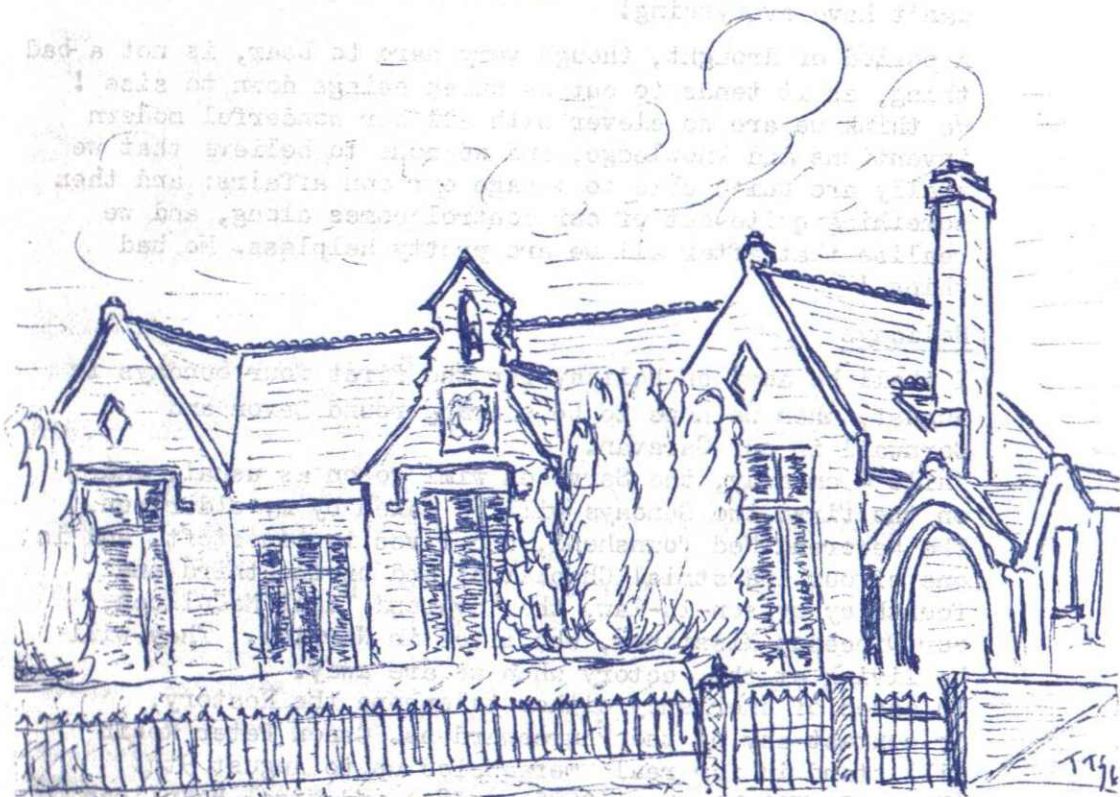


# THE REEVE'S TALE



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THE RECTOR WRITES

Well, the lovely lovely rain has come at last, and already our gardens are looking the better for it. In my own case, it has come just in time to save my lawn which was at its last gasp - unfortunately the weeds love it as well, but you can't have everything!

A period of drought, though very hard to bear, is not a bad thing, as it tends to cut us human beings down to size ! We think we are so clever with all our wonderful modern inventions and knowledge, and we come to believe that we really are quite able to manage our own affairs: and then something quite out of our control comes along, and we realise that after all we are pretty helpless. No bad thing !

Holidays

I shall be away on holiday for the first four Sundays in August, when we hope to be touring round Devon and Cornwall in our Caravan.

While I am away, the Services will go on as usual, and on the first two Sundays will be taken by my older son, the Reverend Ned Townshend, who lives in Lowestoft, and is one of our Industrial Chaplains; and on the third and fourth by my son-in-law, the Reverend Nigel McCulloch, our Diocesan Missioner, who lives in Norwich. They will be living at the rectory when we are away.

In cases of emergency either telephone the Rectory, or contact any of the Churchwardens. Canon Peter Robin will stand in for real emergencies up to August 9th. (Phone Gt.Witchingham (0605/4) 381) and Nigel McCulloch after that.

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THERE WILL BE A JOINT SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER issue of Reeve's Tale, coming out on about 18th. September or so.

SERVICES for August and part September

Methodist Church

1st. Bawdeswell 2.30 p.m.

Foxley 11 a.m.

8th. Foxley 6.30 p.m.

15th. Bawdeswell 2.30 p.m.

Foxley (see Parish Church)

22nd. Foxley 6.30 p.m.

29th. Bawdeswell 2.30 p.m.

Foxley 11 a.m.

September

5th. Foxley Trinity United 6.30 p.m.

12th. Bawdeswell 2.30 p.m.

Foxley (see Parish Church)

19th. Foxley 6.30 p.m.

Anglican

1st. Bawdeswell 9.45 a.m. Family Service (Series 3)  
Foxley See Methodist Church

8th. Bawdeswell 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion (1662)  
11 a.m. Mattins

Foxley 9.45 a.m. Family Service (Series 3)

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September

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11 a.m. Mattins

Foxley 9.45 a.m. Family Service (Series 3)

12th. Bawdeswell 9.45 a.m. Family Service (Series 3)  
Foxley 11 a.m. Mattins

19th. Bawdeswell 8.30 am. Communion 11 am. Mattins.  
Foxley 9.45 a.m. Family Service (Series 3).

GODFREY THOMAS MARSHAM aged 65.

We record with sorrow the death on 13th. July of Godfrey Marsham, of Bawdeswell, after a very painful illness, bravely borne, and we express our sympathy for his widow, his son, and his grandchildren.

Mr. Marsham worked for many years at Swanton Morley Camp, but suffered from poor health for a considerable time, and for him his death is the ending of much suffering. May he rest in peace.

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Our sympathy also for Mrs. Melton of Bawdeswell, whose mother died unexpectedly on 10th. July, taken ill when on her usual week-end visit to her daughter. Her home was in Costessey, but through her frequent visits to Bawdeswell, she had endeared herself to many people.

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FOLLAND COURT SERVICES

As the Rector will be away on holiday, there will be only one Service in August, on Monday, 30th., when there will be Holy Communion at 10 a.m.

The Services in September will be:

- Monday, 13th., Hymns and Readings 10 a.m.
- Monday, 27th., Holy Communion 10 a.m.

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25th. September

12th. September

19th. September

### SCHOOL PAGE

The School held its first Show on 13th July, as the grand finale of a project carried out on the Royal Norfolk Show and its History. Three dozen animals were exhibited, including horses, calves, dogs, cats, ferrets, mink, guinea pigs and tortoises ! These were all professionally inspected.

The 'Grand Ring' attractions included a parade of animals, singing, dancing, and a physical education display by the top class.

Painting, models and written work were on display in the school hall, including some quite excellent scrap-books on the subject of the Royal Norfolk Show itself.

There was a good gathering of parents, and altogether the event was a pleasing success, one which we hope to repeat next year.

Congratulations to John Docherty and Robert Dewing who were the prize-winners for the Project; and well done too, all who worked so hard and took part, but were not among the prize-winners.

### ROUNDERS

The top class visited Corpusty School for rounders, and a picnic on the village green. The team played very well, and, after winning the Match, were entertained by the Head Teacher and Staff to the delightful picnic. A very pleasant afternoon was enjoyed by everyone.

### THANKS

I would like to thank the School Managers, Staff, Parents and children for a very happy and successful school year, and I would like to wish the chil'ren a very happy holiday, coupled with our very best wishes to all our Leavers as they prepare for a new School. We hope that they will be very happy.

F.Stebbing.

BAWDESWELL HEATH

Many of the new residents in the area may not as yet know about Bawdeswell Heath, a very delightful piece of ground on the right side of the Dereham Road, past the Post Office.

For many years it has been a Trust with a Management Committee, and the proceeds of the sale of timber, mostly for pit-props, is devoted to the welfare of the older people in the village, or to help those in special need. In addition, local residents are entitled to gather dead wood for kindling or for burning.

People are very welcome to walk on the Heath, though they are specially asked not to damage the trees; and they are welcome, if they come by car, to put these off the road, but are specially asked not to take them further than the drain which runs across. There is ample parking space on the road side of the drain.

Unfortunately for some time past, a number of drivers have gone further in, and also there have been motor cycles, scrambling within the confines of the area. These are dangerous, as they might easily harm small children and others: and they are particularly asked to abide by the rules, and not to ride on the Heath itself.

This area belongs to the community, and it is up to the members of the community to preserve it and its facilities for its own benefit.

H.Codling: Committee Member.

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I would like to thank the School Governors, Staff, Parents and children for a very happy and successful school year, and I would like to wish the children a very happy holiday, coupled with our very best wishes for all our reserves as they progress through the school. We hope that they will be very happy.

AN AFTERNOON TEA PARTY

Something over 100 people accepted the invitation of the Bawdeswell PCC to come to tea in the Marquee on the lawns in Bawdeswell Hall on 4th. July, and a very pleasant occasion it was, thanks to the kindness of Mr. & Mrs. Gurney who made it possible, and to the hard work of the ladies who worked so hard to provide the eats. The weather was ideal, for once not too terribly hot, with a little breeze; and we are most grateful to those who organised it.

The object of the exercise was quite simply to give people a chance to get to know each other, and especially for some of our new friends in the village to get to know the older inhabitants, and vice versa.

Some, we think, didn't come because they thought they might have to pay; some because they thought they might be preached at! But neither of these two terrible things occurred, and we are told by many people who did come that they very much enjoyed it.

We hope that perhaps we may be able to do this another year, when we look forward to seeing even more coming along.

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THE CHOIR

Thanks to the inspiration of Martin Adams, we are now building up an enthusiastic Choir in Bawdeswell Church, and have now installed our first full Member, Glynnis Wright, who has qualified by her attendance at practices and at Services: we hope that others will soon catch her up. There will be no Choir Practices during August, but we hope that the Choir Members will continue to attend at the 9.45 Services and to lead us in singing.

ORGANIST

For some time we have been very concerned to get a good Organist when Martin goes to the University, to maintain the high standard of music which he has set.

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I am very glad to say that we have now secured the services of Mr. John Guillaume of Foulsham, and he will start some time in September. We are very fortunate in this, as good Organists nowadays are few and far between.

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PLAY GROUP

THERE WILL BE A PUBLIC MEETING ON WEDNESDAY NEXT 28th. July  
at 8 p.m.  
IN BAWDESWELL VILLAGE HALL

to hear about the plans for the formation of a Play Group for the children of the surrounding area.

REFRESHMENTS

ALL WELCOME

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GARDEN FETE

SATURDAY September 4th., 2.30 p.m.

FOXLEY LODGE

GRAND RAFFLE\*\*\* STALLS \*\*\* SIDESHOWS\*\*\*\*\*

Proceeds for the Village Hall Funds.

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VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE WORK ON THE HALL, and THE SPONSORED WALK.

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