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THE RECTOR WRITES

Well, its come at last, the date of the long-expected election, and, whatever people's political views, I am sure that we are all glad, because what is needed so badly now is that one or other of the parties shall have a clear mandate from the Electors of thís country to govern firmly.

During these next five weeks we will all probably get heartily sick of the endless propaganda which will come to us via the television and the media, but I very much hope that we will listen to as much of it as we can stomach, and abáve all that we will listen with care to the views put over by the politicians belonging to parties other than our own, assuming that we are firm supporters of one particular party, and not 'floating voters': and incidentally, there's nothing wrong with being a floating voter, for it means, at its best, that you are genuinely ready to listen with care, and to make your own decision when it comes to the point of voting, on the basis of what you have heard, casting your vote for the party which you really believe will best serve the interests of the whole nation.

We do not yet know how many Candidates will be standing in our own Constituency: 1944, we had no less than 4, representing the Conservative (Paul Hawkins), Labour (Henry Toch) Liberal (Paul Nash) and Independent Powellite (Mrs. McNee), which certainly gave us a wide choice. I hope very much that once we know who they are, I will be able to persuade each to write a single page for The Reeve's Tale, giving them a chance to put their points of view briefly and clearly for the benefit of those of us who are unable to get over to wherever they are speaking to hear them in the flesh, so to speak: for with an enormous geographical area, it is clearly impossible for all of them to get to all the smaller villages.

But, come what may, the most important thing is that on May 3rd. we should all vote, for this is our democratic right, and if we do not, through indifference or laziness, then we have no right to criticise whatever Government we get.

Tim Townshend

SERVICES FOR APRIL

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

1st. Bawdeswell: 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion: 11 a.m. Mattins
Foxley: 9.45 a.m. Family Service.

8th. Palm Sunday

Bawdeswell: 9.45 a.m. Family Service
Foxley: 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 11. see Methodists

12th. Maundy Thursday Foxley: Holy Communion 10 a.m.
Bawdeswell Holy Communion 7.30 p.m.

13th. GOOD FRIDAY

Devotional Hour: Foxley. 12 - 1 p.m. Bawdeswell 2-3.

15th. EASTER DAY

Bawdeswell: 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
11.00 Special Easter Service

Foxley: 9.45 a.m. Family Service.

22nd. Bawdeswell: 9.45 a.m. Family Service

Foxley: 8.30. H.C. 11 am. Mattins: Preacher: Roy Coppack.

29th. Bawdeswell: 8.30 Holy Communion: 11 a.m. Mattins

Foxley: 9.45 a.m. Family Service.

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

1st. Foxley: 6.30 p.m.

8th. Bawdeswell: 2.30 p.m.

Foxley: 11 a.m.

15th. Foxley: 6.30 p.m.

22nd. Bawdeswell: 2.30 p.m.

Foxley: 2.30 p.m. Family Service.

29th. Foxley: 6.30 p.m.

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

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

Dereham Catholic Church: 10.30 & 6.30

For special Services Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and
Holy Saturday, please telephone Fr. Peter.

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FOLLAND COURT April 9th. Bible Study: 10 a.m.

April 23rd. Holy Communion 10 a.m.

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DEANERY SYNOD 27th. April: St. Michael's, Reepham, 7.30 p.m.

HEATHER DAVIS aged 31

The vast crowd, estimated at about 330, who gathered in Foxley Church on the afternoon of Sunday, March 18th. for the funeral of Heather Davis who died on 15th. March, spoke eloquently of the affection and respect in which she was held by the great number of people who knew and loved her. The Parish Church had been loaned for the purpose, as it was very clear that the expected crowd would not be able to fit into the Methodist Church. The Service was conducted by the Reverend Neville Morton, the Minister from North Walsham, himself a life-long friend of both of Heather's parents, and he was assisted by the Rector.

Heather had borne her long illness with the most wonderful courage, and it was a mark of the affection in which she was held by the Staff of the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, where she had spend so many of the months of this last year, that barely a day went by in the last weeks when one or other of the staff did not ring up to find out how she was.

On her milk round she always had a cheery smile and a greeting for her customers, and many people have spoken of how she had a real care for the elderly and the housebound, going far beyond her duties to see that they were not in any need which she could meet, and always ready to do little errands for them.

It was good that at the end she was able to be at home, and the last weeks were a time of contentment and of real happiness, as she was nursed devotedly by her mother and other close friends.

The Collection at the Service, for Cancer Research, amounted to £391, and we understand that many additional contributions are still coming in, and that something over £600 has so far been received: we hope to give a final figure at a later date.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Joan and Norman her parents, and to Paul and Annette, her brother and sister-in-Law, and to all the others who loved her. But her sadly short life was a triumph, and she now rests in peace.

PARISH COUNCIL NOTICES

BAWDESWELL

- From the Parish Clerk

District and Parish Council Elections are to be held on Thursday, 3rd. May, 1979. Bawdeswell Parish Council wishes to express their appreciation to Mrs. Janet Hatley our District representative for the help and guidance she has given while officiating for the Ward of Eynesford.

NOMINATION FORMS for the Bawdeswell Parish Council are held by me, and I will be pleased to assist anyone wishing to serve and help our Parish Council.

The Posters distributed in all the shops and on the Parish Council Notice Board indicate that I have to return all Parish Council Nomination Papers to Attleborough by 5th. April, so I need to have them before that date.

Don't be afraid to stand up and be counted.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held on Monday, 23rd. April, 1979 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. We hope that you will attend.

RENT The piece of land situated in Reepham Road is available to rent, as Mr. Meale of Clematis Cottages has relinquished his option.

Charles Sparkes: Parish Clerk.
Red Bricks, Dereham Road; Tel. 312.

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FOXLEY

- From the Parish Clerk

Elections for FIVE Parish Councillors are taking place as above, on Thursday, 3rd. May.

Nomination Forms can be obtained from me, and I will gladly give any help or advice.

Please note that these have to be returned by me to the Breckland District Council at Attleborough by 12 noon on 5th. April, so please act quickly, as there is not much time.

Henry Durham: Parish Clerk.
Chalet Poultry Farm, Tel. 277

NOTE:

We are very grateful to the Bawdeswell P.C. for the generous gift of £10.75 towards the costs of the Reeve's Tale.

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BAWDESWELL ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The Annual Church Meeting will take place in the Church on Monday, April 9th., at 7.30 p.m. Anyone whose name is on the Church Electoral Roll is entitled to vote for the new PCC, and for the Parish Representatives to the Deanery Synod.

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BAWDESWELL & FOXLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

We heard with regret that Mrs. Joanne Jolly our Speaker for March had to postpone her visit to us: our gratitude, therefore, goes to Mrs. Cockerton, President of the North Elmham Institute, who stepped into the breach, and gave our Branch its first singing lesson which was much enjoyed by all the members present.

The next Committee Meeting is due for 29th. March, at Church Farm House, Bawdeswell, and the next Monthly Meeting will be held on Monday, 9th. April at 7.45 p.m. in Foxley Village Hall. The Speaker will be Mr. Bennett, and his subject 'The care of House Plants'. He has kindly agreed to judge the Competition, which will be a flower arrangement in a saucer.

We hope to entertain about one hundred guests at the Group Meeting which is to be held in Foxley Village Hall on Monday, 2nd. April at 7.45 p.m., and Members are asked to help by bringing a few homemade biscuits, scones or small cakes.

AN ADVANCE DATE for Diaries, Members and non-Members alike: a COFFEE MORNING in aid of W.I. Funds to be held in the Bawdeswell Village Hall on Saturday morning, 19th. May, between 10 a.m. and 12 noon. There will be a home-made cake stall etc., and everyone is WELCOME.

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OUR SYMPATHY for Patricia Steward, who is now home again from Hospital, but is very far from well.

ALSO to Brian Winterbone of School House on the death of his father.

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FRIDAY: 27th APRIL

FOXLEY VILLAGE HALL

VILLAGE SOCIAL EVENING - 8 pm.

AMES FOR THE YOUNGER PEOPLE

DANCING ON THE NEW FLOOR!

MUSIC TO THE ORGAN (NOT TOO LOUD!)

IN FACT

FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY

REFRESHMENTS / BAR

ADMISSION BY TICKET ONLY -

obtainable from M^r HENRY DURHAM
OR at FOXLEY POST OFFICE

PRICE £1.00 (children 30p.)

ANOTHER REMINDER

a). FOXLEY FLOWER FESTIVAL
Friday, Saturday & Sunday, June 22nd., 23rd., 24th.
In Foxley Church:
Flower Displays on a theme: refreshments.
Helpers needed as Stewards; please contact Lady
Freeland if you are willing to give some time during these
three days.

b). THE SUMMER SPECTACULAR - June 16th. Organised by the
Friends of Bawdeswell School. To take place at the
School.
Further details later.

c).

YOUR BLOOD CAN SAVE LIFE

The National Blood Transfusion Service will be at
Reepham High School as follows:
Thursday, 19th. April, 2-4 and 4-7.30 p.m.
Friday, 20th. April, 10-12 noon, and 2-4 p.m.

If you are between 18 and 64 years of age, you will be
able to help in this vital service.

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MANY THANKS to those who wrote to their M.P. following what
I wrote about the Death Grant, which received some publicity:
I have had letters from several MPs as a result, expressing
sympathy and some degree of support. Time alone will tell
what will happen.

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STOP PRESS

We have just heard that owing to the forthcoming General
Election on May 3rd., the PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS
(see page 5) have been POSTPONED until May 24th. We do not
yet know if this means that Nominations will also be
delayed, but it is better to assume not, and to get on with
this as soon as possible.

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