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EDITORIAL

How lovely to have the opportunity to wish you every happiness and blessing for the New Year! I have decided not to make any New Year Resolutions, but to remember the advice of the verses on page three!

Contributions this month included details of the Conditions of Hire and Scale of Charges for the Village Centre, which we hope to publish later. Of necessity, some articles have been slightly edited, and Jenny Johnson's report of the public meeting held to discuss the form of celebrations for the Queen's Silver Jubilee fell under the axe! At that meeting it was decided not to support the National Appeal headed by Prince Charles, but to use any money raised for the benefit of Reach itself. One suggestion was that a seat be purchased for the Green (minimum estimated cost £50. Would you like to see that done, or have you an alternative idea? What is your opinion? Your Parish Councillors would be glad to hear from you on this topic; please do not hesitate to contact them.

Congratulations to Roland Folkes on his engagement, and best wishes to Miss G. Badcock for her return to full health, following a recent minor operation.

Janet Biggs

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Parish Council precept will be slightly increased this year, to balance the effects of inflation, and to pay Mr. Read for the upkeep of the cemetery.

The Council has written to the District Council, asking for the proposed path along Burwell Road (near the old people's bungalows) to be laid now, rather than wait until the additional dwellings are built.

Mr. Harvey Harrison requested that a bend sign or post reflectors, be displayed at Long Close Corner, to reduce the incidence of damage to his fence by passing traffic.

Planning application was approved for the renovation of two dwellings at Vine House Farm (Mr. Dudley).

NEXT MEETING: Friday 7th January - Village Centre - 7.30 p.m.
COME TO VOICE YOUR OPINIONS at the question and answer session following.

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By the time you read this it will be 1977 and Christmas and New Year celebrations will be over. During December, volunteers and members of the Committee entertained the Over Sixties, together with music provided by the Burwell Excelsior Band. I believe that this new annual event was quite successful.

Early in the month a lot of fun was had during the "Tramps Night" by those who entered into the spirit of the evening, and I must say our Vice Chairman would have been 'moved on' from any park bench, his get-up was so good. I leave it to your imagination as to what his 'Pirate' get-up would be!

Bingo will start again in the New Year. This, as a Village function, has turned out very successfully. Perhaps if a Badminton Evening could be arranged, this might prove successful also.

John O. Robinson.

A Message from the Secretary of the Village Centre Committee

The Hall will be closed for the whole of February to enable outstanding work to be completed. Your assistance - however small - would be very welcome!

A thought for the New Year: "SEE"

If one proves weak whom you fancied strong,
Or false whom you fancied true,
Just ease the smart of your wounded heart
With the thought that it is not you.

If many forget a promise made
And your faith falls into the dust,
Just look meanwhile in your mirror and smile,
And say, "I am the one to trust".

For this is the way and the only way,
At least, so it seems to me;
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What you look for in others, SEE.

ANON.

(Sent in by a reader)

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If anyone has any financial or advertising enquiries, please contact me.

Harvey Harrison.

From the Vicar:

One feels as diffident this December as last about wishing anyone a Happy New Year. It sounds so like a meaningless noise to which people give vent when they don't know what else to say. Nationwide, it is no more likely to be happy than this one has proved. So how do we approach another year without sheer despair? The Christian Gospel still stands despite all contradiction; the words of Christ have not passed away, and still carry their ancient power. Better still, He himself still lives to give them that power; so that life is still possible, and will go on being possible even if, at worst, another Dark Age is really descending upon us.

To be more specific, one of the great restorers of national life is the fostering of community life at the level of the village, and the creation of a journal like 'Out of Reach' can hardly fail to help in that direction. Indeed, one can feel its good effects already. One other ingredient, is the fostering of understanding between the denominations, which has made such immense strides, against all expectation, in the last thirty years. To help this along in our own communities we shall be repeating the experiment we tried last year, of a joint meeting of all Christians during the week of prayer for Christian unity (January 18 - 25) on Wednesday the 19th at 8.00p.m. in the School. Mr. Eric Woodroffe, of Isleham, has agreed to talk to us about the Ten Propositions of Visible Unity recently put out by the Churches' Unity Commission. In addition, the Baptists will be joining us for Parish Communion at 9.30a.m. on January 23rd, and Anglicans in turn are invited to join the Baptists at evening worship on that day.

J.K. Byrom.

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Onions may be sown in boxes in the greenhouse to produce large exhibition bulbs.

Sprinkle a little salt on Savoy cabbage, and sprouts, during a frosty spell; this helps to stop rot setting in.

Towards the end of the month, set up early seed potatoes to sprout - rose end upwards.

Shallots can be planted if soil is in good condition, otherwise wait a while. Bulbs about 1" down are best.

Perhaps it is not generally known large bulbs can be cut in halves.

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Dick Whitehead.

ADOPT A TREE SCHEME

By the time this magazine reaches you, all the Parish trees will have been planted on various sites throughout the village. As it is hoped that children and/or whole families will adopt a tree(s), we were hoping that they would be involved in the planting of them. We felt that as they had been delivered we had better plant them as soon as possible.

We hope that the families which asked for trees for their own gardens have planted them, and that they will tend them with loving care.

If children or members of families would like to adopt a tree or a group of trees, this would probably mean:-

1. Watering it if we have another hot summer.
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3. Making sure the tights remain in place.
4. Guarding it against vandalism.

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Cemetery	10 Limes	The Caretaker
Village Green	4 Beech	
Chapel Lane	1 Silver Birch	J. Blocksage
The Hythe	2 Cherry 2 Sycamore 2 Ash	
Hythe Bridge	1 Oak 1 Maple	
The Point	4 Maple	
Triangle by stile	3 Oak	
Drying Green	2 Silver Birch 2 Cherry	

To adopt a tree, please complete the form on the bottom of the last page, cut it out and hand it to any member of the Parish Council as soon as possible. Remember a "tree is our heritage".

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H.R. Harrison.

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Where boats line the bank and prosperity declare.
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One goes to Burwell, the other on to Reach.
To walk from this corner to our Village Fair
Of the hazards before you, one must be aware.
The banks are overgrown with thistles and reeds
And before you get far you are covered in seeds.
As you stumble along this jungle track
Don't try to turn round, you will never get back.
As the sun glints through the reeds so tall
You begin to wonder if you are in England at all.
As you scramble along this forsaken place
The water disappears and weeds hide its face.
To leave the path now you must take care
For under those weeds there is water somewhere.
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