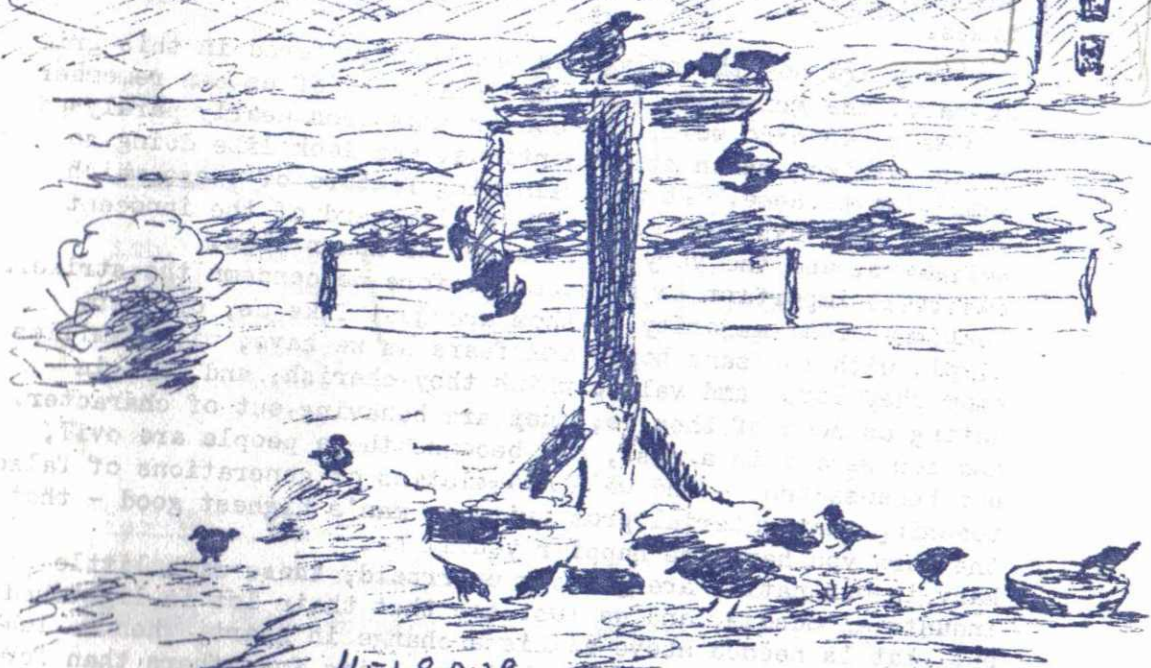


# THE REEVE'S TALE



HELP OUR  
BIRDS

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THE RECTOR WRITES

The blackbird hopped laboriously through the deep snow up to the wire mesh fence, there to keep the cat away from the bird-table. The mesh was too fine for it to squeeze through, so after a moment it made a supreme effort, and flew the two feet up, over the top, and down into the sanctuary. It took one or two hops towards the food a foot or two off, but then stopped and crouched down. A moment or so later its head drooped, and when I went to pick it up, I found that it was dead - possibly old age, but more likely hunger or thirst. Only one among thousands which will have died these last weeks in our Arctic conditions, but a challenge to us to do what we can to spare something for the birds, which give us such great joy in warmer times.

But they are not the only ones who have suffered in this grim January, the grimmest, I suppose, that any of us can remember, for as we know so well, the country has been nearly paralysed by the strikes which still continue, and look like doing so for some time to come. The most alarming feature of these which we have had, has been the callous disregard of the innocent sufferers, and the very real danger to human life.

But it is important to remember, before we condemn the strikers, that the great majority of them are just like us, ordinary people with the same hopes and fears as we have, with families whom they love, and values which they cherish, and that in acting as some of them do, they are behaving out of character. And now we are in a mess, not because these people are evil, but because they - and we - are victims of generations of false teaching that material prosperity is man's highest good - that the more you have the happier you'll be.

Many in our nation are grossly undrrpaid, those with little industrial muscle, and we must see that their lot is lightened; but what is needed above all is a change in heart, when we learn that there is more joy to be had in caring for others than for ourselves: let us pray that this time will come.

Tim Townshend



Services for February, 1979

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

Mass each Sunday: RAF Swanton Morley 9.00 a.m.  
Dereham Catholic Church, 10.30 & 6.30.

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

- 4th. Bawdeswell: 8.30. Holy Communion; 11 a.m. Mattins  
Foxley: 9.45 a.m. Family Service
- 11th. Bawdeswell: 9.45 a.m. Family Service  
Foxley: 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion 11. see Methodists
- 18th. Bawdeswell: 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion; 11 a.m. Mattins  
Foxley: 9.45 a.m. Family Service
- 25th. Bawdeswell: 9.45 a.m. Family Service  
Foxley: 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion; 11 a.m. Mattins.

ASH WEDNESDAY, 28th. Feb. Holy Communion: 10 a.m. Bawdeswell.

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

- 4th. Foxley: 6.30 p.m. P.D. Coleman
- 11th. Bawdeswell: 2.30 p.m. Mrs. Middleton  
Foxley: 11 a.m. Rev. Ivor Claydon
- 18th. Foxley: 6.30 p.m. D. Hicks
- 25th. Bawdeswell: 2.30 p.m. Rev. Ivor Claydon  
Foxley: 2.30 Family Service. N. Davis

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FOLLAND COURT

Monday, 12th. February: Bible Study 10 a.m.

Monday, 26th. February; Holy Communion. 10 a.m.

NEW CLUB

The Christmas and New Year period heralded the formation of the Bawdeswell & Foxley Juniors Football Team. To date two matches have been played against strong opposition, namely the Dereham Youth Football Club.

The games were played at Church Middle School, Dereham, and the team gave very creditable performances, which augurs well for the future.

Dean Winter, Mark Ash and Nicky Davis (2) were the team's scorers in the first match, with Steven Wright showing skill and determination, but the opposition proved too strong, the final score being Dereham F.C. 7, Bawdeswell & Foxley Juniors 4.

Smarting from this defeat a return fixture was quickly arranged, but, alas, despite holding Dereham 1 - 1 at half-time, the team suffered a lapse in concentration early in the second half, allowing their opponents to score four quick goals. The final score was 6 - 2, with Mark Ash and David Gill scoring for Bawdeswell & Foxley. As a matter of fact, David's goal in this match would have made a suitable nomination for BBC TVs "Goal of the Month" Award, being scored from fully 30 metres with a tremendous shot.

So far the following boys have participated in the two matches: Steven, Tony and Trevor Wright, Mark and David Gill, Mark and Simon Ash, Nicky and Timmy Davis, Dean Winter, Sebby Fitzjohn, Andrew Wells and Warwick Ames.

If there are any other boys between 10 and 13 years of age who would like to be considered for future fixtures, please contact Bawdeswell 414.

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Editor's Note: A warm welcome to this new Club and to its organisers: we hope to hear a lot more of them in the days ahead.  
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BAWDESWELL PLAYGROUP

We are now back in full production again after the Christmas break, and have some vacancies at the playgroup now, a number



of children having reached school age.  
All children of three years old are most welcome, and we meet in Bawdeswell Village Hall on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9.15 a.m. to 12 noon.

We were very pleased that the Christmas Hamper Raffle realised £26 for the playgroup funds: many thanks to all those who contributed.

The playgroup would be very grateful for any toys or games that you no longer need.

We are very sorry to be losing our Supervisor, Ronnie Winter, who has been with the playgroup for the last year: she has worked very hard for us, and the children are very fond of her. If anyone is interested in applying for this post, please contact either:

Mrs. Marion Macnair, 14, Hall Road, Tel. 305,  
or: Mrs. Nerys Meadows, 37, Hall Road, Tel. 359,  
who respectively are Secretary and Treasurer, or any member of the Committee.

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BAWDESWELL & FOXLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Whether or not we have been inspired to do any for ourselves, there is no doubt that we all enjoyed Mrs. Davis' talk on Patchwork at our January Meeting.

In February we warmly welcome a return visit from Mr. Winter, who will be showing us some more travel films. He has also kindly agreed to judge the competition for the month, which is to be a short poem of not more than six lines, on the attractions of either Kenya or Canada.

There will be a Committee Meeting at Mrs. Loose's on Monday, 5th. February at 7.30 p.m., and the Monthly Meeting will be held at Foxley Village Hall on Monday, 12th. February, 7.45 p.m.

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Holy Baptism

We welcomed into the Church on 21st. January,  
Emily Louise Bolton and  
James Paul Martin.

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A letter from Mrs.Lloyd Lewis

In answer to Mr.Sparkes' letter as Clerk to the Parish Council, which appeared in last Month's Reeve's Tale, I wish to say how sorry I am that Mr.George Kemp has had to resign as Chairman, from reasons which reflect on the loyalty of some of the members of the Council.

As Churchwarden and on behalf of the Mothers' Union we wish to thank Mr,Kemp for the strenuous efforts he made to obtain the by-pass in our village. Imagine the plight of those Bawdeswell people who live in the Street, and of mothers taking their children to school if at the moment we were subjected, day and night, to constant streams of 40-Ton lorries going up and down our narrow street. It caused much suffering to the health of the late Mr.Ebbans.

Perhaps we could all show our appreciation by appearing more often at future Parish Council Meetings, and in giving our support to those public-spirited persons who serve us so well.

A.E.L.Lewis.

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BLOOD DONORS URGENTLY REQUIRED

Under the Auspices of the National Blood Transfusion Service, from its branch at Cambridge, there will be an opportunity to give badly-needed blood as follows:

Place: Reepham High School (formerly Sec.Mod)

Dates: Thursday,19th.April; 2-4 and 5-7.30 p.m.

Friday, 20th.April; 10-12 and 2-4 p.m.

If you are between the ages of 18 and 64, you will be very welcome, and your blood might save someone's life.

Anyhow, it is always possible that one day you might need blood yourself.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

FOXLEY FLOWER FESTIVAL

Friday, 22nd. June to Sunday, 24th. June 1979.

It is planned to hold a Flower Festival in St. Thomas' Church, Foxley on the three days above, and we hope that it will be a great success.

If any reader of Reeve's Tale would care to plant bulbs or get seeds to grow for the occasion, OR would be willing to help with teas, Stalls, the marshalling of the Festival or the clearing up which will be needed, or in fact in any other way, we would be most grateful if they could contact Mrs. Margaret Joice, The Chequers, Foxley, Tel. Bawdeswell 316.

More details later on, but we hope that everyone will visit the Festival, and will keep these dates clear.

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Day Centre at Reepham

Plans are in hand to open a Day Centre at St. Michael's Hall, Reepham, for any elderly, House-bound or handicapped people living within a ten mile radius of Reepham.

The organisers would like to hear of eligible people who might benefit from a day in company, with coffee, lunch and tea provided, and also to hear from volunteers for a rota of helpers, and car-owner drivers, so that the Centre will be adequately manned. The Social Services will pay a mileage allowance.

If you are interested, please contact any of the following: Edmund Easten, Saxthorpe 244; Michael Pickering, Foulsham 275, or Clive Robin, Gt. Itchingham 381.

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Deanery Lent Course: Wednesdays 7.30 p.m.

March 7th. St. Michael's, Reepham: Subject; Silent Prayer and Meditation: Speaker, Canon Derek Price.

14th. same place: Subject: Intercession; Speaker, Peggy Pratten

28th. Sparham Church: Subject, Contemplative Prayer: Speaker, Hilary Wakeman

April 4th. Sparham: Subject, Children's prayers; Speaker, Myrtle Hatney