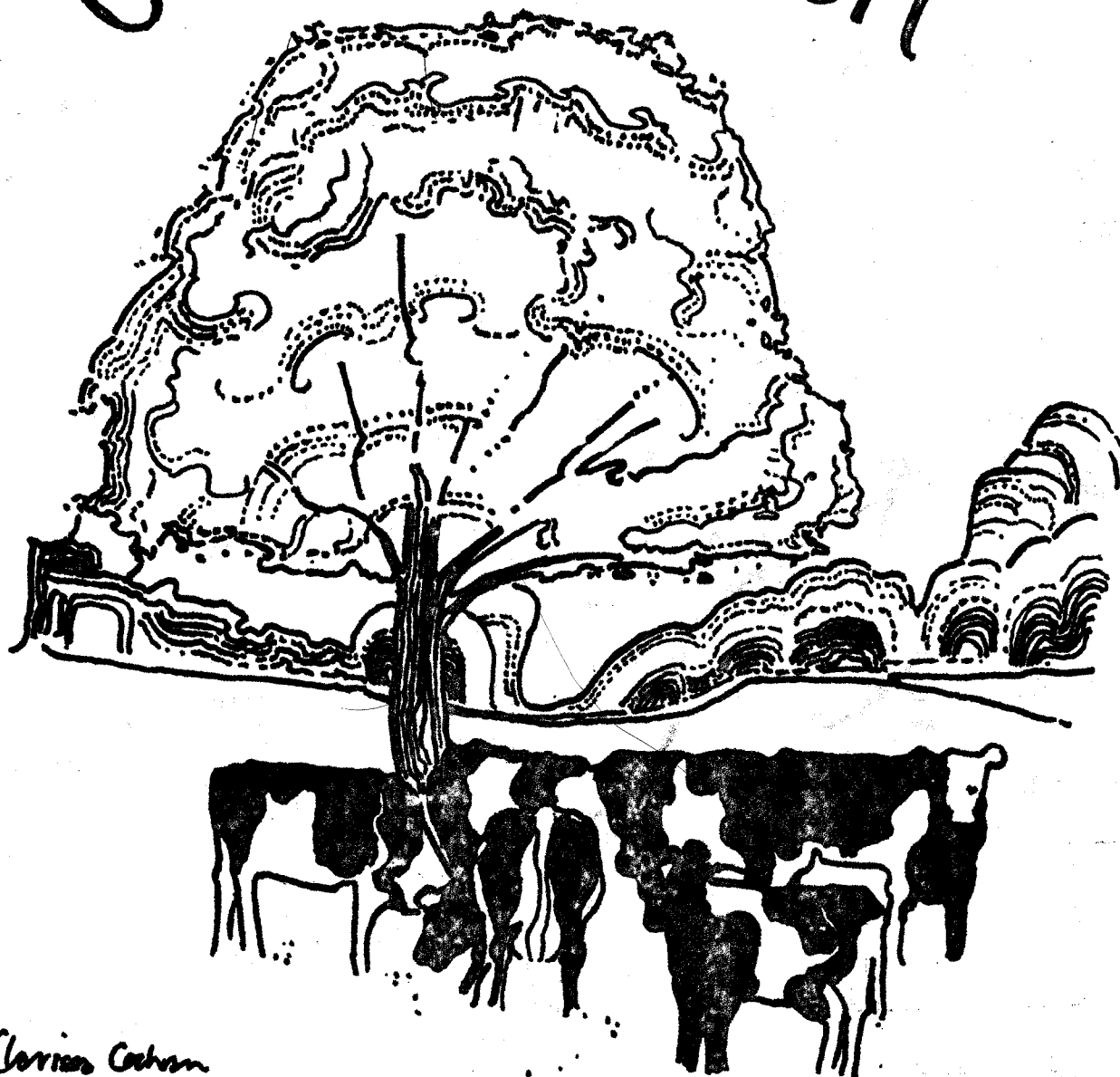


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EDITORIAL

One of the endearing aspects of a human population is, to me, its unpredictability. Of course it may be just my lack of foresight, but I find that the organisation of the magazine presents me with many surprises. This month the unpredictability is reflected in the extra contributions which I have gladly received. Even though I am holding some material back, we have a very full issue this month - appropriate perhaps because the next two months will be skeleton magazines, as planned last autumn.

Assuming therefore that everyone is as busy as I am, and that there are more important things to read than the first page, I will add no more to Pat's task, other than to say thank you to Harvey for his editorship of the June issue and to wish everyone a thoroughly enjoyable summer holiday. By all accounts our Reach Sports Day success must have helped the holiday spirit along.

J.J.

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To all caring people in this community.

Many of you will be completely unaware of the damage rendered by a few uncaring, irresponsible teenagers and children on the premises of the school - mainly in the swimming pool area. Most of these children had the pleasure, and possibly the life saving experience, of learning to swim in a pool that was mainly built with their parents' back breaking time and financial support. Much of the damage probably results from boredom, but the cost of broken locks, time switches and vandalism to changing rooms has to be taken from money raised by parents and the children themselves, who work so hard for their six weeks a year swimming.

Improvements on the pool would be greatly appreciated by many and plans were going ahead for some kind of solar system to save us paying so much on oil heating but there seems little sense in throwing good money after bad if the present situation continues.

I am making this appeal on behalf of all the children who are missing their much loved swimming time. To those that have benefited from the facilities in the past - please leave our swimming pool alone so that we can use it too. Thank you.

Linda Rust, Secretary.

July 11th: School Swimming Gala 1.30 p.m.

July 14th: Country Barn Dance 7.30 p.m.  
25p Adults, 15p Children

July 20th. End of Term: 2.30 p.m.

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Next committee meeting: Wed. July 11th 7.30 p.m.

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FROM THE VICAR

Twice in my life it has been my lot to see a parish through centenary celebrations; a first centenary in Cheshire, and now a millenium here. In retrospect the feel of the two experiences was perceptibly different. On the first occasion, for which an able librarian produced a fine history, we were very conscious of nearly every phase of the parish's history, some of it stormy, culminating in the present; here, except for the recent past, the retrospective gaze has inevitably been able to notice only a few landmarks, often centuries apart.

And yet in both there has been the same feeling. To call it a sense of achievement would be misleading. That would suggest a set-up we ourselves were conscious of having somehow established. Whereas in fact, though in both cases enormous efforts at reconstruction preceded the celebrations, the achievement one was conscious of was the sheer power of the gospel to embody itself, against enormous odds, in the life of the world, a power in which we had found ourselves, almost despite ourselves, so to say caught up, like a cyclist carried along in the vacuum behind a van.

So that what ultimately emerges is the influence of the Christian gospel on society at large and national temperament in particular; and of all subjects one may study there is hardly one more absorbing, more difficult, or more urgent. Not surprisingly, not many historians have ventured into such a vast field. One distinguished exception, however, was R.W. Church, Dean of St. Paul's from 1871-1890, who collected many of his rarest and most considered judgements in a black, sombre-looking volume you may still have the luck to find in a secondhand bookshop, *The Gifts of Civilisation*. Should you do so, it is worth the most careful study.

But the Christian experience, made possible by the Spirit, is an ongoing thing, new every day, and producing fresh fruits every week. And needs must that it should, since the coming century may well prove the most critical in the church's long history. There is a new feeling of these being what St. John called 'the last days', when the choice before the world between Gospel and no Gospel, God and all that denies him and the dignity of the human spirit, is sharper than it has been perhaps ever before.

Meanwhile, may I thank everyone who helped to make 3rd June so memorable a day, not least my predecessor and our visitors from Wisbech. Since I have already referred to it in this letter, you may like to know that my last parish of All Saints, Cheadle Hulme, has very kindly sent us a gift of £25 to mark the occasion. May I also offer the thanks of us all to the staff and students concerned at Bottisham Village

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College who have refused to accept any remuneration for the printing of our brief centenary history, which is now on sale at the back of St. Mary's. We also owe a great debt to Mrs. Isobel Bowden for its skilful illustration.

Finally, will you please note that our Gift Day this year falls on 7th July, when I shall be sitting in church to receive your gifts.

J.K.B.

From the Registers:

Baptism:

Emma Lucy, daughter of John Thomas and Jennifer Susan Reed of 10 Swaffham Road, Reach: at Reach on 20th May.

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FROM THE CHURCHES

ST MARY'S & REACH      Worship in July

- 1st      TRINITY III
  - 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Reach)
  - 9.30 a.m. Matins & Eucharist (St. Mary's)
  - 6.30 p.m. Evensong (Reach)
- 7th      GIFT DAY - ST MARY'S
- 8th      TRINITY IV
  - 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (St. Mary's)
  - 11.00 a.m. Family Communion (Reach)
  - 6.30 p.m. Deanery Evensong (Swaffham Bulbeck)
- 15, 22, 29: TRINITY V, VI & VII
  - 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (St. Mary's)
  - 11.00 a.m. Family Communion (Reach)
  - 6.30 p.m. Evensong (St. Mary's)

ART EXHIBITION

The Cambridge Painters and Printmakers are returning to St. Cyriac's this year for a second exhibition from June 30th - July 8th. Open from 10 - 6p.m. at weekends, and 2 - 6p.m. during the week. Details from Clarissa Cochran, Newmarket 741368.

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SHIRE HALL TITBITS

There have been so many momentous happenings recently and so much concern regarding the County Council's activities expressed to me personally that I thought for this month's Out of Reach it might be helpful if we published a recent statement by Councillor Robert James, Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee. This represents the "official" line.

"The County Council supports the Government's overall philosophy on public spending, and fully recognises the implications which this will have on local government and its manpower.

In the last few years massive reductions in rate support grant for the county have meant considerable economies have had to be made. The loss of grant has been equal to a cut of 16.5 per cent in the level of spending at a time when the population has been growing rapidly. This has had important consequences in terms of manpower in that the ratio of employees to population has fallen consistently year by year since local government reorganisation in 1974. (From 29.19 per 1,000 population in 1974-75 to 28.32 in 1979-80).

The authority has imposed tight cash limits on its spending and in order to tailor the level of services to the money likely to be available in 1981-82 has planned a further selective reduction of £1-million.

When the County Council meets in July to consider its three-year plan it will face major issues caused by unavoidable pressures for additional resources. These include the extent to which further spending cuts are necessary and how far present policies for developing services can be met.

The authority has already demonstrated its ability to meet the challenges imposed by reduced financial resources, and will continue to do so".

I hope this clarifies a few of the points that have been mentioned to me.

Geoffrey Woollard,  
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DISTRICT COUNCIL NEWS

At a recent meeting of the Housing Services Committee it was decided that proposed housing schemes, in three of the smaller villages in the district, be put back once again. I regret that six dwellings due to have been built in Reach, to complete the little Burwell Road estate, is one of these. I did all I could to plead the cause of Reach, but unfortunately the facts did not bear out my arguments, nor did I receive any support from neighbouring Councillors. The Council is able to complete fewer than one hundred houses a year and it makes sense that these should be built in those villages where there is the greatest demand. I realise there is something of a 'Chicken and Egg' situation here, and I will continue to press the needs of Reach at every suitable opportunity.

Tenants will shortly be receiving a questionnaire regarding the sale of Council Houses. It will be a great help to the Housing Services Committee, when it decides how it will operate the Government's dictat to sell Council Houses, if their tenants would fill in and return these questionnaires as soon as possible.

I should like to take this opportunity to say how grateful I am to the Chairman and Members of the Parish Council for their continued invitation to me to attend their meetings; in this way the Parish and District Councils can work closely together for the benefit of the Parish as a whole.

Margaret Cook

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REACH SPORTS CLUB

The chairman and I would like to thank everyone concerned in helping to make Reach Sports Day the success it was. It takes a small village like ours to show that co-operation from everyone rings success. We are both looking forward to a repeat performance next year.

It was marvellous to see the small children participating in the races again this year.

- The cup for the Best Athlete was won by Kevin Badcock.
- Junior Marathon was won by James Robinson for the third time
- Senior Marathon was won by Paul Cole for the second time
- Ladies Marathon was won by Iris Morris.

The new course proved a great success from the judges point of view and, I believe, created interest from the competitors.

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Fancy dress again was popular, with an additional competition for the Best Pram with 'baby'.

Under 5's was won by Anastasia Fowle as Black Cat

Over 5's by Emma Bulwalk

Rodney Housden with 'Baby Bub' Cutchey won the best Pram competition.

Sean Mays won the Senior Pram Race and Andrew Greenhill and Baby the Junior race.

'Musical Chairs' and 'Passing the Parcel' caused some embarrassing forfeits for the participants but I think all enjoyed the spectacle.

I must thank the competitors who took part for helping to create a successful event. Come again next year.

John O. Robinson

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HAIL KING

Reach had a sea, a sea of salt.  
 It had a cathedral which started a cult.  
 Reach was a kingdom, and had a count too,  
 Who was brutally killed in 1342.  
 Reach was a port overflowing with inns,  
 Filled by people with two chins.  
 Reach's sea went into retreat,  
 As did the people, and the fleet.  
 Years came and years went  
 And Reach's riches were very soon spent.  
 Reach was very soon decayed;  
 Where palaces stood people played.  
 Reach needed a saviour, a fisher king,  
 The prophet Elija or the singer Bing,  
 A teutonic herd, or a councillor perchance,  
 Who would again make the people sing and dance.  
 On to the scene came the very man,  
 With a sceptre, a crown and a beer can.  
 Our saviour became known for his red haired butt,  
 His rippling muscles and his beer gut.  
 He told the Authority to stick it up their's;  
 He was Reach's king and for Reach he cares.  
 Our king was hounded night and day  
 And had a job to keep the press away.  
 He eventually handed our kingdom to the Queen,  
 Which was very unfair and a bit mean.  
 He opened Reach's Fair in the middle of May,  
 On a Monday at noon after Rogation Day.  
 We told him the fair went two weeks before.  
 (Our great king was never a great one for the law)  
 The storm lives on as does our King  
 He had outlived Elija and the singer Bing.

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HISTORICAL RECORDS OF REACH

A documentary survey

The first documented mention of Reach appears in the Domesday Book (1086) and it is therein called "Rete", probably an abbreviation or maybe a mis-spelling for Reche (pronounced as in "wretch") in later documents.

An entry in the "Liber Eliensis", a record of the Monastery of Ely in 1097 mentions the "Fovea de Rech", thought to be the Reach Lode. In the "Inquisto Comitatus", a more detailed version of the Domesday survey it states,

"Of the toll (tax) of Rech 6 shillings and of marsh 6 pence, 32 sheep and 32 pigs. It is worth and always was worth 100 shillings. The land lies and has always lain in the Lordship of the Church".

"The Church" here, probably means the Prior of Ely. The purchasing power of one penny then was at least £1, if not more.

Henry I (1100-1135 AD) gave the monopoly of river trade by royal writ to Cambridge. He also gave the "litus" or shore of the eastern half of Reach to the Abbey of Ramsey describing it as "Reche in Burwell". The western half already belonged to the Prior of Ely hence "Reche in Swaffham Prior".

Reach Fair thus, already belonged to the Burgesses of Cambridge, when on 8th January, 1200-1, King John confirmed the Rogationtide Fair rights to them by Charter. This was argued and confirmed in negotiations with the Crown by the Cambridge Corporation in later reigns.

The monopoly and its tolls must have plagued the clerics of Ely for whom Reche had been a port of entry to their Isle of Ely for centuries. Anyway, by a charter dated 7th March, 1255-56, Henry III granted the Prior and Convent of Ely a weekly market at Reche on Thursdays and an annual fair from 28th August to 1st September 1309. This grant was changed by charter of Edward II on 14th September 1309 to a weekly market on a Friday instead of a Thursday and it confirmed the fair dates. All this time the tolls of the Rogationtide Fair no doubt went to the Burgesses of Cambridge. The rivalry for market tolls continued until an inquisition (public enquiry) was held under the Crown in 1388. It found  $\frac{1}{3}$  of these dues belonged to the Prior of Ely and  $\frac{2}{3}$  to the Cambridge Corporation. No doubt the Abbot of Ramsey also

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felt aggrieved at not having a share too! The arguments continued through the centuries between Swaffham Prior and Burwell. Until in 1850, when the limits of the Fair were defined as extending half a mile from the Church (Chapel of St. Etheldreda) at Reach. So after a mere six hundred years everyone got a share.

As far as is known the Chapel of St. Etheldreda was never a parish church and Reach, divided as it was into East and West Reach, never a parish until 1953. But one wonders how the modern church came to be built next to the ruined one on land which was first under the Abbey of Ramsey and then the Bishopric of Norwich, with such a dedication so obviously toward Ely? Strangely too, there are records in household deeds of the Overseer of the Burwell Parish Poor having premises and lodging in Bedlam Yard at West Reach in Swaffham Prior.

There seems to have been no right of burial at St. Etheldreda Chapel vide the will in 1540 of Richard Trewpenny of Reach which provided for burial at St. Marys Swaffham Prior. In the same church there are brass memorials to the Walter family of Reach (1521). No doubt the Prior of Ely had a cleric serving the Reach Chapel of St. Etheldreda and more important to collect his port, market and fair dues as well as keeping an eye on other interests.

From evidence it seems he may have lived in the house called "White Roses" which, until the 1950's, belonged to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners. It contains as well as a wealth of oak, wall paintings and priests holes.

Prior Crawden the great architect and cleric who built the Octagon at Ely is recorded as buying iron for it and shipping stone from Reach. In the grounds of "White Roses" are several broken, or part fabricated pieces of Church masonry made from Northamptonshire Barnac Stone.

In the British Museum collection of documents there is one entitled "Grant of the Wardship of Henry PALAVICINO of Reach 1601". It might be thought strange for an Italian to live at Reach then. The truth is even stranger. This was the son and heir of Sir Horatio Palavicino (1540-1600) a Genoese Italian merchant banker, Ambassador and British Secret Agent under Queen Elizabeth. He had retired to live in great state at Brabraham Hall. At his death he owned 2,600 acres in East Anglia. Why was Henry described of Reach and not of Brabraham? There may not be a mystery here, but there is certainly a massive intrigue. It was the efforts to obtain control of this inheritance and fortune by Sir Oliver Cromwell (1562-1655) and his marriage to the widowed mother of Henry in 1601, which was behind it all. Henry Palavicino was born in 1592 and at the age of fourteen, in 1606, was

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married to Catherine the twelve year old daughter of the same Sir Oliver Cromwell.

In 1606 Henry matriculated at Clare College and five years later was knighted at Newmarket by the then King James I. in 1614 his wife died and he married Elizabeth Allington who was a blood relation of the great Thomas Cecil, Earl of Exeter, friend of his father and chief Minister to Queen Elizabeth. "But in October 1615, aged only twenty three, Henry died without issue, before he had time to do anything either to dissipate his inheritance or to assert his rights". The estate and fortune passed to his brother Tobias, also married to another of Sir Oliver Cromwell's daughters. Sir Oliver Cromwell of this narrative was the great uncle of Oliver Cromwell the future Lord Protector of England. Their real name was Williams. An ancestor, Sir Richard Williams had been a close associate of Thomas Cromwell, with whom he had taken a prominent and not very scrupulous part in the Dissolution of the Monasteries. So much so that Sir Richard assumed his patrons name of Cromwell. In fact Spinney Abbey in Wicken, the next village to Reach, became by marriage the home of Henry Cromwell, ex Lord Deputy of Ireland, son of Oliver Cromwell, the Lord Protector, but that was in 1659. One wonders if, and where at Reach, Sir Henry Palavicino of Reach, ever lived? Does his ghost by any chance haunt the Manor House I wonder?

H.B.C. Jones

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FLOWER FESTIVAL WEEK-END

St. Mary's Church 7th-8th July

Saturday July 7th

Festival All Day. 8 p.m. Organ Recital

Sunday July 8th

- 8 a.m. Holy Communion
- 10 a.m. Parish Communion
- 3.30 p.m. Wicken Band in the Churchyard.  
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One advantage of being a "deputy editor" is that it allows one the chance of taking over from the 'true scribe' - during Jenny's absence last month I represented our Community Magazine committee at a luncheon given by the Cambridge Evening News.

Prior to lunch I was introduced by Colin Webb, the Editor of the News, and my host for the afternoon, to other guests who had also been awarded prizes in the village/parish magazine competition. We had been awarded 2nd prize in the duplicated magazine section and I received on the magazine's behalf a cheque for £12.50 presented by the Bishop of Ely-principle guest at the luncheon.

Talking magazine publication problems over during a very pleasant lunch, in the Newspapers' Boardroom revealed that we are not alone in having production problems - lack of copy, finance and the physical side of actually putting it together in print.

After lunch we were given a very informative and extremely, fascinating tour of the "Production of the News".

Cambridge Newspapers employ just over 300 people - 80 editorial staff, 80 on production and the balance being involved in administration, distribution and other departments all vital to produce several editions of an evening paper with a 6 day circulation of 51,000 copies, together with various weekly papers covering an area based principally on Cambridgeshire, but spreading slightly over the borders into neighbouring counties.

Colin Webb lead us through the Newsroom where the reporters write up their stories and where the sub editors collate the articles into some semblence of order, all to go forward if suitably newsworthy or interesting to merit inclusion.

Local news is gathered by reporters and local correspondents based in villages - International and national news comes "down the wire" from the Press Association in London and appears on teleprinters in the News Offices. The headline obviously depends upon news priority - so it may be local, national or international.

Once the articles have been compiled, passed by the sub editors- who deal with specific topics- news, sports, arts etc. and all the advertising assembled the written or typed word passes through into the production side. Here the works manager showed us a room containing rows of typesetting machines. These produce metal type which is transferred onto plates the size of a page, photographs and adverts

