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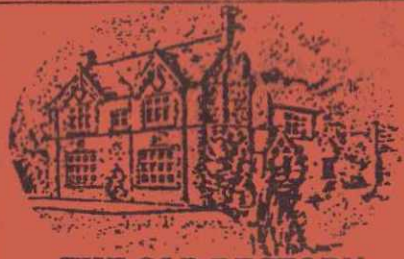


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Dear Friends,

November is traditionally a month for looking back. First of all there's the lighthearted celebration of the defeat of the gunpowder plot on Guy Fawkes night. On a more serious note, Remembrance Sunday reminds us all of at what great expense our freedom was won through the two great World Wars. While the years roll on and there is that danger that our memories will grow dim to the horrors of wars, which, for many of us, were fought before we were born, a period of remembrance is still vitally important. A constant fact of life is that we need to measure present blessings against past, sometimes painful, achievement. The church of Christ regularly meets together to remember. The Holy Communion service remembers Christ's death, his 'once for all sacrifice' through which we can experience forgiveness and God's promised gift of eternal life. But the service is not a memorial to a dead hero but rather a rich encounter with a Living Lord. On each occasion we meet, we offer him ourselves to be a 'living sacrifice' and ask for His strengthening power as we 'go out into the world to live and work to His praise and glory'.

November is also the month that we have the Deanery Confirmation Service (on St Andrew's Day 30th November at Weston Longville), when Christians can nail their colours to the mast, be confirmed in their faith by the laying on of hands by the Bishop, and from then on become full communicant members of the church. Next year's confirmation service has already been pencilled in to take place at Bawdeswell; I do hope there will be several candidates from our villages in 1995.

Yours most sincerely

Grahame Humphries
(0362 688397)



Editor's Note:

The cover picture for this month's Reeve's Tale is a drawing of the lantern in Bawdeswell Parish Church. Thanks go to Mr Charles Sparkes for supplying this, and the article below (first published in the Reeve's Tale ten years ago?)

Paul Shreeve

The Lantern and its History

We are indebted to Mrs A E Lloyd Lewis for the loan of the Lantern and to Stephanie Ricketts for so kindly undertaking the task of producing such a life-like sketch of it for the cover of this month's Reeve's Tale.

The Lantern is copper with horn lights and was originally used in the sack barn of Henry Green, which was the old disused Slipper Chapel and part of his farm at Houghton St Giles. He also owned Manor Farm at Sparham. When Henry Green died, his son, Harry Green, inherited the Sparham farm in 1920. The Lantern was given to Harry Green's nephew, George Lloyd Lewis. George Lloyd Lewis, his grandfather and grandmother are buried in Sparham churchyard. Mrs A E Lloyd Lewis wishes the Lantern to remain in safe custody at All Saints Church where it has been used for Nativity plays, and suggests it be kept in the Muniment Chest which her husband made from the remains of the timber left after the church was destroyed by a Mosquito aircraft during the war, or it could be kept in the church safe.

Charlotte Pearson Boyd, born in 1838, was the benefactress of an Anglican community of nuns living the Benedictine life at Malling Abbey, Kent. Searching for a new home for the community in the 1890s, she discovered the Slipper Chapel. Built in 1380, it had fallen into disrepair in 1538 and among many other uses had been both a barn and a cowshed. Records show that the first official pilgrimage to the restored Chapel was on 20th August 1897. Thirty-seven years later, on August 11th, 1934, it was declared to be the national shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham by Cardinal Bourne who led the first post Reformation pilgrimage to the Shrine.

This year, 1984, is the Golden Jubilee of the restoration of Walsingham Shrine, which is within the 14th Century Slipper Chapel. The traditional founding date of a shrine at Walsingham is 1061. The Lady of the Manor, Richeldis de Faverches, was inspired through a vision of the Virgin Mary to build a small Saxon house to represent the Holy House of Nazareth, where Mary was asked by the Archangel Gabriel to become the Mother of God. The Director of the RC Shrine, Father Birch, explains that the name Slipper Chapel comes from the place where pilgrims used to prepare for the final mile, taking off their footwear to walk barefoot. It could also be the Anglo Saxon word 'Slyppe' describing the building as a wayside chapel. The Slipper Chapel is the only standing link with the original Shrine, the parish church of St Mary's having been restored after being burned down in 1961. Golden Jubilee Day is August 19th, during the five-day festival of flowers.

Mrs Lilian Mann

Mrs Mann was one of the early arrivals to occupy a flat at Folland Court. After a number of years her activities were considerably hampered by failing eyesight. When she was advised to take up residence at Hill House, Sparham she immediately agreed, and stayed there until her death in September. Her family and friends had pleasure in visiting her, and she remained alert and cheerful to the end of her long life.

We extend our sympathy to her family in their bereavement.

C.J.



Bawdeswell Flower Festival

The Rector and church council wish to record their sincere thanks to Mrs Sue Lilwall and her dedicated team of flower arrangers for the outstanding displays at this year's Flower Festival. Thanks too must go to everyone who looked after the refreshments, acted as stewards, cleaned the church, printed the leaflets, arranged the music and mowed the lawns. Just over £1,100 has been banked as a result of the weekend.



Church Coffee Morning

Mr and Mrs Claxton of 27 Hall Road, Bawdeswell would like to thank everyone who supported their coffee morning in aid of church funds back in July.



With their dedicated band of helpers and a good number of supporters they were able to raise over £130 in the delightful Fuschia bedecked garden.

bedecked garden.

The Beck W.I.



Jim Cawte entertained the Beck W.I. with a very humorous talk and potted history of the Royal Mail, followed by a video about our local postal service. The Royal Mail was formed in 1516 by Henry VIII exclusively for his own use.

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Next Meeting - 14th November 7.30pm at the Old Schoolroom, Sparham. As this will be our AGM please come along, your vote is important.

Diane Weddell

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Digest of Bawdeswell Parish Council Meeting held 3rd October 1994

There is now a vacancy on the Parish Council following the resignation of Hamish Duncan. He has served on the Council for almost three years and his support was much appreciated. The post will be advertised on the noticeboard and is open to any adult parishioner who has lived in the village for over two years.

Hedges Survey

The County Council had sent further details of this project and are offering a training session at Easton College next spring. The Parish would still like to send a representative if anyone is interested and will ask the School if they would like to help.

Telephone Calls

Some parishes are now using BT Chargecards for business calls, which are a more accurate and fair way of logging and paying. The Clerk will find out more and get advice from BT.

Recreation Report

No minutes as there had not been a meeting recently. The Hog Roast made over £170 despite a poor attendance. Plans are now underway for the Bonfire Night celebration.

Highways Matters

Councillor Wright reported the drains along the Reepham Road need clearing again, especially the one outside 'Ashburton'. The Chairman remembered that we had been promised two salt bins to help with icy patches on roads. These were to be situated outside the School and opposite the Village Sign. The Clerk will chase Highways on both of these matters.

The next meeting is Monday 7th November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.



Foxley Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Thursday 6th October

This meeting was well attended with six parishioners present along with Councillors Skinner, Davis and the Clerk and late-comer Mrs Saker.

The Clerk decided that winter meetings would be best held a little earlier, beginning at 7.30, but omitted to point out this fact to everyone. Apologies are therefore due to Mrs Saker!

The Chairman Mr Tony Cook and Mrs Cook resigned as Councillors at the beginning of September. Our thanks go to them both for the service they have given to Foxley over the years and we wish them well in the future.

The first item on the agenda, therefore, was to try to persuade some of the visitors to become Councillors! Mrs Betty Slattery was the only person to show a keenness for the job and everyone else present had plenty of excuses why they could not or should not take on the role!! So in a somewhat haphazard way Mrs Slattery was welcomed as a Councillor and I think we have a Chairman (ex Vice Chairman) Mr Charles Skinner and a new Vice Chairman Mr Paul Davis. There is still one vacancy so if any Foxley residents feel that they could spare just one and a half hours every eight to ten weeks for a very informal meeting please contact the Clerk.

Foxley Wood - The Clerk has had correspondence and lengthy phonecalls with Jackie Lewis at the Norfolk Naturalists' Trust. Some problems, such as the 'Duck' sign are difficult to deal with as this is the standard Nature Reserve sign. The foul drainage problem caused by a blockage in the septic tank at the Warden's Cottage has been remedied. The quantity of traffic to and from the wood in the summer was due mainly to work experience and volunteer groups being picked up or taken to bus stops. In any case the staff concerned have been asked to reduce their speeds whilst going through the village. The car park was deemed necessary as visitors are asked not to park on the verges and the present park is not big enough to cope with many vehicles. Also the entrance and exit at the same point is not satisfactory.

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A new car park has been started but lack of funds will prevent completion for some time. Miss Lewis thought that re-routing the traffic to the wood would be impossible at such a late date. She suggested a site meeting might be useful and although she will have left the NNT by now her successor Mr Harry Bowell would be pleased to meet any interested parties. A meeting will be arranged as soon as possible.

Highway problems - Mrs Potter spoke on behalf of all present when she brought up the matter of speeding through the village. Several people have now had scares and near-misses involving inconsiderate drivers going through the village. A lively discussion brought up several points to be followed up, including the pruning of overhanging vegetation on the church wall to improve visibility, notices in local village magazines appealing for a little more thought when driving through such restrictive bends; 'Please Drive Carefully' signs; correction of the zoned-off section on the main road which seems to have crept near to Fakenham, etc.

The condition of the Themelthorpe road is again causing problems as it is constantly covered in a thick layer of mud. This is an on-going situation that at the moment is affected by the quantity of rain that has fallen lately, the increase in traffic using the road including a daily lorry from Foxley wood, the cows that have to use it daily and now an added problem of a leaking manhole cover causing considerable flooding on the worst corner. Mr Davis is presently in consultation with Anglian Water over this, but little can be done about the mud!

Dogs - Some dog owner are allowing their animals to use the area around the village sign as a dogs' toilet. This is a great pity as it is a pleasant spot with an attractive sign and war memorial and a welcome bench. If this includes you, please give a thought to those people who might like to sit for a while and watch the world go by and do not want to have to see or smell your dog's deposits.

The next meeting will be at the very end of November. Please see the noticeboards for the exact date and topics to be discussed and come along to air your views.



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on the road, maybe a child
or an elderly or disabled person.

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Hog Roast

Fifty people attended the event held at the Village Hall on Saturday 17th September; the meal was very enjoyable with music in the background from "Bill" friends and families were able to sit down together and chat. A bar was available supplied by Brian Taylor who also cooked and seved the pork, there was a raffle which made £53 together with the proceeds from the meal raised after expenses £165 for the village hall funds.

Raffle winners were as follows D Bristow, R Spicer, E Johnson, S Catchpole and A Knight.



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Bawdeswell and Foxley Playgroup

We enjoyed our visit to the Church to see the Flower Festival and had a good sing, including a few secular tunes not usually heard there but it was nice to see so many children in church.

The Clarins make up evening was also successful and made £90. Thanks to all who came and supported this event.



Congratulations to Angela Fuller and family on the arrival of Holly. You may remember we had a competition to guess the weight and Bawdeswell School Class 4 was the winner at seven and a half pounds.

Welcome to Jessica, Jasper and Esther who are our most recent new starters. Our numbers are picking up again now, but we still have vacancies at playgroup especially on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings.

Just a reminder that Mother and Toddler Group meets every Wednesday afternoon (1.30 to 3.15pm). This is as much for mums to meet as for the children, who are welcome from new babies onwards.

Janet Alderton

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For more information contact

Helen Howe
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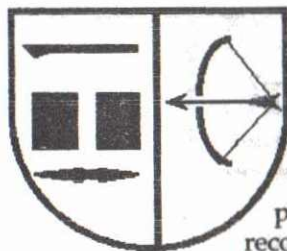
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If you would like to know more please contact

Helen Howe

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Bawdeswell Primary School

Only a little space available in the Reeve's Tale this month, so just brief notes from school:

We welcome Mrs Tracy Shewring as a new Midday Supervisor. We held a special 'Thank You' assembly for Mrs Kathy Baker, when we presented her with gardening tokens in recognition of her service to the school.

Instead of a traditional 'produce' harvest festival service this year, we welcomed Mrs Dinah Thompson who told the children about her work for SENSE, the charity for sensory damaged youngsters. The school is holding a sponsored sounds appeal, with the money raised to go to SENSE.

The Friends of Bawdeswell School have held another successful Fashion Show to raise funds for the school. We welcome Mrs Janet Lees as a new Parent Governor.

Paul Shreeve 0362 688282

Police Page

Crime Stats

During routine investigation of crime it is apparent that for various reasons people are declining to report the theft of minor items. Reasons given include 'of little value' and 'don't want to waste the policeman's time.' We appreciate the last sentiment, but such action is somewhat counter-productive. Minor crimes may not be solvable and property may be of little value, but they are crimes nonetheless and reported they enter the world of statistics. If statistics show there is not a crime problem then the policemen will be moved to where there is a perceived problem.

The moral of the story is report all crime to the police. If we know there is a problem we can give it attention.

Remember, Remember

5th of November approaches once again. That happy, and in some cases unforgettable, festival when the complaints come rolling in thick and fast - mostly justified, I hasten to add, due to the misuse of fireworks by the young, the not so young, and the irresponsible.

Fireworks are covered by the Explosives Act, 1875, and are potentially dangerous; note the injuries every year.

So remember

1. Fireworks may not be kept for sale other than on licensed or registered premises.
2. Fireworks must not be sold or exposed for sale on any street or public place.
3. Fireworks must not be sold to a child under 16 years of age.
4. Most importantly - Fireworks must not be thrown, cast or fired in or into any highway, street or public place - the most common cause of complaint!

I won't go into the firework code which is available when purchasing fireworks. So be safe be sensible - and enjoy the celebration.

Pete Jackson

Police Constable 898



Church Services for November and early December

Church of England Services

- Sunday 6th November 10.30am Holy Communion at Bawdeswell
6.00pm Evening Prayer at Foxley
- Sunday 13th November Remembrance Sunday
9.00am Holy Communion at Bawdeswell
10.45am Remembrance Service at Foxley
War Memorial
- Sunday 20th November 9.00am Holy Communion at Foxley
10.30am Family Worship at Bawdeswell
- Sunday 27th November 9.00am Morning Prayer at Bawdeswell
10.30am Holy Communion at Foxley
- Sunday 4th December 10.30am Holy Communion at Bawdeswell
6.00pm Evening Prayer at Foxley
- Sunday 11th December 9.00am Holy Communion at Bawdeswell
[No 10.30am service at Foxley]
6.00pm Carol Service at Foxley

Methodist Services at Foxley Chapel

- Sunday 6th November 2.30pm Combined Service
at Bintree Chapel
- Sunday 13th November 10.45am Service at Foxley War Memorial
Preacher Rev R Bean
- Sunday 20th November 3.00pm Circuit Service at Trinity Methodist
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- Sunday 27th November 11.00am Mrs J Bean

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