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EDITORIAL

I have been struck, this month, by the number of tireless people enthusiastically and generously working away at often thankless, though rewarding, tasks.

All this was crystallised for me when I attended the opening of the Exhibition on Swaffham Prior, prepared by the Junior children and staff at Swaffham Prior School. A great deal of effort has culminated in a detailed, interesting and often amusing collection of art, craft and written presentations. I do hope that those of you who missed it at the school will have found time to look at it in St. Cyriac's.

Mrs. Booton plans to prepare a 'Project Kit' from the exhibition and I have asked her to give us extracts for publication in the near future.

What a birthday present we received from Janet last month! Certainly that issue is one for the Out of Reach archives. Regrettably, Janet's other commitments prevent her from producing the magazine more than once a year.

Miss Whitehead is preparing a special hour for the Sunday School children before the Harvest Horkey on Friday, 5th October. Help in suggesting and organising games would be appreciated.

Councillors Cook and Woollard have been working long and tedious hours lately with the Lode Campaign hotting up at the various public and committee levels. The latest news is that the Health and Amenities Committee of the East Cambs. District Council are in favour of maintaining the high level system. At a meeting of this committee on 18th September a petition signed by 1,564 local residents and several letters to the chairman were presented. The question will now go forward to the Finance and Policy Committee for a decision and discussion of methods of raising or directing the necessary finance. (A general East Cambs. district rate of 1/20 th p. would raise £5,000).

Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Peacock who have helped enormously by displaying information and collecting and sending off forms relevant to the campaign.

I thank again our regular contributors and advertisers. May I, however, point out that the magazine is now in great need of interesting contributions. My 'bank' is almost depleted. Furthermore, there have been no offers to take over editorship or co-edit. I am in need of HELP.

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Land at Wells Close

East Cambs. District Council's Resources Sub-Committee has now agreed in principle that land bought for development by the Council may now be sold for private building plots. The final details have yet to be worked out.

Gas Survey

A total of 10 replies have now been received in favour of having gas in Reach. We are informed that 30 favourable replies had been received from Swaffham Bulbeck; Swaffham Prior was still to reply. If there were sufficient response from all three parishes then it was agreed that a joint representation should be made to the Gas Board.

Lodes

The future of the Lodes is now being debated at the various East Cambs. Committee Meetings. Enthusiasm was expressed fro the idea of repeating the walk along the Lode - possibly in the Spring - as every-one had so enjoyed the recently organised venture.

Parish Boundaries

The review of the Parish Boundaries, required by the Local Government Act 1972, is now being carried out. Any suggestions for change or comments can be made. The Parish Council will be discussing this in October.

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The appointment of a new archbishop is always of interest and consequence to a church. This one looks like being exciting. What is even more interesting is that there seems a real possibility of Robert Runcie, the present Bishop of St. Albans, catching the imagination and reaching the heart of the nation as a whole, in a way that archbishops have not been able to do since William Temple.

He is a very gifted man. Hensley Henson, the great and controversial Bishop of Durham forty years ago, generously summed up Temple, with whom he often seriously disagreed, as 'the most variously accomplished archbishop since Anselm', Henry I's archbishop, who died in 1109. The new archbishop is hardly less gifted: a superb mind, which misses nothing in any situation he has to deal with; marvellous wit, and capacity for fun, of which we saw flashes on the day of his appointment; but through it all a kindness, compassion and strength which enable him to reach, understand and win a quite extraordinary variety of human beings.

A wise preacher said some years ago to some students in my hearing, 'love men: love what they love; and love them for loving what they love'. That is a fair description of at least one major principle which has motivated his dealings as a priest and a bishop. Whether discussing his black Berkshire pigs with a neighbour, or a precious icon with an Orthodox Patriarch, or broadcasting with the B.B.C., there is the same complete, genuine, unforced interest and grasp that seems so natural as he talks about them, yet leave one astonished as one reflects on the sheer range of his mind and life.

A very remarkable Roman lawyer in the third century once talked about the idea of 'a soul naturally Christian'. It may well prove that the supreme contribution of our new archbishop will be the opening of many minds now fast shut to the realisation that the Christian gospel is in fact natural, not alien, to the human mind; that embracing the gospel is to find one's heart, as well as one's mind, exalted and illuminated, and one's whole being finally fully humanised in the lost likeness of Christ.

Harvest Suppers and Festivals

Last month's Crier carried full details of these; but here is a reminder of dates. The Reach Supper is in the Village Centre on Friday, 5th October at 7.00 p.m., price 50p. The Swaffham Prior Supper is on the 6th in the School at 7.30 p.m., tickets, some of which are still available at the Vicarage, price £2.00. The Festival itself will be on the 7th, at St. Mary's at 9.30 a.m., and at Reach at 6.30 p.m., when the Preacher will be the Vicar of Burwell, the Revd. Ian Secrett, M.A.

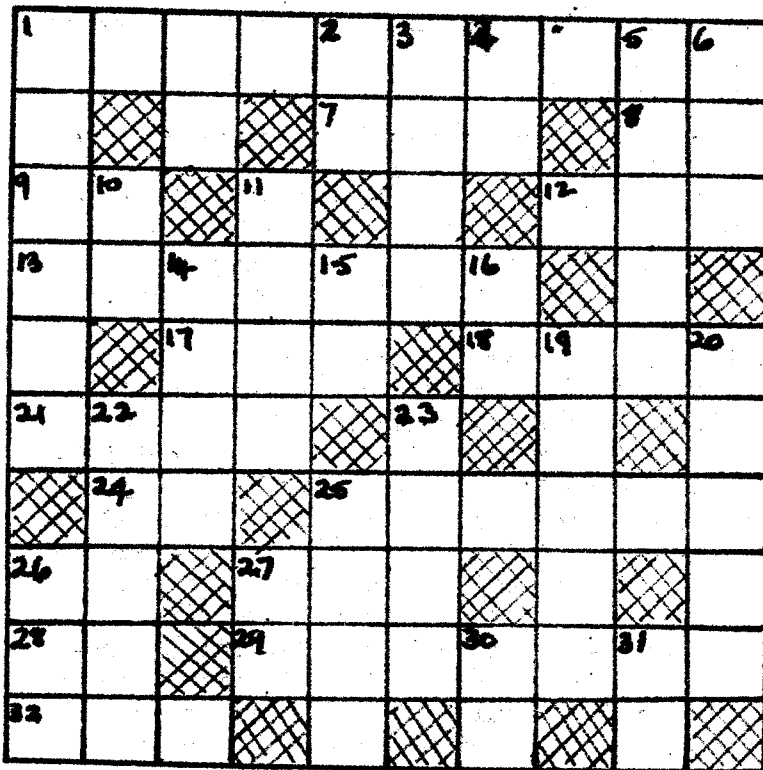
Christmas

Before you get your diaries quite filled up, will you bear in mind that we are having another united dance in the Reach Village Centre on Friday, 14th December, at 8.00 p.m., tickets, including buffet being £1.00; and our Carol Services at St. Mary's on Thursday, 20th December, at 7.00 p.m. and at Reach on Sunday 23rd at 3.30 p.m.

QUICK CROSSWORD

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CLUES

Across

- 1. & 3.dn For crossing the road
- 7. A Snake
- 8. An exclamation
- 9. Do not stay
- 12. Girl's name
- 13. Festive fare for a quick eater
- 16. Adam's was water
- 18. Card game
- 21. Margin
- 24. Exists
- 25. A season
- 26. Thanks!
- 27. A fossil fuel
- 28. A toast to her!
- 29. End of term?
- 32. Look

Down

- 1. A group of geese
- 2. Take special note
- 3. See 1 across
- 4. Sun god
- 6. Reticent
- 11. Competent
- 15. The French
- 19. A traveller
- 22. Personal record
- 23. Not in a china shop, please.
- 5. A dance
- 10. Double duck?
- 14. Holdalls
- 16 (the) Royal Society
- 20. Group of people
- 26. A little meal I hear
- 25. Jerusalem
- 27. Sudden response?
- 30. Not out
- 31. Before noon

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SHIRE HALL TITBITS

August and much of September usually comprise something of a close season in County Council affairs, most of the members being on holiday. Much time has been taken up locally, however, by the continuing debate on the future of the Cambridgeshire Lodes, and I only hope that strong support for these ancient waterways expressed in Reach will have some effect on the powers that be. The decision could still go either way.

Now back to "normal" business. The next few months promise to be important in the Local Government world, as Central Government thinking, with the support of the Association of County Councils, appears to be moving strongly in the direction of greater local influence and decision-making. When I was Chairman of the Council's Finance Sub-Committee I found it frustrating, to say the least, to realise that, regardless of local views, the real margin for local decision in financial terms was no more than 1p or 2p on the Rates, and if economies were necessary, one could only examine certain comparatively small areas of expenditure, as so much more was of a statutory nature - by direction of Central Government. I didn't like the idea of tampering with school capitation money, for example. This buys books and paper for our Schools and is under local control and has been reduced. The provision of milk and school meals is a statutory obligation at the moment, and Cambridgeshire spends more than twice as much money - nearly £4m. on milk and meals than capitation. Those who believe that our Schools exist to feed the minds and not the bellies of our children have had a frustrating time, and maybe the mooted removal of the statutory obligation to provide a meal at a fixed price could give our County sufficient leeway to help Education in the true sense of the word.

Other issues up for possible debate include removal of the statutory requirement to provide free school transport for certain categories of youngsters, relaxation of regulations governing standards of school buildings and school playing fields, consideration of charges for the use of public libraries (as opposed to closures for "economy" reasons) and the old Cambridgeshire chestnut of Local Authority land holdings.

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SHIRE HALL TITBITS (continued)

Though I know of, and respect, those who regard increased Central Government expenditure as good in itself, my own view, is that it would be good for democracy and good for Local Authorities to be able to respond to the electorate more closely and for their local taxation (rates) policy to more readily fit the needs of the population and its ability to pay. We have witnessed dreadful injustice in Cambridgeshire over the last few years, with millions being manipulated by Central Government for dubious reasons, and Cambridgeshire has obtained an increasingly raw deal. One benefit, however, is to make elected members and officers at Shire Hall think more deeply about fundamental issues, realising that, as Government money becomes less and less important and local money becomes more so, in future the local pipers will wish to call the tune.

If you would like to comment on this fairly provocative piece, please write to me at the usual address.

Geoffrey Woollard, County Councillor.

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1 qt. Blackberries 1½ oz. allspice
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1 pt. white vinegar

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- 8 Ah
- 9 Go
- 12 Amy
- 13 Gobbler
- 16 Ale
- 18 Snap
- 21 Edge
- 24 Is
- 25 Summer
- 26 Ta
- 27 Oil
- 28 E.R.
- 29 Holiday
- 32 Eye

Down

- 1 Gaggle
- 2 N.B.
- 3 Code
- 4 Ra
- 5 Samba
- 6 Shy
- 10 OO
- 11 Able
- 14 Bags
- 15 Le
- 16 R.S.
- 19 Nomad
- 20 Party
- 22 Diary
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- 30 In
- 31 A.M.

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