

THE REEVE'S TALE



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THE RECTOR WRITES

Westminster

One of the really good bits of news in the last weeks has been of the appointment to the Archbishopric of Westminster of the Abbot of Ampleforth, Dom Basil Hume. All concerned with the improvements of relationships between the Churches will welcome this, as the Archbishop designate is well known for his own deep involvement in the cause of unity.

He is also a relatively young man with many years of service ahead, and a keen sportsman, a squash player and a devotee of Newcastle United. (It will be interesting to see what happens when the Canaries plus the Bishops of Norwich and Lynn meet Newcastle with a Catholic Archbishop !) But he is also known as a spiritual leader of outstanding dimensions. It may well be that, so far as the English scene is concerned, he will take up the mantle of the beloved Pope John, whose generous love contributed so very much in the cause of unity.

I hope that we will all pray for him as he prepares to enter on the arduous tasks which lie ahead.

Rhodesia

Pray too for the people of Rhodesia, black and white, as they face the very real possibility of racial war and a bloodbath. Ever since UDI some 11 years ago this has always been a real possibility, as Mr. Smith and his party would not concede the justice of majority rule; but now with the ending of the war in Angola and the seeming breakdown of talks between him and Joshua Nkomo it has suddenly become a very terrifying and immediate possibility.

Our task is to pray that this may be avoided; that at this eleventh hour Mr. Smith will realise that he has no options left except to bring about majority rule with all possible speed, and that he will do it before it is too late; and that the African Leaders will accept this, and will temper justice with mercy.

One hopes too that our government will open the doors wide to welcome any who may wish to come here as they see their future threatened. We might do worse than read again the parable of the Prodigal Son.

Tim Townshend.

Anglican

- 7th. Bawdeswell 8.30. Holy Communion (1662) Mattins 11 a.m.
- Foxley 9.45 a.m. Family Service (Series 3)
- 14th. Bawdeswell 9.45 a.m. Family Service (Series 3)
- Foxley 11 a.m. Family Service (Series 3)
- 21st. Bawdeswell 8.30 am. Holy Communion (1662)
- 11 a.m. Morning Worship
- Foxley 9.45 a.m. Family Service (Series 3)
- 28th. Bawdeswell 9.45 a.m. Mothering Sunday Service
(based on Series 3)
- Foxley (See Methodist Services)

ASH WEDNESDAY March 3rd. Bawdeswell: Holy Communion 10 a.m.
ANNUNCIATION March 25th. Bawdeswell: Holy Communion 10 a.m.

Methodist

- 7th. Bawdeswell 2.30 p.m.
- Foxley 6.30 p.m.
- 14th. Foxley 11 a.m.
- 21st. Bawdeswell 2.30 p.m. Holy Communion
- Foxley 6.30 p.m. Holy Communion
- 28th. Foxley MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE 11 a.m.

BAWDESWELL PCC will meet at the Rectory on 8th. March, 7.30 p.m. At the last Meeting it was decided to use the Series 3 Service at the Family Services at 9.45 a.m., and to retain the 1662 Service at 8.30 a.m. It was also agreed to alternate Mattins with an experimental form of worship. Both of these were to be for an experimental period. It was also emphasised that as at Foxley, members of other Christian Churches in good standing in their own churches were very welcome to receive Holy Communion. This is in accordance with Canon 15A, as well as being what we wish.

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FOXLEY VILLAGE HALL

Since last August, £650 has been raised, and Stage 1 of the modernisation is to start quite soon. This will entail the provision of a Ladies' Cloakroom, and the work will be done by voluntary labour. Any offers of help will be gratefully received!

DATE TO REMEMBER- Saturday, September 4th, 1976, when there will be a Grand Fete at Foxley Lodge, by kind permission of Sir Ian and Lady Freeland. Any suggestions for future events always welcome. The Dance on Friday 13th, -in spite of the date! - was a great success and made £44.55. The date to keep free in March is Friday 19th., when "The Wild Bunch" will provide the entertainment at the next Country and Western Dance.

An Easter Fair is being planned for 10th. April, 2.30 p.m., and Jcy Webster and Jennifer Burlingham, both of Chapel Road, Foxley, will be grateful for Jumble, Bric-a-Brac or White Elephants! They will be glad to arrange for these to be collected, or to have them brought to their homes.

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BAWDESWELL VILLAGE HALL

Also showing exciting stirrings of new life, with the formation of a new Committee which is planning all sorts of events to raise money to put the Hall in good shape to comply with the regulations so that a Licence can be obtained from the Authorities. A new Youth Club is starting, and it had its inaugural Meeting on 18th. February.

We wish it all possible luck, as it is something badly needed.

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FOLLAND COURT 'OVER 60' CLUB

The Committee has now decided to have Meetings every Wednesday at 2.30 p.m. in the Recreation Room, instead of every second Wednesday as before. We are asked to say that new Members from either of the two villages of Bawdeswell or Foxley will be very welcome.

Services at Folland Court

A number of the Residents in Folland Court are unable to get out to the Church or Chapel, and therefore, through the kindness

of the Warden we are arranging to take Services twice a Month on an experimental basis in the Recreation Room at 10 1.m. The ones for March will be a Service of Holy Communion on 8th., and a Service of Hymns, readings and prayers on 22nd. These will last about 40 minutes or so, and we emphasise that they will be Interdenominational, that is to say for Christians of any Church, all of whom will be most welcome to receive Communion. They will also of course be open to anyone in the villages outside the Court who cares to come.

YOUNG MS CLUB ??

In these days of Sex Discrimination Acts and so on, one hardly dares mention the possibility of the starting of a Young MS Club, by which we mean a Club for members of the female sex, who still exist whatever the Act may say, married or single, and roughly between the ages of 18 and 35?-40?. However, lets take a risk, and say that a number of young MS's in Foxley have been wondering if such a group would be possible in the two villages. The idea might well be to meet, say, once a Month in the evening, when in the case of the married MS's the MR's could jolly well stay at home and look after the mini-Ms's and Mini-Mr s. There could be a varied programme, with Speakers or Demonstrations, and, of course, cuppas.



It needs a bit of thinking about, but perhaps young Ms's would think, and, if we hear of enough people interested, perhaps we could have a meeting in April at the Rectory to make plans. The Rector would be delighted to help organise this, but being a mere Mr. would then back smartly out !

ITEMS OF NEWS AND VIEWS

WE HAVE JUST HEARD that the former Rector, the Reverend Gerard Folland is far from well, and at present is in Hospital, following a clot of blood. We pray that he will soon be better, and will be able to continue his invaluable work on books and documents.

WE ARE DELIGHTED that Mrs. Burmister of Foxley is now considerably improved after her second visit to Hospital, and that she is back home. We hope that this improvement continues.

Confirmation

Names are coming in well, and we hope to start the various discussion groups early in March. There is still time for latecomers, and I would be very glad to get any more names, but as soon as possible, please.

JUST ANOTHER REMINDER that the Salvation Army Band is coming to Foxley Village Hall on Tuesday, March 2nd, at 7 p.m. They will be holding a Gospel Service, which will last for an hour.

WE HEAR that Foxley Methodist Church is having to strengthen its floor because of extra people attending the Services !

SO THE REEVE'S TALE is still alive, with Vol.1, No.2., and we record our humblest apologies to the few who got missed in the first distribution: we did our best, splendidly aided by a wild group from the School, to get it to every house, and very nearly did - but not quite !

Several people have asked how they can give donations, and to whom. The answer is that Mr. Brian Winterbone at the School, and Mr. Derek Webster at Foxley Post Office will be glad to receive donations large or small at any time.

A reminder that The Reeve's Tale is free to all in the two villages, but that extra copies for others cost 3p.

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THE SCHOOL PAGE

Looking ahead: - Susan Ames aged 9

Have you thought of your career?
Is your future bright and clear ?
What's the job you fancy most ?
Will it be an office post ?
Maybe you will have a flair
For teaching, nursing or styling
hair !



My dogs - Sharon Kemp aged 8

My dogs are good sometimes. Their names are Silky and Sharina. Silky is learning to play football and so is Sharona. Silky is funny because every time she hears the ice cream van she makes a funny noise. Sometimes she eats Daddy's shoes, then she gets wrong!

My BEST Game - Steven Wright aged 8

My best game is football. I play for the school football team. I play in the centre forward position. We are playing Lyng to-day. My brother is in goal. We have beaten Lyng four times, and I hope we beat them to-day. We play on a man-sized pitch not far from here. Mr.Stebbing takes us; last time he could not take us because he had 'flu.

The Rocket - Nicky Waye and his Mum.

5,4,3,2,1,
Ignition zero
Our journey's begun;
Up,up,up and up we go/
To see the Earth grow small below.

School Football

The game mentioned by Steven above ended in a win to Bawdeswell 1-0, the goal by Nicholas Davis. Both teams worked hard and skills are emerging - less kick and rush! Lyng are our visitors again on 26th.February, the same day that the girls will be at Swanton Morley for a Netball fixture.

A LENTEN COURSE

As we have done for a number of years in the Sparham Deanery, we will once again be having a series of meetings to take place on Wednesday evenings in Lent; these will all be in Sparham Church which is large and (surprisingly) warm, and the course is open to people of any church or none: all will be extremely welcome. The Theme this year will be 'The Communication of the Faith, an important topic, as, though we may have faith in plenty, one of the hardest things in the world is how to communicate it to others. We have a number of speakers coming, each in his own way deeply concerned in just this task: our first is a young Methodist Lay Preacher and Schoolmaster; the second two who are taking a Session together, are two of our Industrial Chaplains, concerned with the problems of Industry in Norwich and Lowestoft respectively; next a retired HMI (Her Majesty's Inspector of Schools), and one of the Architects of the 1944 Education Act; then a very distinguished Christian Economist, Author of 'Inflation and the compromised Church' - a pretty explosive document; and lastly the Vicar of a dockland parish, with no resident population but a packed church.

The dates and subjects are as follows:

- Wed. March 9th. The Communication of the Faith in Daily Life.
George Middleton
- Wed. March 17th. The Communication of the Faith through work.
David Clark and Ned Townshend.
- Wed. March 24th. The Communication of the Faith to the young.
Jack Earl.
- Wed. March 31st. The Communication of the Faith in a World of Inflation. Charles Elliott.
- Wed. April 7th. The Communication of the Faith through Worship.
Peter Bye. (This will be a Communion Service, and Peter will be the Preacher, rather than the Speaker.

The time in each case will be 7.45 p.m. to 9 p.m., and Coffee will be served (free) from 7.30 p.m.

We hope that YOU will come and bring your friends.

