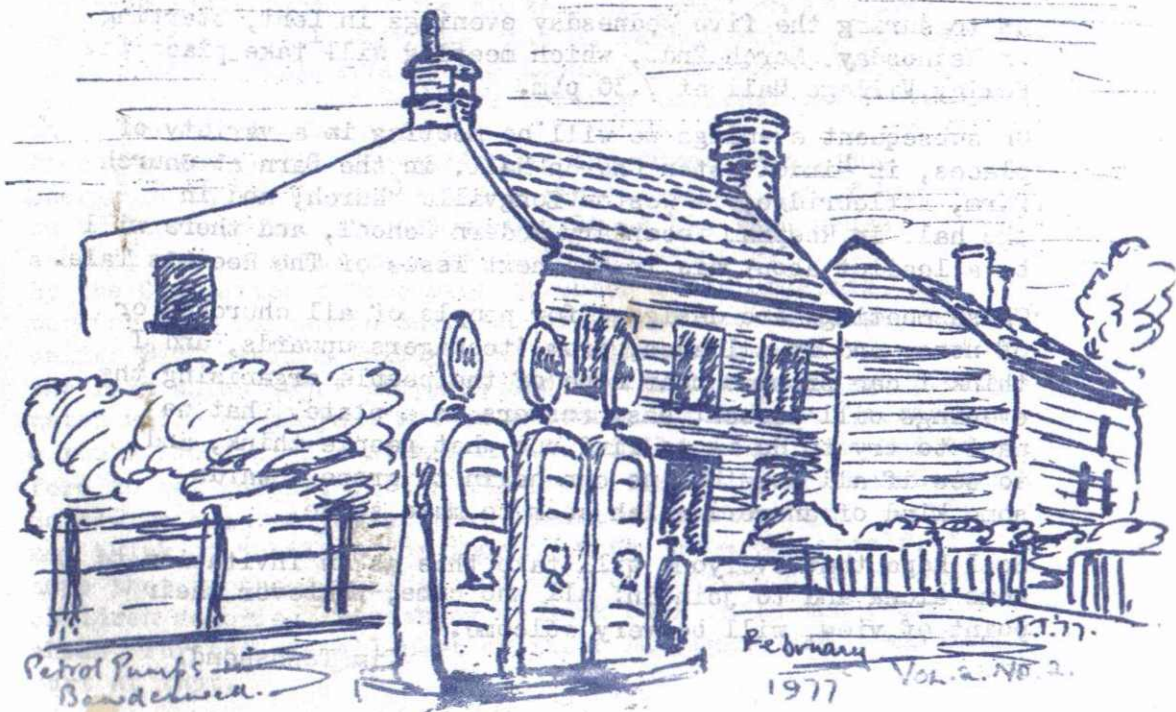


THE REEVE'S TAKE



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THE RECTOR WRITES

"What makes you so sure there's a God ?"

"What's the point of praying ?"

"Why do people have to suffer ?"

"What happens when you die ?"

"Why bother to go to Church ?"

Enormous questions every one of them, and ones which people are always asking, especially young people: and the real answer is quite simply that there is no easy answer, whatever people may say.

But these are the questions which we will be trying to face up to during the five Wednesday evenings in Lent, starting on Wednesday, March 2nd., which meeting will take place in Foxley Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

On subsequent evenings we will be meeting in a variety of places, in Hindolveston Church Hall, in the Barn at Church Farm, Attlebridge, in Weston Longville Church, and in the hall in Reepham Secondary Modern School, and there will be a leaflet about this in the next issue of The Reeve's Tale.

These meetings are designed for people of all churches or of none, and of all ages, from 'teenagers upwards, and I think I can promise that none of the people organising the evenings will present easy answers on a plate. What we want to try to do is to find out what people think, and to see if all together we can begin to grope towards some kind of answers which seem to make sense.

So I hope that everyone will take this as an invitation to come along and to join in; all who come, whatever their point of view, will be very welcome.

Tim Townshend.

JUBILEE

I suppose that most of us who are older have our own memories of former Royal Occasions, Jubilees, Coronations and the like, and it would be interesting to make a record of some of these in the Reeve's Tale in this Jubilee Year, as we come up towards the Jubilee itself. I would be glad to have any written accounts, so that we can publish these from time to time.

My own memories go back first, to the Jubilee in 1935 of George V, when I spent most of the summer in Edinburgh, recovering at an uncle's house from rheumatic fever. My memories are not particularly clear, but I do remember going to the great Thanksgiving Service in St. Giles Cathedral and watching the Knights of the Thistle in their gold tabards marching up the Aisle in the Church, each looking older than the last, and the Bodyguard of the Royal Company of Archers, escorting the Duke of York, as he then was, who was there to represent his father.

Then I remember the Coronation of the former Duke, now George VI in 1937, when I was a schoolmaster, and of how we built an enormous bonfire, nearly as big as a house, and had a huge firework display in the evening.

By the Coronation of our present Queen I was Ordained, and working in a Parish in Suffolk, or rather two Parishes, not unlike Bawdeswell & Foxley; and my clearest memories are of the rain which never stopped, and of the inter-village football match which we played, not on a football pitch, but across a rough field with a stream in the middle, which one had to ford to get across. It was all great fun, but very exhausting. So now we come to yet another Occasion, and whatever people may think of Jubilees, or indeed of the Monarchy itself, I hope that in these villages we will be concerned to give our children memories, something to look back on in the years ahead. For this is all part of their heritage, and a valuable part at that.

CHURCH SERVICES FOR FEBRUARYMethodist Church

- 6th. Foxley 6.30 p.m. P.Barrett
 13th. Bawdeswell 2.30 p.m. J.Hylton
 Foxley 11.00 a.m. N.Davis
 20th. Foxley 6.30 p.m. Rev.W.I.Claydon; Communion.
 27th. Bawdeswell 2.30 p.m. Rev.W.Claydon: Communion
 Foxley: 11 a.m. see Parish Church

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Anglican Church

- 6th. Bawdeswell 8.30 Holy Communion 11 am. Mattins
 Foxley 9.45 a.m. Family Service (Series 3)
 13th. Bawdeswell 9.45 a.m. Family Service (Series 3)
 Foxley 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion
 11 a.m. in Methodist Church
 20th. Bawdeswell 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion: 11 am. Mattins
 Foxley 9.45 a.m. Family Service (Series 3)
 27th. Bawdeswell 9.45 a.m. Family Service (Series 3)
 Foxley 11 a.m. Mattins.

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ASH WEDNESDAY (23rd. February) and each Wednesday in Lent,
Bawdeswell: Holy Communion 10 a.m.

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FOLLAND COURT

- Monday 21st. February, 10 a.m. Hymns & Readings
 Monday 7th. March Holy Communion.

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The Rector will be in London Monday 14th.- Friday 18th.
 February attending General Synod.

In case of any emergency, please contact the Reverend
 Jeffrey Smith, the Rectory, Guist. Tel. 984 255.

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THE FOLLAND COURT Party, which was held in the Village Hall on 14th. January, was a great success, thanks to the hard work of the organisers. After an excellent meal, and before the entertainment, each person was presented with a personal diary, with his or her name on it in gold letters, and the Chairman of the Club presented the Warden, Mrs. Kaye Syer, with a bouquet of flowers as a token of gratitude for all the hard work she had put in during the past year, on behalf of everyone. The Concert Party from Norwich was delightful, and a very happy evening ended at about 10 p.m.

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CONFIRMATION GROUPS

There is still time to let the Rector know if you would like to join a Confirmation group - either for adults or young people. But don't leave it too long. If you are interested, please put your name on a piece of paper, and let him have it.

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INVALIDS

Mrs. Meale (Senior) of Foxley, having broken her hip a short time ago, is making a record recovery, and is now back at home with Sissie Hale. We hope that she will soon be completely recovered.

Mrs. Poll of Folland Court is comfortable in West Norwich Hospital after a major operation on Monday. We hope that she will soon be fit enough to go to Kelling for convalescence.

Mrs. Mickleburgh, also of Folland Court, is having a lot of trouble with her eyes, but is taking this with her usual courage.

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Invalids - contd.

Kathleen Brown of Foxley, who went for a short time to Hellesdan Hospital, has now been moved to The Manor House, Shipdham, and we very much hope that this change will be of real benefit to her. This is a private Nursing Home, and she will be well looked after.

William Farrow, also of Foxley, is at present in Pine Heath Hospital, Kelling, and is far from well. Our sympathy to Mrs. Farrow in this worrying time.

FOXLEY VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall Committee continue to work like beavers to raise sufficient funds to put the Hall in good order, and indeed to do as much of the work as possible themselves.

Since the money raising efforts started, they have raised the astonishing sum of £2,190.31p.; from Dances, the Fete, the Easter Fair, the Sponsored Walk, sundry donations, and the letting of the Hall.

They have spent so far the sum of £2,105.77p., which has been accounted for by Building, the Ladies and Gents Toilets, the extension to the Hall and Kitchen, and all other overheads.

The Cheese & Wine Evening on 22nd. January brought in £24.01p., and the Dance on 28th., £49.42p.

The next two Dances are as follows:

Saturday, 26th. February,
to Ray Sadler & The Western Sunset

Saturday, 5th. March,
to The Blue Horizon.

They will be glad of your continued support.

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