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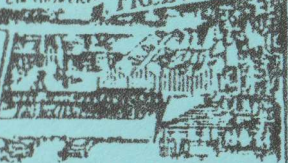
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We recently decided to tackle a large suitcase of family photographs, accumulated over a lifetime, by sorting them into albums. The pile included two large sepia photographs of distant relatives from the 19th century, formally posed in the manner of the day and far too large to go into an album. In a fit of ancestral enthusiasm, we decided to have the oldest picture framed and to hang it on the wall at the top of the stairs. Sitting rigidly in a chair, the old lady is seen holding what appears to be some good, improving book and is clad in a seemingly endless series of garments copiously adorned with bits of lace and frills. Her headgear appears to have been designed to protect against an Arctic winter.

Thus attired, she now greets us as we retire each night but, unfortunately, the photographer has followed the practice of the time in touching up the eyes to give a better effect. The result is that what might otherwise have been a kindly glance, now appears as a sort of manic glare of disapproval - as if she had certain knowledge that we had left undone those things which we ought to have done and done those things which we ought NOT to have done. It leaves us with a most uncomfortable feeling last thing at night.

The other picture is that of her son, heavily bearded with an undergrowth so luxuriant that it is impossible to tell whether he looks disapproving or not. But on reflection, we have decided to leave him in the case - just in case!!

A. R. Holmes, Editor.
Bawdeswell 518

March contributions by 17th February, please.

We are grateful for further contributions placed in the shops' boxes which recently provided over £16 towards our costs.

Foxley Rectory,
February, 1990.

Dear friends,

New Year - New opportunities - this is certainly true for me in the first few weeks of 1990. As I'm sure you know, half my working life is given over to the task of being religious affairs producer for BBC Radio Norfolk. In addition to regular spots 'on air' I have just taken on the presenting and producing of a new religious magazine programme - "Pilgrim's Progress" - which will be broadcast each Sunday afternoon between 3 and 3.30 pm with a repeat on Tuesdays at 6.30 pm. Also taking shape is a regular fortnightly feature on Keith Skipper's Dinner Time Show looking at the lives of some of the lesser known Saints, like St. Godric who was born near Kings Lynn.

Like most of us I'm tempted to say there aren't enough hours to get everything done, but, I hope I'm honest enough to admit that I still find time for the things I really want to do - like a visit to the theatre or my favourite TV programme. Certainly, extra responsibilities mean I need to plan more carefully and discipline myself to giving time fairly to the two sides of my work.

Having completed six years in the parishes I hope you feel I've played the "at home" and "away" side of my dual appointment fairly and that you will continue to support me through your prayers and your friendship - and perhaps by listening in to Radio Norfolk occasionally! If you do, the extra time needed for the new opportunities will seem time well spent.

Yours most sincerely,
Grahame Humphries.

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BAWDESWELL PARISH ROOM

At a Public Meeting held in the village hall on 11th December, a new committee was formed to manage the parish room charity. Twelve members were elected and the following officers were appointed:-

CHAIRMAN:- Mr. A.R. Holmes.
SECRETARY:- Mrs. A.D. Bristow.
TREASURER:- Mr. A. Battley.

The committee held its first meeting at the Willows on 16th January. The Treasurer reported that funds in hand, including the balance of the monies handed over by the old committee, amounted to just over £2,300. It was decided to invest the majority of this in the official Charities Fund where it would earn a present interest rate of approx. 15%, free of tax. The Chairman reported that our Solicitors had drawn up contracts in respect of the sale of the two pieces of land (the old hall and the bowling green) to Mr. A. Davison at £60,000 which had been agreed verbally, but had not yet had the name of the latter's Solicitors. The sale is being referred to the Charity Commissioners for approval, as a formality. On completion of the sale, we would be in a position to move in connection with the erection of a new hall on the recreation ground; meanwhile, our money-raising efforts must continue. Breckland D.C. had agreed verbally to defer our grant of £4,000 until the next financial year.

Amongst money-raising efforts to be held were:-

- A revival of the 200 Club.
- A stall at Swanton Morley Air Show in June.
- A sports day in September on the recreation ground.

These and other items will be discussed at the next meeting to be held at the Willows on Feb 13th.

A.R.H.

BAWDESWELL & FOXLEY PLAYGROUPE NEWS.

Peace has returned to the Playbus after all the excitement of the Festivities. I am pleased to report that all went well with the Bazaar raising a grand total of £390 and we would thank all those who gave us their support. We were able to give the children a lovely Xmas Party which I think I can honestly say they all thoroughly enjoyed. We have also been able to buy some new toys and equipment for the Playbus to replace some of the old ones.

The Nativity play was very enjoyable and it was so nice to be joined by Mrs Drury and some of the younger children from the School who entertained us all with their rendition of "We shall Rock You" - well done everyone!!

There were a few tears when we all said our farewells and thankyou's to Tricia Williams as she handed over the Supervisor reigns to Jane Rates. We wish them both all the best.

We would request that any parents who have children who will be coming up to the age when they would like to join the Playgroup, please contact Jane Rates on 759. It is of great assistance to us if we can compile a register for the coming year taking into account starters and leavers. The Playbus is open MON/TUES/WED/THURS 9.30 to 12.15 and the cost £1.20 per session. Jane will always be willing to arrange for parents to see the bus, meet the staff and answer any questions.

Finally, we would just like to congratulate Wendy and Richard Spicer for giving LEANNE a lovely little brother BEN and also a potential new customer for playgroup - WELL DONE!!

Janet Lees (509)

9.

MINUTES OF FOXLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 5th 1990 - 8 pm VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT - MR K.MURRELL - MR W.POTTER - MR J.CLARKE & M.DE'ATH (PARISH CLERK)

APOLOGIES - MR C.SKINNER

MATTERS ARISING

NON DELIVERY OF 'PHONE BOOKS - 'Phone calls to have cur 'phone books delivered could only be acknowledged if subscribers made the call themselves on the free phone service. Mr Battley made an entry in his Saturday flyer, for which we thank him, we trust you all took advantage of the free call offer.

WAR MEMORIAL - Do we ask for volunteers or put out to tender? Mr Potter will ask Mr Ron Smith and Mr J.Mears to submit an estimate to clean and paint railings and scrub Memorial.

OAK TREE AT 'PHONE BOX - This appears to have already been trimmed also the tree at Memorial Site. Clerk will ask if Highways carried out this work.

POSTAL SERVICE - Letter received from P.O. telling us nothing can be done to improve the service. Clerk to write suggesting a Rota System, swapping with an early delivery area, for a period. Also suggest that P.O. cut out some of the advertising to spend the money on improving the service.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF VILLAGE SIGN - Those who were involved with and wish for photographs, will have one free from Parish Council.

HIGHWAYS - New Bawdeswell direction sign to be installed on main road (A1067) but we will have to wait for some time. Signs at Foxley, Billingford Road (B1145) opposite Mill Road, will be dealt with in due course.

FINANCE - PAYMENTS DUE IN JANUARY & FEBRUARY -

MUNICIPAL MUTUAL INS.	£ 92.16	Jan.
C.P.R.E. DONATION	8.00	Feb.2nd
COOPERS & LYBRAND(AUDIT)	49.50	Jan.
EXTRA CHARGES TO AUDIT	165.00	"
PLUS V.A.T.	32.17	"

£346.83

10.

BAWDESWELL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, 8th January 1990

Present - Councillors Sparkes (Chairman), Cooke, Eglington, Farthing, Holmes and Wright, also Eynsford Ward Councillor D.Sayer and 5 parishioners.

Apologies - The Clerk, Mary Ann Curson

Finance - Until the new Community Charge takes effect in July, we are requested to continue to calculate for local precept for 1990/91 by using the product of the lp rate for 1989/90. A rough budget of probable expenditure for the new financial year had been assessed, to include normal regular annual items, Clerk's salary, and allowing for a £500 grant towards the Parish Hall Charity and £15 to the Reeves Tale. For the Clerk's salary, the Parish Council Association recommend that the rate should be based on 70% of a lp rate or on the numbers on the Electoral Roll (500). It was agreed that the salary for the current and following year should accordingly be £350 per annum. Councillor Cooke, whilst in general agreement with the Budget Proposals thought that £1,000 should be given towards the cost of a new hall which is the most urgent need of the Parish. It was agreed that the Precept should continue to be on the basis of a 4P rate to bring in about £2,000 plus a lighting grant and that the Parish Hall charity grant will be £1,000. Councillor Wright considered that the £15 per annum donation to the Reeves Tale could be increased, but it was agreed that for the time being £15 would continue to be paid. General satisfaction was expressed that the Council's No. 1 bank account overdraft was now a thing of the past and with effect from 8th Jan. the No. 2 account will be transferred to the Parish Hall Charity.

Recreation Ground - The Trustees of the two pieces of land have received an offer from Mr Davison at the Garage to buy them for an agreed £60,000, completion to take place within two months. The Trustees' Solicitors, Hood, Vores and Allwood have written to Mr Davison asking for the name of his Solicitors so that a contract can be drawn up. There is now a requirement that all land sold in Norfolk after 1st December 1989 shall be registered at the Land Registry and the advice given to the Trustees is that the consent of the Charity Commissioners may be needed. This is now being sought, but meanwhile, there is no reason to delay the preparation of a provisional contract. The Parish Room

11.

Committee will meet next week to consider future plans.

Planning -

E.R.Eglington Erection of Agricultural Building Machinery retail business.

Breckland D.C. observation - refusal of planning permission

Correspondence -

1. Highways Department regarding Reepham Road. No likelihood of road sign improvement.

2. Highways Department awaiting information from Foxley Parish Council regarding direction signs concerning Parish Boundary.

3. Norfolk County Council letter regarding the Best Kept Village Competition. Decided not to enter this year.

Any other business -

Nigel Curtis had offered to look after the Surveyors Pit in Reepham Road, and it was agreed to offer a nominal salary of £5 if the position of Warden was acceptable to him.

A letter from Mrs Jean Hinton, 3 Church Close refers to smell from the poultry huts behind the Parish Church, which she understood were being used by Bernard Matthews. Since then the matter has been taken up with the Environmental Health Department; Ventilators have been serviced and the Department will carry out internal checks.

Various complaints had been received about two pot holes opposite the new dwelling near Woodbine Cottage but these have now been filled in.

The Chairman investigated activity opposite the Garden Centre where undergrowth has been removed from around two trees by staff at the Garden Centre mainly to clear rubbish. Three sacks of bulbs have now been planted in the area.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.

The next meeting will be on Monday, 5th February 1990 at "THE WILLOWS".

12.

NOTE - The additional charge is to cover the additional auditors time to investigate and reply to parish matters as raised by a parishioner. The Parish Council is fully aware of the questions and has been found to be completely correct in all its procedures. The audit is now completed. We have not yet received the £325 from A.W. for sale of part of the Surveyors Land for Pumping Station.

PRECEPT - It was unanimously agreed that a Parish Community Charge of £2.50 per head should be the Precept figure for 1990/91 plus the Lighting Grant of £246.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS -

Clerk to write to Rogers Builders to complain of the state of Chapel Road.

BEST KEEP VILLAGE - Agreed not to enter.

PUBLICATION from National Ass. Local Councils for Mr J. Clarke as our new Councillor - cost £1.20.

NEXT MEETING FRIDAY MARCH 16th 1990 8 pm VILLAGE HALL

VILLAGE BRIEFS.

1. CONGRATULATIONS to Nicholas Miners of Church Close, Bawdeswell, who has just passed, with distinction, Grade 4 of the pianoforte examinations of the Royal School of Music. C.J.
2. BAWDESWELL POPPY DAY APPEAL raised £104.67 in the house-to-house collection. Thank you again to collectors and to those who gave. I.A.
3. 'A TOMB WITH A VIEW'. The next show by RATS is a comedy/thriller by Norman Robbins, full of laughs but with a number of murders which might make it unsuitable for very young children. Recpham High School on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd March, tickets at the Post Office, Randells or at the door. Price £2.00, children and O.A.P's £1.50.
4. NEW ARRIVALS. Congratulations to Richard and Wendy Spicer on the birth of Ben Thomas on 20th December and to Jill and Martin Kent whose son Gavin arrived on the 8th January.
5. 200 CLUB REVIVAL. The 200 Club of the Parish Room Committee is to be revived soon, with a top prize of £100 and other prizes of £30, £20, £10 and £5 progressively. Weekly draws and winners to be notified; details of these in the Reeves Tale. DON'T MISS IT!
6. Motor-bikes on Bawdeswell Heath. Once again, we remind everyone that the Heath is for the quiet enjoyment of those on foot, including children and animals. Nobody wants to be a spoilsport, but it is contrary to the public interest if the area is used for cross-country activities on motor-bikes.
7. OVER 60's CLUB. The Christmas Fair on 9th Dec at Folland Court succeeded in raising £187.86 towards the cost of a dinner in the New Year and other activities. Thanks to all who helped and especially to Mrs Wade of Foulsham who ran the very successful raffle.

CORRESPONDENCE.

January 1990.

Dear Editor,

I was interested in your predictions for the New Year, and I should like to comment on some of them.

No. 1 about the Summer. I've noticed over the years that when we do have a hot summer, it is often followed by another. Perhaps some of your readers may remember 1939 and 1940. A lovely Summer in '39, and then in 1940 we had terrible news from the front in France, and a succession of beautiful Summer days. We had lovely summers in 1947 and 1949, missed one there! A number of years later came a warm summer in 1975, and a hot one in 1976. Going by this unreliable evidence, I rashly predict that 1989 will be followed by a similar summer in 1990.

No. 3 about railway travel. When I travelled up and down from Norwich to London in the 1950's and 60's, the journey took 2 hours; I don't see why this should change in 1990, and I agree with your prediction; still a 2 hour journey (or longer!).

No.4 Norwich City Football. Do you really think that Norwich City will win a home match in 1990???

Many thanks and good wishes to the Reeve's Tale staff. We think you do a fine job!

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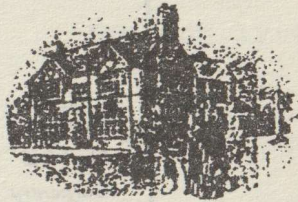
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CHURCH SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY

Foxley Methodist Chapel

Sun.	4th	6.30 pm	Rev. R. Purvis.
"	11th	11.00 am	Miss Woor.
"	18th	2.30 pm	Service at Bintree Chapel
"	25th	11.00 am	Mrs. Carter.

Church of England Services

Sun.	4th	9.00 am	Holy Communion, Foxley.
		10.30 am	Morning Prayer, Bawdeswell.
"	11th	9.00 am	Holy Communion, Bawdeswell.
		10.30 am	FAMILY WORSHIP, Foxley.
"	18th	9.00 am	Holy Communion, Foxley.
		10.30 am	Morning Prayer followed by shortened Holy Communion, Bawdeswell.
"	25th	9.00 am	Holy Communion, Bawdeswell.
		10.30 am	Holy Communion, Foxley.
Wed.	28th	7.30 pm	Ash Wednesday Deanery Service at Guist.

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NEW CLUB FORMED IN PLACE OF W.I.

A meeting was held on Monday, 15th January, at 'Thatched Cottage' by kind permission of Mrs. Hazel Loose when it was decided that the Bawdeswell and Foxley W.I. should be held in abeyance for a year or two rather than close it down completely. In the meantime a new ladies' group has been formed to be known as The Tri-angles, as members come from the three villages of Bawdeswell, Foxley and Bintree. Meetings will be held once a month, on the second Monday, in members' homes. The first one on 12th February at 7.30 will be at 'Old Orchard' when Mrs. Pearl Kemp will show us slides of Old Bawdeswell.

The December meeting of the W.I. was Christmas dinner held at 'The Rectory' in Bawdeswell where we all enjoyed an excellent meal with good service in lovely surroundings.

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FEBRUARY DIARY

Mon.	5th	7.30	Bawdeswell Parish Council at The Willows
Mon.	12th	7.30	Tri-angles meeting at Old Orchard, Bawdeswell.
Tues.	13th	7.30	Bawdeswell Parish Room Committee at The Willows.
Fri.	16th	8.00	Foxley Parish Council at the Village Hall.

RESULTS OF WHISKY GALORE DRAW, 9th DEC. '89.

<u>Place</u>	<u>Ticket</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Prize</u>
1	244	M. Duffield Gallon of Whisky
2	1021	D. Q. Gurney Whisky
3	796	P. Pardon Whisky
4	138	Mrs. E. Blythe Grocery Pack
5	270	D. Fox Sherry
6	349	D. Reid Perfume
7	1665	M. Farthing Wine
8	1809	S. Neil Perfume
9	1309	Ron Chapman Wine
10	79	Jean Digby Toilet Pack
11	766	C. W. Rogers Wine
12	544	A. R. Holmes Whisky

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NEW CLUB - Contd. from page 17

I do wish everyone in Bawdeswell and Foxley a
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