

THE REEVE'S TALE



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THE RECTOR WRITES

A Happy New Year to you all, and may 1979 be a time of real joy and opportunity.

It has certainly started with a bang with this incredibly cold patch, which I have no doubt the children of to-day will bore their own children with in years to come, as they tell of how diesel oil froze in central heating systems and lorries, of how the milk froze in milk bottles left outside by the unwary, and of how the snow was so cold and powdery that it would not make into snow-men, as it couldn't be made to pack together: in fact the only snow-man around is the joyly little chap on the cover of this Month's Reeve's Tale.

In fact the first Reeve's Tale of course for 1979, a bit late as the January one always is, but Volume 4., No.1 for all that.

As you all know, this is issued free to every house in the two Parishes, and exists entirely through the kindness of those of you who gave Donations from time to time, and May I thank all who have already done so for this coming year. But with rising costs, we do need this help if we are to have a Community Mag., which mayn't be all that good, but at least does provide a means of communication for anyone who cares to use it as such, and such will be gratefully received, either at Foxley Post Office, or by Brian Winterbone, or directly by me. Any time in the year will do, if, like me, you are still feeling broke after Christmas !

CONFIRMATION

Once again we come to the time when I ask for names of those young or old who feel that they might like to consider Confirmation into the full membership of the Church.

If you are interested, I would be glad if you would let me know reasonably soon, as I hope to start discussion groups in the reasonably near future.

Tim Townshend.

CHURCH SERVICES for January, 1979

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

- 7th. Foxley: 6.30 p.m. Mr.D.Potter
- 14th. Bawdeswell: 2.30. Rev.Ivor Claydon.
Foxley: 11 a.m. Mr.Max Dixon
- 21st. Foxley: 6.30 p.m. Rev.Ivor Claydon
- 28th. Bawdeswell 2.30 p.m. Mr.Max Dixon
Foxley: 2.30 Family Service

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.

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

- 7th. Bawdeswell: 8.30 Holy Communion: 11 a.m. Mattins
Foxley: 9.45 a.m. Family Service.
- 14th. Bawdeswell: 9.45 a.m. Family Service
Foxley: 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
11 a.m. see Methodist Church
- 21st. Bawdeswell. 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion
11 a.m. Mattins
Foxley: 9.45 a.m. Family Service
- 28th. Bawdeswell: 9.45 a.m. Family Service
Foxley. 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion
11 a.m. Mattins

FOLLAND COURT

Monday,8th.January: Bible Study 10 a.m.
Monday,22nd.January: Holy Communion 10 a.m.

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THURSDAY,25th.January: Conversion of S.Paul.
Holy Communion:Bawdeswell.10 a.m.

Bawdeswell & Foxley Women's Institute

The Institute year began with a most successful Christmas Party held in Foxley Village Hall. Some of the guests who were invited from other W.I.s were temporarily lost in Bawdeswell where there was a Council Meeting in progress, but we hope and believe that they all finally arrived at the right place!

For gaining most points in competitions during the year, Mrs. Copeland became the first member to win the President's Shield, which she holds until December, 1979; second prize was won by Mrs. Lillwall, with Mrs. Fitzjohn third. The retiring President was presented with a most beautiful cyclamen.

At the December Meeting of the Committee the new President, Mrs. Hepburn Wright, chose her Officers as follows: Secretary, Mrs. Olive Curtis; Treasurer, Mrs. Eileen Larwood; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. H. Loose and Mrs. M. Parfitt, and Committee Members, Mrs. Ames, Mrs. Fitzjohn and Mrs. Winters.

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, 8th. January, at 7 p.m. in Bawdeswell Village Hall and this will be followed at 7.45 p.m. by the Monthly Meeting, when we hope to welcome as our Speaker Mrs. Judith Davis, whose subject will be Patchwork. New members will be most welcome.

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WELL DONE - a variety of Carol Singers who went out and around Foxley before Christmas: they varied from a young quartet, who raised 90p. for the Church, and did very well, to an older group, who sang for 'Action in Distress', a Charity designed to help helpless children in other lands: they raised no less than £14.

Congratulations to both lots on their excellent efforts: the difference in the amount raised was accounted for by the fact that the older ones went round by car, and covered a much larger area: the enthusiasm in each case was the same.

WASTE PAPER

The third collection during 1978 proved to be the largest, and realised the increased sum of £10.75.

Many thanks to all who helped to accumulate the paper, and we look forward to 1979 with expectations.

A message from the Clerk to Bawdeswell Parish Council

As Clerk to the Parish Council it is my unhappy duty to inform all Parishioners of Bawdeswell Village that at our last meeting Mr.G.E.Kemp resigned, with effect from 27th.November, 1978, as Chairman and Councillor of our Village Parish Council.

The reasons given for his decision are insufficient support from fellow Councillors, and that some of our Parishioners have made it impossible for him to fulfil satisfactorily the duties of the office.

It is regretted that he would not reconsider his decision, as during the years George Kemp served on the Council he has gone out of his way to help within, and often beyond his office limitations, anyone requiring assistance in our village, irrespective as to who they were. In addition, he has assisted quite a few Sporting and Social activities outside the village - so now we have lost a willing worker.

It is a great pity that criticisms of matters concerning village life are not taken up at official meetings instead of directing them at any one individual. Our Parish Meetings are open to the public and press and information of times and dates are posted up on the Parish noticeboard, situated near the Village Butcher's shop. You are welcome to attend.

C.W.Sparkes

Clerk to the Bawdeswell Parish Council.

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A BIG THANK YOU

to all who brought so many presents to the two Carol Services in Bawdeswell and Foxley: these, something over 80 in number, were taken to Garfield House, Dereham, as gifts to the children and families there, and the Master and Matron ask me to express their warmest thanks for this thoughtfulness on the part of the village people. These made a great contribution to the success of their Christmas.

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RING OUT THE OLD, RING IN THE NEW.

It was a real joy to hear the Foxley Church Bells, silenced for so many years, ring out again on Christmas Eve, thanks to those who have seen to their repair, and to the enthusiasts, local and otherwise, who came along to ring them.

Change ringing is a peculiarly English art, as well as being a very skilful one, and it certainly seems a pity that where there are bells they should not be rung; so it is very much to be hoped that it will be possible to get some local people trained, so that we can once again hear them ringing regularly.

THE CAROL SERVICES

in both Churches were packed out, and the children in both villages did their parts splendidly: in Foxley, on Christmas Eve, in particular, there were real problems with both the seating - in spite of a large number of extra chairs brought in - and the heating, and although those in the Chancel were warm enough, those in the Nave must have nearly frozen to death ; in fact one person told me that it took 24 hours for his feet to warm up - but that he had enjoyed it nevertheless !

The other Christmas Services were very well attended, and in fact it was a very lovely Christmas all round.

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CHOIR OUTING

We have now booked the date for the visit of the Bawdeswell Choir to the Pantomime in Norwich - Friday, 2nd. February, in the evening: we hope that by then the Big Freeze will have let up, and that the children will enjoy it. We will welcome donations towards the cost of this, and these should be given to either Churchwarden, Mr. Gurney or Mrs. Lewis, to Mr. Winterbone our Treasurer, or to me. Thank you. Incidentally it is probably the best Panto for many years.

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POPPY DAY APPEAL

The Bawdeswell Appeal amounted to £34.60, and we congratulate those who collected, and also, of course, those who gave so generously.

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WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS

to all concerned in the great variety of School activities which took place towards the end of the Term: the Adult Dance, the first of its kind, was a huge success, and was pretty well packed out: the Christmas Dinner for the children and Staff was a tribute to Mrs. Amiss and her helpers, and it was a splendid bit of thoughtfulness on the part of the Headmaster that he had managed to get enough old sixpences to put in the pudding for each child to have one: many of them had never seen them before, and had no idea how much they were worth.

The Nativity Play was charming, and was enacted really beautifully by all who took part, and the unaccompanied singing was really delightful and of a high quality.

And once again the top class visited Folland Court to sing Carols to the members of the Over 60 Club, and were very warmly received.

And of course Father Christmas had to work overtime, first visiting the Play Group, and then, just a thought jaded by that time, the School.

In all it was a grand time for all.

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INVALIDS

Our sympathy with Wally Elsdon, who was knocked down by a motor bike in Foxley, and broke various parts of his anatomy, including a leg and a number of ribs. He has been in the Norfolk & Norwich Hospital, as uncomplaining as ever, and we hope he will soon be home. Jimmy, his son, has also been far from well, but refuses to let it get him down.

Billy Mann is still in Hospital, and is not at all well; and May Godling was transferred to Dereham Hospital for a period of convalescence, and we hope that she will soon be home.

Heather Davis is now home again, having made a very speedy recovery from a major operation, and we hope that her progress will continue, and Patricia Steward is making remarkable progress, and is responding well to treatment.

Mrs. Heyhoe is now in Hospital in North Walsham, and we hope that she will soon be better.

Lent Course

As for a good many years now, we are once again going to have a series of Meetings during Lent, which will take place on Wednesday evenings at 7.30 p.m.

The Theme this year will be Prayer in various forms, and I feel that this will be useful and helpful, especially, possibly, as three out of the four speakers will be laypeople, and in fact women, each of whom has a special contribution to make.

The dates and places are as follows:

- March 7th. Reepham Church: Subject: Silent Prayer and Meditation: Speaker; Canon Derek Price.
- March 14th. Reepham Church: Subject: Intercession: Speaker, Mrs. Peggy Pratten.
- March 21st. No Meeting.
- March 28th. Sparham Church: Subject: Contemplative Prayer: Speaker: Mrs. Hilary Wakeman.
- April 4th. Sparham Church: Subject: Children praying: Speaker: Miss Myrtle Watney.

This is very advanced notice, but you may care to keep these dates free in your diaries.

It should be emphasised that these meetings are open to anyone at all, whether or not they have any connection with any Church, as we hope that we will have a good attendance.

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THE DEANERY MAGAZINE

which a diminishing number of people took, has now died a natural death, and will be replaced by a short hand-out of deanery information, starting in February, and available in churches for church members.

Our thanks to all those who in the past have given such excellent service in the distribution of the Magazine, and especially to Mr. & Mrs. Ames who have organised this for the two Parishes.

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