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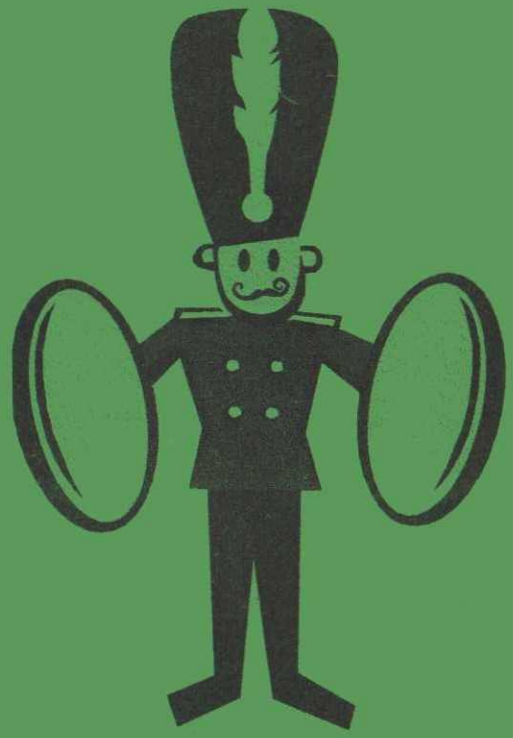

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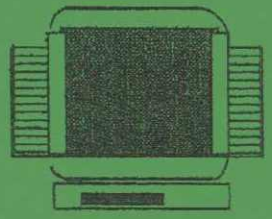

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Thurs 1st	WeightWatchers, Bawdeswell Village Hall 6.15pm
Thurs 1st	Tango classes at Bylaugh Hall 5.30pm
Fri 2nd	Julian Group 8pm
Sun 4th	Foxley Lodge – Open garden and Fete 11.00am
Mon 5th	Foxley Bowls Club 7pm
Mon 5th	Bawdeswell Parish Council Meeting 7.45pm
Wed 7th	Foxley Social Club *A Wartime Boyhood* Talk 2pm
Wed 7th	Salsa Class, Foxley Village Hall 8.15pm
Thurs 8th	WeightWatchers, Bawdeswell Village Hall 6.15pm
Thurs 8th	Tango classes at Bylaugh Hall 5.30pm
Sat 10th	Bylaugh Hall – Art Exhibition Peter Rudolfo
Mon 12th	WI meeting at Salle Church 6pm
Mon 12th	Foxley Bowls Club 7pm
Wed 14th	Salsa Class, Foxley Village Hall 8.15pm
Thurs 15th	Wensum Birdwatching Society Marsham Heath
Thurs 15th	Tango classes at Bylaugh Hall 5.30pm
Thurs 15th	WeightWatchers, Bawdeswell Village Hall 6.15pm
Fri 16th	Julian Group 8pm
Mon 19th	Foxley Bowls Club 7pm
Mon 19th	Bawdeswell Village Hall Annual Meeting 8pm
Wed 21st	Salsa Class, Foxley Village Hall 8.15pm
Thurs 22nd	Tango classes at Bylaugh Hall 5.30pm
Thurs 22nd	WeightWatchers, Bawdeswell Village Hall 6.15pm
Sun 25th	Bawdeswell Village Fete & Car Boot Sale 11.30am
Mon 26th	Foxley Bowls Club 7pm
Wed 28th	Salsa Class, Foxley Village Hall 8.15pm
Thurs 29th	Tango classes at Bylaugh Hall 5.30pm
Fri 30th	Julian Group 8pm

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At going to press, the amount raised for the East Anglian Air Ambulance is not yet available. I'm sure we all wish they did very well.

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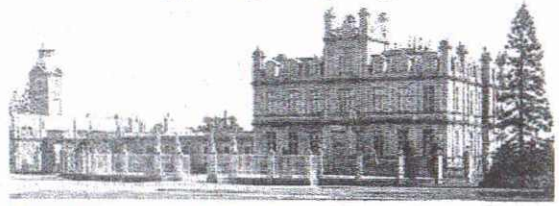

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Her slide show which followed—and here again the quality of her photography was way above the usual amateur standard---showed the more intricate and less accessible parts of the cathedral in all their coloured glory. It was made very apparent to us that the cathedral reflected the great importance and wealth of Norwich at the time. Thank you Mrs. Miller for sharing some of your obviously great learning with us. S.B.

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The club meets each Monday evening in the Village Hall. On Friday evenings members wishing to practice or come along for a 'roll up' are welcome. We do have a limited number of vacancies for membership, and if anyone is interested in learning to play short mat bowls, or to know more about our Club please contact Carole, our Secretary, (Tel:01362 688567) or any one of the committee members with a view to coming along on a Friday evening or initially at another time which could be mutually agreed.

Our inter club competitions are running well; in recent months a number of our members have also competed in various County competitions etc held at Roundwood Club at Taverham. In addition to our friendly social bowling on Monday evenings we also play friendly matches, both home and away, against other local clubs from time to time.

We aim to provide this facility for people of any age in our Village and the surrounding area. Current members are from Foxley, Bawdeswell and Guist.

We have recently purchased another new Mat which means we now have 3 modern Mats of the same quality.

We are planning to hold a Bingo evening in the Village Hall in November. This will be a fund raising event for Charity, Breast Cancer, and we look forward to seeing as many people as possible to support this well worth cause. Further details will be advertised nearer the time.

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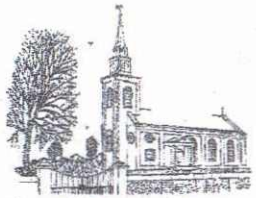

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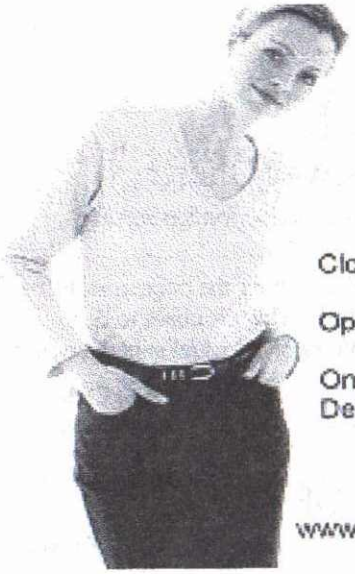

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BAWDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL-EXTRACTS OF THREE MEETINGS HELD ON TUESDAY 2nd MAY 2006 AT 7.00pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Councillor's Hind, Mallen, Cockburn, Lilwall, McColville and Swain . Mr. G. Bambridge (DC). 7 parishioners

APOLOGIES: Councillor Wallace Mrs. I. Floering Blackman(CC)

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING: No items received for Agenda and parishioners present did not raise any items for discussion - PC went on to the Annual Parish Council meeting.

ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

The Chairman thanked all Councillors and the Clerk for their hard work during the past year.

- Councillor Hind elected as Chairman. Councillor Mallen as Vice Chairman
- Clerk presented a resume of last years work.
- Clerk formally presented Accounts for year 2005/06 – these were duly signed and agreed.

Receipts were £11,969.31 and Payments £7,804.14 - leaving the sum of £4,165.17 to be carried over to year 2006/07. Date for Audit 4th September 2006.

The Clerk reminded Councillors and parishioners present that Parish Council elections will take place May 2007 and all Councillors are due for re-election. (The current Government are proposing to change the way Parish/Town Councils operate in future – no definite facts are known at the moment.)

MAY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

-Planning- Wood Farm, Reepham Road – Breckland still waiting for reasons why Vehicle Storage building should be regarded as Curtailage building. Unless PC has definite proof that asbestos had not been disposed of legally Env.Agency unable to take action.

- Anglian Water – letter sent to County Surveyors Dept. asking if sewers were adopted at same time as Highways adopted 10.1.1980. Reply from NCC stated "Estate Road Officer at County Hall confirms that foul sewer was inspected by the District Council acting on behalf of AW before Highways adopted. They are looking into full documentation and will contact us again with findings".
- The Street footway –south side recently inspected and repair work identified. Clerk to query whether 'X overs' for Meadow Loke and Bell Inn/Stable Cottage are included in reconstruction work.
- Quotes to be obtained for chain link fencing around rest of Children's Play area to make it secure and rising hinges for entrance gate to ensure it closes properly.
- Village sign -Councillor McColville with the help of children at Primary School designing part of new sign.
- Councillor Mallen who is on the Patients Participation Group for Elmham Surgery confirms that a Social Worker is now attached to Surgery to follow up care for patients coming out of hospital and needing help.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING : MONDAY 5TH JUNE 2006 7.45pm. IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

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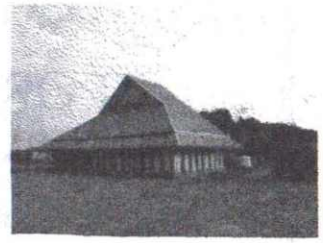

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At present the hall is available most weekdays during the day, Tuesday evening and some Wednesday evenings. There are lots of Saturdays and Sundays still free. You can also hire tables and chairs for you own events.

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RECENT IMPROVEMENTS

A number of small improvements have been carried out over the last few months. Some work has been done to improve the driveway and more will be done in the summer. New wall cupboards have been put up in the kitchen and the doors and draw fronts on the cabinets replaced to match them. There is now a baby changing unit in the disabled WC. New PIR controlled lights have been installed over the front door and for the recycling area and an outside power supply has been put in for events on the field.

VILLAGE HALL PAINTATHON – 6th & 7th MAY

A very, very big thank you to all those who came and helped to clean and paint in the village hall. A lot was achieved although there is a small amount still to be done over the next few weeks.

Bawdeswell Village Hall Annual Meeting

The Bawdeswell Village Hall Annual Meeting will be held on Monday 19th June 2006 in the Village Hall at 8pm. The village hall committee will be up for re-election. We also need new members on the committee as there are not enough at present to be effective and organize the events we would like to.

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Foxley Village Hall Management Committee

Just to let you know.....

The Management Committee has experienced a very busy and successful year, interspersed with periods of sadness. Our Secretary, Beryl Mayes, passed away on 27th September. Beryl was a good friend; a committed member of the committee, and her death was, and still is, felt very deeply by everyone who knew her.

Bill Potter retired as Secretary in May 2005 after many, many years of committed service. Bill was a hard working and efficient secretary. A lunch, attended by past and present committee members, was held at Old Hall Farmhouse and a gift presented to Edie and Bill to express appreciation.

Gladys Dewing, our Treasurer, will be leaving the village soon and with regret, her resignation from the committee was accepted on 27th April. Gladys has been so much more than a Treasurer, she has dealt with bookings and cared for the Village Hall as if it were their own property, as has Robert, her husband. Their enthusiasm and dedication will be a very difficult act to follow and it is hoped they will enjoy participating in future activities in FVH, free of responsibility.

The committee is very pleased Helen Foulger has agreed to take over the role of Secretary and Stevie Pritchard has agreed to be our new Treasurer. John Driver, Ruth Waller and Ruth Whitmore welcome them both and look forward to a successful future with them.

It would be ideal if one other member could be recruited to the committee and this will be worked on during the next few months.

Major Projects

After a lengthy period of negotiation, the extension to the rear of the village Hall will be commenced in May. All legal work is completed and grants from BIFFA and NORFOLK RURAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL have been secured. The committee is very grateful to Pam & Peter Egmore, and members of the Parish Council for their invaluable support. Gratitude is also expressed to residents and friends who have kindly supported the successful Buy-a-Brick Scheme. The end date for the scheme has been extended to 31st August to enable more people to participate.

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Activities

The hall continues to be used on a regular basis for the following activities:

Short Mat Bowls Club	Monday & Friday evening
Salsa Dancing	Wednesday evening
Yoga	Wednesday evening
Social Club	Wednesday afternoon
Art Classes	(Between Sept-Nov)

The Monday afternoon exercise class has now ceased but it is hoped a replacement activity can be found in due course.

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Foxley Village Hall Buy-a–Brick Scheme

The Scheme has now been running for one year and, so far has raised the magnificent sum of £1,100, towards the construction of an extension to store equipment currently taking up much needed space in the hall. **Thank you** to everyone who has taken part.

The committee is pleased to inform you that **BIFFA** and **NORFOLK RURAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL** will be supporting this project and construction will commence in May.

The end date for the **Buy-a-Brick Scheme** will be 31st August, so if there is anyone who would like to participate and have their name listed on the **PERMANENT RECOGNITION BOARD** in the Village Hall, details of the scheme are given below:

One brick costs a minimum of £10. A brick can be purchased by **(a)** an individual, **(b)** for an individual (maybe a grandchild, a friend or 'in memory of"), **(c)** a family, **(d)** a group of people **(e)** a visitor from far and wide.

At the point of sale, details of the donor will be written in an **OFFICIAL REGISTER.** A **NUMBERED RECEIPT** will be issued and a **PROGRESS MARKER** placed on the **PICTORIAL BRICK WALL.** Within a month of the sale, an **OFFICIAL CERTIFICATE** will be sent to the donor.

As soon as possible after the work to the extension, and cessation of the scheme on 31st August, a **PERMANENT RECOGNITION BOARD** will be installed in the Village Hall listing each and every donor to the scheme.

Should you wish to participate before the scheme ends, please contact: **Ruth Whitmore, Old Hall Farmhouse, The Street, Foxley NR20 4QP Tel: 01362-688768**

FOXLEY VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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THE BECK W I

Various appointments, illness and holidays meant that very few members were able to attend our May meeting.
Gill and Jennifer welcomed Trainee Adviser Sue Ovenden, who came to talk to us about the Resolutions; also Barbara, who as our representative, will take our decisions to Cardiff in June.
Two Resolutions. 1) Renewable energy in all buildings, re-building and renovations, and 2) To recognise participation in sport - this is essential in a healthy population. We spent some time listening to Sue giving us details of the Resolutions and finally agreed to support them both.
After coffee, Jennifer read the Minutes of last month's meeting and Gill read an interesting and welcome letter Ruth Whitmore had received from Carol Tipper who now lives in Australia.
Faith won the raffle. There is no meeting in the Old School Room next month but we are invited to meet Peter Bradbury in Salle Church at 6p.m. on 12th June. This should indeed be an interesting hour or so, and we all finish up at Gill's home for a cup of tea.
MARY HJMPHREY

BOOK CLUB

Held in the bar on the first Thursday of each month at 7.30pm. New members welcome.

Our May meeting was poorly attended and, as there had been problems obtaining a copy of the book choice, this will be discussed at our June meeting together with a new book choice - " The Time Travellers Wife " by Audrey Nifenegger. We hope to see you there.

WENSUM VALLEY BIRDWATCHING SOCIETY

Our April walkabout was round the lake and woodlands of Blickling Park, enjoying a welcome refreshment break at Blickling Hall half way round. This is a time when winter visitors have departed and summer arrivals yet to come, nevertheless we saw over 25 species (26 if you count Chef's 'Pie of the Day' in Blickling Hall restaurant) and, as always during these walks, there was an opportunity to meet other club members, particularly new members, and by the time the walk ended a few more friends were found and a few more calories lost.

At our indoor meeting at Lenwade our AGM was followed by a talk entitled, 'Lakenheath Fen - the First Ten Years', by Norman Sills (RSPB staff). In 1995 the RSPB bought 300 hectares of arable land at Lakenheath Fen on the Norfolk-Suffolk border. The aim was to reverse four centuries of damage by drainage and return the area back to its original wetland status thus providing a lifeline for England's vanishing wetland wildlife. Norman described the remarkable ten year project requiring the construction of water-retaining bunds, excavating meres and channels, and planting thousands of reed seedlings and cuttings. This is the largest piece of re-created fen habitat in the UK and has already seen the arrival of reed warblers, reed buntings, marsh harriers, hobbies and one or two pairs of nesting Golden Orioles. A massive undertaking made possible by the undoubted enthusiasm and skill Norman and his team brought to the project.

No indoor meeting in June but two outside events. June 3rd/4th our Summer bird count, and Thursday June 15th a nightjar evening at Marsham Heath. All are welcome, binoculars and expert help always on hand.

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Parochial Church Council AGM

At the AGM on April 24th Mr David Gurney retired as Churchwarden after 12 years of dedicated service. The Rector expressed his thanks on behalf of all the members of the PCC for all Mr Gurney's work and leadership. Mr Gurney will remain as a PCC member and Synod Representative. The elected Churchwardens for the coming year are Mr Robin Taylor and Mr William Mason.

Thanks were given to the **Friends of the Church** for their continuing and very helpful contributions to the upkeep of the building. *Sandi Taylor, PCC Secretary.*

St.Thomas' Church Foxley

A rather disappointing number attended our Easter Day Holy Communion this year, however the flower arrangements brightened everything up, as they always do, and we appreciated the efforts of a small group who had scrubbed the tower floor, cleaned its window - a precarious task - and renovated the woodwork of the vestry and tower screens; in addition the wooden furniture gleamed with beeswax!

The Annual Vestry and Parochial Church Meetings were held in the church on the 19th. April, with the Rev. David Head in the Chair. The Annual Reports were submitted by the Secretary and Treasurer, the latter's having been passed by our Independent Examiner, Mr. Michael Child.

The Treasurer's Report presented by John Harvey showed a stable situation, but one which indicated greater efforts in the future to pay our way. However we could take pride in our achievements in 2005 – new electrical wiring, safe pews and our beautiful hassocks. Mr. Harvey felt that more regular giving was the answer, a small sum on a regular basis from parishioners who, maybe, valued the heritage aspect of this historic building, rather than attending church services, would be a great help. Moreover it would encourage the " faithful few, whose giving had kept us going". Mr. Harvey paid tribute to the late Joyce Waters, as did the Rector; her generosity and many years as P.C.C. Treasurer were an example to us all.

As Churchwarden, John Harvey thanked all who had helped throughout the year – John and Mary Fletcher, the flower ladies, Dena Framingham, Richard Johnson and Nicky Mears for cleaning the gutters, and, indeed, all the members of the congregation.

The Rector, in his report, mentioned that the new Benefice Ministry Team would be important in assisting co-operation between the parishes; our representative is Mrs. Monica Hatch. The Rev. Head also praised the "dedicated people of Foxley" in all their various roles, that "God's church in this place may be effective and may be loved and loving". There had also been three baptisms during the year, something else to encourage us! The usual elections took place and the main office-holders remain the same. *Diana Harvey P.C.C. Secretary.*

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But this you must remember,
This one thing you must know,
I cannot take your burden
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Corrie Ten Boom

And a few words of wisdom from *John Wesley*

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by all the means you can
in all the ways you can
at all the times you can
to all the people you can
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St Mary's Church, Sparham – *Afternoon of Croquet*

Come and join us at the Old Rectory Sparham, Sunday afternoon 23rd July, for an afternoon of croquet. If you have never tried hitting a ball through a hoop now is the time to have a go. Starting at 2pm, with tea at 4.30pm. Cost £5 Proceeds in aid of Sparham Church. Equipment will be provided. Please let either Aleathia 01362 688543 or Carol 01362 688395 know if you are coming. Children welcome to come along half price. Next year we may try a tournament. *Aleathia Mann*

From the Rector

Dear Everybody, hello again.

Is loyalty a good thing? Tony Blair reshuffles his cabinet. Nigel Worthington has an end-of-season cull at Norwich City. At the same time as believing in the need for change, they ask their supporters to be loyal to them.

Some people just don't like change. It's their temperament. "Rather the devil you know…" When this comes to our shopping habits, financial experts call it "brand loyalty". When it comes to incompetent banks, they call it inertia. What's the difference between loyalty and inertia? In these terms, it's about whether you are happy.

Loyalty in families, though, can mean putting up with quite a lot of unhappiness for the sake of relationships. Loyalty itself implies a relationship that happens over time, and has time to repair itself if things go wrong. Occasionally, though, family members have abused family loyalty or tested it beyond any reasonable limit.

When St Benedict founded his order of monks, part of his rule was "stability". Once you enter a monastery, you stay there, and learn to get on with your brothers. Too bad if they can't cook or can't sing. Learning to live with others' foibles is part of life.

The loyalty to God that is demanded of Christians would be outrageous, if Christians did not believe that God is intensely loyal to them. Similarly, in all our relationships, loyalty usually breeds loyalty, and even love.

In our society, we are constantly advertised at, to get us to change, and to choose. Loyalty is a commitment, a choice that has already been taken.

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David Head

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FOXLEY	Informal S of P **5pm** Foxley Lodge	HC(1) **1030** TC	-	MP 1030	HC(PB) **0900**
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