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EDITORIAL

Summer is sure to come this month - it is, after all, exam month, and who hasn't sat through those endless days without feeling the temptation of sun flooding through the windows?

I am pleased to introduce another full magazine this month, drawing again on Stan Webb's recollections and on other regular contributors. I must thank especially the Rev. Ryrom for writing as usual, in spite of his recent illness, from which we hope he will now make a rapid recovery.

I felt last month that it was tempting providence to welcome back our efficient Pat too soon after the birth of Rachel; however, I now do so as she is well and truly back in harness at the typewriter.

Congratulations this month to Janet Aves of Bull Cottage, Reach and John Hatten of Wisbech on their engagement and to Mr. and Mrs. Porter of 11, Ditchfields, on the birth of their son; also to Sylvia Greenfield on winning the 'Miss Reach' title at the Village Hall dance.

I am not sure that it is my place to do so, but I would like to express some appreciation to those who worked so hard to make Fair Day interesting and enjoyable.

J. Johnson.

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ANNUAL EXAMINATIONS

Pens are pursued on paper
By awaiting thoughts.
The invigilator sits, aware and
Watching. An atmosphere of concentration
Spreads.
Silence. Oasis in a busy school
For teacher and taught alike.
Strange. When this awaited moment comes
We take it in our stride.
What now will our minds muster
To prove a well-spent year?
Bells snatch back our awareness.
Hands hasten to finish words.
For some, a task is done. Satisfaction
And feelings of relief
Pervade the conversation. For others
Anxiety recommences.

J. Biggs

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JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Mothers - If you have not already done so, would you please return the forms from last month's back cover stating what "goodies" you can give towards the free Jubilee Party and the names of your children who will be attending.

Joyce Harrison, Anita Folkes or Alison Housden will appreciate the return of any outstanding forms before Friday 3rd June.

If you are uncertain of what food to give the caterers, then please check with them - we don't want too much orange squash or too many crisps!!

JUBILEE SPORTS

These are scheduled to take place prior to the tea on the top of the Village Green. A chance to dress up your children starts the afternoon - and they will have a chance to laugh at their parents during the senior sports after their Jubilee Tea.

Reach Marathon

A new race in two divisions is also to be instigated - hopefully to be run annually, for a junior and a senior cup, around the lower Green.

JUBILEE CROWNS

These will be given to each child at the tea by the Parish Council Chairman - a fantastic £68.24 was raised by the collection.

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FROM THE VICAR:

'A man can do with one hour's sleep in twenty four, if he be a fighter'. So said one of the early Egyptian Christian hermits of the 4th century. Had he known the instrument of torture known as the modern hospital bed, he would have thought himself lucky to have achieved so much as one. So, having just emerged from my precious solitary ration, here I am at 2.30 in the morning manfully doing my stint for the relentless Editors.

First, may I just thank you for all your many enquiries and prayers, messages and gifts since I became ill. And may I, in your name, thank the various clergy who have kindly stepped in to help in my absence.

JUBILEE WORSHIP. On Sunday 5th June, instead of the first half of our worship at St. Mary's taking the form of Matins, we shall use the printed form for the Jubilee approved and required by the Archbishops. At Reach we shall use it in place of Evensong at 6.30, and I am glad to tell you that the members of the Parish Council have agreed to be present and to read the lessons.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Burial: 4th May. Albert Edward Badcock, 9 Ditchfield. Age 72.
Sympathy is offered to his wife and family.

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Worship in June - St. Mary's & Reach

5 TRINITY SUNDAY

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Reach)
9.30 a.m. Jubilee Service & Eucharist (St. Mary's)
6.30 p.m. Jubilee Evensong (Reach)

7 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion (St. Mary's)

12 TRINITY I

9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (St. Mary's)
11.00 a.m. Family Communion (Reach)
11.30 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. Quiet Day for Students of Ridley Hall,
Cambridge (St. Mary's)

19 TRINITY II

9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (St. Mary's)
11.00 a.m. Family Communion (Reach)
6.30 p.m. Evensong (St. Mary's)

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Worship in June contd.....

26 TRINITY III

- 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (St. Mary's)
- 11.00 a.m. Family Communion (Reach)
- 6.30 p.m. Evensong (St. Mary's)

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Friends of the School

On Friday, 3rd June, at 1.45p.m. the Friends of the School are presenting all the children attending the school, with souvenir crowns to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee. There will be a simple ceremony in the School hall to which we invite all parents and friends. The committee would like to thank the Young Wives for their donation of £10 towards the cost of these crowns.

On Saturday, 4th June, at 2.00p.m. the Friends of the School are helping the staff to organise the Summer Fair in the school, in aid of school funds, with a donation going to the Prince of Wales's Jubilee Fund. There will be stalls, games and demonstrations as well as raffles, refreshments etc. We hope many parents and friends will support us at this event to make it an enjoyable afternoon, and a happy start to your Jubilee weekend.

This year the Education Authority are unable to provide heating for the swimming pool. The Friends of the School have offered to raise money, by organising a sponsored walk, to enable the School to heat the pool for the six weeks in the second half of term. During that time, weekend swimming will also be available, if we have sufficient volunteers for parents to supervise the pool. We hope all our parents and friends will do their best to support our fund raising effort, in what is proving to be a very difficult year.

Sports Day at the School will be on Saturday, July 9th, at 2.30p.m.

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Swaffham Prior Play Group

The Nursery Group is, at present, at its largest and is always in need of funds to expand the classroom equipment. The Committee will be holding a "nearly new" sale of children's clothes on Saturday 4th June at the Summer Fair. We are willing to accept any articles of clothing (children's only) which are clearly priced. The Nursery Group will deduct 10% of the sale price for their funds.

Anybody with any items for sale can deliver them to one of the Committee Members listed below. May we stress that the items must be priced by the seller.

Please come and give us your support and get yourselves some bargains.

Committee Members: Mrs. O'Dowd (Secretary)

Mrs. Ferris

Mrs. S. Rust

Mrs. Ward

Mrs. Casey

Mrs. Taylor

REACH IN THE EARLY 1900's AS REMEMBERED BY MR. STAN WEBB

Mr. Webb describes Reach as a 'good neighbourly' village. I am glad that he still sees it as such, even though the last seventy years must have done much to change the character of the village - not least of its population. Perhaps it is because some of the farms and smallholdings have been engulfed by others that Reach has remained predominantly a farming community, in spite of the invasion by 'foreigners', commuters and weekenders.

Ditchfield and all the other modern houses were not built in Mr. Webb's childhood but there were more houses in the centre of the village; there were two cottages next to Gallions, two below Mr. Cole's farmhouse, two on the site of St. Etheldreda's, a schoolhouse in front of the Village Centre, two Almshouses at the Green end of Hob's Dyke End and two more cottages at Springhall. The population at that time was about 350; families tended to be larger and that meant more residents per dwelling. Mr. Webb recalls that at one time his house, once two cottages, was occupied by two families, each with eleven children!

Local facilities in those days differed greatly from those of today. From the domestic point of view we would consider them hard times indeed. Water supplies came from wells and springs; many houses had their own wells e.g. Mr. Webb's, The White House and Gallions all had their own and some are still there. There were pumps, one on the Green near the Memorial, one opposite Delph Cottage and one on the Hythe which pumped up stream water for agricultural purposes. There was also a line of springs from Springhall across to the Burwell lode - good places for watercress I understand - and....

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District bought their first solid wheeled bus, a Garner, and this ran to Cambridge on Mondays to the Cattle Market and on Saturdays for general shopping. Other than on Friday, maintenance day and Sunday rest day, the Burwell & District bus went out each day to different towns including Newmarket on Tuesdays. In 1926, after the General Strike affected the rail services, Burwell & District started running daily buses to Cambridge for those children attending school there and for those working in Cambridge. The first education contract had been made with Burwell & District a little earlier to take Reach and Swaffham Prior children to Burwell Village College.

Of course there was a village school here until 1960 which most of the children attended. There were two teachers employed there and they came from as far away as Wicken.

Christian worship was predominantly at the Chapel, Reach being administered from Burwell. There was also a Vicar at White Roses until the 1950s.

The social life of the time was perhaps more spontaneous and seasonal than it is these days; as with the Fair, there were set times for major festivities e.g. the Harvest Hawkees, when hot dinners and free beer rewarded the hard workers on the land. Fireside gatherings, home made wine tastings and visits to the local pubs, The White Horse, The Swan and Uncle Tom's Cabin were the norm. There was a Social Club in the Schoolhouse where villagers might play various games and for which they paid about 3d. per month. The younger generation enjoyed Hares and Hounds on the Fen and in the summer cricket on nearby fields; the ladies also had a cricket team and much fun must have been had when they travelled to and from matches by barge along the lodes - apparently the escorting gentlemen often took the role of barge horse. It was possible then to swim in Reach Lode and the swimmers frequently went in large groups.

These were the times when practical jokes were played whenever there was the opportunity. Woe betide the man silly enough to leave his horse and cart for long outside the pub for he might spend a good while searching for it later. The Rag and Bone man who once lived at Fitzroy Farm was a victim more than once when he returned to the gate at the bottom of the Dyke to find his horse yoked to the cart but on the other side of the gate.

I often wonder whether the older members of the community owe their good complexions and health to the exercise that was unavoidable in the course of their daily work or in pursuance of leisure time activities. Undoubtedly it is interesting to look back over these years of rapid change. Who, I wonder, will be looking back seventy years hence?

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VILLAGE CENTRE NEWS

By publication date Reach Fair will be just a memory, but for the Centre Fair Week is an opportunity to raise funds for the Hall renovations. Once again the pageantry of the Mayor's visit and the Rogation Service at the Church brought visitors to the village. Although the amusement fair has degenerated to four stalls, other village functions have expanded over the last five years. We want to regenerate a Reach Fair similar to what it was forty years ago. Perhaps some of you saw the BBC TV programme on a Yorkshire Horse Fair last month which must resemble the old Reach Fair. Wouldn't it be nice to see something on these lines again?

Young people seem to idealise the horse and it has occurred to me that perhaps it would be more popular to have pony rides than mechanical rides as an attraction (Fair Fraternity take note!) Is history repeating itself, the craze for the engine diminishing and that for the horse increasing?

During the festivities I talked to visitors to the village and it seems that many of them envy the way that Reach villagers work together e.g. in the recent cleaning and redecorating of the Hall to make it presentable for the Mayoral visit. They comment that their villages have too many 'chiefs and too few Indians'. Well done Reach - praise indeed!

I cannot name everyone who helped organise or attended our functions but I thank them on behalf of the committee.

Next month we will give you some idea of the financial success of the Fair.

John O. Robinson.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The planning application by Mr. Shorrocks to renovate a barn, to be used for selling toys and fancy goods, has been approved.

The Parish Council has again been requested to ask dog owners to avoid allowing their dogs to foul public footpaths. Please would owners make greater efforts to comply with this request.

The 30 m.p.h. limit for Reach village has now been officially proposed and the Council hope that it will be in force soon.

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REACH CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION
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CHEESE AND WINE PARTY

You are invited to come to a Cheese and Wine Party in the Village
Centre on Saturday June 4th at 8.00 p.m. Admission 50p.

SPONGE CAKE COMPETITION

Ingredients to be used:-

4oz. Self Raising Flour 2 Eggs
4oz. Castor Sugar 1 tbsp. warm water.

Divide the mixture into two 7" sandwich tins.
When cool sandwich together with jam.

After judging, it is intended to auction the cakes in aid of
Association funds. Cakes, together with Entry Forms, will be
received from 7.30 p.m. on June 4th. (Entry form on back page).

Jan Robinson.

JUNE IN THE GARDEN

Now that danger of frost has passed, outdoor tomatoes can be planted.
Most soil is suitable as they can be fed with liquid manure about every
ten days. Remove side shoots as they appear.
Plant all greens for winter use.
Sow more carrots (stump rooted varieties)
Peas (earlies) can be sown to the end of the month.
From now on do not transplant lettuces, but thin to 4-6 inches.
Sow Globe beet to store for winter use.
Feed onions with Nitro Chalk before days shorten
Plant celery (self blanching in a square). I find that, on our
thin soils, trenching varieties are better planted on flat ground.
Complete planting half hardy annuals
Sow wallflower seed.
Cut lawns but do not use mowings as mulch as you may well be spreading
seeds of weeds and annual grass.
Keep down weeds with a hoe.
An old saying for a clean garden - 'Never let a weed see a Sunday'.

Dick Whitehead.

BOTTISHAM YOUNG FARMERS CLUB

On 18th March, Bottisham Young Farmers invited Bassingbourn Young
Farmers to their meeting where they had a General Knowledge Quiz which
Bassingbourn Young Farmers won. The following week, Dr. Polge of the Animal
Research Centre gave an illustrated talk on Animal Research that is done there.
On 1st April, the members held a Just-A-Minute contest against Cottenham Young
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Bottisham Young Farmers Club Contd.....

Members met on 29th April for a visit to Dower Woods and Co. Ltd. at Newmarket, and were shown around the laboratories where tests on grain are carried out. On 6th May, Mrs. Margaret Newman gave an interesting talk and demonstration on Flower Arranging.

A REACH TITBIT

A flash of steel in the rising sun
The roar of wheels, there's work to be done.
With signs and diversions everywhere
The Council has started our bridge to repair.
Bricks and mortar are flying fast
Beware you drivers as you thunder past
Each brick is placed with loving care
A tap, a nudge and then it's there.
To preserve this bridge is the Council's aim
Until the price of destruction is plain
From 1800 to 50 this must be
Before a new road you will see.
So old Bridge, you must carry on
Because the experts have spoken
You must stand the strain all alone.
Until your round back is broken

W. Estall.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR from Major General G. Crookenden

Madam,

I dare say that many people in Reach watched with interest during the three working weeks and one day that it took two County Council employees to make good the parapets on either side of the old railway bridge on the road to Swaffham Prior.

Would it be presumptuous to ask if that wasn't an inordinately long time for the job that had to be done? It wasn't as though the parapets had to be built from scratch.

Inevitably, the question arises as to whether ratepayers' money - and some of the £2,000 allocated to the job was being properly spent. Might it not have been a good deal cheaper to put such work out to contract?

This in turn raises the whole business of the better use of the money and resources that are available. No one wants to see unemployment, but continued use of procedures and practices that may be outdated and.....

REACH CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION

CHEESE AND WINE EVENING

Saturday June 4th at 8.00 p.m.

In the Village Centre.

Tell all your friends

Cake Competition

Admission 50p

Letter to the Editor contd.....

uneconomic can only prevent improvements in the long run. It is to be hoped therefore that the County Council has given, and will be giving, very serious consideration to this kind of problem and evaluating what is the best balance between work put out to contract and that undertaken directly by Council employees.

Yours faithfully,

G. Crookenden.

RECIPE

NUTTY CHICKEN Serves 4.

- 1 10oz. can condensed mushroom soup
1/4 pint milk
8oz. cooked chicken (chopped)
5oz. long grain rice (cooked)
2oz. peanuts
4oz. mushrooms (chopped)
3 rashers streaky bacon (cut up)
2oz. cheddar cheese (grated)

Mix soup with milk
Stir in chicken, rice and mushrooms and put into a pie dish.
Chop the nuts, mix with bacon and cheese and sprinkle over pie.
Bake for 25mins. at 400 F. (Mark 4) until golden brown.

ADVERTISEMENTS

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(I can only think of one young Scotsman living at 16 Fair Green and I hope this is only an interim response to my request for an article! J.J.)

(P.S. Have you tried a plastic container?)

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REACH FAIR 1977 GRAND DRAW RESULTS

Draw in Village Centre on Sunday 22nd May

1st Prize	£50 Holiday Voucher	A. Badcock Esq. Reach
2nd Prize	£5 Gift Voucher (Manchett's)	C. Butler Esq. Haddenham
3rd Prize	£3 " "	(J.L. Newman & Son) S. Bonett Esq. Burwell
4th	" Bottle Wine	J. Seeley Esq. Bury St. Edmunds
5th	" Bottle Sherry	Miss N. Pedley, Reach
6th	" Bottle Sherry	A. Irons Esq. Swaffham Bulbeck
7th	" Bottle Whisky	B. Cross Esq. Upware
8th	" Cake (Jubilee)	J. Chalklin Esq. Swaffham Bulbeck
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10th	" Cheese Dish	P. Martin, Trinity College
11th	" Pomagne	Mrs. Stannett, Lode
12th	" Radio	Mrs. Jones, Exning Rd. Newmarket
13th	" Sherry	Parr, Fordham.

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JUBILEE DAY FANCY DRESS COMPETITION

ENTRY FORM

Please hand your completed form to the Secretary on the Green before the competition begins.

Name(s)

Age(s)

Title of Idea

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CONSERVATIVE WINE AND CHEESE EVENING CAKE COMPETITION

ENTRY FORM

Name.....

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Signed.....