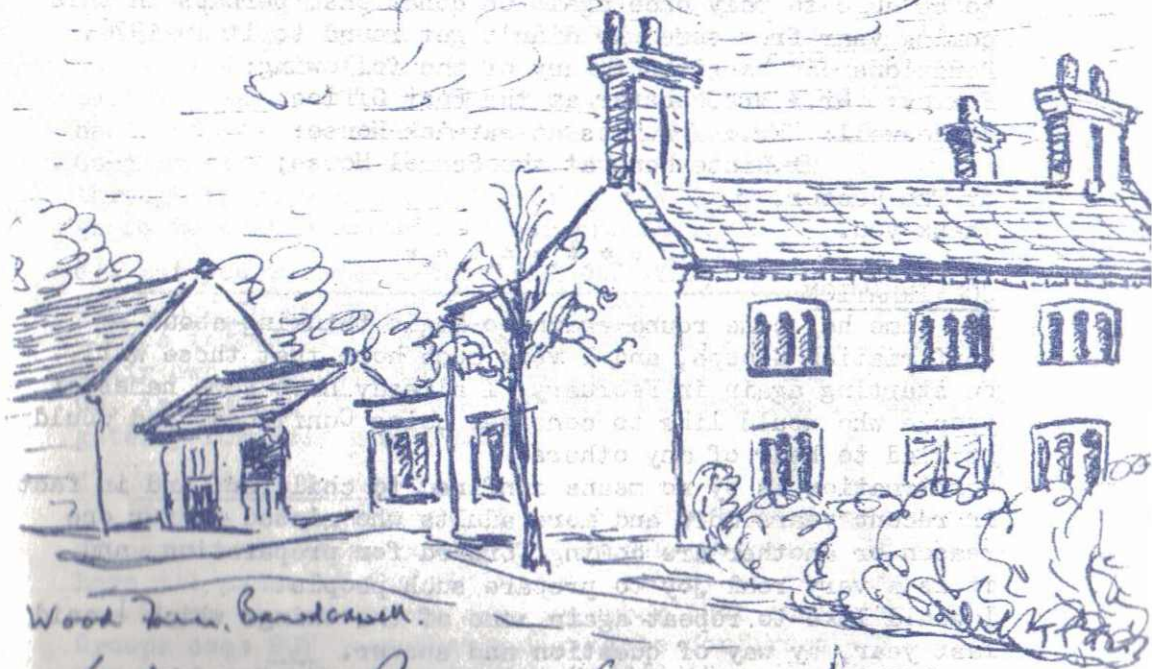


# THE REEVE'S

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THE RECTOR WRITES

The Reeves' Tale now begins its second year with Vol.2 No.1, although strictly it didn't start until February, 1976; but it seems more convenient to run it in conjunction with the Calendar.

Thanks to the generosity of those who have made donations, it has been possible, even in these inflationary times, to keep its cost down to the fairly reasonable sum of Op! But only just, and now we start again on the second year with a balance of nil, and debts of nil. But if it is to continue as a means of communication in the two villages, we will hope to be able to rely once again on donations, perhaps in this coming year from some who didn't get round to it in 1976.

Donations can be given to any of the following:

Foxley: Mr.& Mrs.Webster at the Post Office

Bawdeswell: Mr.& Mrs.Ames at Barwick House;

    Mb.Winterbone at the School House;

or The Rector.

Thank you.

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CONFIRMATION

The time has come round again to begin thinking about Confirmation Groups, and I very much hope that these will be starting again in February. I already have some names of people who would like to consider being Confirmed, and would be glad to hear of any others.

Confirmation is by no means confined to children, and in fact in recent years more and more adults who missed it for one reason or another are coming forward for preparation, and it is a very real joy to prepare such people.

I would like to repeat again some of the things which I said last year, by way of question and answer.

a). I was never Baptised, so can I be Confirmed ?

Yes, of course you can, for it is never too late to be baptised as an Adult, and this often happens just before the Confirmation, sometimes in the same Service. But this can of course be done privately for those who prefer it.

b). If I am an adult, must I be prepared with the children ?

No indeed: Candidates will be prepared in natural groups, or in some cases alone, and in the case of adults this will normally take the form of discussions about the Christian faith and its meaning. Although it takes much more of my time, I much prefer small groups, for we can get to know each other far better this way.

c). What is Confirmation anyway ?

Well, its really a two-way thing: on the one hand, as people old enough to speak for ourselves, we 'confirm' or ratify the promises made on our behalf when we were small children, and show that we wish to take our full part as members of the Church, and as full members we become eligible to receive Holy Communion, and, if we wish, to take our part in church government which more and more is in the hands of the lay people: on the other hand we believe that Confirmation is an act through which God works, giving us, through the laying-on of hands by the Bishop, the gift of grace to enable us to keep our promises.

d). But you welcome Methodists and others who are not Confirmed to Communion in the Church.

Yes indeed, I am glad to say: but they are full members of their own churches, and as such are welcome indeed: but for us, as members of our own Church, confirmation is the normal gateway for full membership.

d). What do I do now ?

I'd be very grateful if you would put your name on a piece of paper and let me have it as soon as possible. If I can have all names by the middle of February at the latest, we can begin to make our plans. Remember that coming to Confirmation Groups does NOT mean that you must be Confirmed - in fact you need not make your decision until the end, if that is your wish.

Or if you want to talk it over with me in confidence, let me know.

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CHURCH SERVICES FOR JANUARY

Anglican Church

- Jan. 9th. Bawdeswell 8.30 Holy Communion 11 a.m. Mattins  
Foxley 9.45 a.m. Mattins
- 16th. Bawdeswell 9.45 a.m. Family Service (Series 3)  
Foxley 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion 11 a.m. Methodist
- 23rd. Bawdeswell 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion 11 a.m. Mattins  
Foxley 9.45 a.m. Family Service (Series 3)
- 30th. Bawdeswell 9.45 a.m. Family Service (Series 3)  
Foxley 11 a.m. Mattins (United)

Methodist Church

- 9th. Foxley 6.30 p.m. Mrs. Middleton
- 16th. Bawdeswell 2.30 p.m. Rev. I. Claydon  
Foxley 11 a.m. Rev. I. Middleton (United)
- 23rd. Foxley 6.30 p.m. E. J. S. Beckley
- 30th. Bawdeswell 2.30 p.m. D. Fisher  
Foxley See Parish Church

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Bawdeswell Church Choir Outing

The visit of the Choir to the Pantomime, Dick Whittington and his Fabulous Cat, will take place on Friday, 4th. February in the evening. This is for all those children who were in the Choir up to the end of the year, and we all look forward to it very much.

In response to our appeal for donations last Month we have had a number of contributions, for which we are extremely grateful; but we could do with a few more, and if anyone cares to give, the Churchwardens, Mr. Winterbone, Mrs. John Ames (senr) of the Rector will be very glad to receive them.

Congratulations to the Choir, and also to the children of the Foxley Methodist Sunday School for their splendid singing at the two Carol & Crib Services, in Bawdeswell Church on 19th. December, and in Foxley on 26th. The success of these Services was largely due to their efforts.

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## CHRISTMAS GIFTS

On the day after the Bawdeswell Crib & Carol Service, at which many people brought gifts for the Crib, for distribution to others less fortunate than we are, I paid a visit to Garfield House in Dereham, a children's home run by the Social Services Department of the County Council, taking these gifts with me. It was a happy occasion for me, especially as I was able to see at first hand something of the love and care which the Superintendent and the Matron lavish on the children in their care. When I got there a number of the children were running in and out of the kitchen where people were sitting round drinking mugs of tea, opening Christmas Cards and generally showing much of the freedom and informality which one would find in a normal family. I was told that there were more children in care over Christmas than ever before, and I am sure that they would have had a happy Christmas, for to be sure no effort would be spared by those who care for them. The other day I received this letter for all who gave, and I add my own thanks as well.

Superintendent & Matron  
Mr. & Mrs. P. Holdsworth

Garfield House,  
15, Norwich Rd.,  
Dereham.

Dear Canon Townshend,

On behalf of the children in our care, please thank the members of your church for the gifts they so generously gave for Christmas.

Their thoughtfulness and caring for the needs of others is greatly appreciated, especially at this time of year.

We hope you all had a very happy Christmas, and we take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very happy and prosperous new year.

Thank you once again for your gifts which certainly helped to provide extra happiness for the children.

Yours sincerely,

Jocelyn Holdsworth,  
Matron.

BESSIE HIGGINS

Though the death of anyone we love at Christmas time is always doubly sad, yet perhaps we can be thankful that Bessie Higgins entered into fuller life on 22nd. December, rather than having to face the pain which certainly would have come had she held on for much longer.

For over 20 years Bessie had worked for Mr. & Mrs. Gurney, first at Keswick, and then at Bawdeswell Hall, and during those long years had become very much a part of the family, greatly loved and respected by all who came to know her. She was a shy and unassuming person, but warm-hearted and uncomplaining during her illness, and she will be missed by many people.

Our deepest sympathy for her brother, Edward, and her sister, Bertha, and indeed for her many friends, but for her thankfulness that she is now at peace.

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FOLLAND COURT SERVICES

Monday 17th. January Hymns & Readings

Monday 31st. January Holy Communion

Both at 10 a.m.

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SPRING FAIR

There will be a SPRING FAIR for Bawdeswell Church on Saturday, 23rd. April in the Village Hall, Bawdeswell. Please keep this date free.

A Meeting to organise it will be held on THURSDAY 20th. January at Barwick House, opposite the Church. Anyone who cares to go along will be very welcome. It will start at 7.30 p.m.

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THE DEANERY SYNOD

will be held in St. Faith's Church, Lenwade, on Tuesday, 18th. January, 7.30 p.m.

The Speaker will be Bishop Kenneth Sansbury a former Bishop of Singapore, and one time Secretary General of the British Council of Churches.

CHILLY BUT CHEERFUL -

A reasonable description of the assembled company at the first day of the Play Group, which, after so much hard work and careful preparation opened its doors in the Bawdeswell Village Hall on Monday, 10th. January, which must surely go down in Bawdeswell history as a red-letter day. Our warmest congratulations to all those who have taken so much trouble to make this possible, and our best wishes for a most successful future.

Fifteen children of a variety of shapes and sizes came along on the first day, together with a number of Moms, each of whom looked slightly colder than the last - for the day indeed was cold, and the heating seemed to make little enough difference; but all seemed well, and undoubtedly was cheerful, and, considering that it was the first day, when one would expect some skyness or tears, the children themselves were very happy to be together. The organisers had clearly taken a great deal of trouble to provide a great variety for the children - plenty for building, drawing, cutting out, modelling - a delightful Wendy House, and the odd trike or so to ride, but with the relatively limited funds there is need for more in the way of such things, and anyone who has anything spare, such as old tricycles, dolls' prams, dolls, building blocks and in fact almost anything like that, and who cares to give it, will be helping a great deal. Please get in touch either with Sandra Steward at Church View, the Organiser, or with Sarah Fitzjohn at Church Farm.

There are at present 21 children enrolled, so there are a few spare places, and if you would like your child to go, please get in touch with either of the above. The Group meets on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 9-12 noon, during School Terms.

Incidentally the Draw and the Carol singing before Christmas raised some £45 between them, and the organisers would like to thank all who helped.

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FOXLEY VILLAGE HALL

The various events to raise money for the improvements to the village Hall have continued, thanks to the hard work of the devoted band of helpers.

Since we wrote last the following results have been achieved:

Dance: 19th. November, £37.55

Dance: 10th. December, £30.89

Sherry, Mincepie & Carol Evening £4.75

Christmas Draw: £30.30.

Forthcoming Events:

CHEESE & WINE EVENING Saturday, 22nd. January.  
(Tickets at the Post Office)

COUNTRY & WESTERN DANCE Friday 28th. January.

And how about a Sponsored Walk ?? Feeling energetic ???

Anyone interested, please contact either:

D. Webster

P. Elsdon

B. Sewell.

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THE SCHOOL

The Carol Service on 20th. December was a delightful occasion, and the children sang beautifully: there was a good turn-out of parents to give their support.

The Party on the following day was also splendid, and, after vigorous games in the early afternoon, the children out away an enormous tea. The Headmaster would like to thank all who had worked so hard to provide this, and the children for behaving so excellently.

On Wednesday, 15th. the top class went to sing Carols at Pollard Court, and spent a very happy afternoon with the members of the community. Their visit was greatly appreciated.