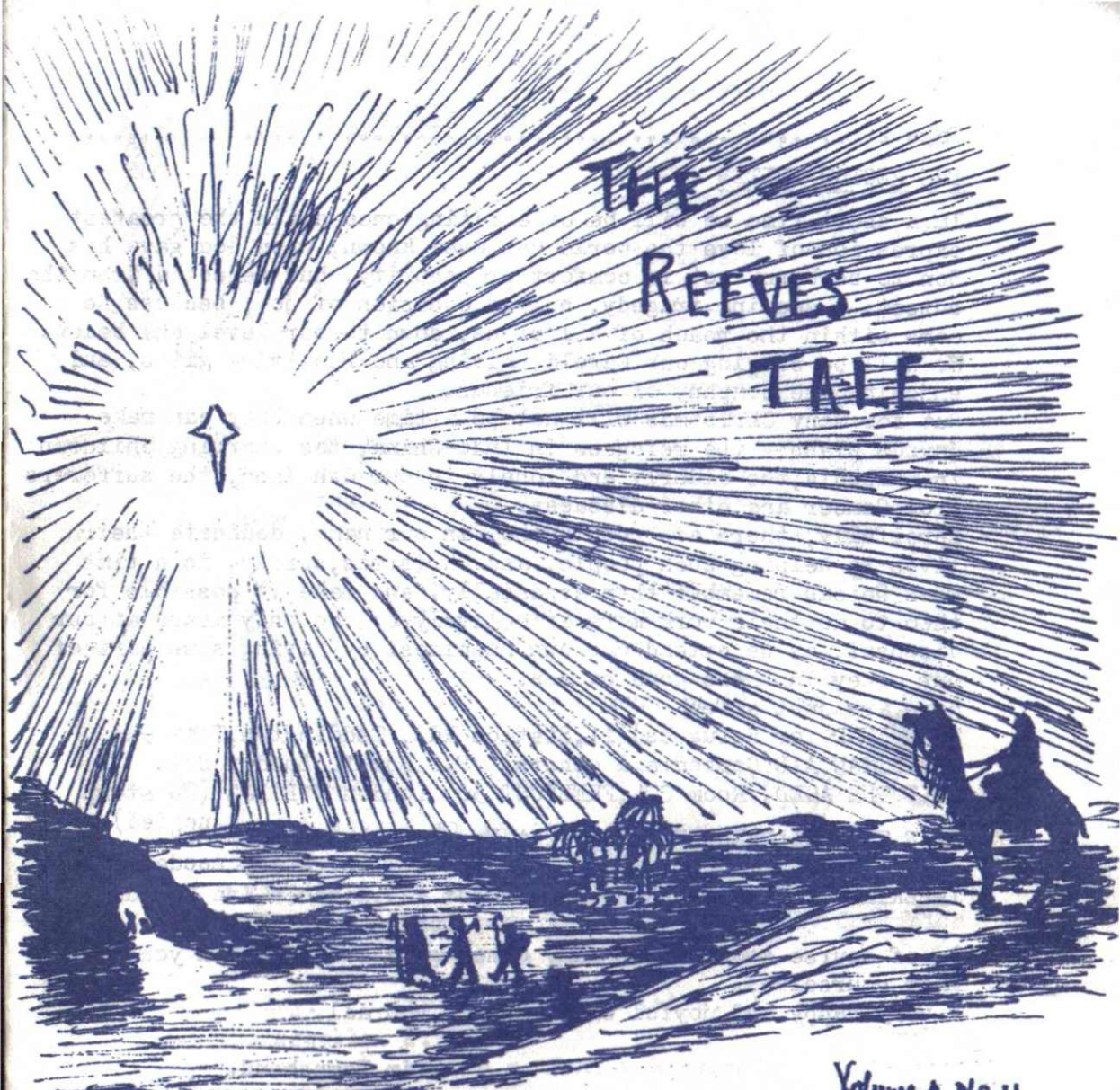


# THE REEVES TALE



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THE RECTOR WRITES

In a short time we will be celebrating once again the greatest expression of love the world has ever known, when God gave his Son to be born, not in comfort or security, but rejected from the outset: a seeming tragedy, but an occasion of joy, because he came within the reach of all of us, down to our level and below. We will be singing our Carols, giving and receiving gifts, and enjoying the company of our friends.

But for many Christmas will not be a time when they can make joyous plans: the refugees in Indo-China, the starving children in Cambodia, the elderly and lonely in our own land, the sufferers from Cancer and other diseases.

Mercifully, there are people who, in our name, dedicate their lives to helping such people, and Christmas, surely, is a time when we can remember them especially, and make it possible for them to do their work more effectively by the only means at our disposal, as we extend our own happiness by giving some part of our money in these good causes.

Here are just a few:

TEAR FUND (for Refugees) 11, Station Rd., Teddington, TW11 9AA

CHRISTIAN AID (Cambodia & others) P.O. Box 1, London SW1.

HELP THE AGED. Room CT4, FREEPOST 30, London W1E 7JZ (No stamp

needed)

SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND. Dept. 211, Freepost, London SW9 0BR  
(no stamp needed)

IMPERIAL CANCER RESEARCH FUND. PO Box 123, Lincoln Inn Fields,  
London WC2A 3PX

Or of course some of the many other good causes which you may know yourselves.

A very happy and joyful Christmas to you all.

Tim Townshend.

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CHRISTMAS FAIR 8th. December. Bawdeswell Village Hall.

If any kind person would care to make a cake for this, we would be grateful if they could give it to either Mrs. Elsdon (senior) The Gables, Main Street, or Mrs. Ames, Barwick House, or bring it along on the day.

Thank you !

CHURCH SERVICES FOR DECEMBER

Anglican Canon Tim Townshend: Foxley Rectory. Tel.397

- 2nd. Bawdeswell: 9.45 a.m. Family Service.  
Foxley: 8.30 am. Holy Communion:11 am.Mattins
- 9th. Bawdeswell: 8.30 am. Holy Communion:11 am. Mattins  
Foxley: 9.45 a.m. Family Service
- 16th. Bawdeswell: 9.45 a.m. Family Service  
Foxley: 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion.11am.see Methodists
- 23rd. Bawdeswell: 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion.  
6.00 p.m. CRIB & CAROL SERVICE  
Foxley: 11.00 a.m. CRIB & CAROL SERVICE

CHRISTMAS: Bawdeswell: 11.45 p.m. (Eve) MIDNIGHT EUCHARIST  
8.30 a.m. Holy Communion.10.45 am.Readings&Carols  
Foxley: 9.45 a.m. FAMILY SERVICE  
(Holy Communion with Christmas Hymns/Carols)

- 30th. Bawdeswell: 9.45 a.m. Family Service  
Foxley: 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion:11 a.m. Mattins

FOLLAND COURT: Dec.10th. Bible Study: 10 a.m.  
Dec.17th. Holy Communion 10 a.m.

Methodist Church:Rev.Ivor Claydon,31,Trinity Close,Dereham  
Tel.(9)5528)

- 2nd. Bawdeswell: 2.30 p.m. Mrs.Coleman  
Foxley: 2.30 p.m. Mrs.Middleton
- 9th. Foxloy: 6.30 p.m. L.A.
- 16th. Bawdeswell: 2.30 p.m. Rev.I.Claydon: Holy Communion  
Foxley: . 2.30 p.m. CAROLS
- 23rd. Foxley: to be announced later.
- 30th. Bawdeswell: 2.30 p.m.  
Foxley: 2.30 p.m. Family Service

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

Mass each Sunday:RAF Swanton Morley 9 a.m.  
Dereham Catholic Church 10.30 & 6.30 p.m.

For Christmas Services: ring Father Peter.

ROBERT ROBINSON FLETCHER aged 66

Our deepest sympathy must go out to Mrs.Fletcher and her family on the sudden and unexpected death of Bob Fletcher such a short time after his retirement from his home near Hull to live in Foxley West: he and his wife had made this move to be near their son, and had hoped for many happy years here. Coming from a long line of seamen, Bob joined the Royal Marine Commandoes at the outset of the war, and was mentioned in despatches after the Sicily landings: after the war was over, he joined the British White Fish Meal and Oil Company as Transport Manager, and, working from St.Andrew's Dock in Hull, travelled extensively in the course of his work. We are glad to know that Mrs.Fletcher intends to stay in Foxley, near his son, also Bob, and some of the grandchildren, and we hope that she will find great happiness here. May he rest in peace.

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WE WERE ALL VERY SAD to hear of the serious accident to Paul Turner of Bawdeswell, who was knocked off his motorbike by a car coming out of a side road, and as a result has had to have his left leg amputated, fortunately just below the knee. Paul was a keen footballer, and so for him this is a double blow but he is also a young man of great courage, who will make the best of a bad job. His parents have asked us to put a note in the Reeve's Tale expressing their gratitude to the great number of people who have been so kind to them and who have shown such concern for Paul.

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JACK MORTERS of Foxley is back in the Norfolk & Norwich once again, in Filby Ward. He is not very well, but we hope that he will soon begin to make progress.

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HOLY BAPTISM

We were glad to welcome into membership of the Church Mark James Hill, and also Barbara Ann, and Anna Marie Rose.

THE PLAYGROUPE

The Nativity Play, performed by the children, will take place on Thursday, 13th. December, in place of the Coffee Morning, at 11 a.m. All are very welcome, and we hope that some of the older people will be able to come along.

The Draw for the Raffle will also take place on this occasion, and Tickets will shortly be available.

Owing to ill health, the Deputy Supervisor, Mrs. Anne Marie Leslie, has had to leave, and the Supervisor and Mums would wish to thank her for all her help: the new Deputy is Mrs. Dorothy Taylor of the Old Police House.

Since September, the following children have joined the Group: Sharon Hall, Joanne Pickavance, Karen Shepherd, Caroline Millar, Michael Flynn, William Most, Katherine Milk and Jacqueline Saviour. They are a welcome addition, and seem to be enjoying themselves !

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THE SENIOR CITIZENS' CLUB

The Sale which took place on 24th. November was a tremendous success, and reached a record sum of £153, with the addition of a few late donations.

The Organisers and the Members of the Club have asked us to thank very warmly all who helped in so many ways, and also all who came along to make it such a happy occasion.

The Club which meets every Wednesday afternoon at 2 p.m. in the Club Room in Folland Court is open to all Senior Citizens from either Village, and any who care to come will be very welcome.

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THERE WILL BE an Adult Confirmation in Bawdeswell Church on Thursday, 20th. December, when, I am glad to say, we will be presenting six Candidates to the Bishop of Thetford.

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VOLUNTEERS WANTED

to help on a rota with the cleaning of Bawdeswell Church: if you feel you can help, please contact Mrs. Irene Ames, Barwick House, Bawdeswell.

THE SCHOOL

The School Nativity Play will take place on Tuesday, 19th., and on Wednesday, 20th. December in the afternoon.

The Parents' Christmas Party will be on Friday, 14th. December Tickets £2.00, which included a glass of hot toddy, music, dancing and a buffet.

The Children's Christmas Party will be on the last day of Term, Thursday, 20th., starting at 3 p.m.: there will be the usual fun and games, a disco, tea, films, and of course Father Christmas will be in attendance.

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THE BAWDESWELL & FOXLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

We are pleased to be able to report that we managed to persuade Mrs. Hepburn Wright not to retire from the Committee and from the position of President, but to remain in office for another year: our gratitude also to Mrs. Loose who thought that she had retired, but who also agreed to remain on the Committee for a further year. We also welcomed two new members, Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Spencer. Being on the Committee has its serious side, but it is also fun, so do consider the possibility of letting your name go forward next year.

It was a pleasure to have Mrs. Mingay back with us even if only for one evening.

The Christmas Party will be held in Bawdeswell Village Hall on Monday, 10th. December at 7.30 p.m. As the party is to be in Bawdeswell this year we hope that there will be an increase in the number of Bawdeswell Members able to be present.

A Committee Meeting prior to the Party will be held in Mrs. Larwood's house on Thursday, 6th. December, at 7.30 p.m.

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CONGRATULATIONS to Jane Webster and her friends, who organised a Blue Peter Bring & Buy Sale at very short notice in Foxley Village Hall. We have not heard the final result, but we hear that they raised something between £25 and £30, which, for a very small community, was excellent.

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A TIME FOR GIVING

As for several years now, we hope once again to collect your gifts at the Christmas Trees in our two Churches and to take them on Christmas Eve to the Children's Home, Garfield House, Dereham.

Judging by the last three years, these will be very warmly welcomed, and, although the Warden and his wife do provide the children there with lovely presents, are a most useful extra, over and above what their limited funds will stretch to.

What we are especially glad to receive are NOT toys, as those on the spot alone know the special needs of the particular children they have with them, but those nice extras, such, for example, as Crackers, Sweets, tins of Biscuits, Balloons perhaps, and suchlike, as these are the things which help to make their Christmas Party really go.

You have been wonderfully generous over the years, and I am sure that you will be so again: and I suspect that with the cut-back in the money available for the Social Services in recent months, the funds available may well be shorter, so that your gifts will be, if possible, even more welcome.

As you will see from overleaf, the two Services in question will be:

Foxley: Sunday 23rd. December, 11 a.m.

Bawdeswell: Sunday 23rd. December, 6.00 p.m.

Do come along to one or other of these Services, at which we will once again fill our Cribs and sing our Carols, and help to make them real 'Family' Services with Mum and Dad and the children present, in memory of that family who, unlike our own, were rejected by the local community, and who could find no place for rest except in a smelly stable.

We have so much to be thankful for: let us pass on some part of our own happiness to those children in Dereham.

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SOME  
EVENTS in DECEMBER

SATURDAY 8<sup>TH</sup>

CHRISTMAS FAIR

2.00 pm.

BAWDESWELL VILLAGE HALL

THURSDAY 13<sup>TH</sup>

PLAYGROUP NATIVITY PLAY

11 a.m.

BAWDESWELL VILLAGE HALL

TUES. & WED. 19<sup>TH</sup> & 20<sup>TH</sup>

SCHOOL NATIVITY PLAY

in the School

SUNDAY 23<sup>RD</sup>

CRIB, CAROL & GIFT SERVICES

FOXLEY CHURCH

11.00 a.m.

BAWDESWELL CHURCH

6.00 p.m.