

# THE REEVE'S TALE



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THE RECTOR WRITES

Why not Women Priests ?

In February I wrote the first Article on this subject, in which I looked at the first objection, namely that there is no scriptural authority for such a step, and I tried to argue that this is not valid, because in fact it is very clear from Scripture that our Lord showed that both sexes are of equal value, and that God's promises are given in equal measure to each.

In this short Article I want to look at another of the objections raised, namely that if we as a Church do ordain women we will be making unity with both the Roman Catholic and the Orthodox Churches that less likely.

There is certainly some force in this argument, although in fact the Roman Catholic Church itself is going through a period of great change itself, and no-one can guess where this will lead it.

But the real reason for discounting this argument as valid is that even though we in the Church of England in England have not yet made our decision, a growing number of Churches of the Anglican Communion throughout the world have decided to Ordain women as Priests, and have already done so: the Church in Canada, the Church in U.S.A., the Church in New Zealand and in Australia have already taken the step, and if we do not follow suit we will soon find ourselves in the absurd position of recognising some of the Priests of our own Communion when they come to visit this country, but not others: therefore we will find ourselves out of communion in effect with members of our own Church. And this would be a situation far less tolerable than the divisions which already exist between ourselves and other parts of the Christian Church, intolerable those these seem to so many of us. In fact, if we do not ordain women we will threaten an actual unity, for fear of endangering a possible one, which in any event is far in the future.

There are other arguments which I hope to consider later.



CHURCH SERVICES FOR APRIL

Anglican: Canon Tim Townshend: Foxley Rectory. Tel. 397

- 2nd. Bawdeswell: Holy Communion 8.30: Mattins 11.00.  
Foxley: Family Service: 9.45 a.m.
- 9th. Bawdeswell: Family Service: 9.45 a.m.  
Foxley: 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion: 11. see Methodists
- 16th. Bawdeswell: 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion 11 am. Mattins  
Foxley: 9.45 a.m. Family Service.
- 23rd. Bawdeswell: 9.45 a.m. Family Service  
Foxley: 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion: 11 am. Mattins
- 30th. Bawdeswell: 8.30. Holy Communion. 11 a.m. Mattins  
12 noon Holy Communion.

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Methodist: Rev. Ivor Claydon, 31, Trinity Close, Dereham. (9) 5528

- 2nd. Foxley: 6.30. D. Hicks.
- 9th. 11.00 (United) Rev. I. Claydon. H.C. Foxley.  
Bawdeswell 2.30. Rev. I. Claydon
- 16th. Foxley: 6.30. P.D. Coleman
- 23rd. Bawdeswell. 2.30. N. Davis  
Foxley: 11 a.m. Parish Church: 2.30. Family Service
- 30th. Foxley: 6.30 p.m. G. Brown

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Roman Catholic: Fr. Peter Marsh: Catholic Church House,  
35, London Road, Dereham. Tel. (9) 4066

Mass each Sunday: RAF Swanton Morley 9.00 a.m.  
Dereham Catholic Church 10.30 & 6.30.

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Folland Court: Y 91 X 09 5204 LHM

- Bible Study: Monday 10th. (Note changed date) 10 a.m.
- Holy Communion: Monday 24th. 10 a.m.

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ADVANCE NOTICE: Archdeacon's Visitation:  
Tuesday, 9th. May, Worstead Parish Church 7.30pm.

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BAWDESWELL & FOXLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

We are delighted to learn that Mrs. Scales will be able to come and give a demonstration of Patchwork at our Meeting which will be held on Monday, 10th April at Foxley Village Hall at 7.45 p.m.

There will be the usual Bring & Buy Stall, but this Month there will not be a Competition.

The talk at the March Meeting on 'Safety in the Home' by Mr. Walker was particularly interesting and useful, and contained many useful hints about safety which a number of his audience had not thought of before.

After his talk he was given the difficult task of judging the Valentine Competition, carried over from the February cancelled Meeting, and also the Easter Bonnet Competition, a job of some difficulty because the quality of the entries was so high.

The next Committee Meeting will be held at Mrs. M. Parfitt's, Mill Road, Foxley, on 3rd April at 7.30 p.m.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

COFFEE MORNING

MILL HOUSE, FOXLEY —

WEDNESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> APRIL 10.30 - 12 noon

COFFEE & BISCUITS 20p.

STALLS: CAKES ETC.



BAWDESWELL VILLAGE AMENITIES FUND

The Committee has got off to a good start, and would like to announce the names of the Winners of the Easter Raffle: these were as follows:

- Mr.Hodgekins of Lyng
- Mr.F.Howes of North Elmham
- Mr.Mingay of Bawdeswell
- Mr.Coldwell of West Raynham
- Mr.Felgate of Bawdeswell
- Mr.A.Lindsay of West Raynham
- Mr.Slaughter of H.M.S.O.
- Mrs.Adcock of Elmham.

It is hoped before too long to start a Monthly Draw with good Prizes: details of this will be made available as soon as possible.

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SOME INVALIDS

We are sorry to record that Mrs.Ivy Barrett of Bawdeswell is back again in Hospital, and not very well: but she is cheerful as ever, and sends her regards to all her many friends.

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Mrs.Evelyn Melton is also in Hospital - the Hethersett Ward, <sup>IN</sup>orfolk & Norwich - and we hope that she will have a good rest and get really fit again. When she does come home she will have to take things a lot easier, and look after herself rather more, rather than constantly running round looking after other people.

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We are delighted that Norah Winterbone is now back home again after a major operation. She will have to take things easy for some time, but has the better weather (we hope) ahead of her for her convalescence.

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Invalids (continued)

Mrs. Gertrude Payne of Priory House, Bawdeswell, has been in hospital, but is now home again, not feeling too well. We hope that she will soon feel a lot better.

Mervyn Wright of Foxley has made a splendid recovery after his illness, and has been back home for some time: he will have to exercise a good deal of patience, but is already able to get out a bit.

Mrs. Meale (Senior) of Foxley continues to make good progress, and is as cheerful as ever.

CONGRATULATIONS to Gary Olds and Susan Mason who were married in Bawdeswell Church on 4th. March.

We had some bad moments on the morning of the great day, as we woke up to a thick fog, and the Bridegroom and all his friends and relations had to come all the way on a private coach from Birmingham: however, they arrived on time, and the wedding was a delightful occasion. We wish them every happiness in their married life together.

WE ARE VERY SORRY to learn that PC John Eglen and his wife and family are leaving the Police House, Bawdeswell, to move nearer to Norwich. John will be missed very much, and we wish them very well.

THE BAWDESWELL & FOXLEY DANCING CLASS

The first term has been successfully completed after a rather confusing start, owing to some confusion at the Local Authority level; but all has gone well, and 26 children have taken part in the classes.

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There will be a few vacancies when the Class starts up again on Thursday, 20th. April, but for the present, owing to the decision of the Education Authority, these can only be taken up by children either at the School, or down to go to the School eventually. We hope that later on it may be possible to overcome this difficulty, and for us to be able to offer places to children who go to other Schools.

The times, incidentally, are from 3.45-4.45 p.m. on the days when we meet.

Parents may be interested to know that Mrs. Sandy Milne, one of our teachers, currently has five of her pupils from another of her classes dancing in the Easter Pantomime 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs' at the Theatre Royal in Norwich: this is a tribute to the quality of her teaching, and, who knows, some of our children might reach these dizzy heights one of these years !

Incidentally, our other teacher, Heather, is one of those dancing in the introductory Ballet at the Odeon Theatre, before the film 'Star War', so perhaps too we can bask in her reflected glory.

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#### WASTE PAPER

Bawdeswell Parish Council have disposed of their first collection of waste paper, and have now the sum of £6.68 in credit, which is for the benefit of all the village.

The following are collecting points:

Mr. Ames, Barwick House, The Street;

Mrs. Curtis, "Cursdon", Norwich Road;

Mr. Sparkes, Dereham Road (next the Post Office)

Parishioners are asked kindly to deliver either weekly or monthly amounts, or to notify any of the above for collecting arrangements. Thank you.

BAWDESWELL PARISH MEETING: MONDAY, 17th. April, 7.30 p.m.  
in the Village Hall.

# REEPHAM TENNIS CLUB

ALL NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

Club Nights: TUESDAY.

Beginners: THURSDAY,

Children: SATURDAY MORNINGS

ALL INTERESTED PLEASE CONTACT

HEATHER DAVIS; TEL. 217