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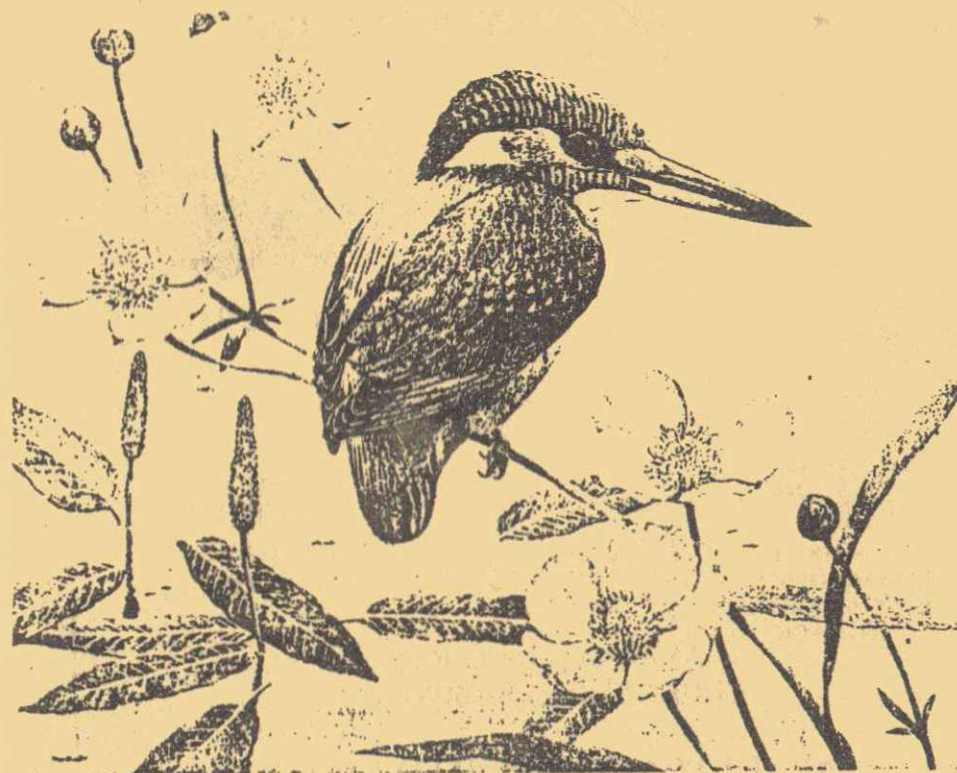
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EDITORIAL -MAY, 1990

This is the first of many Editorials I hope to write. I am sure you would all like to join me in thanking Tony Holmes (our Editor for the last two years) for all the time and effort he put into making The Reeve's Tale a pleasure to read. I hope, with the help of the "team", I can do as well. I think we also owe our thanks to Tony's wife Hazel, for all her support.

I was very pleased to receive from Bawdeswell School's acting Headmistress - Grace Drury - some pieces by the children, I will publish one or two items each month. So children, please watch for your name, each story published in Children's Corner will receive a small prize.

We also have a poem called "Spring" from a young lady in Foxley and another from the sitters of the Bawdeswell dog who acquired a taste for hot water bottles, amongst other things (April issue).

On a more serious note, it has been reported that used syringes have been found on Bawdeswell Heath, indicating that drugs may have been used there. Parents should warn their children of the possible risk of infection if they should find the used syringes. The police have been informed.

Mary Farthing has asked for help from the villages to make her Tombola Stall at the Swanton Morley Air Show a great success, thereby boosting the "Village Hall Fund". If each household were to give one item for the stall, it would go a long way to achieving this. I am sure that the local shops will start the ball rolling! Please 'phone Mary on Bawdeswell 474 and she will give you the collection points.

We also need volunteers to repair the bus shelter damaged by vandals - we already have enough bricks - all we need now is the labour - I am sure there are a couple of bricklayers out there who would help, so how about it lads. Why not ring me. Let's all pull together on these last two items for the sake of our villages.

Trish Hide (Editor)
Waratah (Tel: Bawdeswell 457)

Foxley Rectory,
May 1990

Dear Friends,

One of the enjoyable parts of my ministry is visiting families at the time of a baby's birth - this often leads on to eventually making arrangements for the baptism, again a happy event. Part of the enjoyment of the home visit comes from the excitement that a new life in the family brings to the parents. The progress of the new baby is eagerly reported and the love and security is clearly evident.

New life is always something in which we can rejoice - the "new arrival" has an impact on family, friends and neighbours - the excitement ripples on.

The marriage service speaks of the anticipation of family life as a sharing in the creative activity of our Heavenly Father and I find many couples who are conscious of this joy and privilege. And just as we can share in the creation of new life we need to give support for the maintaining and improvement of life both in our local family circle and globally as well.

We often hear quoted the old saying that "charity begins at home" but we sometimes need to be reminded that it doesn't end there - its dimensions - like the love of God - are boundless. This month includes Christian Aid Week and while we do not mount a door to door collection in the parishes there are always opportunities for us to give tangible support to the excellent work undertaken by Christian Aid, not least in the area of family life.

As we thank God for our own families may we play our part in enriching family life for those in the Third World.

Yours most sincerely,

Grahame Humphries

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BAWDESWELL AND FOXLEY PLAYGROUP

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It was necessary this month to call a Committee Meeting in order to discuss the future of the Playgroup. As you may, or may not, be aware, our residency in the Playbus at the Garden Centre is only a temporary one and although we are all very grateful to Mr. & Mrs. Underwood for their help in letting us use the bus, even though we have had a mild winter, it has still been difficult to cope with conditions and Playgroup has had to be cancelled on several occasions.

Therefore, we have had to decide what is to be done if we wish our villages to continue to have the facility of a Playgroup. It was agreed unanimously that the ideal choice would be a Portakabin on the School grounds. We have made moves, therefore, to seek approval from the local Council and School Governors. Now all we have to do is raise the money to fund the project!!

We are arranging for several fund raising events during the coming months and we do hope you will give us your support. I am sure you will agree that in this day and age all children should have the chance of attending a Playgroup and in a fast growing community like ours surely we should be aiming to improve our facilities and not become one of the only villages in Norfolk without one.

It is always difficult to raise funds for a Playgroup because the only people immediately interested are those who have children attending at that time, but surely this is very short sighted as most people will have or would have had children at some point or even grandchildren who greatly benefit from attending Playgroup. Anyway, we hope you will give us your support.

We have arranged for our annual coach trip to Banham Zoo on 11th June and the coach will leave the school at 9.30 a.m. and return for 2.30 p.m. If there are any mothers and children who don't attend Playgroup but would like to come along, the tickets will be £3.50 for adults and £1 for children. We are sure the children will have a lovely day with lots of

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CHILDREN'S CORNER

This young man's story was sent in from Bawdeswell school; there was also a lovely drawing of a fishing boat on the river.

FISHING

Some boys go fishing in the summer. There are lots of different kinds of fish such as Pike, Trout, Carp, Rudd, Tench, Minnow, Perch, Bream, Gudgeon, Roach, Eels, Stickleback and Salmon. The best places to fish are in pits and rivers. There are some pits at Worthing which are good to fish at. There are rivers at Worthing and Elsing where I usually go to fish. I mostly go to Worthing pits to fish.

One year my cousin Matthew caught a 7-lb Pike. He is 16 in October. Matthew had to put the fish back into the river. He is making a pond for some of the fish that he catches. Most of the fish he puts back so that any more people who fish can catch them again at the same river that the fish was caught. Once we caught 14 perch and 2 minnows at Worthing pits. In fishing you need a Rod, Line, Bait, Hooks, Floats, Weights and lots of different tackle. You have to have some bait which you have to use. If you don't you will not catch anything. People usually use worms or maggots.

By Steven Curtis. Class 3.

Well done, Steven. Don't forget to 'phone and claim your prize.

VILLAGE BRIEFS

Sanders Coaches of Holt announce a Fridays only service from Wells to Norwich, leaving from Foxley Bus Station at 9.42 and Bawdeswell Nursery at 9.44 arriving All Saints Green, Norwich, at 10.20. The return journey will leave All Saints Green at 13.45 arriving Bawdeswell 14.21 and Foxley 14.23. Fare is £1.90 return or £1.40 single.

Litter. We are asked again to draw attention to the fact that boxes, bags and paper should not be left near the bottle bank by the old village hall. Please do not leave litter in the village in general.

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HARRIET THE DACHSHUND.

Guy and I are dog sitting,
And have been for some time,
Harriet is a dachshund and frankly
No canine friend of mine.

She has a dreadful habit,
Of eating all in sight,
And making puddles in my kitchen,
She really is a fright.

Thank goodness we have no carpet
Upon our kitchen floor,
For if we had a carpet
Harriet would be no more!

She has chewed up my handbag,
Guy's flight bag and a bowl,
And in our utility room door
She has bitten a very large hole.

She has eaten a hot-water bottle,
Some cardboard boxes too,
The lagging from our pipe work
And filled the lawn with doggy - things.

I rushed her to the vet last month,
After a particularly bad patch,
He fed Harriet liquid paraffin,
If only I had a match!

I am sure she is really lovable,
A canine sausage filled with joy,
But if Guy had his way with her
She would become a small stuffed toy.

She is returning home on Saturday,
Oh, happy happy morn,
Our joy so sad to observe
As is the state of our lawn.

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BANDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL - Summary of proceedings ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 2nd April 1990.

Present:- Cnclrs Sparkes (Chairman)- Farthing, Holmes, Wright, Eglington, Smith and 4 parishioners. In attendance Mr. Cyril Rogers, Builder, Lenwade.

The Chairman announced that this was the first meeting to be held at the School under the new arrangements.

In respect of officers for the coming year, the existing holders were re-elected, viz:-

Chairman: Councillor Charles Sparkes.
Vice-Chairman: Cnclr Mary Farthing.

At the conclusion of the A.G.M., the normal meeting of the council took place.

1. Play area on the proposed new development.

The chairman introduced Mr. Rogers who confirmed that he has taken up an option on land adjacent to the present development between Hall Road and Paradise Road and would lease, on a 3 year basis at a peppercorn rent, an area of up to half an acre to be used as a play area. Once planning permission is given, the land will be leased in perpetuity as a play area. He was thanked for this much needed facility and, at the Chairman's request, he will produce plans of the proposed layout.

2. Parish Room Committee. There is little progress to report, though it is understood that the garage is hoping for an alternative site on the by-pass which would allow a development for housing on the present site. Various other possibilities were discussed, such as the building of four starter homes on the bowling green site, the erection of a temporary building, and the possibility of taking out another loan. Most of these ideas could not be seen as practicable at present.

3. Finance. This being the end of the financial year, there is a balance of only £84 in hand, plus petty cash.

4. Clerks Report. Deeds to the recreation ground and surveyors land were produced for inspection.

MINUTES OF BANDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING cont'd

5. Planning. Council did not approve a proposed two storey development on the Reepham Road as it was considered a traffic hazard and too near to the road.

6. Community Policeman. Our new officer is P.C. Gordon Finney, who promises to keep an eye on the centre of the village to try to prevent vandalism. We are made aware of a speeding 'purge' in April.

7. It was agreed to renew the Council's subscription to the local Assoc'n of Town and Parish Councils, but not that of the National Playing Fields Assoc'n., as we are already members of the county branch.

8. Use of School Premises. Miss M.E. Joice, Chairman of the School Governors, reported on the absence due to illness of both the headmaster and Mr. B. Winterbone; the school is managing well with the help of Mrs. Drury and two supply staff. It is hoped shortly to clarify the fee to be paid by the council for the use of the premises.

9. Bus Shelter. Councillor Holmes reported that he had received an estimate of £120 for repairing the damage and a further quote is to be sought from Myhill's. It seems that it is necessary for this work to be put to tender however and this will be done via the Reeves Tale. Mrs. Hide kindly offered a supply of bricks to help.

10. Reeves Tale. The new Editor, Mrs. Hide, was welcomed and Mr. Holmes was thanked for his past services in this role.

11. 200 Club. The Parish Council agreed to buy the three remaining tickets.

12. Next Meeting. Monday 7th May at 7.30 p.m., in the School.

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CORRESPONDENCE - Letter received from Ken and Jane Ewing, dated 29 March, re: Bawdeswell Garden Centre.

"We note in the Reeves Tale that there has been some controversy with respect of the area of land used by Bawdeswell Garden Centre as a car park.

Jane and I think that the owners of the Garden Centre should have a "big pat on the back" for tidying up an area that was always an "eye sore". It now looks quite lovely with all the daffodils that have been planted. The grass is kept neat and tidy and the young trees now have a chance to flourish. It also, of course, stops the traffic hazzard of cars parking on the road without those horrible yellow lines.

A big thank you to the Garden Centre for keeping Bawdeswell on the Map and creating local employment."

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DID YOU KNOW?

Bawdeswell has variously been referred to as "a considerable village" and even a town. It is the home of Chaucer's Reeve and although there is no record of a weekly market, which would establish its urban status, his 14th century description is interesting:-

"Of Northfolk was this Reve of which I telle,
Beside a toun men clepen Baldeswelle".

Bawdeswell Heath may even be that referred to by Chaucer:-

"His wongyng (dwelling) was ful flare upon
a heeth".

Extract from the Bawdeswell Heritage Register.

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Get Well Wishes. We would like to wish Gilly, landlady of our 'local', the Silver Jubilee, Foxley, a very speedy recovery after her illness. Congratulations to Kevin and Sally Slattery on the birth of their baby son, Andrew. Best wishes to you all.

A Spring Fayre will be held in Foxley Village Hall on 12th May at 2 p.m. Cake, plant, jumble, etc. stalls, bran tub, pony rides and refreshments. Proceeds for Foxley Methodist Church.

Easter Fayre, Folland Court on 7th April was a great success. Many thanks to everyone who helped in any way and to Tilly Wade for the huge raffle. £225 was raised for the Over 60s funds. Many thanks to all.

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The snow white blossom on the trees,
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That's what I like to SEE in Spring.

The beautiful birds singing sweetly,
The young lambs bleating happily,
The tractor humming as it ploughs the field.
That's what I like to HEAR in Spring.

The scent of the lovely spring flowers,
Fresh green grass when it has just been cut,
The odour of the freshly dug earth.
That's what I like to SMELL in Spring.

The slimy, slippery frogs' spawn slipping through
my fingers,
The velvety new leaves on the trees,
And the soft green grass.
That's what I like to TOUCH in Spring.

By Lisa Bauer, Foxley.
(Age 13)

BAWDESWELL AND FOXLEY PLAYGROUP
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interesting things to see and we have booked the soft play area for an hour so they can all let off steam!! If you would like to come along, can you please let me or Debbie Wright (546) know as soon as possible.

We would like to congratulate Veronica and Michael Page on presenting Robert with a baby brother, named James. Well done!

We would also like to welcome Matthew Bramley to Playgroup and hope he enjoys his time with us.

Janet Lees. (509)

OBITUARY

CANON TIM TOWNSHEND

Canon Townshend came to be Rector of Bawdeswell and Foxley in 1976. He was with us only four years but during that time he brought so much pleasure and enjoyment of life to many people.

He had so many gifts of which he gave generously; to help, to amuse and to inform.

His contributions on current topics to the Eastern Daily Press were always penetrating and interesting.

Our own Reeve's Tale magazine was started by him and he often sketched village scenes for the front cover.

When he left us in 1980, he went to the Cathedral Close in Norwich, where he and his wife Lorna lived until his death. The large congregation at his funeral service in Norwich Cathedral bore witness to the esteem and affection in which he was held in Norfolk and Norwich, and beyond.

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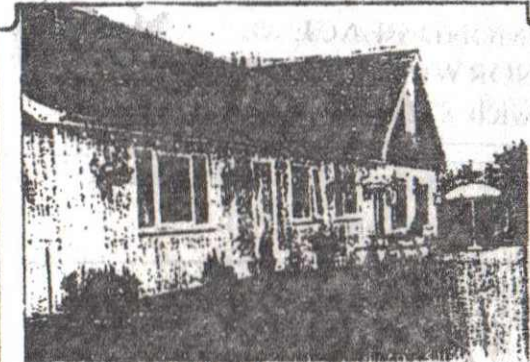
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Sun. 6th May	11.00 a.m.	Mrs. Carter
Sun. 13th May	2.30 p.m.	United Service (H.C.) at Bintree Chapel
Sun. 20th May	11.00 a.m.	Miss Ward
Sun. 27th May	2.30 p.m.	Chapel Anniversary Rev. K. Banks

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CHURCH OF ENGLAND SERVICES

Sun. 6th May	9.00 a.m.	H.C. at Bawdeswell
	10.30 a.m.	M.P. at Foxley
Sun. 13th May	9.00 a.m.	H.C. at Foxley
	10.30 a.m.	FAMILY WORSHIP at Bawdeswell
Sun. 20th May	9.00 a.m.	H.C. at Bawdeswell
	10.30 a.m.	H.C. at Foxley
	2.00 p.m.	Holy Baptism at Bawdeswell
Sun. 27th May	9.00 a.m.	H.C. at Foxley
	10.30 a.m.	H.C. at Bawdeswell
Sun. 3rd June	9.00 a.m.	H.C. at Bawdeswell
	10.30 a.m.	FAMILY WORSHIP at Foxley

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PARISH REGISTERS

27th Feb.	Funeral at Bawdeswell followed by Cremation - Jonathan Paul Allen (aged 42 years)
12th March	Cremation at Horsham St. Faiths - Jean Howard (aged 40 years)
6th April	Cremation at Norwich Crematorium - Peter John Wright (aged 56 years)

DIARY DATES - MAY 1990

- Mon. 7th 7.30 p.m. Bawdeswell Parish Council, the School.
- Fri. 11th 8.00 p.m. Foxley Parish Council A.G.M. Village Hall
- Sat. 12th 2.00 p.m. Spring Fayre, Foxley Methodist Church, in Village Hall
- Tues. 22nd 2.30 p.m. Monthly Pram Service at Foxley Church
- Wed. 23rd 8.00 p.m. Foxley Village Hall Committee A.G.M.

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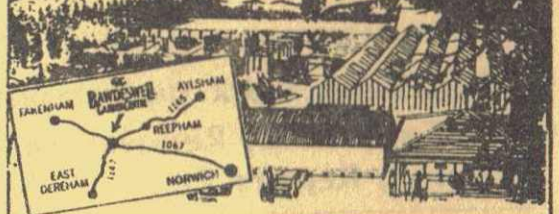
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