

Reepham in Threes
(by the late Mr. Henry Hawes who died in 1957 aged over 90)
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Three Churches

- 1 Reepham St. Mary
- 2 Whitwell St. Michael
- 3 Hackford All Saints
Hackford Church part of same still standing, Miss Boon, Carleton Forehoe Barnham Broom, has a beautiful sketch of the church 181/2 x 15 dated 1784 pulled down 1796 so have Mr. H. C. Peck "Elmscliffe" Avondale Rd Gorleston on Sea.

Three Chapels

- 1 Primitive Methodist now used as the Fire Station
- 2 Free Church now used as carpenters shop
- 3 Wesleyan Chapel The Rev. B. Wood being the resident minister.

Three Private Schools

- 1 Coopers School for Farmers Sons, our well known scholar was William Gay the house now occupied by Mr. W. Bartle Known as The Limes (The school has been used latterly as Mrs. Bartles studio)
- 2 Mrs Woolmers school for girls only one well known scholar was the Writers mother Elizabeth Ann Watson now occupied by Mr. Wrights fish shop the market place.
- 3 Known as Old Bucks school for boys one well known was R. W. Austin now occupied by Mr. Wasey the Back Street.

Three Maltings

- 1 A twenty five quarter malthouse on the Norwich Road by the Chemist shop now used as a garage for the George and Dragon public house Messrs Randells garden and Messrs Randells tinkers shop one of the two maltsters was Mr. Watchman.
- 2 A superior thirty quarter malthouse. The Kiln of this malthouse was rebuilt in 1865. It is now used by the Salvation Army, Messrs. Randells Hardwood stores etc, and Milling stores used by Messrs. Wilkin Bros. One of the two maltsters was Mr. Sam Barker. The two maltings was sold on Wednesday the 26 of March 1879 at the Kings Arms Hotel by Messrs Spelman Auctioneers Norwich.
- 3 The third malthouse was a one man house. The maltster was William List he lived in the half timbered house now occupied by William Hall (there is a beautiful staircase in it worthy of note). The writer hired this for several years as a wood stores and afterwards bought it, Messrs. Ireland selling it by Auction at the Kings Arms Hotel from instructions received from T. W. Wright Estate Agent Bank Plain Norwich. The writer took out the old Lead steep and pocketed it. The Kiln he used to smoke meat his help was James Piercy, who is now living in the lane known as "Parks Lane", it is used by Mr. Ampleford as Fish and Chip Shop.

Three Stations

- 1 Great Eastern Railway Station
- 2 Midland Railway Station
- 3 Police Station

Three Shoeing Smiths

- 1 Robert Parker Gooch Church Street, his workmen Dick Bishop and his son.
- 2 Sam King Back Street, his workmen William King and John Powells he married the writers Aunt Betsy Hawes.
- 3 Sam Howes Back Street, The Lord Nelson Inn, his workmen Eke otherwise Dewing? (Howes had a grown up daughter Julia as housekeeper a fussy old dear) Now occupied by Messrs. Pask.

Three Bakers and Confectioners

- 1 Alexander Ormiston now carried on by Messrs. Ford (Mr. Ormiston attended Church every Sunday morning high hat and frock coat, his wife very smart with curls down her back, two daughters and two sons John and Ernest.
- 2 Alfred Savory now carried on Mr. Dent (Mr. Savory did the confectionary he was a journey bricklayer to Bircham Brewery Cpy), they cooked Sunday dinners for anyone at two-pence each, they kept a talking parrot which was useful for Mrs. Savory as she was a bit on the deaf side. The poor parrot had its tail pulled out by one of the naughty boys Larges who lived in the butchers close by.
- 3 Baker Neale Back Street- He was a local preacher also. He carried his bread around to his customers late in the day by his donkey and cart. The shop and premises are today shut down for wants of a tenant.

Three Public Houses in Whitwell

- 1 The Folgate occupied by Mrs. Whyell (*Viall?*)
- 2 The Star Inn Whitwell Street noted years ago for Whitwell Whitsun Tuesday sports, the young people had the Street for their races. The Ploughing Match was held in a small field belonging to the Star now used as an addition to the Whitwell Cemetery.
- 3 Public House known as "Tom Dyball's Tap", Dyball was a horse breaker and had stabling accommodation for over 50 horses its now known as the Duke of York, Trunch fine ales.

Three Public Houses in Hackford

- 1 The Kings Arms occupied by Mr. Dickenson (*Dickerson?*), his orchard and dry ground for linen is now used as Messrs. Irelands weekly sale for cattle etc.
- 2 The Sun Inn occupied by Ann Goodman, it was a quaint looking pub with thatched roof, this can be noticed by the tall looking chimneys.
- 3 The Greyhound Inn occupied by Dick Badcock (remarks further ahead)

Three Public Houses in Hackford closed

- 1 The Lamb Inn occupied by Mrs. Springall now used as Mr. R. Wasey's living house.
- 2 The Swan Inn occupied by Henry John Russell. Now used as a private house.
- 3 The Lord Nelson occupied by Sam Howes now used by Messrs. Pask as a living house. The old house had a thatched roof the writer stripped off the thatch, reroofed it and tiled it coloured the walls etc.

Three Public Houses in Reepham

- 1 The Crown Inn occupied by Gladden afterwards Edward Page who was a carpenter.
- 2 The George Inn occupied by Dennis Hurrell his daughter was house keeper her name was Hannah, afterwards was Mrs. John Coe before the pub was rebuilt it stood more in Reepham than it do now.
- 3 The Black Lion Inn occupied by Mr. Warner his son married the writers Aunt Jane Ann Watson. (A good tale be told on this pub)

Three Publicans named Badcock each had pubs

- 1 Cornelius Badcock the Star Inn Whitwell.
- 2 Dick Badcock The Greyhound Inn Hackford. He was a carrier and went to Norwich 3 times a week Mondays Wednesdays and Saturdays his quarters in Norwich was the Moon and Stars Duke Street. He started from Reepham at 8 o'clock with two horses and van arriving home at 9 o'clock if there was not many people in Drayton Lion Alderford Bell then he was very late.
- 3 John Badcock the Kings Arms Hackford. He ran a coach and four horses to Norwich, Saturdays only, starting from the Market Place at 9 o'clock with bugle behind, he kept better time than his brother Dick and came home early.

Three Parishes

A man starting to walk from St. Marys Church gate Reepham 30 walking paces towards the Duke of York and halt, he will be standing in Three parishes Hackford, Whitwell and Reepham.

Three Thatch houses burnt down, years ago there were five thatch houses on Church plain two of them still standing one occupied by Mr. Rivett the other by Salvation Officers. My grandfather lived in one, during the time the houses were being built my grandfather James Hawes lived with Tailor Amis in the house and shop occupied by Mr. Riches the Grocer Mr. Amis the Tailor was grandfather to Mr. Sewell Eglington of Pettywell. The new built four houses were occupied by Messrs Vardigans a straw hat cleaner, Mr. James Hawes, Mr. Mason he was a cooper in Birchams Brewery and Mr. Leeds (well known as Greyhound Stephen) his wife kept cows and sold the milk at 1^{1/2}d a pint (This was before our minister of food was born) the cow stalls can be seen today by permission from Mr. Pratt the tailors shop.

Another Three

Reepham Station was opened on June 1883 for passengers and goods.

Another Three

On the new station plain there was a triangle plantation post and railed in. As there are sides to the triangle. This is another three.

Before the police station was built the police court was held at the Kings Arms Hotel every third Monday. This is another three.

The police in those days wore tall silk hats and if a person was convicted he was taken to Norwich Castle in a smart horse and cart driven by the Inspector of Police and a Constable, them two and the prisoner is another three.

I went to school when I was three years old taken to and from my mother dear. There were no Messrs. Allens Coaches taken children to and from school in those days nor dinners prepared for the children. There were 3 cots in the school. There were three teachers, one was Mrs. Woodhouse who lived in Whitwell Street, one was Elizabeth Vout the other I have forgotten Elizabeth was a teacher and acted as a Nursery Maid also. As soon as she saw one of the little ones asleep she handled them as if they were precious china and put them into one of the cots for a time, when I was six years old I was passed into the large part of the school under Mr. John Burgoyne, he was a sharp man indeed he did his best to Read, Write and Arithmetic and he did not forget to give you the stick, if he did he would make you dance, you would spring from England to France out of France into Spain over the Alps and back again.