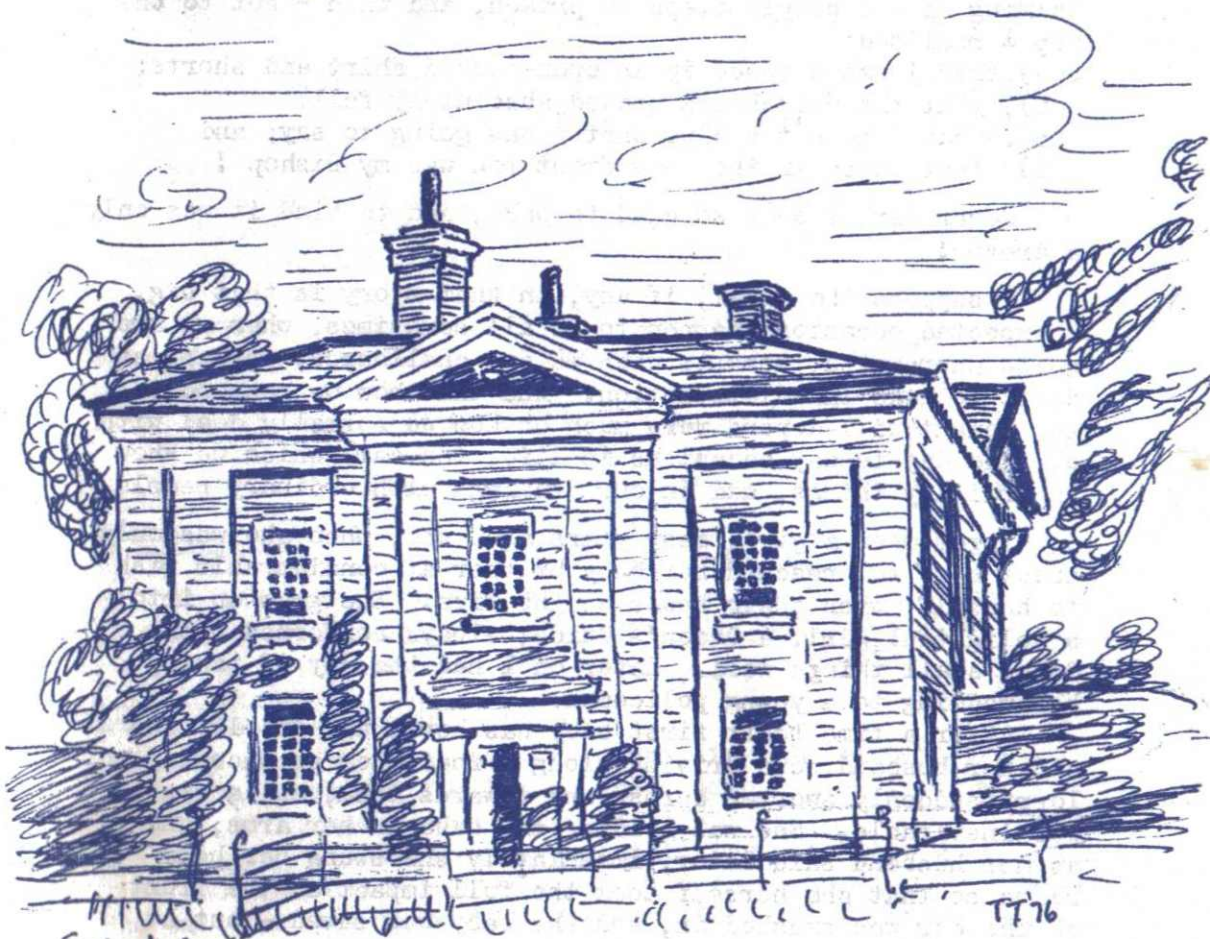


# THE REEVE'S TAKE



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The worst nightmare I ever had was when I dreamed that I was walking up the pulpit steps to preach, and when I got to the top I realised:

- a). that I was dressed in an open-necked shirt and shorts;
- b). that the Church was packed absolutely full;
- c). that I hadn't a clue what I was going to say; and
- d). that there in the very front row was my Bishop !

Never have I been so glad to wake, and to find it was only a dream !

I suppose the moral, if any, in that story is that big, unexpected occasions happen to us all sometimes, when we are quite unprepared; moments when we are challenged, perhaps at cost, to take immediate action. And that how we respond to the moment will depend very much on how we normally deal with all the day-to-day occasions in life, the care which we show in ordinary things, and in our dealings with ordinary people.

I remember a girl, many years ago, who, when she was only about 8 or so, rescued her baby brother at considerable risk to herself, when their house caught fire. She grew up into a delightful girl, a Queen's Guide, always concerned with doing small things well. Later on I had the joy of taking her wedding to a young policeman.

After a time their first baby was born, and one day she and her husband were driving along a road when an oncoming lorry suddenly swerved across and towards them, and a crash was inevitable. She was holding the babe in her arms, and as her husband said later, immediately she swung her body round so that she herself took the full impact as the front of the car was smashed in, and the baby was saved - but at the inevitable cost of her life.

She immediately sacrificed her life in a moment of crisis, because she was always ready to give, at any moment. Not a bad lesson for all of us.

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CHURCH SERVICES FOR JULY

Methodist

4th.	Bawdeswell	2.30 p.m.	Foxley	11 a.m.
11th.			Foxley	6.30 p.m.
18th.	Bawdeswell	2.30 p.m.	Foxley	See Parish Church
25th.			Foxley	6.30 p.m.

Anglican

4th.	Bawdeswell	9.45 a.m.	Family Service (Series 3)	
	Foxley		See Methodist Church	
11th.	Bawdeswell	8.30 a.m.	Holy Communion (1662)	
		11 a.m.	Mattins	
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Folland Court

There will only be one Service this Month, as the Rector will be away at Conferences:

It will be : Monday, 19th. July, 10 a.m. Holy Communion

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JEAN WINIFRED SPALDING aged 55

Our deep sympathy goes to Harold Spalding of 'Southview', Bawdeswell, and his family, on the sudden death of his wife on 26th. June.

Mrs. Spalding had suffered poor health for a considerable time, but her death was as unexpected as it was sudden. She will be laid to rest at Bawdeswell Church on Friday, 2nd. July.

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THE ACROBAT

A seven-year old boy at his first Circus in Budapest; a Royal Command Performance at the Palladium; a flat in Folland Court, Bowdeswell - what could they have in common ?

And yet they have, in the person of Alexander Kiss, who has been living here since December last.

On the day that the little boy first saw the acrobats, way back in 1918, he knew without doubt that this was the only life for him, and by constant pestering of the leader of the Troupe, managed to get himself trained, and by about 1919 was appearing in 'Uncle Varga's Troupe, though not much over eight. Then in 1920 a certain Mr. Gunther, well-known as 'Magyar' saw him, and took him into his troupe. This began a connection that went on right up to 1947, during which time he travelled in many countries, Austria, Russia, the Scandinavian countries, America, England among them. By 1938 they had come back to England from America, performing at the Coliseum and the London Music Halls; but with the coming of the war they had to leave, and after a Season in France, and another in Switzerland, he went back to his native Hungary, taking with him his Swiss wife. 'Magyar' then became manager of the Budapest Circus, and for some time Alexander was Ringmaster.

Then in 1947, when some of the old Troupe had come back from the war, he decided to start up on his own, as leader of the Troupe known as 'The Great Alexander'. Shortly after this, at a time when there was a great shortage of specialist acts in this country, Lew Grade and Mrs. Williams from the Tower Theatre, Blackpool, came across to Zurich, where the Troupe were performing, and contracted them to come over to England. There were problems of work permits at that time, but through the influence of Bertram Mills, and the enthusiasm of Mr. Churchill, this was overcome, and the Home Office granted him and his Troupe residence permits, which of course were even better.

From then on for about 5 years they worked without any break and in 1948 were commanded to appear at the Royal Command



Performance before George VI and Queen Elizabeth, and the two Princesses. He remembers very well doing a double somersault to the top of the pyramid of acrobats, and finding himself level with the Royal Box, with the King only a few feet away clapping at the achievement ! Some five years later the Troupe broke up, and then Mr. Kiss suffered an injury to his Achilles tendon, which put him out of action for a long time. However, he and his family went with their caravan to live on Lord George Sanger's farm, where there was a practice ring, and eventually he taught his children and his wife to perform, and later they worked with 'Uncle' George for some years, until, in fact the death of his wife about 18 years ago, after which, as he says, he lost heart.

The oldest daughter now lives in Norwich, his son, who went to America after the break-up of the Act, is a Major in the U.S. Army, and lives in West Berlin, working in the Army education department, and the younger daughter who married a Hungarian refugee, is also in America. Mr.Kiss himself started a snack-bar in London, did a variety of other jobs, and eventually came to Norfolk. Last December he came to Folland Court; he says that he is now happier than at any time since his wife died.

He speaks five languages, Hungarian, German, English, Italian and French, and has a working knowledge of Spanish and Russian: so if any of us ever want an interpreter, we will know where to go !

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#### OUTING TO WISBECH FLOWER FESTIVAL

Some seats are still available on the Folland Court Outing to Wisbech next Wednesday, 7th.July, leaving Folland Court approx.11 a.m., and getting back 7.30 p.m. Cost about 70p. Anyone interested please contact the Warden, Mrs.Rounce, Tel.Bawdeswell 376, or call at 10,Folland Court.

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AWAITING A BIRTH

contributed by Mrs. Holmes

What joy there is for everyone involved in the period before a birth - of a great day in one's life, a child, the cat having kittens, or, as for us, the birth of a foal.

Susie had already proved to be a good mother last year, when she gave birth to a foal, a colt which is now a year old. From April we had watched and waited; if she was uncomfortable we knew that it was the foal moving up, and later turning over ready to be born.

Susie never looks as if she was carrying a foal; while all the usual symptoms appear, her figure hardly changes at all.

After the first seven days of May had passed, I was tired of getting up at all hours of the night, so on May 8th. I decided to go to bed early, fully convinced that she would go one more day. However, at 11.45 p.m. I felt my husband gently shaking my shoulder and saying "Susie has a filly foal, and all's well".

I straightway got up, and went to see for myself, and there was the foal, all legs, and with a pretty head, struggling to get up. Susie watched over her, and gradually she succeeded, though very shakily, and set out to try to find the milk. Susie pushed her head towards her hindquarters, and soon the foal found what she was looking for.

The foal is now over a month old, still very leggy, but going to be lovely. Susie is now in foal again, and so now we await next year.

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AUSTRALIA-BAWDESWELL

A long way to come just to look at a Church, but that is what the Revd. Francis Bourne and his wife did. In their Parish of Keith in S. Australia they are planning a new Church, and had seen photos of Bawdeswell, as one of the best new ones in England. So they hopped on a plane and came over just to see it, and went back with copies of the plans. We look forward to hearing one day that it's been built!



THE SCHOOL PAGE

THE SPORTS

The School sports took place on 16th June in glorious weather, and a keen contest was won by Blues House, which took the Nicholson Trophy. Individual trophy winners were Joanna Ames and Michael Hankey.

The Area Sports

We were lucky again with the near-tropic weather for the Reepham Area Sports which took place on our Playing Field the following week, 23rd June. This was a keenly fought contest with some outstanding performances. Bawdeswell emerged once again as winners with 69 points, Cawston second with 50, and Reepham third with 45. Little Elsing School, so small that nearly all the children had to compete in nearly every event, put up a magnificent show in spite of individual exhaustion, and came fourth. The Trophy was presented to Team Captains Joanna Ames and Paul Downes by Canon Townshend, who congratulated all the teams on their sportsmanship, and thanked all schools, parents and visitors for their interest and enthusiasm.

School Show

Following our study of the Norfolk Show, we are holding our first School Show on Tuesday, 13th July, at 2.00 p.m. The children's pets will be on show, and there will be a display of dancing, singing and gymnastics in the 'Grand Ring', as well as written work, models and paintings.

Thank you

I would like to say thank you to all who have helped and supported the school during the past year. Close co-operation between home and school is of the utmost importance and we have had a quite successful year as a result of this. We wish all school leavers success and happiness at their new schools. Term ends on Friday, 16th July, at 3.30 p.m., and the Autumn Term begins on Tuesday, September 7th. A happy holiday to you all.

F.S.

FOXLEY VILLAGE HALL

The two Dances in June brought in a further £134 odd; the one on 4th. realising £71.20, and the second on 18th., £62.56. Congratulations to all who helped in so many ways to make these such successes.

SPONSORED WALK !

Any volunteers to take part in a Sponsored walk to help to raise Funds for the Hall ? One assumes that the Organisers will plan this when the weather is a bit cooler ! If you feel strong enough, and willing enough, please contact either Derek Webster or Jimmy Elsdon.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Carpenters, bricklayers, general Labourers, either professional or amateur, wanted to help to build the extensions to the Hall. Anyone who can give and part of their spare time to help in this worthwhile project, please contact D.Webster at the Post Office, Foxley.

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ADVANCE NOTICE

GARDEN PARTY

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 4<sup>th</sup> 2.30 pm.

FOXLEY LODGE

GRAND RAFFLE STALLS SIDESHOWS

PROCEEDS FOR VILLAGE HALL FUNDS