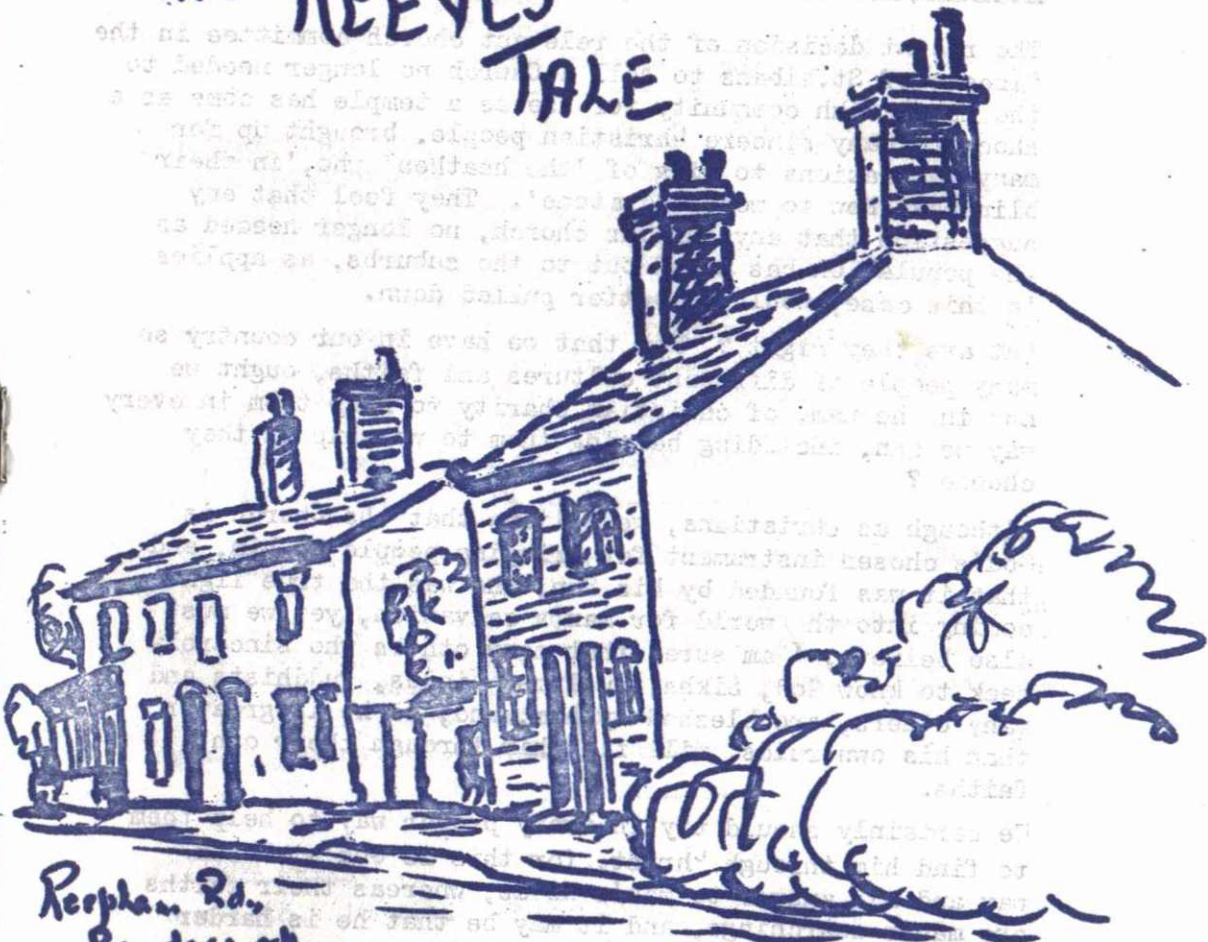


THE REEVE'S TALE



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The Rector Writes

The recent decision of the relevant church committee in the Diocese of St. Albans to sell a Church no longer needed to the local Sikh community for use as a temple has come as a shock to many sincere Christian people, brought up for many generations to sing of 'the heathen' who, 'in their blindness bow to wood and stone'. They feel that any suggestion that any surplus church, no longer needed as the population has moved out to the suburbs, as applies in this case, would be better pulled down.

But are they right? Now that we have in our country so many people of different cultures and faiths, ought we not in the name of christian charity to help them in every way we can, including helping them to worship as they choose?

Although as christians, we believe that the Church is God's chosen instrument for bringing people to him, and that it was founded by his Son, who was the true light coming into the world for man's salvation, yet we must also believe, I am sure, that many others who sincerely seek to know God, Sikhs, Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists and many others, are blessed by him, and, as he is greater than his own rules, will find him through their own faiths.

We certainly should try in every proper way to help them to find him through Christ, for this is God's chosen way and his answer to man's needs, whereas their faiths are man's searchings, and it may be that he is harder to find through their traditions.

But I am very sure that our task is to show them something of his love through our care for them, and the degree to which we are prepared to help them in their times of need.

Tim Townshend

Church Services for June

Roman Catholic: Fr. Peter Marsh: Catholic Church 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

- 4th. Bawdeswell: 9.45 a.m. Family Service
Foxley: 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion 11 am. Methodist
 - 11th. Bawdeswell: see Foxley.
Foxley: 9.45 a.m. UNITED FAMILY SERVICE
Bawdeswell closed.
 - 18th. Bawdeswell: 9.45 a.m. Family Service
Foxley: 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 11 am. Mattins
 - 25th. Bawdeswell: 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
11 a.m. Mattins: 12 noon Holy Communion
Foxley: 9.45 a.m. Family Service
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Methodist: Rev. Ivor Claydon, 31, Trinity Close, Dereham. (9) 5528

- 4th. Bawdeswell 2.30 Miss Weeks
Foxley: 11 a.m. Rev. Fielder: Church Anniversary
 - 11th. Foxley: 2.30 p.m. Miss E. Jolly: SS.
 - 18th. Bawdeswell: 2.30 p.m. Rev. I. Claydon. Holy Communion
Foxley: see Parish Church
 - 25th. Foxley: 6.30 p.m. N. Davis.
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Folland Court

- June 12th. 10 a.m. Bible Study
 - June 25th. 10 a.m. Holy Communion
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NOTE: June 11th. Anyone in Bawdeswell wanting transport to the United Service in Foxley please contact the Rector.

BAWDESWELL & FOXLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Before our next meeting in June, Mrs.P.Larwood, our delegate to the Albert Hall will have had her exciting trip to London.

The Committee will have held its special meeting to plan next Year's programme.

The Monthly Meeting will be held in Foxley Village Hall on Monday, June 12th., at 7.45 p.m., and we look forward to welcoming Mrs.Jefford as our speaker, whose subject will be Crochet and Suede.

Future dates for the diary:

July 10th. Lady Margaret Barry and Mrs.Smith:

Talk:"Above and below the salt"

September 11th. Mr.John Kett:

entertains with Norfolk Song & Verse.

CHRISTIAN AID COLLECTION

We are very grateful indeed to the Collectors for Christian Aid: Mr.& Mrs.Fitzpatrick: Mrs.Nobbs: Mrs.Gregory and Mrs.Burlingham, and to all those who gave so generously.

The total received was £53.28p. considerably up on last year, and this has now been handed on to the Deanery Christian Aid Treasurer.

Thank you.

FOXLEY DANCE 19th.May

Unfortunately, perhaps owing to the weather, this Dance in aid of Church and Chapel Funds, was very poorly supported, and actually lost money to the extent of about £9. The organisers would welcome any small donations to make up this deficit.

SPONSORED WALK

Jimmy Elsdon of Foxley, the indefatigable, is once again organising a Sponsored Walk, this time in aid of Church and Chapel Funds.

He would be glad to hear as soon as possible from anyone with a bit of surplus energy who would be willing to join him, and who could get some sponsors.

THE PLAY GROUP

The Play Group continues much as usual, meeting on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays during school term, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in Bawdeswell Village Hall. There is still room for new members, and parents should contact Sarah Fitzjohn of Church Farmhouse, Main Street, Bawdeswell.

Another Sponsored Walk. On Thursday next, 8th. June, the Mothers and children of the Group are doing a sponsored walk from Bawdeswell Village Hall to Elsing Mill a distance there and back of about 5 miles.

The purpose of this is to raise money for two Calor Gas Heaters for the Group's use in the Village Hall, as it has been found that the overhead heaters are not fully adequate for the children in the winter.

This is a most imaginative effort, and if anyone would care to sponsor a Mum or a child, would they please get in touch with them as soon as possible. It is estimated that they need somewhere around £100 for the two heaters.

Teresa Skipper

Judy and Derek Webster of Foxley Post Office would like to thank Tereas Skipper for everything she has done for the hairdressing department. Due to hospitalisation in the near future she has to leave, and Miss Susan Hodge will be taking over full-time from 13th. June. Times of opening will be: Tues., Thurs., Friday., Sat. 9.00-5.30. Wed. 9.00 - 1.00 p.m.

AUSTIN LABAN PATTERSON aged 83.

We record with sorrow the death, at his sister's home in King's Lynn of Laban Patterson, late of the Bakery, Main Street, Bawdeswell.

Born and brought up in Foxley, where his father worked at Meale's Grocers' Shop, he worked for a time at Parfitt's Orchards. In the first war he served in the Royal Navy, and subsequently was apprenticed to Whitesides' the Bakers in Bawdeswell. Subsequently he took over the business, and until some 15 or so years ago traded in Bawdeswell.

He was a man of wide interests, having a passion for motor cycles and old cars which he used to do up. His other great interest was music, and for years he played the euphonium and later the saxophone.

As a euphonium player he was one of the mainstays of the Foxley Brass Band, long since gone, but in its day well known in the countryside, and he was a popular and likeable person, one of the real 'characters' of the past.

Our sympathy to his sister, and to all his friends: may he rest in peace.

BAWDESWELL VILLAGE HALL

SUMMER FETE AND BOWLS COMPETITION

SATURDAY, 24th. JUNE 2.00 p.m.

SIDE SHOWS: STALLS etc. All Profits to Village Hall Funds.

Raffle Tickets with good Prizes obtainable from Mr. A.E. Baker, The Street, Bawdeswell.

YOUR SUPPORT WILL BE WELCOME.

AN EYESORE GONE !

What a joy that the awful eyesore in the Main Street in Bawdeswell has gone at last, to make place for a new house, being built by Mr. & Mrs. Jarvis who have sold their house in Hall Road, and are temporarily living in a caravan behind the house-to-be. At the moment they are working very hard to get the house up, and they hope that it will be finished by the Autumn.

Across the street there is also feverish activity, as the new shop and Post Office is taking shape, so that the Dewings can move across the by-pass into the village proper.

These two will completely change the appearance of this end of the Village.

OUR WARMEST THANKS

to Mr. Barnes and Garry, who have started on the mammoth task of cutting the long grass around Bawdeswell Church. Already their efforts have showed splendid results.

Especially pleased, of course, is Mr. John Ames, who has carried the burden for so long, and who continues to keep the grass cut in the front. We perhaps take his hard work for granted, but he also deserves our warm thanks for his untiring efforts.

WE ARE GLAD TO SEE

that Garry (above) now seems completely recovered from the potent (and unknown) virus which landed him in Hospital, really very ill, not so long ago. For days he had to be fed through a tube, and yet remained cheerful in spite of this.

ALSO BETTER

is Teresa Webster of Foxley, who also was very ill for a time with an ulcer on her appendix which gave great cause for concern. She is now much brighter again, and is waiting until she is really fit before the offending appendix is removed - we hope very soon.

ALSO HOME AGAIN

Is Eric Burmester of Foxley, who spent some time in the Norfolk and Norwich for observation and treatment. We hope that his health will be completely recovered, and that he will take things fairly easy for the present.

AN EVENING OF

MIDSUMMER MERRIMENT

At **FOXLEY MANOR, FRIDAY, 23rd. JUNE**

CHEESE AND WINE : DANCING IN THE GARDEN

(in the Barn if wet)

TOMBOLA & EXHIBITIONS: LICENCED BAR

Proceeds in aid of **St. Thomas' Church, Foxley**

A few tickets still available: these (Price £1.50) may be obtained from **Mr. & Mrs. Charles Steward, Manor Farm, Foxley, Tel. Bawdeswell 202**