

THE REEVE'S TALE



The Magazine of
Bawdeswell & Foxley

January 1978
Vol. 3, No. 1.

The Rector Writes

With this issue of The Reeve's Tale we come to No.1 of Volume 3, in fact the start of the third year of production, and I would like to thank all those who have given donations during the past year towards the production cost, which has enabled us to keep it as a free issue to every house in the two Parishes: as always seems to be the case, the donations have almost exactly equalled the cost of production, in spite of the fact that costs, mainly of paper, continue to rise all the time.

And a special thank you as well to those who have helped with the distribution, with contributions and in many other ways.

Just a reminder that contributions are always welcome, though of course, as with any production, the Editor reserves the right to edit as necessary, a right which he very rarely has to exercise: also that we are glad to put in any notices which people wish to send in.

CONFIRMATION

Since I wrote last about this, a number of names have come in, and before too long we will be starting on Confirmation groups, both for Adults and young people: but there is still time, and I would be glad to hear from anyone interested in the possibility of Confirmation, which will take place in early May. Remember that letting me know your name does not commit you to being Confirmed, but it gives us a chance to talk things over before making a final decision.

THE CAROL & CRIB SERVICES

in both Churches were highly successful, and in Bawdeswell in particular we ran out of seats, Carol Sheets and the lot: we were very glad to see all who came, and in particular we were most grateful for the many gifts which were brought for the children of Garfield House in Dereham. Those were taken to the Home, and were received with great gladness by the children and his wife.

CHURCH SERVICES for January, 1978

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

- 1st. Bawdeswell: 9.45 a.m. Family Service
Foxley: 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 11 am. Mattins
- 8th. Bawdeswell: 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion: 11 am. Mattins
Foxley: 9.45 a.m. Family Service
- 15th. Bawdeswell: 9.45 a.m. Family Service
Foxley: 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 22nd. Bawdeswell: see Foxley.
Foxley: 9.45 a.m. UNITED SERVICE FOR BAWDESWELL
& FOXLEY. Bawdeswell closed.
- 29th. Bawdeswell: 9.45 a.m. Family Service
Foxley: 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion: 11 a.m. Mattins
- 25th. Conversion of St. Paul: H.C. Bawdeswell 10 a.m.

Folland Court: 9th. Jan. Readings & Bible Study. 10 a.m.
23rd. Jan. Holy Communion 10 a.m.

Methodist Church: Minister: Rev. I.W. Claydon, 31, Trinity Street,
Dereham. Tel. Dereham 5582

- 1st. Foxley: 2.30 p.m.
- 8th. Bawdeswell: 2.30 p.m. S.W. Graves
Foxley: 11 a.m. Mrs. Middleton
- 15th. Foxley: 6.30 p.m. Mr. I. Fisher
- 22nd. Bawdeswell: 2.30 p.m. Rev. I. Claydon
Foxley: 11 a.m. Mr. David
- 29th. Foxley: 2.30 p.m. Family Service.

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

Mass each Sunday: R.A.F. Swanton Morley: 8.30 a.m.
Dereham Catholic Church: 10.00 am. & 6.30 pm.

FOXLEY ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING; 26th. Jan. 8 p.m. Rectory.
BAWDESWELL ditto Monday, 6th. February. 7.30 p.m. Rectory.

WALTER HIGH - aged 74 years

We record with sorrow the sudden death on December 15th. of Walter High of the Old Toll House, Bawdeswell, who collapsed in his garden; and our special sympathy goes to his widow, not only for her great loss, but for the sudden shock which this caused.

Walter High came into this area some twenty years ago, first to Sparham, and then, fourteen years ago, to Bawdeswell, and until his retirement was Farm Foreman to the Bawdeswell Hall Estate.

He was known as a very hard worker, and a man who always spoke out, and he was greatly respected in the neighbourhood. He was a native of Acle, where his body now lies at rest, one of 16 children, 11 of whom lived, and strangely his next sister died on the same day as he.

He and his wife had been very happily married for just on 53 years, and had two children, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Our deepest sympathy goes to his widow and his family in their loss.

..*.*.*

BAWDESWELL & FOXLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Committee of the W.I. will meet at Barwick House on Thursday, 5th. January at 7.30 p.m.

The Monthly Meeting will be held on Monday, 9th. January in Bawdeswell Village Hall at 7.30 p.m., when we look forward to the Travel Films to be shown by Mr. Winter.

It is hoped that we will get off to a good start with the first of our monthly Bring & Buy Stalls.

..*.*.*

CHURCH FLOWERS

Vivien Elsdon and Irene Ames wish to thank those who so kindly gave to the Bawdeswell Church Christmas Flower Fund, and for the two lovely white cyclamens.

This note was greatly appreciated.

A TIME OF CHANGE

We are asked by the Managers of our School to express their thanks to all who contributed to the presentation fund for Mr. Frank Stebbings: the sum of £51 was raised, and this was presented to him in the form of a cheque on 19th. December, at the end of the School Carol Party. It was good to see so many Heads or Deputy Heads of other Schools in the area, and also to have with us our Area Director of Education, Mr. Malcolm McKeown, who paid a tribute to Mr. Stebbings' long and loyal career. We wish him every happiness in his retirement, in which we understand he hopes to concentrate on the breeding of riding horses.

Also retiring this last term was Mrs. Leach, the Infant Teacher for 13 years: she was presented with a variety of things for her garden and house - a greenhouse heater, a Garden Centre Voucher, and a collection of pot plants, and we hope that all these give her much happiness in her retirement. Sadly the last year of her career was clouded by the death of her husband, just as they were about to move in to their new bungalow at Snoring, but with great courage she returned to work and completed her task.

These two retirements in the Teaching Staff mean that we will have considerable change in the future, and as many will know, Mrs. Leach's place is being taken by Mrs. Wexley who lives in Bradenham, and whom we hope will be with us for many years.

There were an enormous number of applicants for the post of Head, and in the end the Managers recommended from the County short list that Mr. Pine, at present Head of a school in Sevenoaks, should be offered the position. As he has to give adequate notice to his present School, he will not be with us until the start of the Summer Term, and so for the space of one term we will be joined by Mrs. Wise as the temporary Head.

/over.....

continued....

We are glad that continuity in the School will be well maintained by Brian Winterbone, and we know that it is his hope, as that of the Managers, that everyone, parents and children alike, will give their fullest support and help to our new members of Staff in the year ahead.

..*.*.*

BALLET SCHOOL

Following the announcement in the last issue of the Reeve's Tale, there was an excellent response to the suggestion that a Ballet School might be formed, to be run by the Guildhall School of Dancing. In fact some 24 or so names have come in, and it had been hoped that it would be possible to start at the very beginning of this Term.

However, there is a slight snag, in that the Education Authority has now said that permission to use the School must first be obtained from the temporary Headmistress, and this of course cannot be done until school starts.

So the organisers ask us to let all parents concerned know the position, and to tell them that they will be informed just as soon as it is possible to start, which with a bit of luck may be in a week or so.

In the meantime the people to contact with any queries are either Helen Cook, Old Hall Farm House, Foxley, Tel.436, or Sarah Fitzjohn, Church Farm House, Bawdeswell, Tel.288.

..*.*.*

INVALIDS

We are very sorry to report that Mrs. Turner of Bawdeswell is in the West Norwich Hospital, very ill after a stroke in her home: we very much hope that she will soon begin to make some progress.

The hard-luck story of this Christmas must be that of poor May Codling, who was so very much better after her long stay in Wayland Hospital: she was all set to come home the Christmas, and was looking forward to it eagerly, but on the day before discharge she fell and cracked a bone in her leg, and so had to spend Christmas in the Norfolk & Norwich Hospital. Our sympathy to her and to Harold.

Jack Buxton, on the other hand, was fit enough to be discharged from Hospital after a major operation, and was able to enjoy his Christmas with his family in Foxley. He is looking very much better, though still is having trouble with his chest.

THE SILVER JUBILEE : FOXLEY

December 13th. Marked the opening of the new pub in Foxley, and it certainly got off to a terrific start, with the most enormous crowds pouring in all night until it closed; and now it seems to be settling down to a quiet steady trade, which we very much hope will justify the great venture which Derek and Judy have embarked on. We wish them all possible luck.

..*.*.*.*.*

BAD WEATHER ?

It may easily come in the next few weeks: if so, remember the birds, so many of which have come to rely on us humans to feed them in hard spells. But remember also that their very first need is for WATER even more important than food, and if you can put some out, and change it often enough to prevent it freezing over, you will be doing them a great service.