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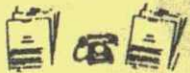
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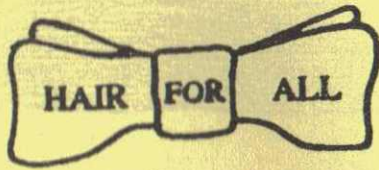
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Foxley Rectory
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Dear Friends,

An amusing article has been doing the rounds of parish magazines in the Norwich area. The story is told of a church advertising for a new vicar and receiving the following application:

'I have extremely poor eyesight and other ailments. I have however undertaken a preaching ministry over a wide area, although my sermons are often rather long and people have been known to fall asleep during them! I have never stayed very long as pastor to my congregation, three years being my longest stint. I am always keen to off load the work of ministry onto regular members of the congregation. I have to confess to being rather forgetful and have left important documents and items of clothing behind during my travels. My style of ministry has often led to riots in the streets and I have been to prison on a number of occasions.'

The leaders of the particular parish were quick to reject this applicant although someone did ask the name of the person applying. It was simply signed - Paul.

It goes to prove just how wrong we can be in jumping to conclusions! Without the dedicated ministry of St Paul as recorded in the Acts of the Apostles and in his letters the history of the early church would be virtually non-existent. The church today needs both strong leaders and also 'every member ministry'. Locally it is our prayer that the ministry team will be strengthened by an increasing number of regular worshippers. Please consider whether you should be among them bringing your gifts along for the good of all.

Yours most sincerely

Grahame Humphries

From the Editor

I'm sorry that everything is a bit crowded up this month, but I've had so much material for the Reeve's Tale that I've had to squeeze hard to get it all in. I hope to have more clip art and quotations next month.

Paul Shreeve (Bawdeswell 688282)

Flower Festival Hog Roast

A very special 'Thank You' to the organisers of the Hog Roast on Saturday 11th June and to all who supported the evening. An amount of nearly £600 was raised towards the Bawdeswell Flower Festival which will be held from 30th September until 2nd October.

Ambulance Service

In this area this service is now provided by the East Anglian Ambulance NHS Trust.

To improve their response times in an emergency they would like to introduce a scheme which identifies each house using an Ordnance Survey map reference number. This is particularly helpful in rural areas like this, with remote houses, lack of street numbering and vague signposts.

The Trust have written to the Parish Council, who fully support this initiative and have agreed to help implement it in due course.

It will involve the delivery of self-adhesive labels to each house which are to be attached to the telephone (An example of a label used on an existing scheme is printed below). These will be delivered at the same time as your Reeve's Tale.

There is no date for the start of the scheme yet but expect further information and a reference sticker in the near future.

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Minutes of the AGM and Ordinary Meeting of Foxley Parish Council

held on 19th May 1994 in the Village Hall.

Present - Chairman Mr T Cook, Mr C Skinner, Mrs H Cook, Mr P Davis, the Clerk and Mr K Murrell and Mr J Fletcher on behalf of the Village Hall Committee.
Apologies from Mrs G Saker.

Minutes - the minutes of the previous AGM held on 27th May 1993 were read, agreed and signed.

The Chairman then read his report of the year's business:

Chairman's Report 1993-1994

During the year of 1993-1994 we have held seven meetings at which a wide range of subjects affecting our village were discussed. Some seven planning applications were considered, including a fairly major one from the Poultry Farm in Foxley West. Although attendance from the villagers is not very good we are very grateful to those 'diehards' who do attend and for the contribution to the discussions that they make.

In general most of the discussion during the meetings was taken up with routine, but nevertheless important matters about footpaths, the state of the roads, rubbish in the lay-bys and so on - all this has to be discussed and the necessary authorities contacted and we hope eventually acted upon. I notice that only this week the white gates at the main road to Foxley West have been repaired.

I am very pleased to say that November saw the closing of the chapter regarding the War Memorial, with a service of rededication held on Remembrance Sunday. The weather was atrocious, but a good number of village residents and the scouts who did the work turned out.

This year we were sorry to accept the resignation of Mrs Gladys Dewing as our Parish Clerk, but we seem to have fallen on our feet as we have been fortunate to have the services of Mary Ann Konoba. As Mary Ann has been a Village Clerk before the handing over has not been too traumatic (for me at least!). Thank you, Mary Ann.

As the insurance for the Village Hall has shot up by almost £100 this year it was agreed at a meeting with the Village Hall Committee and the Parish Council to share the cost. Unfortunately the Village Hall needs a lot of work done to it to bring it up to Public Health standards and it was unanimously agreed that our 'Project' for 94-95 should be to help the Village Hall Committee as much as possible.

Our year ended with a visit from Mrs Floering-Blackman, our County Councillor, who gave us an insight as to the County's plans for the future.

One of the planning applications submitted was for Foxley Wood to have a new road and coach park built through it. As those who live on the Street know, the traffic has greatly increased and it was suggested during the year that perhaps a new entrance could be created along the back road between Themelthorpe and Whitwell crossroads so that the majority of traffic could be fed from the main Reepham to Bawdeswell road. I would like to see this line of enquiry investigated further or it may be too late to alter any plans.

Finally may I thank the rest of the Councillors for the help and support they give to the Parish. Very often it seems as if we sit here for no purpose, but if we don't do anything to help ourselves we can have no grounds to complain if things are not as they should be or we wish them to be.

There being no other business the ordinary meeting was opened, the minutes agreed and signed.

It was noted that building has begun on the Turnpike Farm site even though the official notification has not yet been received. Clerk will complain.

There are still loose chippings in Mill Road, but the potholes on the Themelthorpe Road have been repaired and the white fencing at the Chapel Road-Fakenham Road walkway has been fixed and repainted.

A new FOXLEY sign has also been erected on the main road.

Finance - Balance in the Deposit account is £89.38
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Audit fee	£90		
Village Hall ins.	£250		
Appeals	£50	TOTAL	£615

VAT refund due £13

The clerk queried the need to keep on the Deposit account as there is not enough interest coming in now to defray expenses of transferring to Current account five or six times a year. It was agreed that the clerk should enquire about interest bearing current accounts from Barclays in the first instance and other banks if necessary.

Planning - 3/94/406 Mr H Durham, Chalet Poultry Farm. Demolition of agricultural store and erection of new store and ancillary works. No objections.

Correspondence - Little received except large booklet on Norfolk Minerals Local Plan 1994 and request for information on village services by Norfolk Rural Community Council last studied in 1991.

Any Other Business - Mr J Fletcher gave a report on the current state of the Village Hall and the proposed plan of action to refurbish the kitchen. Offers of help both financial and practical would be much appreciated. A complaint had been received about the state of the hedges growing onto footpaths. The Clerk will take action as necessary.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 7th July 1994 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall. There will be a discussion on Foxley Wood, entrance, car park, etc. Come and air your views on the subject.

No space for Bawdeswell Primary School news,
but do come to the Technology Day,
Sat 25th June 12 - 4 at the school!

Foxley Village Hall Committee Annual General Meeting 12th May 1994

Chairman's Report (John Fletcher tel 688629)

The year 1993/94 has been generally uneventful with consistent bookings for Table Tennis. The hall was used on several other occasions, one of which caused considerable annoyance to local residents.

The insurance costs of village halls have risen dramatically in recent years. The Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee now share these annual costs.

The event of major significance was a visit from the Environmental Health Inspector in January to view the kitchen. He indicated that a number of standards were not high enough for current legislation. He did not immediately close the kitchen down but requested a programme of improvements which would bring the kitchen up to the new requirements. The ceiling was so bad that the Committee decided to suspend further bookings that involved the kitchen until remedial work had been carried out.

Quotations were obtained for the necessary changes (ie new sinks and drainers; new units; a hand basin and water supply; materials for replacing the ceiling and other works and for redecorating the kitchen) and the possibility of obtaining grants toward the costs was investigated. The starting point of a grant from the Parish Council has not yet been resolved, the Council having tentatively offered goods in lieu of cash. The response of the District and County Councils will depend on the outcome of this offer.

The ceiling has now been removed to reveal a totally unacceptable timber structure above. This will have to be strengthened or replaced before new plasterboard can be fitted.

The response to an appeal for help or money in the Reeve's Tale was nil, although three villages and the table tennis team had indicated previously that they would help. A more detailed action plan now has to be drawn up so that the kitchen can again be used. Although we have relatively few bookings which need the kitchen, the income is necessary to keep the village hall alive.

It is hoped that the works can be completed this year, but it is a heavy workload on, as usual, a few people.

In conclusion I would wish to thank the Secretary, Mr Lupton and the Treasurer, Mr Murrell for their valued support.

I am sure that as improvements are made to the Village Hall, however slowly, it will be realised that it is an asset to the village. In the longer term there are a few new residents who may wish to help.

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Roofing, Repairs Etc

Footnote: as nobody came to the AGM, which was advertised in Foxley, this report is included so that residents might know that work is proceeding. Help is always required - even cutting the grass around the village hall would improve its image. It can't all be left to the Committee Members who all have other commitments as well.

Following the disturbances and annoyance caused to residents by an 18th birthday party earlier in the year, no further bookings will be taken from anyone under the age of 21 years. This restriction has had to be imposed at other village halls in this area.



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Digest of Bawdeswell Parish Council Meeting

held on 6th June 1994

Apologies for absence came from Councillors Wright and Strickland. Councillor Strickland will be away for the next six months but will return to complete her term of office in 1995.

Post Office - The District Postmaster visited the Garage to assess the suitability of the premises for a part time Post Office, on Thursday 9th June. Results awaited.

Highway Matters - An apology is still awaited from Highways for the spring mowing of the grass by the Village Sign which meant there were no daffodils this year.

The Council previously requested that the 'lake' at the entrance to Common Lane be filled in. This is being dealt with by County Hall and some action/a reply is expected shortly.

Ambulance Services - The local Trust who now provide this service wish to improve the response times in rural areas. The Council agreed to support and help with this scheme. More details in this Reeve's Tale.

Recreation report - There are now three regular bookings each week at the Village Hall, including the Youth Club, which has reopened on Tuesday evenings (for 11's and over). Various summer events are planned including two Cricket Matches and a Jumble Sale (2nd July).

Village Hall Driveway - There was a query from a parishioner as to whether a contribution was due from the user of the right of way along this drive. The Clerk will check the deeds and report back to the council.

Planning - Despite objections from the Council and local residents, planning permission had been given for the new house on the land at the back of The Gables. The reply from Breckland Council made clear that local views had been reported and considered but that the Planning Committee took a different view. Permission was also given for the small Pavilion for the Bowls Club.

Next Meeting Monday 11th July 1994 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

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A few weeks ago, it was wonderful to see a large group of children go into school for a morning, in preparation for starting in September. There are also some families moving house and we wish all the children who are leaving, well for their future.

They are:

Zhaun, Daniel, Ashley, Gary, Christopher, Sarah, Martin, Thomas, Megan, Andrew, James, Jacques, Ben, Chloe, Robert, Kelly and Charmaine.

The recent outing to Gressenhall was a great success. The coach was almost full and the sun shone all day, so we could have a picnic lunch. If anyone else has the chance to go, try to visit on a Friday (as we did) when Mrs Ward is in residence at Cherry Tree Cottage, living the life of a farm worker's wife in the early 1900s - she had us all spellbound.

We still have lots of exciting events for the rest of the term...

Friday 8th July Trip to Playland at Wells and picnic if fine. Spaces on the coach for extra friends and parents. See playgroup for details.

Friday 15th July Sponsored Obstacle Course and Open Morning. The soft play equipment and large toys will be out and there will be refreshments, cakes and raffle for spectators. Come and cheer the children on and have a chat. This is also an opportunity for new starters from September onwards to come in and see Playgroup.

Friday 22nd July This is the last day of term for us and there will be a Leavers' Party and Teddy Bears' Picnic.

Playgroup reopens on 6th September.

Finally a warm welcome to Maevé O'Sullivan who joins us for six months on a visit from New Zealand.

The Beck W.I.

At our June meeting Margot Coplin gave a talk on library in the community. Our local library is not just a place from which to borrow books. We can get information on evening classes- training schemes- starting your own business- your rights- clubs and societies- college and university courses and much more.

There is also a home delivery service for the housebound, books on tape, and a large variety of magnifying aids. Contact your local library for more details.

Our secretary Maureen Davis has sadly had to retire from her position because of health problems. Maureen has been our secretary since our formation eighteen months ago. She has worked very hard and done a great job. Our sincere thanks and very good wishes to Maureen from all at the Beck.

Jean Hinton of Bawdeswell is to be our new secretary and we wish her every success and many thanks for taking on the job.

Our next meeting is on 11th July at 7.30, at the Old School Room, Sparham. The speaker is Pat Miller, subject: Denman College.

Diane Weddell Press Officer tel 0362 688564

Jumble Sale

Saturday 2nd July 2pm - 5pm
at Bawdeswell Village Hall

On sale will be secondhand and nearly new goods, plants, books, bric a brac, cakes and raffle.

Refreshments will be on sale; any items you wish to dispose of can be brought to the Village Hall on Saturday 2nd from 10am, or contact me on Bawdeswell 688474 and I will collect or you can leave at 10 Hall Road. No heavy furniture. Thank you.

Mary Farthing

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Sunday 31st July Ploughman's Lunch

with cricket match at Village Hall Grounds
£3 per ticket

Hockey, Rounders Match for Children
(we also hope to have a Dog Show)
enjoy a day with the family - bar available -
teas, coffee and cakes. All welcome

200 Club Draw for June

165	Sheila Neil	£20
100	Peter Taylor	£15
131	unsold	£10
60	Football Club	£10
49	Chrissie Pickard	£5
46	Dot Buck	£5
32	Glyn Williams	£5
119	unsold	£5

don't forget the Barbeque and Cricket Match on Sunday 26th June at 10am - refreshments available.

Jumble Sale

Bric - a -Brac
Cake Stall etc, etc

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Proceeds for Quidenham Children's Hospice

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Church Services for July/early August

Church of England Services

Sunday 3rd July	10.30am	Holy Communion at Bawdeswell
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer at Foxley
Sunday 10th July	8.30am	Holy Communion at Bawdeswell
	10.30am	Morning Prayer at Foxley
Sunday 17th July	8.30am	Holy Communion at Foxley
	10.30am	Family Worship at Bawdeswell
		Visiting Preacher: Capt Michael Nokes of the Church Army
Sunday 24th July	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Bawdeswell
	10.30am	Holy Communion at Foxley
Sunday 31st July	6.30pm	Combined Evening Holy Communion at Foxley
Sunday 7th August	10.30am	Holy Communion with Holy Baptism taken by Rev Jim Richards
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer at Foxley taken by Mrs N Garrod
Sunday 14th August	8.30am	Holy Communion at Bawdeswell taken by Rev Steven Betts (Bishop's Chaplain)
		No service at Foxley
Sunday 21st August	8.30am	Holy Communion at Foxley
		No service at Bawdeswell

Foxley Methodist Chapel

service details not available at time of going to print.

Once again, apologies for the crowded format this month, which is due to the unusually large number of items submitted - we hope to get back to usual format next issue. Paul Shreeve.

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