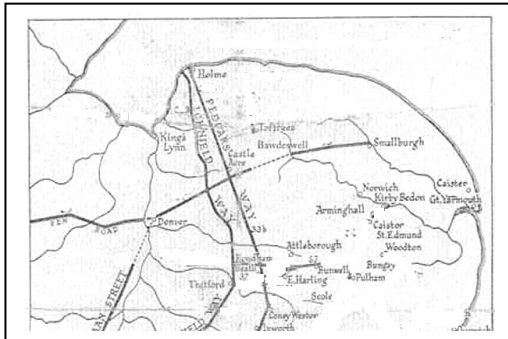


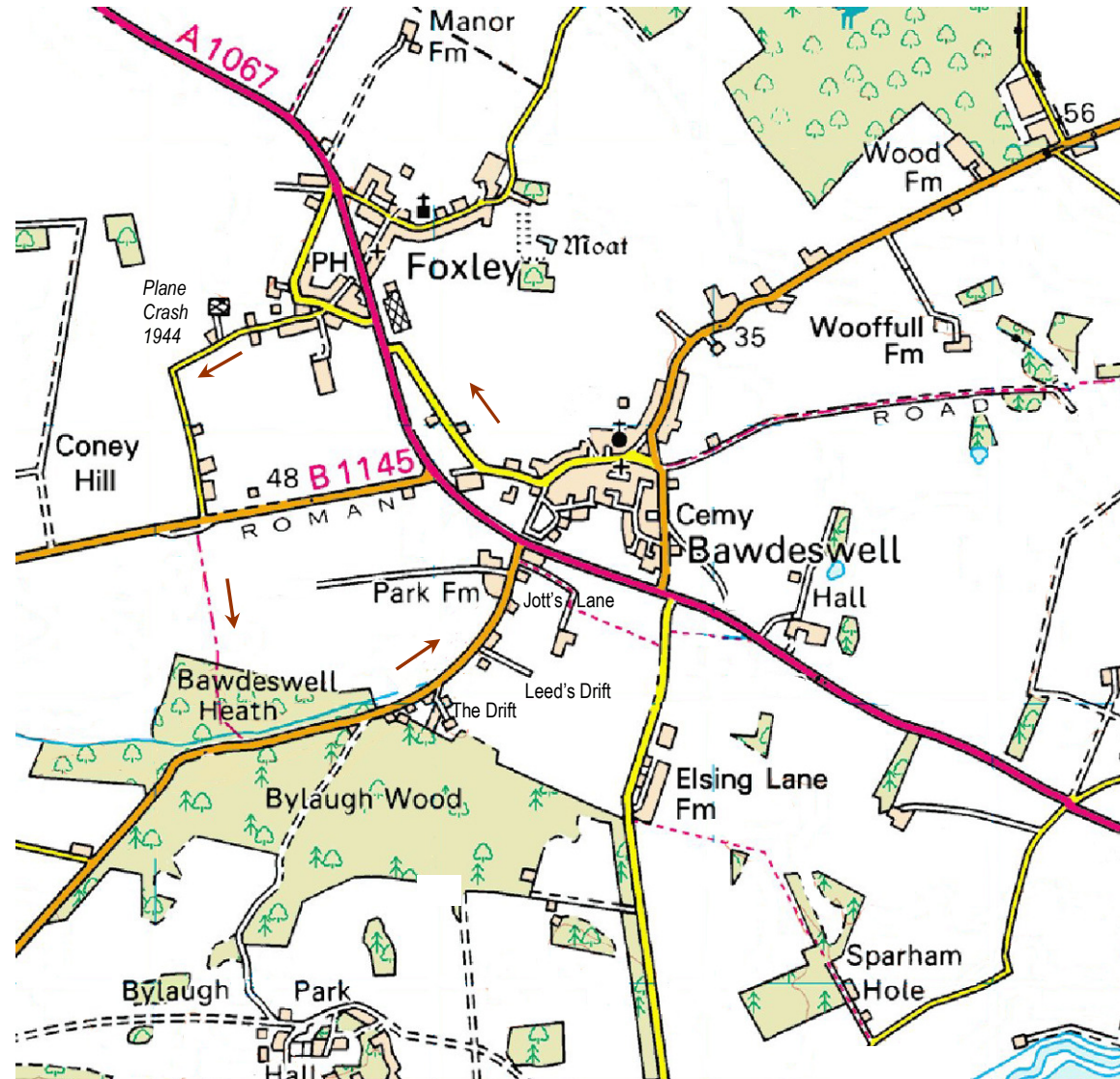
The road suddenly turns left through ninety degrees. Old maps indicate this was once a crossroads. If you look to the right towards the distant water tower, the hedgerow and tree line certainly looks like an old boundary. It is in a straight line with the Foulsham Road. Straight on across the fields is Beck Hall, a very old moated house. It once gave succour to exhausted and sick Walsingham pilgrims.

Continuing left towards the Billingford Road you pass Mill House which is built on to a former windmill.

The busy main road is on the line of the **Roman Road**. It ran from *Durobrivae* near Peterborough, across the Fen Causeway to Denver, followed Fincham Drove and crossed Peddar's Way between Castle Acre and Swaffham, thence towards North Elmham and Billingford, to Bawdeswell and Jordans Green, and on to *Smallburgh*. It was a major East-West route and possibly continued to *Caister* or an important port since eroded by the sea.



Crossing over this road to the lay-by you enter a delightful bridleway leading to Bawdeswell Heath. This area was part of Bawdeswell Common before the Enclosure Act of 1808. An old strip-field system lay either side of the lane. Occasional crop marks indicate an earlier branch off the Roman Road heading south-eastwards in the direction of the Wensum valley. Suggestion is it followed the northern boundary of Bawdeswell Heath and Bylaugh Wood and continued via Sparham Hole,



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