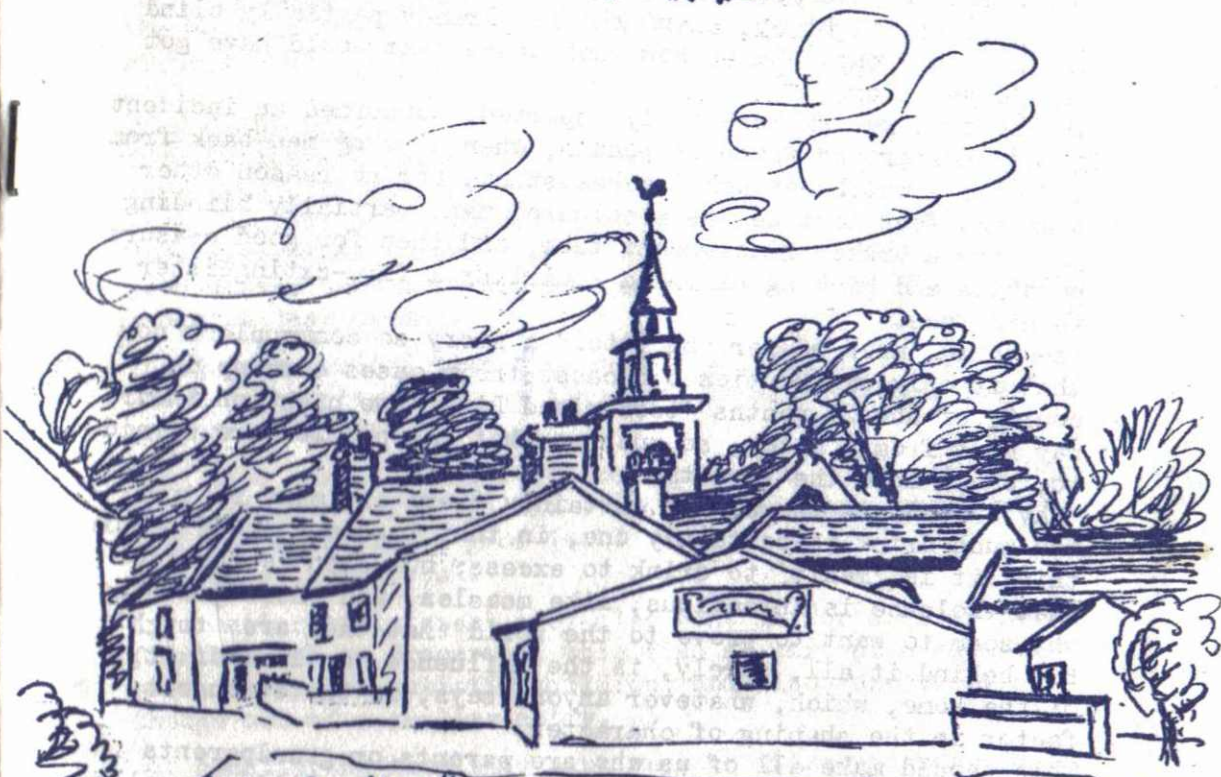


THE REEVE'S TALE



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THE RECTOR WRITES

I suppose that the fact that we read of so many horrors in the papers these days blunts our feelings to the point when we pass them over almost without noticing them: but it is no bad thing from time to time to take a paper, and to look at it with greater care, asking ourselves why these things should be.

I did this to-day with the EDP, and picked out three news items which struck me as being pretty horrible.

The first only received about 1½ inches on the last column of the back page, and told of a 73-year-old spinster who was mugged by three youths actually inside the Roman Catholic Cathedral in Liverpool, as a result of which she may lose the sight of her right eye - and she is already partially blind in the other one. Think how much space that would have got say 30 years ago.

The second, rather more fully reported, concerned an incident on an underground train in London, when 4 young men back from a football match, attacked a Pakistani, for no reason other than the fact that he was a coloured man, partially blinding him with a broken fluorescent tube, and then for good measure punching and kicking him, and squirting a fire-extinguisher in his face.

The third, much nearer home, told a story so commonplace now that it only was mentioned because their cases came up in court, of how 24 youths 'terrorised Miss' one night on their way home from a match, so much so that the people were afraid to go out into the streets.

Why? Goodness knows, but certainly there are many factors: too much drink is certainly one, in that too many young people think it is 'manly' to drink to excess; but also is the fact that violence is infectious, like measles, and there are some who seem to want to prove to the world that they are 'tough'. But behind it all, surely, is the influence, or lack of it, of the home, which, whatever anyone says, is the strongest factor in the shaping of character.

This should make all of us who are parents or grandparents think very hard, and try to work out what our children really need. Is it lots of freedom - lots of pocket-money when they are small - lots of companionship and understanding?

These are vital questions, and I will return to them next month.

Tim Townshend.

RORY

Everyone will be delighted to learn that Marion McNair has had her baby, safe and sound: his name is to be Rory, and he arrived on Friday evening last. Marion is very well, and should be home by now.

THE CHEESE & WINE PARTY

held at the Rectory on 14th. was very succesful, and just over £131 profit was made. Congratulations to all who worked so hard to make it so good.

WARM THANKS

to the anonymous donor who gave a very large gift towards the cost of The Reeve's Tale: this was very welcome, and ensures that the 1979 issues do not run at a loss !

THAT CRAZY LOT

from Bawdeswell Garage have asked us to express their very warm thanks to all who contributed so generously to make their venture on 5th. August such a resounding success: they made altogether something over £250 for the three very good causes they were supporting, which was far more than their wildest dreams.

The judges decided that they came 12th. out of 60 entries, which was pretty good, as they were up against some very professional groups.

They also earned themselves the reputation - not altogether surprisingly - of being the worst behaved crew, which one gathers was saying a good deal!

Well done themselves !

As a matter of interest they also went in for a river race, from Norwich to Bramerton, this time as part pf a gala to raise money for autistic children, and also were twelfth, though out of a smaller entry.

But considering that they sank once on this occasion, just as they started off in the wrong direction on the first, they really didn't do badly to finish at all.

CHURCH SERVICES FOR Late SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

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

Mass each Sunday: RAF Swanton Morley 9 a.m. Dere'm Ch.10.30&6.30.

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

Sept.23rd. Bawdeswell 2.30 p.m. R.C.Lee
Foxley: 6.30 p.m. Miss Jolly
30th. Foxley: HARVEST 2.30 & 6.30.
Oct. 7th. Bawdeswell: 2.30 p.m. HARVEST SERVICE
Foxley: 11.00 a.m.
14th. Foxley: 6.30 p.m.
21st. Bawdeswell: 2.30 p.m.
Foxley: 2.30 p.m. Family Service
28th. Foxley: 6.30 p.m.

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

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P.C.C.s Joint Meetings of Bawdeswell & Foxley.
Thursday,20th.Sept.7.30 p.m. Rectory.
Thursday,4th.October:Mr.Chase's House, Foxley.

PATRICIA STEWARD aged 46.

(Extracts from the E.D.P.)

Patricia is dead, having slipped away quietly on 29th August after a sudden deterioration in her general condition only a few days earlier.

It was almost exactly a year ago that she had the first sudden attack of intense pain, coming right out of the blue to a person who always seemed the picture of health: this was followed very soon by a major operation, which was thought to have been a success, though there was even then the possibility that the cancer might spread: but for the next months, after repeated treatment, it seemed that she might have conquered the disease. However, it was not to be, and early last February it was clear that all was far from well: she was readmitted to hospital, and Charles was told by the specialist that it was only a matter of time, possibly a month, maybe two at the most, before the end.

He faced this, and decided that he must share this knowledge with her, as they had always shared everything in their happy marriage, so when he brought her home, together they faced death without flinching, determined to consecrate each day as it came, and to use it as fully and as joyfully as possible, within the limits of her declining strength.

So the months went by, extended into borrowed time no doubt by her courage: each day was an opportunity for sharing life together: those who came to the Foxley Flower Festival will remember how she was there every day, taking her full part in stewarding, though in her chair and in pain: they went to parties with friends and she was always the life and soul of the occasion, and it was almost impossible to feel sorry for her, for that would have been an insult.

What was her secret, hers and her husband's? I believe that it lay in their courage, founded in their complete and utter faith in the loving purposes of God, as shown to them in Jesus Christ, whom they knew was with them in the suffering, as he had always shared in their joy.

So now the pain has ended, and she leaves behind her sweet memories, which will enrich as the pain of parting eases: we remember with love and sympathy Charles, David and Fiona, and all others who loved her, and commend her soul to God.

BAWDESWELL & FOXLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The September Meeting which was held in Bawdeswell seems to have been much enjoyed by both members and guests: Mr. Wilkinson, our Speaker, whose subject was 'Silver' contrived to make his talk both interesting and amusing, a sure recipe for a very successful evening.

The October Meeting on Monday, 8th., will also be held in Bawdeswell Village Hall, as will be the remainder of the meetings for this year; the Speaker will be Mrs. Cooke, and her subject will be Christmas Decorations. All Members are invited to bring a guest, and we hope that there will be some who will enjoy the evening so much that they will want to join the Institute in November!

It was announced at the September Meeting that at least four Committee Members wish to retire, so members are asked to submit names of those they would like to have on the Committee, having first asked those whom they would wish to propose to agree to stand. We need at least eight names.

The Committee would like to have these names at the October Meeting, as this will help to make the Annual General Meeting in November as smooth as possible, giving us more time to enjoy the Speaker, whose subject will be 'cake icing'.

BAWDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Many thanks to all those who have continued to save their daily newspapers and magazines, making it possible for our last delivery of these to Norwich to realise £14. Of this, £2.60 has been allocated towards petrol for transport, which the Bawdeswell Warehouse kindly provides. The remaining £11.40 will help towards the running costs of the reprinting of the Village Guide.

Please continue collecting waste paper, and deliver to either: Mrs. O. Curtis, Cursdon, Norwich Road, or Mr. J. Ames, Barwich House, The Street, or inform Mr. C. Sparkes, of Dereham Road of collection. Please tie papers into bundles or put into cartons. Thank you!

BOWLS

Mr. Billy Baker would like to hear from anyone interested in forming a Village Bowls Team, and also forming a Club to use the existing green behind the Village Hall. Now's the time to step forward !
Incidentally, congratulations to Mrs. Baker on her recent win of £1000 in the 'Spot the Ball' Competition !

THE BAWDESWELL PLAYGROUP

As reported in last month's Reeve's Tale, the Playgroup is holding a 'Coffee Shop' on the second Tuesday of each month from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Village Hall: the first of these in September went off very well, and now we look forward to the second one, which will take place on Tuesday, 9th. October: - this will be coupled with a Basketware Party (whatever will they get up to next!), at which baskets of every size, shape and description will be on sale.

We are glad to report that there have been a number of new children this term, and they are very welcome. Just a reminder to any newcomers that we meet on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 9.15 - 12 noon. Incidentally, everyone, young and old, will be very welcome at the 'Coffee Shop' mornings, as they are always welcome to pop in to see how we are getting along.

SCHOOL NOTES

A warm welcome to Mrs. Spencer, who has joined the Staff this term as a part-time Teacher. This is a very welcome addition. The School Harvest Festival will take place on Friday, 28th. September at 9 a.m. All welcome.
The half-term holiday will be from 22nd. - 29th. October.

CEMETERY CLEANING

Robin Taylor of Paradise Lane House, would warmly welcome volunteers to help him clear up the Cemetery and trim the hedges. Any strong man (or woman) with a few hours to spare would be giving a tremendous help in this way.

HARVEST FESTIVALS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23rd.

FOXLEY PARISH CHURCH 11 am.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th.

BANWESWELL
PARISH CHURCH

11 am

FOXLEY
METHODIST
CHURCH

2.30 & 6.30

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7th

BANWESWELL METHODIST CHURCH

2.30