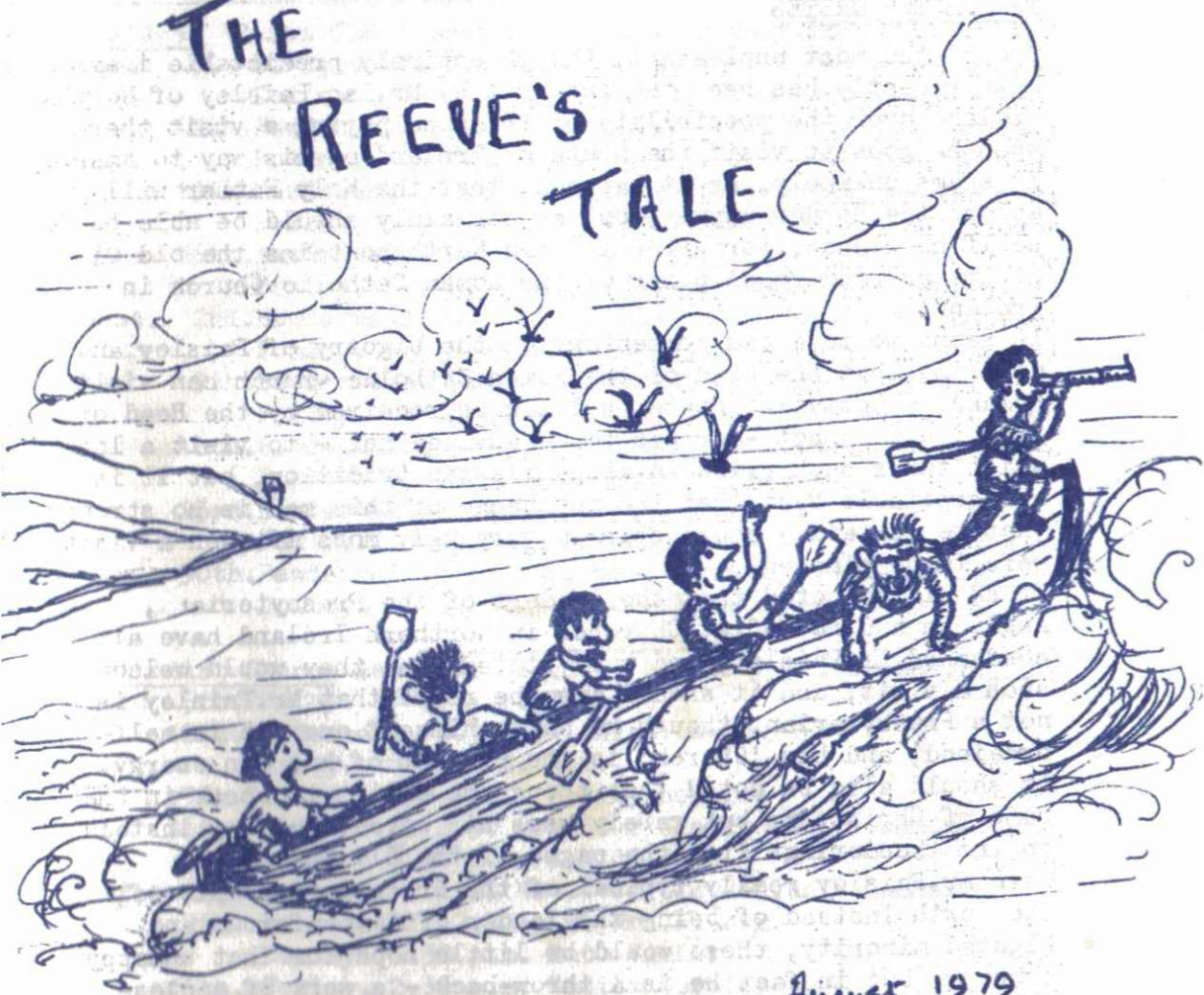


THE REEVE'S TALE



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THE RECTOR WRITES

One of the most unpleasant, though entirely predictable items of news recently has been the outburst by Mr. Ian Paisley of Northern Ireland over the possibility of the Pope paying a visit there when he goes to visit the South of Ireland on his way to America. It seems unlikely, as it happens, that the Holy Father will go across the Border anyway, but he certainly should be able to do so if he wishes, for after all the North contains the old City of Armagh, the focal point of the Roman Catholic Church in Ireland.

It seems to me a sad commentary on the bigotry of Paisley and his kind that the Head of the Roman Catholic Church can visit Poland, a Communist State, and can be received by the Head of State, but cannot - or has to be advised not - to visit a land which takes such pride in its Christian tradition, but it is a regrettable fact that the influence of this man is so strong that he certainly could stir up very ugly mobs if such a visit were to be planned.

It should be noted that the leaders of the Presbyterian, Anglican and Methodist Churches in Northern Ireland have all condemned Mr. Paisley, and have stated that they would welcome such a visit, and it should also be noted that Mr. Paisley is not a Presbyterian, though he calls himself one: he is self-ordained, and his 'Church' is the product of his own emergy. It should also be noted that though he claims to speak in the name of Christ, he but rarely uses his words, relying instead on the thunderings from the pages of the Old Testament.

Were Mr. Paisley really typical of the Protestant people of the North instead of being the leader of a vociferous and bigoted minority, there would be little hope for that unhappy country: but in fact he is a throw-back - a sort of ecclesiastical dinosaur - and, though he can make much noise and do much harm at present, the day will come when he will go, and it is unlikely that anyone with his immense and compelling powers of oratory will be found to take his place.

For the present we can only pray that the voices of moderation, of which there are many, can be heard more loudly, and, dare we add, that Mr. Paisley will be afflicted with permanent laryngitis !

Tim Townshend.

CHURCH SERVICES FOR AUGUST SEPTEMBERAnglican Canon Tim Townshend: Foxley Rectory.Tel.397

Aug. 5. Bawdeswell. 8.30 Holy Communion 11 am.Mattins
 Foxley: 9.45 a.m. Family Communion
 12th.Bawdeswell. 9.45 a.m. Family Service.
 Foxley. 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion.11 am.Mattins
 19th.Bawdeswell. 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion.11 am.Mattins
 Foxley. 9.45 a.m. Family Service
 26th.Bawdeswell. 9.45 a.m. Family Service
 Foxley. 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion
 Sept. 2nd.Bawdeswell. 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion.11 am.Mattins
 Foxley. 9.45 a.m. Family Service
 9th.Bawdeswell. 9.45 a.m. Family Service
 Foxley. 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion 11 am.Mattins
 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.HARVEST
 30th.Bawdeswell.8.30 a.m. Holy Communion 11 am.HARVEST
 Foxley. 9.45 a.m. Family Service

Methodist Church Rev.Ivor Claydon31,Trinity Cl.Dereham.(9)5528

Aug. 5th.Foxley. 11 a.m. N.Davis
 12th.Bawdeswell. 2.30 p.m. Miss Lawson
 Foxley. 6.30 p.m. L.A.
 19th.Foxley. 2.30 p.m. Family Service
 26th.Bawdeswell. 2.30 Rev.Ivor Claydon Holy Communion.
 Foxley. 6.30 p.m. G.Middleton
 Sept. 2nd. Foxley. 11 a.m. Rev.Ivor Claydon.Holy Communion
 9th. Bawdeswell. 2.30 p.m. Mrs.Fisher
 Foxley. 6.30 p.m. Ruth Fisher
 16th. Foxley. 2.30 p.m. Family Service
 23rd. Bawdeswell. 2.30 p.m.R.C.Lee
 Foxley. 6.30 p.m. Miss Jolly
 30th. Foxley. HARVEST 2.30 & 6.30. Mr.Morton.

Roman Catholic:Fr.Peter Marsh:Catholic Hse.London Rd.D'ham.(9)4066
 Mass each Sunday:RAF.Swanton Morley.9.am.D'ham Cath.Ch.10.30 & 6.30

Folland Court. No Services in August:

Sept.10th.Bible Study:24th.Holy Communion
 both at 10 a.m.

Lt.General Sir Ian Freeland aged 67

So much has been written in the Press recently about Sir Ian who died on 2nd. July in Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge, that it is hard to know what to say in these pages, except perhaps to think of him as we knew him in these villages, as a quiet, gentle man, a loving husband and father, and a good and caring neighbour, who served his Church faithfully and caringly as a Churchwarden and a regular worshipper.

Like the man in Kipling's poem 'IF', he could indeed 'talk with Kings, nor lose the common touch', and perhaps this was his greatest quality, that, distinguished as he undoubtedly was, not only for the past, but also in his capacity as Vice Lord Lieutenant of the County, he still was a villager in Foxley. The great numbers of people who attended both the 'quiet' funeral in the Church he loved so well, and the great Service of Thanksgiving, were moving tributes to the affection in which he was held, and he will be sorely missed.

Our hearts go out to his widow, Mary, to the children and the grandchildren, but we are thankful that, when the end came, it was relatively quick, and that he was able to carry out his duties and live his normal life until a very short time before his death.

He 'fought a good fight, and finished the course, and kept the faith', and now will rest in peace.

DEREHAM & DISTRICT TOY LIBRARY

This Toy Lending Library has now been in operation for two years, and is always very pleased to see new Members.

It is primarily designed for mentally and Physically handicapped children, but is now extending a welcome to long-term sick children (the non-infectious variety, please !)

We meet every 2nd. & 4th. Thursdays of the Month in the Church Rooms, Dereham (next the Church, just below the Phoenix Hotel) from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, and Mothers can have coffee and a chat while the children play and try out the toys.

The next Meeting will be on Thursday, 9th. August.

THE BAWDESWELL PLAYGROUP

The Summer Term ended with a 'beach party' at Wells for the children and their mothers, and a good time was had by all!

The Annual General Meeting was held in the Village Hall on 18th. July, and Mrs. Sandra Steward was elected as our new Chairman, with Mrs. Dorothy Taylor being elected as Secretary.

There are still vacancies for the coming Autumn Term for children of the 'playgroup' age - 3.5 years, and Mrs. Jill Potts the Supervisor is always pleased to answer any enquiries during the playgroup mornings, Tuesdays-Thursdays, 9.15 a.m. to 12 noon.

From September on, we will be holding a 'Coffee Shop' on the second Tuesday of each Month from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Everyone (including toddlers) is very welcome to come along and enjoy a cup of coffee, and to see the playgroup in action: there will also be a 'Bring & Buy' Stall at each meeting. The first date to remember is Tuesday, 11th. September.

Wanted - a Milk Lady.

The Playgroup is looking for a 'milk lady' to spend half to three-quarters of an hour each playgroup morning to help give the children their mid-morning break. This little job might appeal perhaps to a 'kindly Granny' or 'Great Aunt' person whose own offspring are far away! If anyone is interested, Sandra Steward (Bawdeswell 391) would be very glad to hear from them.

 WE ARE GLAD TO SAY that Jack Morters is at last beginning to respond to treatment, and may soon be home again: he has been away in Hospital for around 9 weeks now, and we are hoping he will be really fit for Ian's wedding in September.

 BEST WISHES to Bernard Fenn and Kim Green who get married in Bawdeswell Church on Saturday, 4th. August.

CRAZY !

" Three Wise men of Goschen
Went to sea in a tub.
If their tub had been stronger
My Tale had been longer."

So goes the old Rhyme: and I suppose that the modern equivalent might be:

" Six Crazy Men from Bawdeswell Garage
Went to sea in a raft
(which looks like a cross
between a German sausage
and a Banana.
What a craft!)
If their cause were not so good,
You'd have said that they were daft!

But their cause is very good, because on Sunday, 5th. August, at 4 p.m. they set out on a Sponsored Raft Race from Sheringham to Cromer on the open sea to raise money for three causes: The Cromer & Sheringham R.N.L.I., The Mundesley Voluntary Inshore Rescue Service, and the Elizabeth Fitzroy Home at Overstrand for Mentally and Physically Handicapped Children. Just in case there's a Force Nine Gale on 5th., they will go on August 19th.

Mike and his merry men are looking for Sponsors, or better still, direct DONATIONS, for this most excellent and imaginative adventure, which it is hoped will raise a lot of money.

This is rather short notice, so the time to act is NOW, and if you care to give a donation, large or small, please give this to any of the Crew, or drop it in when you are passing the Garage.

(And keep your fingers crossed on 5th. August, whi tever you do!)

THE STRAWBERRY TEA

We were very lucky with the weather on 8th. July, when we had the Strawberry Teas in the Marquee in the grounds of Bawdeswell Hall. It was not too hot, but just right, and exactly the right number of people came along, as was shown by the fact that there were enough refreshments and stwarberries for all, but practically nothing left over. Our warm thanks for such a delightful afternoon, especially to Mr.& Mrs.Gurney for letting us use the Marquee, and also to Mrs.G.Dewing and Mr.N.Whybrow for their generosity and co-operation, as well, of course, to the large number of people who worked so hard and gave so generously. We cleared some &80 or so, which was an excellent result.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCILS.

The PCCs will meet at follows:

Bawdeswell: Friday, 3rd. August, 7.30 p.m.

Foxley: Wednesday, 1st. August, 8 p.m.

Both Meetings will be held in the Rectory.

BAWDESWELL & FOXLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Outing to City Hall, followed by supper at Lenwade House on July 9th. was much enjoyed by all the ^members who participated.

The garden Meeting which was held in the summer room in Bawdeswell Hall was a very pleasant and relaxed affair: as our President was away on holiday, Mrs.Loose, the Vice President for Bawdeswell, was in the chair. Apart from the business, we enjoyed a tour of the gardens so beautifully kept by Mr.Loose, and towards the end of the evening the delicious refreshments provided by Mrs.Loose.

It has been suggested that we look for an assistant Secretary who would be willing to help out in a crisis. We all know that Mrs.Curtis' mother is very ill, and this makes severe demands on her time: she would much appreciate help with correspondence and so on.

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Women's Institute continued.....

We are sorry to have to report that subscriptions for 1980 will be £2.25p. Like everything else we are caught by inflation, and the WI has to pay its way.

Please note that both the September and October Meetings will be held in Bawdeswell Village Hall, and there will be NO Meeting in August.

Dates to remember:

Monday, 3rd. September, Committee Meeting 7.30 p.m. at Mrs. Winter's home in Foxley.

Monday, 10th. September, the Meeting in Bawdeswell Village Hall, when the Speaker will be Mr. Wilkinson, and his subject Silver.

Monday, 1st. October: Group Meeting in North Elmham, when the Speaker will be Dick Condon.

Monday, 8th. October, Bawdeswell Village Hall, 7.45 p.m. when the Speaker will be Mrs. M. Cook and her subject Christmas Decorations.

CHEESE & WINE PARTY

Friday, 14th. September, at the Rectory, in aid of Bawdeswell Church Funds. Details - cost of Tickets and so on - will be worked out at the Bawdeswell PCC Meeting, so are not yet available, but Tickets can be obtained from Mrs. Ames, of Barwick House, after 4th. August. Numbers of tickets limited owing to the size of the house. Tombola, Competitions and so forth.

THE NEXT REEVE'S TALE, as is our custom, will not appear until the middle of September, and will be the September-October issue. Please note that the Services for September and October are both printed in this issue.
