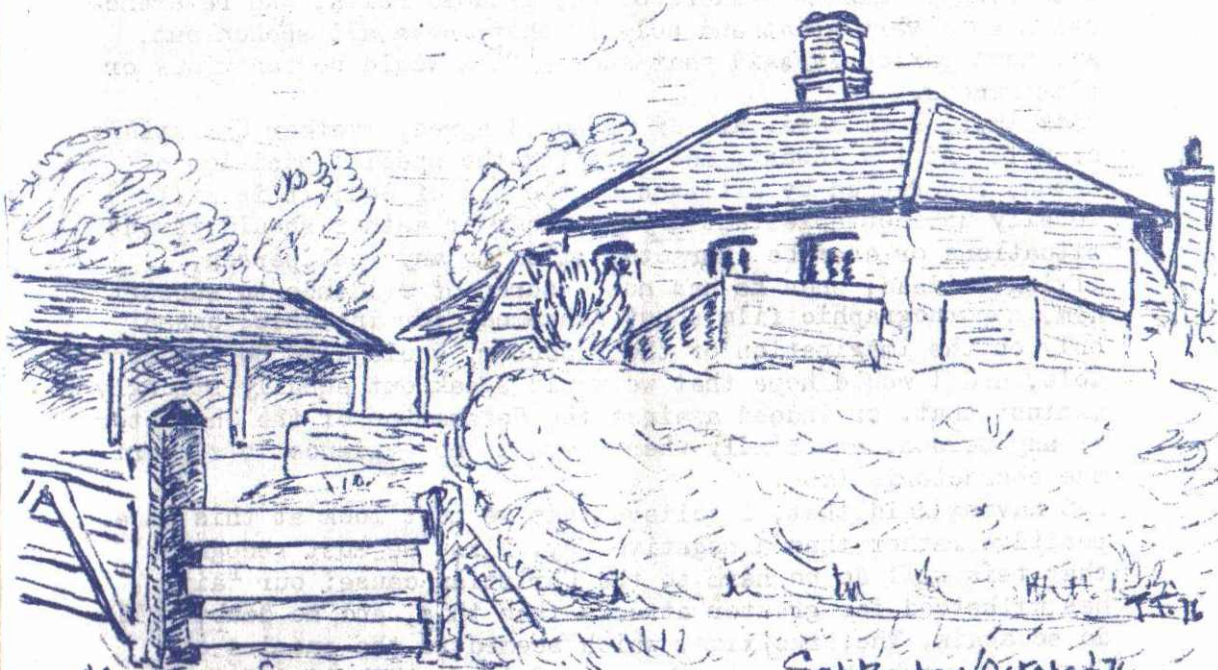


# THE REEVES' TALE



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THE RECTOR WRITES

THE FILM

A lot of attention has been centred recently on the intention of a Dane, Mr. Jens Thorsen, of coming to England for the purpose of making a pornographic film on the subject of the supposed sex life of Jesus Christ, which he has been prevented from making in a number of other European countries, and understandably this has caused a considerable stir. The Queen herself, in a most unusual intervention, for as a constitutional Monarch she does not enter the field of controversy, the Prime Minister, the Archbishops of Canterbury and Westminster, and many other people, including prominent leaders of the Islamic Faith, who reverence Jesus as a very great and holy Prophet, have all spoken out, and have variously said that such a film would be obnoxious or blasphemous.

With that, I am sure, all of us would agree, whether Christians or not. At its lowest, and omitting the special position of Jesus, revered by millions as the Son of God, it is still totally unacceptable that any producer or author should invent situations or ascribe characteristics to any real person, living or dead, when he has not a scrap of evidence to support him. A pornographic film about Mohammed, for instance, based only on the imagination of the Producer, would also be unacceptable, and I would hope that we would speak out equally strongly against that, or indeed against the defamation of the character of any person, especially when there is no evidence to support the characterisation.

But having said that, I believe that we must look at this in a positive rather than a negative way. First we must recognise that this will do no harm to the Christian cause: our Faith has withstood far greater attacks than this, and no doubt will do so again. The crucifixion, which seemed to the enemies of Christ to mark their triumph, marked in fact their defeat, because it proved that love is stronger than hatred, and that it will triumph, even though the cost may be very high; and in our own reaction to Mr. Jens Thorsen we must try, however hard it may be, to act in a christlike way, praying

for this unhappy man, as I have no doubt Christ would wish us to do: for did he not command us to pray for our enemies? And secondly we might do worse than use this as a challenge to examine our own relationship with Christ, and to ask ourselves how often we have taken his name in vain, perhaps through our conversation, perhaps through the quality of our lives, perhaps through our lip-service to him, too often at variance with our loyalty to him in worship. If we do this seriously, then out of this threatened evil a great deal of good may come.

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### THE ULSTER PEACE MARCHERS

More power to those astonishing women of Ulster, Catholic and Protestant, who have suddenly come into prominence through their marches for peace, and whose Movement seems to be gathering strength as the weeks go by. It is hard for people in this peaceful and tolerant country to understand fully just how astonishing this all is, much though we can admire them: but it is wonderful, first, because for the first time for a hundred years and more the barriers which so tragically divided the two Communities have been broken down, barriers which hitherto seemed insurmountable, because they were built on the total misunderstanding of ordinary people on each side about the others. For generations the Protestants have been brought up to despise Catholics, the Catholics to despise Protestants. And second, because we must realise that those who take part in these marches do so at considerable personal risk from extremists on both sides, the risk of persecution, and in the case of the leaders, the risk to their lives. One only hopes that the new friendships which are being formed across the barriers will bear a rich harvest, and will achieve what all the statesmen cannot, and one must continue to thank God for their courage, and to pray for them as they make this wonderful stand against evil.

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CHURCH SERVICES

Anglican

September

19th. Bawdeswell 8.30 Holy Communion (1662) 11 am. Mattins  
Foxley: 9.45 a.m. Family Service.

26th. Bawdeswell 9.45 Family Service (Series 3)  
Foxley 8.30 am. Holy Communion 2.30 See Methodists.

October

3rd. Bawdeswell HARVEST FESTIVAL. Holy Communion 8.30 am.  
11 a.m. Matting & Harvest Service.

Foxley 9.45 a.m. Family Service & Holy Baptism.

10th. Bawdeswell 9.45 a.m. Family Service (Series 3)  
Foxley. HARVEST FESTIVAL. Holy Communion 8.30 a.m.  
Harvest Service 11 a.m.

17th. Bawdeswell 8.30 Holy Communion (1662) 11 am. Mattins  
Foxley, 9.45 a.m. Family Service (Series 3)

24th. Bawdeswell 9.45 am. Family Service (Series 3)  
Foxley See Methodist Services.

31st. Bawdeswell 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion 11 a.,. Mattins  
Foxley 9.45 a.m. Family Service (Series 3)

SATNTS' DAYS St.Luke: Oct.18th. All Saints Nov.1st. These,  
falling on Mondays, will be celebrated on the previous  
Sunday.

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Methodist

Sept. 19th. Foxley 6.30 p.m.

26th. Bawdeswell 2.30. Foxley HARVEST FESTIVAL  
2.30 (note time) and 6.30.

October

3rd. Bawdeswell HARVEST FESTIVAL 2.30  
Foxley 6.30 p.m.

10th. Bawdeswell 2.30 p.m.  
Foxley See Parish Church.

17th. Foxley 6.30 p.m.

24th. Bawdeswell 2.30 p.m.  
Foxley 11 a.m.

REGINALD ALBERT BUGDALE aged 76

We record with regret the death on 9th. September of Reggie Bugdale, until some four years ago a lifelong resident of Bawdeswell until his deteriorating health necessitated his going to Norwich.

For many years he was in charge of the gardens at the Watts Naval College, and his life was wrapped up in the growing of lovely things.

For him there can be no regrets, as he suffered a good deal through his illness, and is now free of pain and sorrow. Our sympathy goes to his son and daughter and their families. He was laid to rest in Bawdeswell on 14th. September.

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WE HEAR that two of Foxley's senior citizens are feeling very proud of their only grandchild, and quite rightly so. Mr. & Mrs. J. Buxton of Meadowland, Mill Road, have recently returned from a holiday in Sittingbourne, Kent, with their daughter and son-in-law, with the happy news that Peter, their 18 year old grandson passed his driving test at the first attempt and in the same month obtains 10 'O' Level passes. Our congratulations to Peter, and our best wishes for the next two years while he studies for his 'A' Levels. Peter attended Bawdeswell School in his very early years, and we are sure that Mr. Stebbings, his Staff, and all who were pupils with Peter are all very happy for him, and would wish him well.

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WE WARMLY WELCOME the Reverend Ivor Claydon as the new Methodist Minister for this Circuit, and we hope that he will enjoy a long and very happy stay in this area.

WE ALSO HEARD the other day from the Reverend Roy Coppack whom many will remember well, who has now returned to East Anglia (to Marham) and sounds delighted to be back. He sounded in his usual high spirits, and we are sure that the Methodist Church in East Anglia will be enriched by his Ministry.

THE PLAY GROUP

Plans for the forthcoming Playgroup are going ahead, and it is hoped very much that this will be able to start up in January, once the various authorities concerned have given their consent to the use of the Village Hall in Bawdeswell for that purpose. With the rapidly growing community there is a clear need for such a Group, since at the present people have to travel to other villages to give their children this valuable start in their development. It is envisaged that this Group will serve the needs of children in Bawdeswell and Foxley, and also from the surrounding area. A Committee has now been formed, and at the moment the Members are trying to raise the necessary funds to provide the essential equipment, and to ensure that the Group gets off to a good start.

Among other activities, there is going to be a Sponsored Walk on Saturday, 2nd. October, - to Dereham and back again - and those taking part would be very grateful for as many sponsors as possible.

If anyone reading this would like to help in any way, not least by acting as a Sponsor for the Walk, we would be glad if you would get in touch with any of the following, either by a call at their houses, a letter or a 'phone call:

- Sarah Fitzjohn, Church Farm House, Bawdeswell (288)
- Denise Worsley, 1, Gospel Hall Cottages, Bawdeswell (347)  
(preferably in the evening)
- Sandy Taylor, Paradise Lane House, Bawdeswell (268)

THERE WILL ALSO BE A DANCE for the funds, in Bawdeswell Village Hall on Sat. November 13th., 8-12., with the Witchita Expression providing the music for all ages. A licence has been applied for, and hot food will be supplied in the price of the tickets. Please support this.

AND ALSO a Christmas Fayre on 4th. December with a wide selection of stalls & sideshows. Donations of home-made produce, second-hand items, bottles etc. gratefully received by the above. More details in next issue of Reeve's Tale.



GOINGS ON IN FOXLEY

In spite of a rather cold afternoon, but mercifully a fine one, the Garden Party in the grounds of Foxley Lodge was a considerable success, and was well attended. There were the usual collection of stalls and side-shows, Vintage cars, tombola, ample teas and various other attractions.

This was yet one more in the long series of events organised by the Village Hall Committee to raise money for the improvements to the building, which, begun only just over a year ago, have produced somewhere in the region of £1,500 plus or minus; and the Garden Party the Grand Dwar and the Dance in the evening produced somewhere in the region of a further £300 to swell the most creditable total.

Earlier on there was the Sponsored Walk, which made the excellent total of £120, and during October there are to be two further Dances as follows:

Friday, 8th. Music by the Denver Spur

Friday 29th. HALLOWEEN DANCE to the  
Mississippi Delta.

We hope that both of these will receive the usual strong support.

Congratulations to all who organise all these various events.

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WE WERE VERY SORRY TO HEAR that the Wright Family, Ervan, Gwen and Glynnis, were involved in a serious accident near Hull a few weeks ago while they were on holiday: but we are delighted to hear that although she broke between them a phenomenal number of bones, they sustained no internal injuries, and are all making excellent progress.

Glynnis, who broke her collar bone, is now back at school again, and we hear that her parents are returning to Norfolk as I write these words, Gwen to her home, and Erven to the Norfolk & Norwich Hospital for the present. We are very thankful that things were not worse, and we wish them all a complete and speedy recovery.

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SCHOOL NEWS

We welcome all the children back again at the start of another term, and indeed another school year, and especially the new children, whom we hope will be very happy with us.

Harvest Festival

The Combined Schools Festival will take place on Friday, 24th, September, at 10 a.m., in the School Hall. The Address will be given by Mr. Malcolm McKeown, the Northern Area Education Officer, and incidentally a prominent member of the Norwich Cathedral Choir. We cordially invite parents and friends to join us on that day.

Half-Term

The School will close at 3.30 p.m. on Friday, 21st. October, and will re-open on Monday, 31st. October.

Term ends

on Wednesday, 21st. December, at 3.30 p.m., and re-opens on Monday, January 10th., 1977, at 9.00 a.m.

Other Events

School Indoor Fair: November 24th., 2.00 p.m.

School Carol Service: Monday, 19th. December, at 2.15 p.m.

School Christmas Party: Tuesday, 20th. December.

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