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Pilot Officer James McLean, RAFVR
Sergeant Mervyn Lambert Tansley, RAFVR

There has always been something of a mystery about the events of the night of 6th November, 1944, when Bawdeswell Church was destroyed. The mystery deepened with the publication of the Bawdeswell Heritage Register containing the remarkable story that the destruction was as a result of the crash of "a stolen Mosquite aircraft flown by two American airman".

We do not know how this nonsense came to be published but as a result of efforts made by Mr. John Ames, Bawdeswell Church Warden, we are now able to relate, elsewhere in this issue, the true story, as revealed by Mr. R.J. Collis, Aviation Historian of Culton Broad. We do so not only to tell what really happened but also to do justice to the memory of the two young men who died over the village as a result of doing their duty.

We make no apology for suggesting that it would be appropriate, each year in the Remembrance month of November, to call to mind their names and thereby give special, local meaning to the famous words of Laurence Binyon:-

"They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember them".

A.R. Holmes, Editor
The Willows,
Bawdeswell (Tel: 518)

Items for the December/January issue by 17th November please.

Foxley Rectory
November, 1989

Dear Friends,

Remember, remember the fifth of November - only this year I'd like you to remember the third of November as well! You are warmly invited to a lively musical evening at Bawdeswell Church at 7.30 p.m. on Friday, 3rd November. Some talented singers from the Norfolk Opera Players will be presenting "Music of the Night" consisting of music from some of the most popular musicals of recent years together with some well-loved favourites from light operetta. We believe it should make a really enjoyable evening - it will if you support us.

While you've got your diaries open, don't forget to book the date of this year's Christmas Fayre at Foxley Village Hall - Saturday, 19th November at 2.00 p.m.

The theme of remembrance is constantly before us and it is at the heart of the Christian faith. When Jesus shared his final meal with his followers, in the upper room, before his death; He took the bread and wine and gave them a new and deep significance, speaking of them as his broken body and shed blood. "Do this in remembrance of me" he said and Christians through the centuries have obeyed his command and share the Lord's Supper (Holy Communion) on a regular basis.

Some people feel we have too many Communion services in our monthly pattern of services and they may be right. What is important is that we obey Jesus' command and remember his great love for us in dying on the cross.

Yours most sincerely,

Grahame Humphries
(Bawdeswell 397)

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MINUTES OF FOXLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Friday, 22nd September, 1989.

Present: K. Murrell, W. Potter, C. Skinner
7 Parishioners and BDC representative
Mr. D. Sayer.

Apologies from T. Cook.

MATTERS ARISING:

Development at Turnpike Farm, Foxley. Meeting was held at Chairman's home on 15th September at request of Mr. Sayer to try to resolve the matter. However, P.C. are not satisfied with B.D.C.'s reply to date and an in-depth meeting has been arranged by P.C. and Mr. Sayer to meet with the Chief Executive, Mr. J.B. Heath, and Chief Planning Officer, Mr. K.P. Dickerson on 5th October.

Surveyor's Land. Norfolk Naturalists' Trust are very interested in management but impose certain conditions. We are currently following up various GRANT SCHEMES. A good one is offered by "SHELL BETTER BRITAIN CAMPAIGN".

Ornamental village sign. This is now finished and ready for assembly on site. Mr. J. Mears, having built the base and upright on site, has kindly donated his work and materials as a gift to the village, for which we all thank him. Cost of carving the design was £300 plus £45 VAT and was carried out by Tim Glavin of Fakenham. All people involved in the work and all parishioners will be invited to attend the unveiling which will be done by Mr. Don Davis, who has lived in Foxley for a great many years and regularly attends our meetings. The original date of 28th October for unveiling has been changed to Saturday, 4th November at 2 pm Memorial site.

War Memorial seat. Our thanks to Mr. Weeds for so kindly repairing, staining and installing the seat which is not yet chained; Mr. K. Murrell will deal with this.

Contd. overleaf

Foul Drainage. We are still waiting for Anglian Water to deal with the sewer running through The Street. Solicitor has informed us that the sale of land for Pumping Station is reaching completion.

OTHER MATTERS:

Resignation of Parish Councillor Mrs. Margaret Joice has resigned. We thank her for all past services to the Parish. A new councillor will be co-opted and a number of nominations are being considered.

Grass Cutting. Clerk to write to B.D.C. concerning weeds obliterating the children's view of traffic on the main road at Chapel Road crossing point. A complaint by tradesmen, etc. that the Foxley sign near Flora Nova is misleading; a suggestion is that a Bawdeswell direction sign should be placed on opposite side of main road. Clerk to contact Bawdeswell clerk to suggest the idea.

Charity Leeds Trust. Vacancy on Trust Charity - Miss Margaret Joice from Maytree Farm, Bawdeswell, has been nominated.

Parish Accounts. As at 9th September, Current A/c £29, Deposit A/c £646; grand total £675.

T.N.N.T. Further donations to the Trust were not agreed at this time.

School Governor. Mr. Sayer said two names had been required as County reps. for Bawdeswell School and Jane Venworth was nominated for Foxley, as sitting Governor, by David Sayer.

NEXT MEETING, 17th November, 1989.
8 pm. Village Hall.

BAWDESWELL AND FOXLEY W. T.

We had a really "spooky" evening for our October meeting at The Grooms Cottage, the home of Mrs Pearl Kemp. When we arrived we were greeted by a huge carved out Pumpkin lit from the inside by candles giving just the right atmosphere for our guest speaker, Mr. Allen who read poems and prose with the theme of "Ghouls and Ghosties". He also judged the most apt Halloween mask to be that of Mrs P. Kemp's.

Refreshments were served, during which Mrs. C. Lowe won the raffle.

Our next meeting will be the A.C.M. on Monday 13th November at Mrs Joan Parfitt's home "Pol Na Ches", Foxley at 7.30 p.m. We shall also judge the Autumn Flower arrangements, something small either fresh or dried flowers or grasses.

Our Christmas dinner is all arranged for Wednesday 13th December at the Old Rectory in Bawdeswell, more on that next month.

May I thank everyone for their good wishes over the last weeks, I am well on the mend now I'm glad to say.

GLADYS LOWE.

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FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS:

We extend our sympathy to those who have recently lost loved ones. "underneath are the Everlasting Arms".

13th October - Funeral service at St. Thomas' Foxley for Marc Oliver Carter (aged 8 years).

25th October - Committal of Ashes at Foxley deceased Edith Elizabeth Mvhill (formerly of Foxley).

Minutes of Bawdeswell Parish Council
Meeting held on 2.10.80 at 7.30 p.m.,
in the Village Hall.

PRESENT:- Cnclrs Sparkes, Farthing, Rolington, Smith, Cooke, Holmes and Wright, the Clerk and four parishioners.

FINANCE. The account books had now been handed over to the Clerk as Treasurer; both accounts are in credit.

RECREATION. The two planning applications went before the Committee earlier in the day and although nothing had been heard officially David Sayer had suggested that both were likely to be passed i.e., for three dwellings on the Village Hall/Bowling Green site and for six dwellings on the garage site. The Village Hall development is still dependent on the plans next door.

CLERKS REPORT. Two letters were read from Mr. Haynes and Mr. Taylor in response to a request to cut back hedges on the Reepham Road junction.

An invitation has been received from Dereham Access Group to an open evening designed to discuss the possibilities of forming a local group. Also two members are invited to a cheese and wine supper by Dereham Meeting Point later in October. Councillors Sparkes or Farthing might attend.

A discussion followed on the recent site meeting held on Monday 18th September in Dereham Road cul-de-sac to consider a planning application to erect a machinery retail business submitted by P.R. Rolington Ltd. At the outset three Cnclrs. were totally against any development of this site because it would present the wrong image of Bawdeswell to passers by; the remaining Cnclrs. thought that access was the main problem. All agreed that the village did not want an increase of traffic through the village centre, and that this was the last remaining relatively tranquil area in the village; a quiet cul-de-sac much used by children, the elderly and dog walkers. Cnclr. Rolington stated that at present two or three small parcel lorries delivered on a daily basis

Minutes of B'well Parish Council Meeting cont'd.

with one delivery a fortnight of a medium sized lorry. After much discussion it was agreed to object on the grounds of access for the reasons given above.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS. Miss Margaret Joice has been appointed Trustee of the Leeds Trust to represent Bawdeswell School.

Mr. Dawson, whose garden adjoins the Recreation Ground, needs to remove the boundary fence temporarily to allow a JCB onto his property. There were no objections.

Cnclr. Holmes stated that Bawdeswell Heath is being used for the dumping of rubbish again. He is attempting to trace the owner of a cooker left there recently and hoped the Trustees would prosecute in the event of the culprit being found. Meanwhile arrangements will be made to remove it.

Mr. Battley enquired whether a mini roundabout would be possible at the Reepham Road junction with the street. This was thought improbable in the prevailing economic climate.

A parishioner reported her fears for the safety of children playing on the heaps of bricks on the Rogers site at Hall Road. The subject will be aired in next months Reeves Tale and the Clerk is to write to Mr. Rogers on the matter.

A parishioner who enquired why no bingo is now being held in the Village Hall was advised to contact contact Mr. George Kemp. There is to be a Purmace Sale on Saturday, 14th October.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.20. The next meeting is on Monday, 6th November.

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VILLAGE BRIEFS.

1. All are invited to come and enjoy "a trip to the Holy Land" at Foxley Methodist Chapel on Sunday 12th November at 6.30 p.m., Film, photos and a brief talk will be followed by coffee and nibbles and there will be no charge.

2. On Bawdeswell Recreation Ground a case has recently been reported of boys lighting a fire in the hedge which could have had serious consequences not only to the hedge but to nearby property. Parents are asked to see that children do not light fires and cause danger to themselves and others.

3. Building site brick piles. Regarding Bawdeswell council meeting in October, Rogers Pros. Builders have written as follows:-

"We are well aware of the damage and dangers with children on our site, over the past three to four months we have been called to the site on average twice a week, only last week we caught about 25 children stacing their own war with bricks. In the past few months we have had a caravan and site toilet wrecked, sewer pipes broken and bricks scattered over a wide area, in all we estimate approximately £2000 in damage. We have informed the police and asked them to keep an eye on the site, we have also spoken to as many parents as we can find and but for a few, they seem uninterested. We have warned them that these bricks weigh approximately three quarters of a ton per pack, but they still think it is great fun to pull the bottom ones out causing the top ones to collapse. We have been in touch with the school on two previous occasions and have spoken to the headmaster again today. To safeguard ourselves we must now consider wiring off the entrances to the site, this we have been reluctant to do in the past as we appreciate it has been used as a short cut to the school but, as the general opinion is that we should do something to safeguard the children this now appears to be the only action we can take."

THE DESTRUCTION OF BAWDESWELL CHURCH

On the night of Monday, 6th November, 1944, R.A.F. Bomber Command sent out two major forces of bombers; 235 Lancasters of 5 Group, together with 7 Mosquitoes, attacked the Mittelland Canal at Gravenhorst, while 128 Lancasters of 3 Group carried out a night G-H area raid on Koblenz. 12 Lancasters, 3 Mosquitoes and a RCM Fortress failed to return.

Mosquito NoKB 364 was one of 12 aircraft from 608 Squadron which set out from Downham Market to attack Gelsenkirchen that night. The attack was officially a "spoof raid", i.e. the intention being to draw German night-fighters away from the two mainforce raids elsewhere.

Cloud and icing conditions were encountered by the returning crews. KB364 is thought to have become severely iced up during the descent through cloud over Norfolk and the pilot lost control and was unable to regain it before impact with the ground. The Mosquito first hit some electric cables on the Bawdeswell-Reepham road, causing it to veer in flight over Bawdeswell at a shallow angle. It struck the end of Chaucer House, setting fire to the roof of the building, then damaged the house next door before finally crashing into the North Transept of the Church, burning fiercely. Both propellers fell into the garden of Chaucer House, one cutting down a tree, and debris was widely spread. The crash took place at 20.50 hours. The Church and a cottage were gutted with a further cottage extensively damaged by fire. Electricity cables were damaged and a telephone kiosk needed repairs.

Both crew members aboard Mosquito KB364 were killed in the crash. They were Pilot Officer James McLean (185130) aged 26 of Bents, West Lothian, Scotland, and Sergeant Mervyn Lambert Tansley (1604944) aged 21 of Fulham, London.

BAWDESWELL AND FOXLEY PLAYGROUP

Now is the most exciting time for the children - leading up to Christmas with all the activities that go with it. With this in mind, our Christmas Bazaar will be held at Bawdeswell Village Hall on 19th November commencing at 2 pm. There will be various stalls, Father Christmas, etc. We hope you will all come and give your support to help with our fund raising.

The Playgroup Nativity is also to be held at the Village Hall on 18th December, starting at 10.30 am.

The children's Christmas Party is this year at Foxley Village Hall on 19th December, starting at 9.30 am. There will be an entertainer, "Tommy Thomas", and also Father Christmas will be visiting. It will, as last year, be open to non-Playgroup children at a charge of 60p with the Mums to supply a present for Santa's Sack. There will be a pick-up point for those with no transport, details of which will be announced later.

We are presently collecting silver paper to help our funds as the Playbus requires some heating for the winter. Any contributions would be much appreciated.

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CHURCH SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SERVICES

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| Sun. | 5th Nov. | 9.00 a.m. | H.C. at Bawdeswell |
| | | 10.30 a.m. | M.P. at Foxley |
| | | 2.30 p.m. | Holy Baptism at Bawdeswell |
| Sun. | 12th Nov. | 9.00 a.m. | H.C. at Foxley |
| | | 10.45 a.m. | Area Remembrance Sunday Service at All Saints, Weston Longville |
| Sun. | 19th Nov. | 9.00 a.m. | H.C. at Bawdeswell |
| | | 10.30 a.m. | H.C. at Foxley |
| Sun. | 26th Nov. | 9.00 a.m. | H.C. at Foxley |
| | | 10.30 a.m. | H.C. at Bawdeswell |
| Thurs. | 30th Nov. | 7.30 p.m. | Deanery Confirmation Service at Reepham Parish Church |
| Sun. | 3rd Dec. | 9.00 a.m. | H.C. at Bawdeswell |
| | | NO 10.30 | A.M. SERVICE |
| | | 3.00 p.m. | ADVENT CHRISTINGLE SERVICE at Foxley |

METHODIST SERVICES AT FOXLEY CHAPEL

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| Sun. | 5th Nov. | 3.00 p.m. | Combined Service at Trinity Methodist Church, Dereham |
| Sun. | 12th Nov. | 6.30 p.m. | Rev. G. Humphries and showing of Holy Land Video "This Land of God" |
| Sun. | 19th Nov. | 6.30 p.m. | H.C. - Rev. R. Purvis |
| Sun. | 26th Nov. | 11.00 a.m. | Mr. D. Potter |
| Sun. | 3rd Dec. | 6.30 p.m. | Rev. R. Purvis |

ADVANCE NOTICE RE. CAROL SERVICES

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| Sun. | 17th Dec. | 2.30 p.m. | Carol Service at Foxley Chapel |
| | | 6.30 p.m. | Carol & Gift Service at All Saints, Bawdeswell |
| Thurs. | 21st Dec. | 2.30 p.m. | Fram Service with Carols at Foxley |
| Sun. | 24th Dec. | 6.00 p.m. | Carol Service at Foxley |
| | | 11.30 p.m. | Christmas Communion at B'well |

DIARY - NOVEMBER

- Fri. 3rd 7.30 p.m. "Music of the Night"
Bawdeswell Church
- Sat. 4th 2.00 p.m. Foxley Village Sign unveiling;
(next to War Memorial)
- Mon. 6th 7.30 p.m. Bawdeswell P.C.C. - Village Hall
- Sun. 12th 10.45 a.m. Area Remembrance Sunday Service,
Weston Longville
- Sun. 12th 6.30 p.m. Foxley Methodist Chapel
Film etc. re Holy Land
- Mon. 13th 7.30 p.m. Womens Institute Meeting at
"Pol-na-Chess", Foxley
- Fri. 17th 8.00 p.m. Foxley P.C.C., Village Hall
- Sat. 18th 2.00 p.m. Christmas Fayre, Foxley Village
Hall

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Come and solve some of those Christmas shopping problems at Foxley Village Hall on Saturday, 18th November at 2.00 p.m. There will be Plant, Cake, Christmas and Book stalls, as well as several games for you to try your hand at.

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