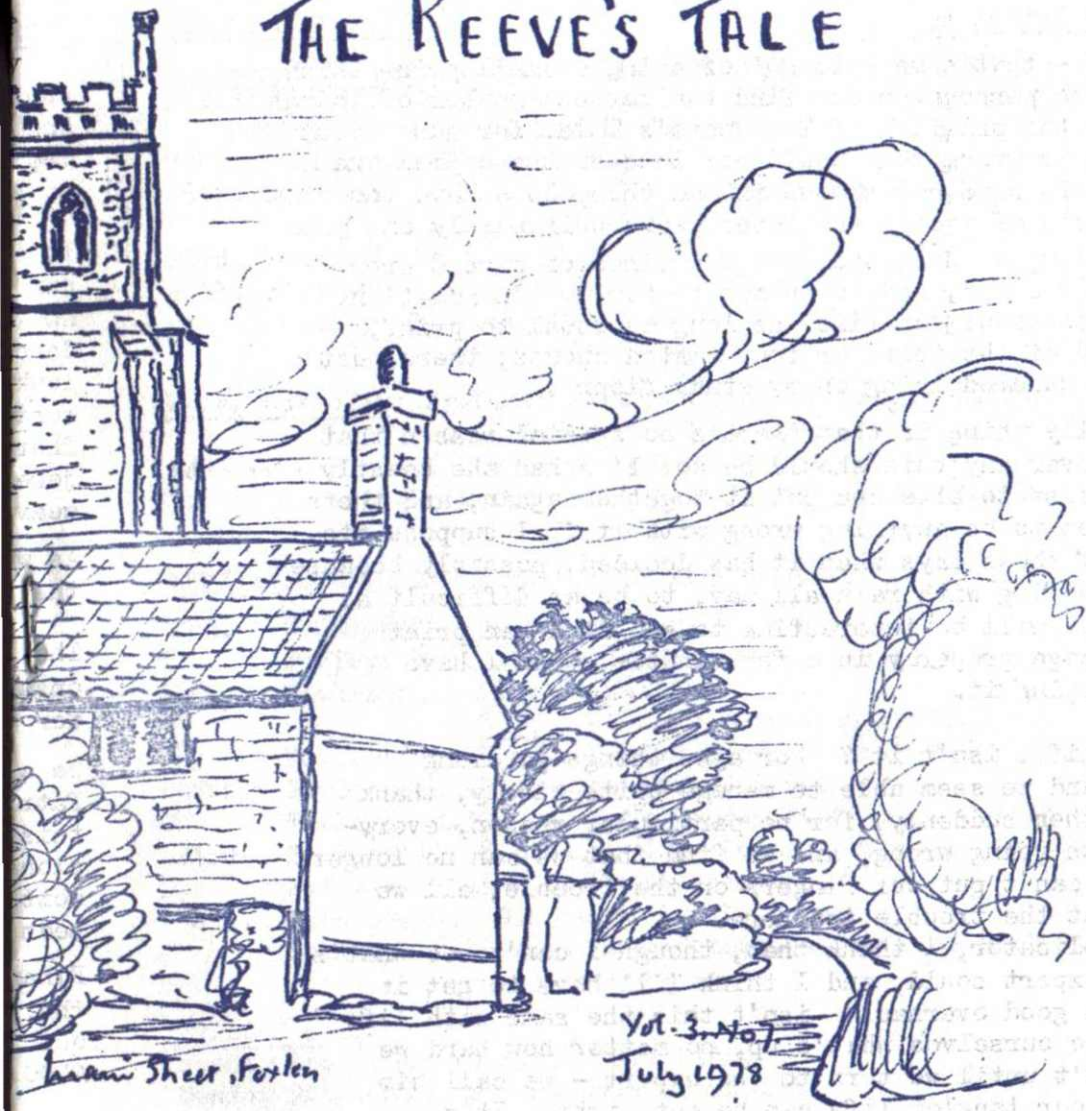


THE REEVE'S TALE



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The Rector Writes

The Editor - that's me - is NOT offering a small prize this Month to the person who can find the largest number of things wrong with the printing of The Reeve's Tale, for just about everything is wrong that could be: lots of the copies are smudged, lots have not enough ink on them, lots have too much: in lots of copies the cover picture is partly on the back page, in lots the last few lines on page 8 are not properly inked, and so on and so forth. In addition, it has taken about ten times as long as usual to print, and instead of the three or four wasted sheets, there must be about a hundred lying on my study floor !

And the silly thing is that there's no special reason that I can discover why this should be so: I've had the beastly machine almost to bits and put it together again, and there doesn't seem to be anything wrong with it ! I suppose it's just one of those days when it has decided, possibly because it's been puring with rain all day, to be as difficult as possible: it will be interesting to see if I can print this last page properly in a few minutes, when I have finished typing it.

Just like life, isn't it ? For ages things go along smoothly, and we seem able to manage quite nicely, thank you. And then suddenly, for no particular reason, everything starts going wrong, and we find that we can no longer manage: we can't put our fingers on the trouble, all we know is that the trouble is there.

With my duplicator, I think that, though I can't see what's wrong, an expert could, and I think I'll have to get it long for a good overhaul: isn't this the same with life ? We can't see ourselves what's up, no matter how hard we try: it isn't until we turn to the expert - we call him God - that our tangled life can be put right. It's worth thinking about.

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SERVICES FOR JULY

Methodist Church: Rev.Ivor Claydon,31,Trinity Close, Dereham
2nd.Bawdeswell 2.30 p.m. Miss Theobald Tel.(9)5528

Foxley: 11 a.m. Rev.I.Claydon
9th. Foxley 6.30 p.m. C.Edgell

16th. Bawdeswell: R.30 p.m. Rev.I.Claydon:Communion

Foxley: 2.30 p.m. Family Service

23rd. Foxley 6.30 p.m. J.W.Bly

30th. Bawdeswell 2.30 p.m. Mrs.Middleton

Foxley: 11 a.m. S.W.Graves

Roman Catholic: Fr.Peter Marsh:Catholic House,35,London
Road, Dereham.Tel.(9)4006

Mass each Sunday: RAF Swanton Morley 9.00 a.m.

Dereham Catholic Church 10.30 & 6.30

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

2nd. Bawdeswell: 9.45 a.m. Family Service

Foxley: 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion:11 a.m. see Methodists

9th. Bawdeswell: 11 a.m. Mattins.

NOTE : NO 8.30 Communion,as Rector away
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FOLLAND COURT

Nonday 3rd.July: 10 a.m. Bible Study

Monday 24th.July:10 a.m. Holy Communion

BAWDESWELL & FOXLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Mrs. Jefford, our speaker for June, was a real winner with the Members, the lovely garments and other things made with crochet and suede were fabulous, and we hear that a sufficient number of Members were enthusiastic enough to make it possible for her to form a Class.

Mrs. Mingay and Mrs. Joan Parfitt were chosen to represent us on the Group Committee, and Mrs. Larwood, our delegate to the Annual Meeting at the Albert Hall gave us a good report of the proceedings, showing no sign of the nervousness which she professed to be feeling.

Our Competition this Month (July) is rather a special one, as we are asking for a design for a Bawdeswell and Foxley W.I. table-cloth.

We hope that all members will be thinking about stalls etc. for our Jumble Sale which is to be held on Saturday, 5th. August at Foxley to raise funds for all Bawdeswell and Foxley folk who are sixty and over: the party will be held in September, and an invitation will be found in the August Edition of The Reeve's Tale.

On Monday, July 17th., there will be a tour of the gardens of Bawdeswell Hall, at the kind invitation of Mr. & Mrs. Gurney; this will start at 7.30 p.m., and the husbands of Members will be very welcome. It is hoped that there will be refreshments.

At the July Meeting we will be welcoming Lady Margaret Barry and Mrs. Smith, who will give their delightful talk "Above and below the salt": anyone who cares to bring a friend to this is most welcome to do so.

In our September Meeting we will welcome Mr. John Kett, who will entertain us with Norfolk Song and Verse, and we hope that the gentlemen will join us again, as each Member will be allowed to bring two Guests. A small charge of 20p. will be asked for each Guest, to help towards the cost of the refreshments.

BAWDESWELL SCHOOL

The School Sports, scheduled for Saturday, 17th, June were postponed because of the weather forecast, but will now take place on Saturday, 8th, July instead, and everyone is very welcome.

There will be a CAR TREASURE HUNT on Friday, 21st, July, starting from the School at 7 p.m.: this is open to all friends of the School, parents or otherwise, and there will be a small entrance fee. It will be followed by a Barbecue at the School on the return of the Competitors, round about 8.30 - 9.00 p.m., with a disco for the young and energetic and a Bar for the old and jaded ! It should be great fun for all concerned.

JUST TO MAKE YOU GREEN WITH ENVY,

the Top Class are off this coming week with Mr. Pine, our astonishing new Headmaster, from Monday to Friday, on a sort of Exchange visit to his old School, at Plaxtol, between Sevenoaks and Tonbridge in Kent, all among the hop fields. Parents at that end are putting up our children in their own homes, and we very much hope that at some time this hospitality will be reciprocated, and that the Plaxtol children will visit Bawdeswell & Foxley.

Our lot are having quite a week, and it is worthwhile listing some of their programme.

Monday, they leave here in the Minibus at 9 a.m., and en route for Plaxtol visit the Imperial War Museum at Duxford, where, among other things, they will be able to see the Concorde.

Tuesday they go to London, and among other things will climb the Monument, all three hundred and something steps to the top, which, as Mr. Pine says, should quiet them down a bit: they then go on to the Tower of London, to see the Bloody Tower and the Traitors' Gate, as well as the Beefeaters and the ravens and all the rest of it: and then they cross the

(school visit continued..)

.....Thames and go down to Greenwich to see the Cutty Sark and the International Date Line, having on the way visited H.M.S.Belfast, which is now a wonderful Maritime Museum.

On Wednesday they actually stay at the School, though during the day will visit Ightham Manor or Moat, a fortified house in which the Gunpowder Plot was hatched (we hope they don't get any ideas from that !), and also that day they will have a rounders match against the host School, and later join with them in the Inter-Schools Country Dancing Competition, which should be great fun.

On the Thursday they are setting out for Dover, and crossing over to Boulogne, where they will spend quite a long time getting the feel of a foreign country, spending a few francs and seeing such things as the Fish Market, the Seaman's Cathedral and the famous City Walls.

On Friday, their last day, they will be back again in London, visiting the Science and Natural History Museums among other things, and then going from Westminster Pier downstream to the Tower of London, travelling on one of the river busses: at the Tower they will rejoin the Minibus, and home again to Norfolk.

What a lucky lot they are, to be sure. But there's hope for the juniors, as Mr.Pine tells us that he hopes to have some sort of special thing like this each year for the older children.

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WE ARE SAD to hear that 'Grandad' Critcher, the father of Mrs.Loose of Bawdeswell Hall, is critically ill in the Norfolk & Norwich Hospital.

We pray that whatever is best for him will happen, and that he will be spared any more pain.

Our sympathy in this worrying time for Mr.& Mrs.Loose who have cared for him over so many years.

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MIDSUMMER MERRIMENT at Foxley

And merry indeed it was, when on Friday, 23rd June Charles and Patricia Steward opened their gardens and Barn to the enormous crowd of people who bought tickets for this summer 'do' in aid of the Foxley Church Funds.

In spite of the appalling weather - the worst June day I can remember for a long time - people turned up in droves, and pretty soon the huge Barn was crowded with people, dancing, congregated round the Bar or the Tombola, or looking at the varied and splendid exhibitions of all sorts which had been laid on for their entertainment. There was an Artist to draw instant portraits, a maker of jewellery, another of soft toys, a wood carver and a weaver, as well as an exhibition of Paintings and drawings.

As well there were tables groaning with food, though the tickets simply said 'Cheese & Wine'

The lady at the electric Organ, who was excellent, just went on and on, and in fact played practically without a break for about 4½ hours !

We are extremely grateful to those, particularly Charles and Patricia, but also many others, who worked so hard to make this such a grand and happy occasion, and also to all who came along to support it: we hope that they felt that it had been worth the effort, and, judging from many comments since, it seems that they did.

Financially it was a great success, though we cannot publish the final figures yet, as there are a few accounts to come in; but it looks as if the profit will be something in excess of £400.

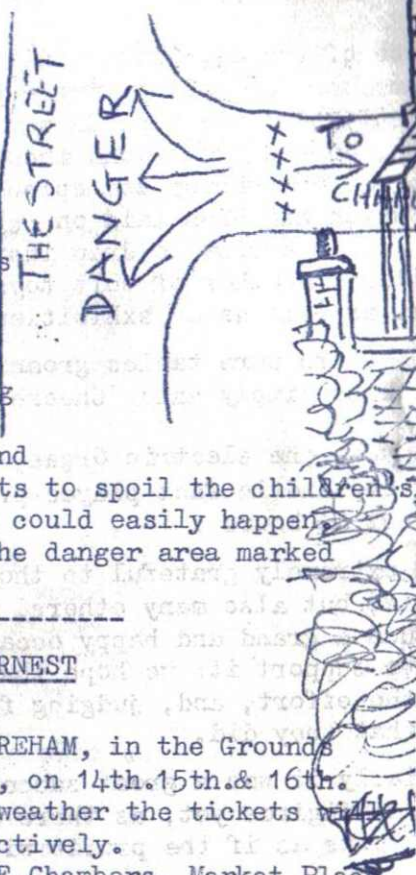
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WE ARE VERY GLAD that Teresa Webster has now lost her offending appendix and is back again home. She must be better, as she is getting cheeky again !

WE ARE SORRY to say that Reggie Beck of Folland Court is serious ill at the time of going to press. He has been battling manfully against ill health for some years. We hope that whatever is the best for him will happen.

TO FOXLEY CHILDREN & PARENTS: WARNING

Since the new By-Pass, the bit of road in Foxley from the Main Street up to the Methodist Chapel has become a safe place to whizz about on bikes, as it is a dead-end: and this is grand. BUT a number of times children on bikes have been noticed whizzing into the Street itself from the safe area. There is a lot of heavy traffic of one sort or another using the Street, going down to the farm or through to Themelthorpe, and the road is very narrow and the corner is a blind one. No one wants to spoil the children's fun, but no one wants a Tragedy, which could easily happen. So please children, don't whizz into the danger area marked on the map above.



THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST

By Oscar Wilde

will be performed by the FRIENDS OF DEREHAM, in the Grounds of Glendower, Commercial Road, Dereham, on 14th. 15th. & 16th. July at 7.30 p.m. In the event of bad weather the tickets will be valid for 17th., 18th., 19th. respectively. Tickets (75p.) can be obtained from: W.F. Chambers, Market Place, Gambit, Nelson Place, both in Dereham, OR from Mrs. Margaret Joice, The Chequers, Foxley. All proceeds to be divided equally between: 1). St. John's Ambulance & Autistic Children. 2). Cheshire Homes: 3). Combat (Austin Don's Chorus) 4). Wells Lifeboat. 5). Dereham Disabled People's Club.