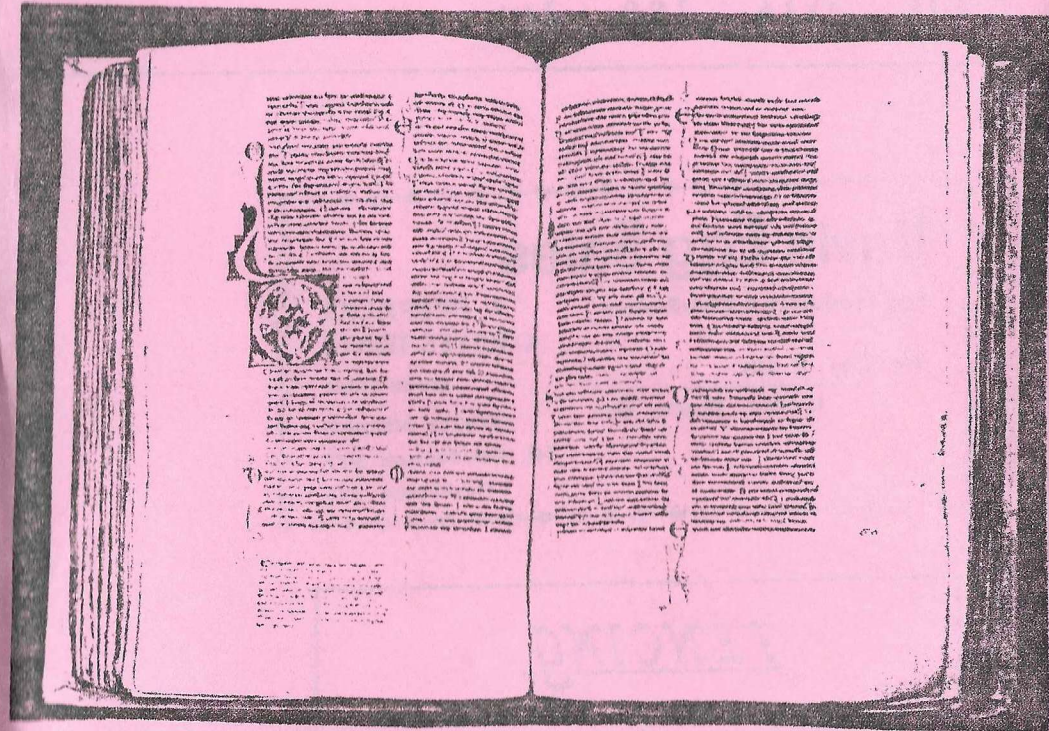


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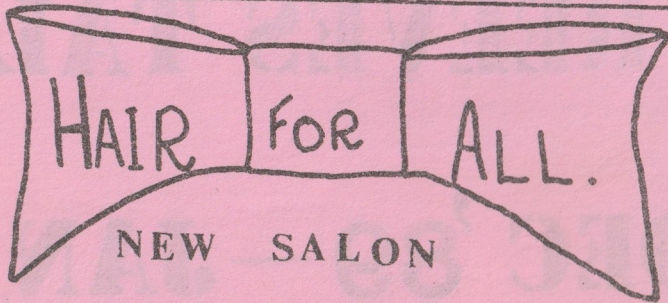
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EDITORIAL - DECEMBER/JANUARY.

Looking out in the late Autumn sunshine on a garden, still bright with fuschias, nerines and roses, it seems strange to be writing an editorial to cover the dark days at the end of the old year and beginning of the new. But, greenhouse effect or not, winter will soon descend on us with its old fury and we would do well to lay in supplies of coal and logs and dust down the old winter coat in the wardrobe.

This seems to be a time when the experts like to make predictions for the New Year. If you would like to join in this practice, we will print some of your ideas in the next issue. Meanwhile, here are a few 'possibles' from your editor:-

1. That next summer will not be as warm as this one has been.
2. That the cost of postage stamps will rise again - they don't even need to print new issues now!
3. That there will be points failures at Bethnal Green almost daily in the journey from Norwich to Liverpool Street station, which will still take over two hours.
4. That Norwich City will win a home match.
5. That 'Howard's Way' (on T.V.) will be revived in the New Year.

From the Reeves Tale staff, a Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year to you all.

A.R.HOLMES, Editor.
'The Willows', Bawdeswell.
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The Rectory, Foxley
December, 1989.

Dear Friends,

I expect, like me, you find yourself in top gear at this time of year. Certainly looking through my diary for the coming month I see there's very little free time for the inevitable christmas shopping.

But there is always the danger that the busyness of christmas can mean that we miss the essential truth at the heart of the festivities. I'm not in the habit of celebrating complete strangers birthdays, nor, I suspect, are you. Perhaps then we need to ask ourselves do we know Jesus well enough to fully enjoy the anniversary of His birth?

The opportunity presents itself each year to get to know Him better - by taking down our Bibles and reading the account of His nativity in the early chapters of St. Luke's Gospel and by attending a Carol Service where familiar and well loved carols sung prayerfully will bring us closer to the one who is Emmanuel - "God with us".

May Jesus' birthday celebrations in your home be filled with the joy of His presence in your hearts in a rich and new way this year.

I wish you a truly Happy and Joyous Christmas and every good wish for the year that lies ahead.

Yours most sincerely,
GRAHAME HUMPHRIES.

HOME COMMUNIONS.

If any elderly or housebound members of our two villages would like to receive Holy communion at home in the days leading up to Christmas, please contact the Rector on Bawdeswell 397.

PARISH REGISTERS.

7th November - Funeral service at St. Faiths Crematorium of Mr. Alfred Blackstaff of Bawdeswell.

9th November - Funeral service at St. Faiths Crematorium of Mr. James Hedley of Foxley.

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BAWDESWELL AND FOXLEY PLAYGROUP

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By the time this goes to press our Christmas Bazaar will be past history and we can hopefully report our success story. We would like to thank all the people from both villages and all the local trade people who made contributions of raffle prizes. Without your support we would not be able to raise the funds to purchase all the things required to run a successful Playgroup. We all felt rather proud when the Playbus got a mention in the National press; they also have our pictures displayed in the House of Commons.

As you can imagine, this is a time of great excitement for Playgroup with the Nativity preparations and planning the Christmas party. The children will be visiting Folland Court on the 12th December to sing carols and the Nativity will be in the Village Hall on the 18th.

The Christmas party will be held at Foxley Village Hall on the 19th December, 9.30 a.m. when we shall be expecting Father Christmas to visit. If there are any other toddlers wishing to join in the party there will be a charge of 60p (plus a present for Santa's sack). Please let me know if you wish your child to attend.

We have had the pleasure of welcoming Jane Rates as a new member of staff to the Playbus this term - GOOD LUCK JANE.

We are also saying SEVEN SAD LITTLE GOODBYES this term when some of Tricia's proteges go out into the big wide world. We wish them all well:

Matthew Jacobs
Peter Fuller
Tara Watling
Sarah Harris
Carrie Jackson
Samantha Marshall
Jane Eglington.

Janet Lees
(509)

BAWDESWELL RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE (BRGC)
BAWDESWELL PARISH ROOM MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (BPRMC)

1. BRGC was formed some two years ago as an offshoot of Bawdeswell Parish Council, with the objective of raising funds to pay off the Council's remaining overdraft of some £2,500 (which had arisen as a result of the purchase of the Recreation Ground) and at the same time finding funds to meet the costs of maintenance. These objectives have now been fulfilled and there is a balance in hand of some £1,300 to go towards the cost of a new parish room to be built on the Recreation Ground.

2. BPRMC was the committee through which the affairs of the present parish room were managed as a registered charity. The parish room will close finally on 31st December 1989, having reached the end of its natural life. (The cost of repairs and updating, so that a certificate could have been obtained to continue, would have been excessive). Accordingly, a meeting of the committee was held on 20th November to wind up its affairs.

3. A NEW COMMITTEE IS NOW NEEDED TO TAKE OVER THE MANAGEMENT OF THE REGISTERED CHARITY AND TO OVERSEE THE RAISING OF FUNDS TO BUILD A NEW HALL ON THE RECREATION GROUND.

4. FOR THE ABOVE PURPOSE A PUBLIC MEETING will be held in the (old) Parish Room at 7.30 p.m. on 11th December and it is hoped that all those interested will attend.

(NOTE - A summary of the present position in respect of a new hall is to be found elsewhere in this issue).

A.R. Holmes

A NEW PARISH ROOM FOR BAWDESWELL

The old parish room will be closed on 31st December, having reached the end of its natural life and unable to obtain the necessary certificate to continue as a place of entertainment.

Plans had been made to sell the site and the adjoining bowling green, with planning permission for housing development; we had hoped that some £70,000 might be realised towards the cost of erecting a new hall on the recreation ground recently purchased by the Parish Council.

Our plans in this respect have not yet been achieved for two reasons, first, the market for building sites has collapsed, owing to the present high cost of money. Secondly, the garage next door applied for planning permission at the same time as we did and the Breckland Council granted permission for us to build three houses, only in conjunction with the scheme for the garage. In other words, we cannot 'go it alone'.

A grant of £4,000 has been agreed by Breckland District Council but on the condition that work starts by 31st March, 1990 - this now seems unlikely, unless we can sell the old sites. Norfolk Rural Development Council had indicated that in principle we should be able to call on them for a maximum grant of £15,000 in the new financial year but they first have to know that we have funds to start the scheme.

As will be realised, this has been a frustrating year but many people have worked towards the desired object of a new hall and we must not give up now because of temporary difficulties.

Please come to the Public Meeting on 11th December at 7.30 p.m. in the hall to discuss the situation and to elect a new Committee to manage the Parish Room Charity.

A.R. Holmes

BAWDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL (Cont'd)Any Other Business (cont'd)

will be put in the Reeve's Tale in an effort to stop this. Comments were invited on the Wheelie-bins now beginning a six month trial in the village. Councillor Wright thought they were of more convenience to the organisers than the users; Miss Joice pointed out that those houses set well away from the road noticed a big difference now that they have to take their bins to the roadside personally; the Chairman likes the fact that garden refuse can now be put in the bins; Mr. D. Sayer wonders if this will now stop fly-tipping in hedgerows. It was suggested that views be aired after the bins have been in service for a few months. Councillor Smith inquired if re-cycling of aluminium cans was possible. Mr. Battley is looking into the matter.

A group of parishioners complained that conditions set by the planning authorities are not being met by the developers, i.e. that access be completed prior to the building on site. Councillor Wright said that the Parish Council has no powers over the developers and that complaints should be submitted by individuals to the offending parties.

The problem of parked cars obstructing the flow of traffic near the General Stores was discussed. Mr. Battley stated that heavy goods vehicles had difficulties due to cars parked on the opposite side of the road, but the forecourt of his premises would be cleared in a week and normal car parking would be available.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 8th January 1990 at The Willows, Bawdeswell.

VILLAGE BRIEFS continued

5. BOTTLE BANK. Whilst it is greatly appreciated that so many people are now using the Bottle Bank in the village, will those users please NOT leave boxes and bags by the containers, but take them home for disposal (in your nice new wheeliebins) or re-use.

6. WANTED URGENTLY! A playpen; please 'phone Bawdeswell 474.

7. POPPY DAY APPEAL - FOXLEY raised £46.96. Many thanks for all your donations.

8. POPPY DAY APPEAL - BAWDESWELL. Thanks to collectors and to those who gave. The total will be included in the next issue.

Irene Ames.

9. A WORD OF THANKS to all who supported the Christmas Fayre at Foxley Village Hall on the 18th November. The bottle stall had over 100 items, thanks to the generosity of well-wishers. Cakes, plants and books were in plentiful supply and some £315 was raised for church funds.

10. THE NEW STORES will be officially opened by PAUL STEPHEN of Radio Broadland at 11 a.m. on Saturday, 2nd December; all are welcome.

The NAME THE STORE competition has been won by Mrs. P. Buxton of Foxley with the clever title of 'SHANDYS'. We haven't been able to persuade the owners to use it this time but perhaps they will consider it for the next extension!

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CHURCH SERVICES FOR DECEMBER AND JANUARY.

Church of England Services.

Sunday 9.00a.m H.C. at B'well
3rd Dec. (no 10.30 service)
3.00 p.m ADVENT CHRISTINGLE Foxley.

Sunday 9.00a.m H.C. at Foxley
10th Dec. 10.30a.m Morning Prayer B'well.

Sunday 9.00 a.m H.C. at Bawdeswell
17th Dec, 10.30a.m H.C. at Foxley
6.30p.m CAROL & GIFT SERVICE B'WELL.

Thursday 2.30p.m Christmas Pram Service Foxley.
21st Dec.

Sunday NO 9.00a.m Service - 6.00p.m (note time)
24th Dec. CAROL SERVICE AT FOXLEY
11.30p.m Christmas Communion B'well.

25th Dec. 10.30a.m Family Communion at Foxley.

Sunday 9.00a.m H.C. at Bawdeswell.
31st Dec. 10.30a.m H.C. at Foxley

Sunday 9.00a.m H.C. at Foxley
7th Jan. 10.30a.m Family Worship at B'well.

Sunday 9.00 a.m H.C. at Bawdeswell
14th Jan. 10.30a.m Morning Prayer at Foxley.

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

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

METHODIST SERVICES AT FOXLEY CHAPEL, for December.

Sunday
3rd 6.30p.m Rev. R. Purvis.
10th 11.00a.m H.C. Rev. H. Bent
17th 2.30p.m Carol Service Rev M.Woodlock-Smith
24th 11.00a.m Mr. Lee.
31st 6.30p.m Mr. D. Fisher.

(January service details not available at time of going to print).

VILLAGE BRIEFS

1. BAWDESWELL COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL. The annual meeting of parents, governors and teachers to present the governor's report to parents was held at the school on 14th November.

A number of questions concerning the report and further questions were raised and discussed. These included ways to ease the transfer of children from playgroup to primary school and from primary to secondary school. Other points raised concerned school dress, music and drama club and arrangements to discuss children's progress with staff. All parents are urged to contact the school if any problems arise.

Governors, teachers and parents found the meeting interesting and helpful in furthering everyone's concern which is to promote the education and welfare of the children.

Margaret Joice, Bawdeswell

2. CHILDREN'S DISCO will be held in ~~Bawdeswell~~^{FOXLEY} Village Hall on Friday, 8th December, admission £1; music by maestro George Kemp as usual. Father Christmas will be there to give out presents to the children. Don't miss it!

3. BAWDESWELL RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE. The draw for the whisky will now take place in Foxley Village Hall on 9th December at 9.30 p.m. during the Football and Playgroup disco.

4. JUMBLE SALE. Mary Farthing would like to thank Caroline, Mrs. Dance, Jane, Delia, Charles, Pearl, George, Brenda and Jackie for their help at the Jumble Sale on 14th October. Thanks also to Renie and John for the refreshments and Mrs. Blake for the grocery parcel and to those people who kindly made a donation towards the Village Hall fund. The total raised was £156.45.

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MINUTES OF BAWDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 1989 AT 7.30 P.M. IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present - Councillors Sparkes (Chairman), Farthing, Eglington, Smith, Cooke and Wright, the Clerk and ten parishioners.

Finance - Waste paper raised £61.35, the jumble sale £156.45 and the bottle bank £5.40. The balance on No.1 Account is £486.99 Cr. and on No.2 Account £1,095.09 Cr.

Recreation Report - Outline planning permission has been granted on the Bowling Green site and for redevelopment of the Garage site. The Recreation Committee will now meet to discuss the matter and hope for co-operation with the Garage.

Clerk's Report

Planning - British Telecom. Provision of standby power unit for telephone exchange. Permission granted.

Mr. M. Elsdon - conversion of barn to 2 residential units. Permission granted.

Bowling Green and Garage sites. Permission granted as mentioned above.

Correspondence included a reply from Rogers Brothers concerning children playing on building materials. The site is now to be fenced off.

Dereham Citizens Advice Bureau asked for donations yet again, but as we have already given them £20 this year it is felt unnecessary to contribute more.

Mr. Curtis is concerned for the safety of pedestrians on the Reepham Road. The Clerk will contact Highways proposing a "Slow please - no footpath" sign similar to the B1145 Billingford signs.

Foxley is experiencing some difficulties from the siting of the Bawdeswell boundary sign so far from the junction near Flora Nova. It was suggested that if both Foxley and Bawdeswell Clerks contacted Highways regarding the signs, some action might be taken.

Any Other Business - The Chairman raised the problem of boxes and bags left near the bottle bank by users; a note

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CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS FOXLEY CHURCH.

Please could we have some extra HELP to decorate St. Thomas' for our Christmas services? The majority of the work will be done on Monday, 18th December after 2 p.m. If anyone wishes to help on the Tuesday (19th), perhaps they would please 'phone me on 242. Contributions of flowers, holly and other greenery will be greatly appreciated. May I take this opportunity of thanking everyone for their past help and support and wish you all a very happy and blessed Christmas.

N. L. Garrod.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS BAWDESWELL CHURCH.

Thanks to all the ladies on the flower rota who have kept the church so attractive from Easter until harvest. We are grateful to Mrs. Sue Lilwall for her lovely dried arrangement which is to take us up to Christmas and to Miss Celia Joice who once again provides colour in the windows with her lovely cyclamens.

Please come and help us to decorate for Christmas on Saturday, 16th December. Gifts of flowers and greenery will be most welcome; the church will be open from 9 a.m. We look forward to more new names to add to the flower rota beginning next Easter.

Irene Ames. Bawdeswell 455.

REEVES TALE APPEAL

Thank you for responding to the appeal; we have still a long way to go! Donations direct to the Treasurer and via the boxes in the shops have so far amounted to £36.74. This means we still need to raise over £180 to clear our debt for the duplicator repairs.

We are also extremely grateful to the Old Rectory Restaurant for generously donating the duplicating paper for this issue.

Please respond to the continuing appeal through the collecting boxes in the local shops.

Grahame Humphries.
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DIARY DATES FOR DECEMBER/JANUARY.

December.

- Sat 2nd 11.00a.m Opening of Village Stores extension by Paul Stephen.
- 7.30p.m Sixties Disco, Foxley Village Hall.
- Sun 3rd 3.00p.m Christingle Service, Foxley.
- Thurs 7th 8.00p.m Meeting of Foxley P.C.C.
- Fri 8th 8.00p.m Heath Trustee's meeting.
6.30 - 8.30p.m Children's Disco, Bawdeswell Village Hall.
- Sat 9th 9.30p.m Whisky Draw, Foxley Village Hall
- Mon 11th 7.30p.m Public Meeting, Bawdeswell Village Hall, re. new Committee etc.
- Sat 16th 9.00a.m Decoration of B'well Church.
- Sun 17th 6.30p.m Carol & Gift Service at B'well.
- Mon 18th 10.45a.m Playgroup Nativity, B'well Village Hall.
2.00p.m Decoration of Foxley Church.
- Tues 19th 9.30a.m Playgroup Party, Foxley Village Hall.
- Thurs 21st 2.30p.m Christmas Pram Service Foxley.
- Sun 24th 6.00p.m Carol Service at Foxley.
11.30p.m Christmas Communion at B'well.

January.

- Mon 8th 7.30p.m Bawdeswell Parish Council Meeting at "The Willows".

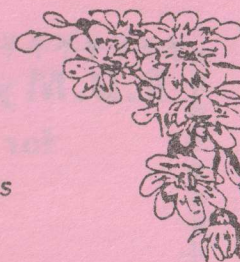
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