mrs. P. Kemp who also won the raffle.

We were each given our Sunflower seeds to grow for the competition in October, let's hope we get the sunshine for them to reach up to.

It was nice to have Mrs. Olive Curtis with us for the evening, seemed as though she had never moved to Reepham.

The Committee Meeting at "Old Orchard", The Street, Bawdeswell, is open to all members, so that we can discuss the Resolutions. I look forward to seeing you at 8.00 p.m. Tuesday, May 2nd. Then the following Monday, May 8th at 7.30 p.m. we meet at Mrs. Anne Murrell's home to hear a lady from Poland talking about her country.

The competition is for the best hint for the use of Sunflower seeds, can be serious or frivolous.

GLADYS LOWE

VILLAGE BRIEFS

1. Bawdeswell Cemetary It would be very much appreciated if those who tend the graves in the cemetary would be kind enough to remove flowers and wreaths after a suitable interval and to keep their sites as tidy as possible in the circumstances. Unfortunately it is not at present possible to extend care to the whole cemetary.
2. Bawdeswell's new Parish Clerk Congratulations to Mary Ann Curson on her recent appointment to office. We wonder if she will consider using her well known talents to illustrate minutes, in future, with sketches of members in session,
3. For Sale Large piece of glass (part frosted) width 90", depth 27.3/4". Enquiries to B'well 514
4. 200 Club Draw - B'well Rec. Ground C'tee 3.4.80

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20	39		Marion Smith, Old Post Office D'ham Rd.
15	191		Mrs D Atkins, Cidars, Reepham Rd.
10	38		Tracy Colman, Farndale, Fakenham Rd.
10	16		Miss M Joice, May Tree Farm
5	133		Pearl Kemp, Grooms House, B'well Hall
5	168		Tony Holmes, The Willows
5	140		Len Taylor, Woodbine House
5	195		R. Watling, Mews Cottage, Foxley.

A SPRING FAYRE will be held in Foxley Village Hall on Saturday May 20th at 2pm. Cake, Produce, Jumble, Plant and White Elephant Stalls. Also a Bran Tub.

Proceeds in aid of Foxley Methodist Chapel.

CORRESPONDENCE

Bawdeswell

Dear Mr. Holmes,

As residents of the village along with others we've spoken to, we cannot understand why a few people are anxious to get rid of the garage. We use it to buy all our petrol, calling at the same time at the village shop for groceries. If we've to go elsewhere for petrol then we shall shop there as well, which means the village shop will lose out. While the powers that be seem to be trying to expand the village, and new houses going up all the time with an average of one car to each house, it seems ridiculous to want to get rid of such a necessity. If this handful of people think the garage an eyesore, then just politely ask them to tidy it up. We can assure you we'd rather see a garage than a pub anytime. We dread to think what villagers will have to put up with at turning out time if a pub ever re-appeared in the village. It's been so peaceful at night since the 'Bell' closed. As this is the opinion of several of us, the writer wishes to remain anonymous.

EDITOR'S NOTE

The matter has arisen, not because "a few people are anxious to get rid of the garage", as stated above, but because the owners of the garage have applied for planning permission to develop the site for other purposes.

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BAWDESWELL & FOXLEY PLAYGROUP

The Playbus opened its doors on 11th April with new acquisitions including two rabbits and an outside play area with climbing frame and slide. We could not have opened without the help and support of many people, who we'd like to take this opportunity to thank. Hamish Duncan for positioning fire extinguishers, Glyn Williams for painting the outside (and top!) of the bus. 'Arnie' for his contacts and support Pete Marshall for his electrical expertise, Andrew for the fencing work, Geoff Williams for his support, both morally and in concrete, Edna Johnson for her assistance and enthusiasm as well as Freda Williams, Jean Edwards and

SUMMARY OF MINUTES OF BAWDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
3RD APRIL, 1989

Present - Councillors Sparkes (Chairman), Eglinton, Holmes and Wright, the Clerk and 6 parishioners.
Apology received from Mrs. Farthing.

The Chairman opened the meeting by introducing the new Clerk and presenting the retiring Clerk, Tracy Colman with a token of appreciation for the work she has done for the Parish Council.

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

MATTERS ARISING

Recreation - Councillor Holmes stated that a stalemate situation had been reached with regards to the hall and bowling green site. Our architect has approached the garage's agent with a view to a combined scheme, but without success. Neither has he received any confirmation of planning consent from the council. The chairman is to meet Mr. Daynes to discuss the matter as outline planning permission only is needed for the sale to proceed. Norfolk Rural Development Council acknowledge the possibility of a grant up to £15,000 but not until next year. Breckland D.C. say that £4,000 may be available in this financial year. The cost of the new bowling green is expected to be more than the estimated £10,000. The earliest date for the auction of the site is now May or June. The owner of the garage has informally expressed a wish to purchase the site, but no firm offer has been received.

Surveyors Land - A reply has been received from the Surveyors office regarding the valuation of the old Surveyor's Land on which planning permission is considered unlikely. Councillor Holmes stressed the importance of not selling too cheaply.

Auction - An auction in aid of funds is to be held on Saturday, 8th April at 2.30 p.m. with Ken Ewing as auctioneer.

Clerk's Report - Following the site meeting between the Chairman and Mr. Francis, Divisional Engineer, a letter has been received from Norfolk C.C. With regards to the speed limit extension on B1145 there are limited resources for this type of work and it may be some time before it can be programmed. The suggested footpath extension in Paradise Road will be assessed to determine the priority.

A letter has been sent to the farmer requesting that the fence opposite the Billingford Road be repaired and that machinery uses the farm gate to the rear of the Old Rectory for access to the main road.

Any Other Business - Councillor Holmes reported having received a letter suggesting that the ban on dogs on the recreation ground was unreasonable provided they were on a lead and did not foul the ground. He thought, however, that in due course, with the ground developed, they would not be permitted under byelaws. There were queries about the Council's right to establish such a ban and the Chairman agreed to investigate the matter. Meanwhile, the sign would be altered to allow well-behaved dogs on a lead to walk the grounds, against the statutory penalties. The abuse of the ground by some motor-cyclists would be taken care of by gates to be installed in due course.

A letter from Breckland R.D.C. has been received outlining plans for a Community Car Scheme to aid non-car owners in visits to the doctors and Norwich, etc.

The question of who is responsible for overhanging trees and shrubs on public footpaths was raised. Hedgerows are the responsibility of the Highways Dept. and if from a private property then the tenants. Individuals should take the first step to remedy the situation and in the event of any problems should contact the Parish Council through the Clerk.

Planning Application - British Telecommunications plc. Provision of standby power unit for telephone exchange. No observations.

Next meeting - 8th May.

BAWDESWELL & FOXLEY PLAYGROUPE (Cont'd)

Wendy Spicer. The shed lifting team also require thanks and muscular support. Finally, our supervisor and assistants without whose commitment to the project and the playgroup children, the Playbus would not have proved so successful.

Thrift Shop - will open on Tuesday, 9th May at Edna Johnson's house, good quality clothes and equipment can be left to be sold at any time. Please support the shop and help us raise commission for our funds.

Sponsored Walk - Tuesday, 9th May - round the Recreation Ground. Please sponsor the children per side of a square.

Happy Birthday to Angela Burden, Jenifer Hart and Carrie Jackson.

Denise Bristow
(Bawdeswell 402)

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REEPHAM YOUNG FARMERS CLUB

With the Easter Bank Holiday only three meetings were held during the month of March. The first was outdoor. We visited Norwich Ambulance Headquarters at Hellesdon, where several staff members showed us around. We were given a tour round the Control Room and an ambulance.

The following week Mr. B. Merrel arranged a table top rally for us. This was great fun, although with our navigating skills it was a good job it wasn't the real thing! At the last meeting of the month, Aylsham Young Farmers joined us for an evening of short mat bowls, brought along by Mr. J. Girling.

At the end of the month Richard Lilwall entered the preliminary round of the illustrated talk competition. He talked on his recent trip to Australia, and is to go through to the finals to be held later this month.

If you are interested in joining and are between 16-26 please come along. We normally meet at the Old Brewery House, Reepham on Monday nights at 7.45 p.m. For further info. contact Jill (Foulsham 513) or Julie (Norwich 870726).

Sara Morgan
(Tel: Melton Constable 860789)

BAWDESWELL RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE Our money raising efforts continued with a successful 50/50 Auction on April 8th which raised about £494 profit. We much appreciate the sterling efforts of Ken Ewing which tempted buyers to go for the bargains; we also thank all those who gave items to sell. If any claimant has yet to be paid his/her 50%, please let me know (ARN.Tel 518). Vic Myhill will, by the time this is published, run his stint in the London Marathon and we thank him as well as all those who have agreed to sponsor him. See next month for the total raised. On the main issue, we still await formal planning permission for housing before the sale by auction of the combined sites, due to the intervention of the garage next door, the owners of which also seek planning approval in outline at least. We believe that by the time this goes to press, we shall be able to go ahead.

BAWDESWELL GARDENS OPEN DAY This event will take place on Sunday 11th June and we hope to have many gardens open in the village. If you are willing to participate please ring either the Rector (B'well 397) or Mr & Mrs Taylor (B'well 268). Bawdeswell Hall garden will be included on the itinerary. Full details next month but please book the date now. The afternoon will end with a Songs of Praise Service at All Saints, Bawdeswell at 6.30 p.m.

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REEPHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL - Saturday 20th May at 7.30 pm. Sunday 21st May at 7.30 pm.

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Tickets: £2.50 and £1.50.

Advance bookings: phone Lyn Atkins on Norwich 872401

REEVES TALE ACCOUNT MARCH '88 - FEB '89.

INCOME.

1. Opening balance as at 1st March	£53.27
2. Advertising receipts for year	£337.50
3. Donations via shops and well wishers	£47.42
4. Donation from Pawdeswell P. Council	£15.00
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EXPENDITURE.

1. Electro stencil cutting & printing .	£160.00
2. Purchase of paper, stencils & ink ..	£160.22
3. Petty cash (post, staples etc.)	£7.87
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Credit balance carried forward	£125.10

Hon. Treasurer's notes:-

Thanks to all those who contributed during the year, especially our advertisers and all who made donations via the shops or direct to me. The donations received in this way (£47.42) were roughly half of the sum received in 1987/88 so please renew your support. We were fortunate not to incur any costs for repairs to the duplicator or typewriters in the accounting year.

Grahame Pumphries.
1st March, 1989.

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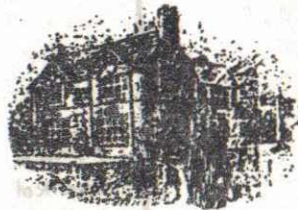
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7th May 10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer at Foxley.

Sunday **WHIT SUNDAY.**
14th May 9.00 a.m. H.C. at Foxley.
10.30 a.m. Family Worship at B'well.

Sunday, 9.00 a.m. H.C. at Bawdeswell.
21st May 10.30 a.m. H.C. at Foxley.

Sunday 9.00 a.m. H.C. at Foxley
28th May 10.30 a.m. H.C. at Bawdeswell.

Sunday 9.00 a.m. H.C. at Bawdeswell.
4th June 10.30 a.m. Family Worship at Foxley.

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Foxley Methodist Chapel.

SUNDAY.

7th 6.30 p.m. H.C. Rev. H. Bent.
14th 11.00 a.m. Mr. C. Jolly.
21st 6.30 p.m. Miss K. Ward.
28th 11.00 a.m. Mrs. Tatam.

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NORFOLK NATURALISTS TRUST - FOXLEY WOOD

Foxley Wood will be opened on 9th September in the form of a Foxley Wood Fair, 11.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. with formal opening at 2.00 p.m. The event is to be a demonstration of traditional woodland uses and activities. From then on, the reserve will be open daily through the summer from April to October, (closed on Thursdays). In the winter, the reserve will be open on Wednesdays and Sundays; as with other reserves it will be open from 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. or dusk, whichever is earlier. There will be no charge for visitors, either members or non-members. We would look forward to seeing you all at some time through the year, hoping you will consider joining the N.N.T. Application forms are available from the Warden (Tel: Bawdeswell 279). Foxley Parish Council are interested in joining as a Committee, and have been told they are welcome for a fee of £25.00 minimum.

A. ALambert
Warden

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DIARY DATES - MAY

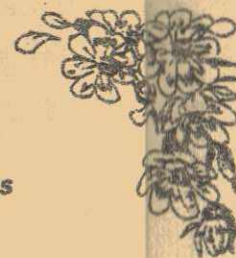
- Tues. 2nd 8.00 p.m. Bawdeswell & Foxley W.I. Committee at Old Orchards, Bawdeswell.
- Mon. 8th 7.30 p.m. Bawdeswell & Foxley W.I. at 3 Mill Rd., Foxley.
- Mon. 8th 7.30 p.m. Bawdeswell Parish Council, Village Hall.
- Tues. 9th Playgroup sponsored walk - Recreation Ground, Bawdeswell.
- Fri. 12th 8.00 p.m. Foxley Parish Council A.G.M. Village Hall.
- Sat. 20th 2.00 p.m. Foxley Chapel Spring Fayre, Village Hall.
- Sun. 28th 3.00 p.m. St. Walstan Open Air Service at Bawburgh.



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