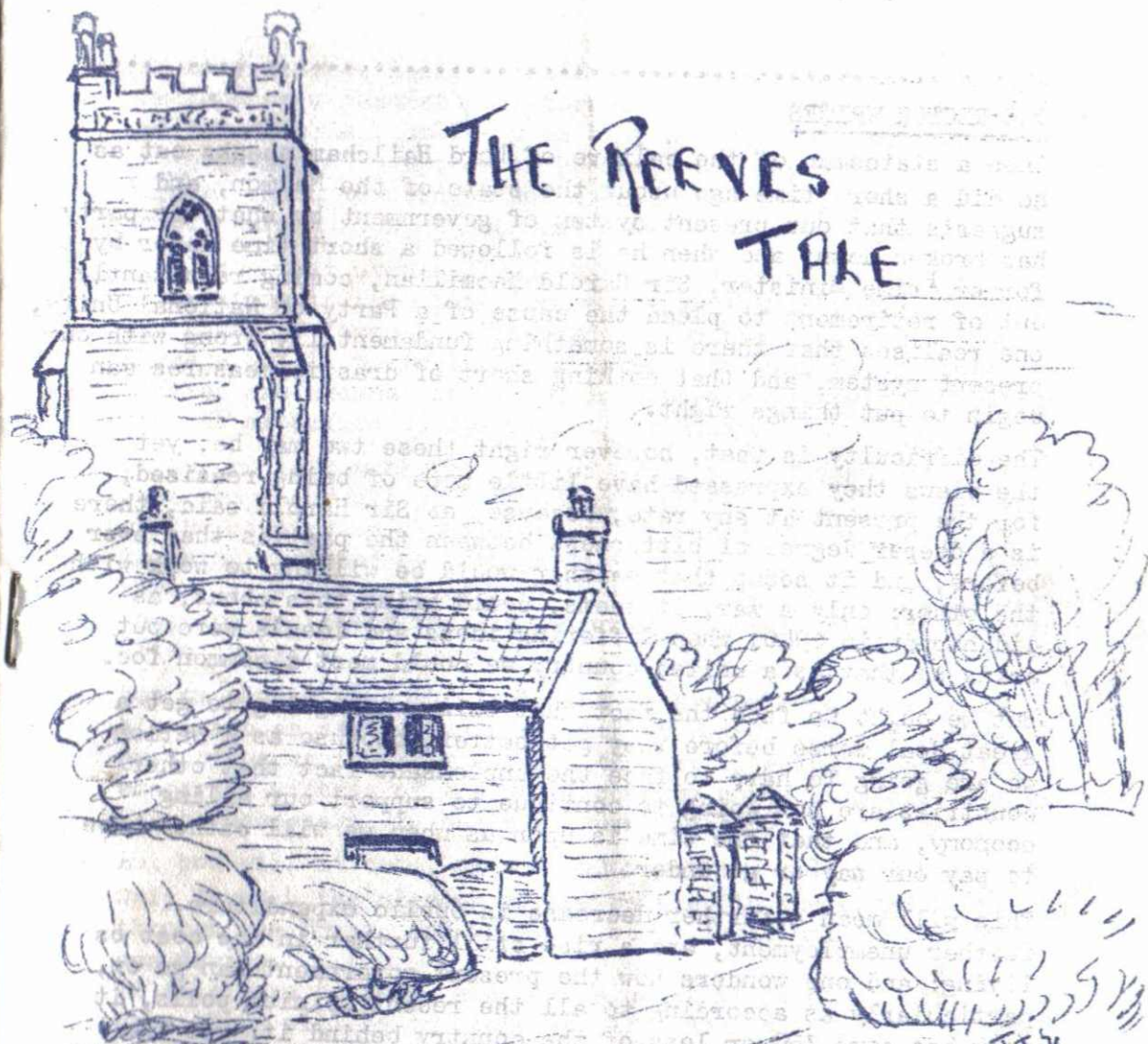


THE REEVES TALE



Foxley Church: Towers

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THE RECTOR WRITES

When a statesman of the calibre of Lord Hailsham speaks out as he did a short time ago about the state of the Nation, and suggests that our present system of government by whatever party has broken down; and when he is followed a short time later by a former Prime Minister, Sir Harold Macmillan, coming reluctantly out of retirement to plead the cause of a Party of National Unity, one realises that there is something fundamentally wrong with our present system, and that nothing short of drastic measures can begin to put things right.

The difficulty is that, however right these two may be, yet the views they expressed have little hope of being realised, for the present at any rate, because, as Sir Harold said, there is a deeper degree of bitterness between the parties that ever before, and it seems that neither would be willing to work with the other: only a war, it seems, could bring this about, as did happen in 1940, when differing ideas and ideals were put aside so that as a united country we could meet a common foe.

But we ought to face the fact that things are going to get a great deal worse before they get better, because as a Nation we are going to have to face the unpleasant fact that other countries are not going to continue to support our ailing economy, and that the time is upon us when we will either have to pay our way or go under.

This will mean a further decrease in public expenditure, further unemployment, and a rise still further in the cost of living: and one wonders how the present government can go on, particularly as according to all the recent opinion polls, it only has some 35% or less of the country behind it: yet the Conservatives, who in an election would probably achieve a large majority, might find that they were unable to bring in the drastic measures necessary, since these would be thought of as doctrinaire, however unjustly, and would probably fail to carry Union support.

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The only alternatives, apart from a Communist revolution on one hand or a Fascist dictatorship on the other, and these are not as wildly unlikely as they sound, are either the introduction of a system of proportional representation through which minorities would be adequately represented, or as Sir Harold says, a National Government of unity.

I believe that eventually we have got to come to P.R. - it was interesting to note that Lord Hailsham, while rejecting it for the House of Commons, advocated it for his new-style Upper House - but it would take a long time to achieve, as both major parties are against it, as it is contrary to their interests: and the situation is too urgent for delay.

So we are left with the idea of a National Government, with the best people of all parties working together in the interests of the country as a whole: this too would be resisted, and is being resisted by both parties, Labour because it could never carry its left wing with it, and the Conservatives because they are confident that if returned to power they could govern effectively.

But we should face the fact that we are or soon will be in a situation as serious as war, with over-spending and under-production as the enemies, and that it is going to need the concerted efforts of the whole country and such sacrifices as may be necessary, to begin to turn the tide.

But how will it come, of the major parties will not back it? Only through the clamour of the people, in the constituencies, through the Press, and in every other legitimate way they can devise.

It will have to come, and the later it is delayed, the bigger mess there will be to clear up, if indeed clearing up will be possible by then.

Tim Townshend.

CHURCH SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER

Methodist Church

- 7th. Bawdeswell : 2.30 p.m.
- Foxley: United in Parish Church
- 14th. Foxley: 6.30. Holy Communion
- 21st. Bawdeswell: 2.30. Holy Communion
- Foxley: 11 a.m.
- 28th. Foxley: 6.30.

Anglican Church

- 7th. Bawdeswell : 9.45. Family Service (Series 3)
- Foxley : 11 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 14th. Bawdeswell: 8.30. Holy Communion. 11 a.m. Remembrance
- Foxley: 9.45 Family Service. /Service
- 21st. Bawdeswell: 9.45 Family Service (Series 3)
- Foxley: Methodist Church 11 a.m.
- 28th. Bawdeswell: 8.30 Holy Communion: 11 Mattins.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

The 11 a.m. Service in Bawdeswell, and the 9.45 Service in Foxley on Sunday 14th. November will be Remembrance Services.

Monday November 15th. Bawdeswell PCC 7.30 at the Rectory.

The Rector will be in London at the Autumn Meeting of the General Synod from Monday, 8th. to Friday 12th. November. In case of any emergencies, the Reverend Jeffrey Smith of Guist has kindly agreed to stand in. His telephone is Foulsham (984) 255.

CHOIR PRACTICE in Bawdeswell is being changed from Tuesdays to Wednesdays from now on: there will be no Practice on 10th. November as the Rector will be away.

FOLLAND COURT SERVICES

Monday 15th November: Hymns & Readings 10 a.m.

Monday 29th November: Holy Communion. 10 a.m.

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BAWDESWELL PLAY GROUP

Plans are going ahead steadily for the start of the Play Group in January, and planning permission has now been given: so the light is green, and all that is needed is a bit more money to get it off the ground.

The Sponsored Walk was a great success, with some money still coming in: it looks as if something between £50 and £60 will have been raised.

There have been a few alterations in the plans for the Dance, to be held in the Village Hall on Saturday, 13th November: the Group has been changed to "The Buffalo", and, in order to keep the price of Tickets down to £1. it has been decided not to serve hot food, but to have the usual refreshments.

A Licence has been applied for, and Tickets can be obtained at the door. All support will be welcomed.

The Christmas Fair will take place on Saturday, 4th December at 2 p.m. in the Village Hall. Contributions for the Stalls, items old or new, home-made produce, cakes etc., will be welcomed by any of those below:

Sarah Fitzjohn, Church Farm House

Denise Worsley, 1, Gospel Hall Cottages

Sandy Taylor, Paradise Lane House.

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FOXLEY VILLAGE HALL

Two Dances: Friday, 29th October:

Mississippi Delta & Country Invasion.

Friday, 19th November:

Kelvin Henderson.

Tickets in both cases £1; and Time 8 p.m.

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WE ARE SORRY TO HEAR that Kathleen Brown of Foxley is back in hospital once again - in the Yare Clinic of the West Norwich. We very much hope that she will begin to make a good recovery, and will soon be much better.

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THE WRIGHT FAMILY have made remarkable recoveries after the serious smash which we reported in the last issue: no doubt this is because of their sheer determination to get well again, far quicker than anyone could have expected. We hope that it will not be long before Ervan is back at work again.

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CONFIRMATION GROUPS will soon be starting again, and the Rector would be very glad to hear of any people, young or old, who would like to consider Confirmation. Coming to the Groups does not in any way commit those who come to Confirmation at the end of them, for they make the decision at the end, rather than at the beginning, and Groups are arranged to suit people's own time-tables. We hope to collect the names in the near future, and to get started on Group early in the New Year.

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THE OVER 60's Club

continues to meet in the Recreation Room in Folland Court every Wednesday at 2.30 p.m. Anyone from the two Villages is very welcome to come along for a game of Whist, Bingo, Dominoes Crib, or anything else, or just for a chat and a cup of tea.

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WE WERE DELIGHTED to Baptise Robert Julian Hammond in Foxley Church on 3rd. October. His Mum and Dad, both recent newcomers to the Village, are also both County Badminton Players, among many other things, and we are delighted to have them in our community.

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A FEW MORE Volunteer Cleaners would be very welcome for Bawdeswell Church, for the more we have the less there is for each to do. Please contact Mrs. Ames, Barwick House, or the Rector.

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SPORT

Two football matches have been played this term - both against Lyng School. On our visit there we won 1-0, but the Home Match was more decisive, and we won 8-0. This home game was not as one-sided as the score suggests, and the Lyng boys stuck to their task, and were unlucky not to score on a couple of occasions. Scorers for Bawdeswell were John Docherty 3, Nicholas Davis 3, David Dobbs and Stephen Wright.

Our next opponents will be Foulsham School.

The girls' Netball Match against Swanton Morley was rained off, and has been re-arranged for November 11th. A further Match has been fixed against Corpusty School for November 26th.

INDOOR FAIR

The School's Annual Indoor Fair will be held in the School on Wednesday, 24th. November, at 2.00 p.m. This has usually been a happy and successful occasion, and we hope to have a good attendance this year.

PARENTS' AFTERNOON

On Monday, 20th. December at 2.15 p.m. we will be holding our Parents' Afternoon. The children will be presenting a programme of dancing, choral speaking, and Carol Singing, and we welcome all who are interested in children to join us on that day.

MIR. G. FAWKES WASN'T

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PARLIAMENT

HE WOULD BE VERY UNHAPPY
IF YOU

SCARED SMALL CHILDREN OR PETS
ON BONFIRE NIGHT