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# "OUT OF REACH" COMMUNITY MAGAZINE

PARE THE SERVICE TO SERVICE AND ARREST CONTRACTOR

JUNE 1978.

# EDITORIAL

I hope that the Fair Committee, who put in such a lot of hard work over a long period, are feeling rewarded by the evident success of Fair Weekend. It was certainly the best May celebration since we have been here, both for variety of entertainment and the number of visitors. Unfortunately those who contribute most to the preparation and organisation of such functions often have to miss some of the fun. I hope that one event they didn't miss was the superb 'Exhibition of Reach Past and Pregent', arranged and recorded in this issue of the magazine by Major Jones.

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Thank you to all who helped towards the making of a thoroughly enjoyable, interesting and memorable weekend:

Welcome to the Neeves family who have recently moved into Dolphin Cottage.

I hope you will all like our new cover by Ester Morris, one of the competition winners. Jenny Johnson.

#### 'Reminder'.

Copy date for this magazine is the 20th of each month, or before if possible. All copy to the Editor please.

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# DISTRICT COUNCIL NEWS

Grants totalling £375 have recently been made to three historic buildings in my area. Each grant is small, being little more than a token of the Council's desire to help keep its ancient heritage in a good state of repair. The budget for this sort of work is very small and has to be spread over the whole district, where there are many historic buildings.

In Reach, 'White Roses', received a little help towards urgent repairs to the porch. For Swaffham Prior there was a little help again for the repair of the porch of St. Mary's Church; a further grant may be considered for St. Mary's next year in the light of how the work is progressing and how much local effort has helped towards this great expense. Finally, a little help was given to an ancient barn which is an important part of the street scene in Swaffham Bulbeck.

I should like to take this opportunity of congratulating the Fair Committee for a splendid day on Monday, May 1st.

Margaret Cook.

# PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The County Surveyor, Mr. Oldridge, has advised that the grass verges on the highways will not be cut as frequently as in the past, owing to financial cutbacks. A letter has been drafted saying that Reach often appears to be forgotten when any grass cutting is done, and considering the narrow roads busy with council refuse lorries, at least the dangerous bends ought to be cut.

Planning: An application has been received from Mr. M. Warrington in respect of conversion of a barn to a dwelling.

It has been brought to the Council's attention that a great deal of rubbish, including large household items, are being dumped alongside and in the ditches down Hightown Drove. The District Council is willing to dispose of large unwanted items, provided you pick up the telephone and give them warning. This service is FREE!

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#### FROM THE VICAR:

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I would like to express my personal thanks to everyone responsible for mounting the recent Exhibition of Old Reach. In itself a small thing, it seems to have registered itself as a significant event in the common memory of both villages, and we are all grateful for the generosity of those who loaned their precious relics for the Rogation week-end.

The question inevitably arises: Where do we go from here? Randall Davidson, Archbishop of Canterbury from 1903-28, 'again and again took the view, his biographer tells us, that if people understood how a state of things had come to be, they would see what the next right step was'. It seems fairly clear, looking back on the 'state of things' in Swaffham Prior over the past 80 years, that we must finish, if possible by next year, the process of restoration which began with the re-roofing of St. Mary's in 1898. A restored porch will do just this, though this in itself is only a clearing of the decks for the real work of restoring the church's common life through worship and teaching and neighbourly love.

But what about Reach? Davidson, preaching about John Whitgift, Queen Elizabeth's last Archbishop, again said some homely things which seem to apply: 'In the life of a man, from boyhood to old age, some parts may be, and certainly will be, more stirring, more eventful, than others; but each bit has to do - quite necessarily and clearly - with what went before and what comes after.... God has had a purpose in moulding that life, personal or national bit by bit, and to His all-seeing eye each little epoch; each set of years, is concerned with all the rest, both past and future'. Reach folk are deeply conscious of their past: less certain, I would say, of their future. So, again, where do we go?

It so happens I am writing this on the Feast of the Ascension, the day when Christ resumed that lordship of history he laid aside for the saving of this world. 'History', it has been said, 'proceeds from the Ascension'; for that lordship, besides our personal life, covers the three great factors of politics, society and soil, which concern us all so much in Reach. Its operation is almost always silent, mysterious, and understood only in retrospect; but it is there, nonetheless. How do we respond to his directions? Usually, by reflecting, and then doing the next urgent thing. But what is this? Isn't the most urgent thing of all, sometimes, to consider "hat the business of existence itself is about? And if you ask this, then mere logic drives you back in the end to William Temple's answer, that it is for humanity to become 'a society of free persons under God', - a simple phrase, but full of vast implications for every level of life, from worship to the allotment. And if this is anywhere near the truthen both communities will have to do some very hard thinking, to re-assess their priorities, over the next five years or so.

#### FROM THE COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL

21 Trumpington St., Cambridge CB2 10A Tel: Cambridge 62638

We have received the following letter from the Secretary of the local Health Council, Mrs. Mary Morricks:

have been thinking about ways of involving more members of the We public in the work of the Cambridge Community Health Council, which is the corsumer body for the NHS in this district. It occurs to us that churches very often have social studies discussion groups or are involved in voluntary activities in their own local communities which may make them aware of inadequacies in the health services or which will lead them to form views as to how services could be improved. We should like to hear these views. If you feel that there are health service needs in your part of our district which are not being met, please use the CHC as a means of making these known to the health authorities. It is our job to help you in this way.

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9.30a.m. Parish Communion (St. Mary's)

11.00a.m. Family Communion (Reach)

6.30p.m. Evensong (St. Mary's)

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# 'OLDER THAN MAGNA CARTA' - 1978

The mayor and burgesses of the City of Cambridge have been coming to Reach Fair since before 1200 A.D. This year Miss M. Whitehead suggested that the Church, as its part in the celebrations, should mount an exhibition of Reach, past and present. This proved a great success with almost a thousand people visiting it and raising £30 for the repair fund.

The exhibition arranged in sequence, began in prehistory with specimens of fossils, bog oak and the vertebrae of huge prehistoric monsters, provided by Messrs. Whitehead, Moseley and Washtell. There followed a collection of Stone and Bronze Age material found locally. Outstanding was the fine, polished flint axe lent by Mr. D. Fuller. Two splendid Bronze Age axes shown by Mr. B. Smith had been ploughed out of the Fen. The Roman Villa, between the village of Reach and Swaffham Prior, was the basis of the magnificent exhibition of artefacts put on by Mr. John Clarke. Tribute must be paid to the outstanding work of this local farmer cum archaeologist and naturalist; with his inspiration and help, much of interest has been conserved in Reach and the surrounding villages, and his was the solid foundation upon which the exhibition was built.

Through the Middle Ages, Tudors, Stuarts and Georges, the County Archivist, Mr. J.M. Farrar, led the way. How can we thank him for such an interesting journey in time? One can but admire the quiet, efficient, professional way in which documents were produced from the first Charter references to Reach Fair in 1200 A.D. to the bill for the Mayors Lunch in 1825 and on to the Village Roll of Honour in the Great War of 1914-18. The villagers always thought the hamlet had had an interesting history, but now the Archivist has really brought it to life.

The Victorian era, with peat digging tools and other items of country crafts, really belonged to Mrs. Washtell and her family. They produced 32 items ranging from press cuttings to paintings. As usual their help to the village was given unstintingly, in the tradition set by Colin Washtell over twenty years ago.

Next came the other great effort on our behalf by a County Official. Mr. M. Petty, curator of the Cambridgeshire Collection, lent us a great number of early photographs of Reach. These, plus Miss Whiteheads album, were possibly the item which gave the greatest pleasure to 'old Reach hands', who with pride showed 'the young 'uns' great Aunt Sophy, or wiped an eye with thoughts of past Fairs. Many were very surprised to see 'Women's Lib' in Reach in 1906 - a cricket team of ravishing beauties and the Vicar. It all emphasises the debt the village owes to the County Library Services.

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'OLDER THAN MAGNA CARTA'-1978. contd....

Of things old, there remained a collection of maps, deeds and modern air photographs from Mrs. Longman, Miss Coates, Mr. D. Fuller and Mr. R. Johnson, which linked the old with the new. Nor must one forget the solid backing of posters and placards by Cambridgeshire organisations which welded and expanded the theme. They were represented by Miss J. Greenwall of the Cambs. and Isle of Ely Naturalists Trust which is responsible for the conservation of the Devil's Dyke, and Mrs. J. Pullinger, Director of Excavations of the Cambs. Antiquarian Society. Their exhibits, with the very good maps and data sheets of the County's own Archaeological Field Officer, Miss Alison Taylor, tied it all up. All of these people gave time, advice and came many miles to support us.

Modern Reach was a 'tour de force' of artistry and skolls. shout on the Green and there will be an artist or a craftsman at your service to produce a carving, fine furniture, a building or a machine tool let alone an antique! No wonder we have no empty houses in Reach. As people came in they were halted literally, by the grace and light of Iris Morris's paintings, the life of Ron, Iris and Stephen Morris's carvings, the atmosphere and depth of Clarissa Cochran's sketching and the fine steel of Mr. H. Badcock's hand forged tools. One wonders how much more hidden talent, like the corn dollies of Paul Fuller, we didn't find.

A final tribute to the good people of Reach who came and saw and helped, from Mrs. Housden at the Manor, who scaled the attics to produce a Roman lamp and a Militiaman's hat of 1750 pattern which had never been exhibited outside the family before, to the unnamed and unsung 'curators' who kept the long watches, so that not a single item went astray. To the youngsters the organiser says a personal thank you; to Andrew Greenhill for his collection of 'clays', to the children who were so good and just didn't touch, to the clans Fuller and Morris who fetched and carried and who even brought their friends to help and were an inspiration. To the 'minute. minority' who didn't take part - you missed a lot of fun.

All 'Exercises' teach something. Our hamlet's history shows that for centuries it was a market. Our Fair in modern times has held a variety of events, from tug-of-war, sports, pageants, cycle races, dog shows, 'pork and punch, beauty queens to clay pigeon shoots, but never before an exhibition of its 'total history'. This sort of show is a 'one off event' in a generation, but it is time to take stock and look back as did the Chroniclers of old, and also to do a bit of forward thinking. Sunday markets are big business in certain areas of Britain today. Gymkhanas for pony clubs attract crowds. Were we right to drop the Tug-of-War for instance? Could weight lifting and other trials of strength be added? We need a working party of young and old before next year. Next year will be contd. over....

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H.B.C. Jones.

#### SHURCH ACCOUNTS

The following monies were gained for the Church as a result of the 'Exhibition of Old Reach' and the recent stall:-

Church Stall

£22.72.

£31.60.

Exhibition

# \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* THE SPRING

How still the air on this new spring morn. Buds burst into leaves on trees newly born. The blackbird greets us with his song from high As the winter days have now slipped by. The thrush hurries, with little time to rest Collecting straw and mud to build its nest. The sleepy doormouse stirs from its winter sleep And looks out from his nest he made so neat. The swallows return from lands so far away, As in the fields the lambs frolic and play. The cuckoo calls as he flies slowly by And the plovers twist and turn in the sky. The scent of flowers, now in full bloom, Brings forth the bees from their winters gloom. The hedgehog, with his host of crawling fleas, And all the birds will, in chorus, loudly sing

HIGH STREET, BOTTISHAM

TOYS, MODELS, SPORTS/ACCESSORIES, FISHING TACKLE, DIY, BOOKS

# SHIRE HALL TITBITS

By the time this piece is published, one of the biggest issues to face the County Council will have entered the final stages of debate. I refer to the future of the County Council's Smallholdings Estate.

Although it is rarely argued that in the past a great variety of holdings has served a useful purpose, an increasing number of people, both in the farming community and without, are now questioning the need for 47,000 acres of agricultural land to be in the ownership of Authority. The wholesale amalgamation of the once-numerous and so-called uneconomic fields and plots, although justifiable for reasons of rationalization and streamlining, has also caused worry. Discussions now roughly divide those who would count nance little general change, apart from the virtual extinction of small Smallholdings, from others who would wish to see an increase of small owner-occupiers.

Change is clearly on the way, but before dramatic decisions are taken, I believe that opinion ought to be tested on the question of whether existing tenants would be interested in taking over ownership of land they presently occupy. I expect that many, if not most, of Cambridgeshire County Council's Smallholders would wish to carry on as they are, even though the land rents have to be increased substantially from time to time, but the opportunity is now available for views to be expressed on the possibility of owneroccupation. These views are extremely important and will be taken into account by those who have to decide the future. I therefore hope that any County Council tenant in Reach Parish will not hesitate to contact me to discuss the whole matter.

Geoffrey Woollard, County Councillor.

# THE STAINE HUNDRED

The next meeting of the Staine Hundred - the local history societywill be on Wednesday, 14th June, when Alison Taylor will talk about "The earthworks of Cambridgeshire". The meeting will be held in the Lecture Room at Bottisham Village College at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting for July will take the form of a visit to the Museum of East Anglian Life at Stowmarket on Sunday 2nd July. It is proposed to hire a coach for this trip, leaving Bottisham Village College at 1.15p.m. and returning no later than 6.30 p.m. The Museum is open from 2p.m. to 5p.m. on Sundays. Would members who wish to go on the trip please let the secretary (Anne Darvall, 16 Pound Way, Swaffham Bulbeck; phone: C.811762) or the chairman (James Fitch, 15 Tunbridge Close, Bottisham; phone: C.811425) know by 10 June at the latest, if they have not already done so; if they wish to bring guests would they please let us know how many. There will be no charge contd. over...

The Staine Hundred contd....

to members for the coach trip; guests will be asked to pay 25p. Entrance to the Museum costs 30p for adults, 15p for children and pensioners. Teas are available at the Museum.

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# FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL

The Ceilidh was a great success both financially and socially. Mr. Laycock was given a well deserved gift for his services since he so charmingly coaxed the majority to their feet over and over again; once you had done it, it became highly enjoyable.

Our grateful thanks to Mrs. Fox and Mrs. Kasberg for the food and to Mr. Helawell and Steven Taylor for the posters and of course, to all friends who supported us, even, in several cases, entering the fancy dress contest.

Our next event will be a barbeque on June 10th and this of course will be a family evening for which we hope the weather will be kind. There will be arrangements to guard against misfortune in this regard. 7.30 will see the first major cooking so don't be late.

At 2.30 on June 24th the School Fair will take place in aid of School Fund. There will be a large number of stalls and games, maypole and country dancing, pony rides, raffle, refreshments and of course, children's competitions. This year the main contests include:

> Midsummer Fancy Hat contest Soap Box Derby - so Dads get building

Any donations for the raffle or for any of the numerous stalls will be gratefully received at the School and it is amazing how even the bottle stall produced £11 last year - so please, anything however small can be so useful.

Future School events are:-

Sports Day July 8th Swimming Gala - July 12th

All parents and friends will be welcome.

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OUT OF REACH - Further copies are available from the Post Office -5p each. Send them to your friends - let other people read the news Out of Reach!

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# YOUTH CLUB

All youngsters who have left Swaffham Prior School but who are not over 16 are invited to a meeting at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday 20th June at Swaffham Prior School, to discuss the proposed youth club.

If you live in Swaffham Prior or Reach, come along because it will be your ideas that we want to hear.

#### BOTTISHAM YOUNG FARMERS CLUB

On 7th April, Bottisham Young Farmers Club visited the Veterinary Investigation Centre in Cambridge, and the following week the members challenged the Advisory Committee to a General Knowledge Quiz which the Advisory Committee won easily.

Pheasant Rearing was the subject of an illustrated talk given by Mr. A. Macnab of Cottenham on 21st April, and on 28th April, the members enjoyed a visit to the Veal Unit at Wysing Grange Farm at Bourn. There, Mr. Elliott and Mr. Scott explained to the members how the Volac Automatic Feeder works and how the calves are reared using this system.

As the visit to Homepridg Bakeries had to be cancelled, Mr. Geoffrey Woollard kindly came along and brought some antiques with him and the members had a "Going for a Song" contest amongst themselves.

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Lettings	126.60	Electric	55 • 39
Donations	14.00	Rates	26.04
100 Club	43.20	Insurance	31.53
Sale of Wood	10.00	Sundries	42.51
Waste Paper	32.40	Donations	7.00
Fair and Functions	392.21	Fire Protection	28,62
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# SMALL AD.

Slavia Air Rifle ·177 as new - £10. Justin Moseley - Tel: 741425 after 5 p.m.

The Whist Drive and Draw held in Reach Village Centre raised £217. A cheque was presented to Dr. Scott for the Mid Anglia General Practitioners Accident Service.

# WHIST WINNERS WERE: -

Highest Score in Room

Highest Gents 2nd Gents 3rd Gents Booby Gents

Highest Ladies 2nd Ladies 3rd Ladies Booby Ladies

Most 5's Gents Most 5's Ladies

Highest  $\frac{1}{2}$  time Gents Highest  $\frac{1}{2}$  time Ladies

Lucky Door Shortbread Ash Trays

Raffle Pork Pomagne Sherry Pomagne Mrs R. Hardy

Mr. L. Durrant Mr. E. Wright H. Claxton C. Brown

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# DRAW WINNERS WERE: ?

Chocs. Sherry Champagne Whisky Martini Clock Voucher Champagne

Mr. S. Webb, Reach. A. Manchetts, Burwell. J. Osborne, Newmarket. Setafield, Burwell. K. Hodgson, Cambridge. Mr. Lawrence, Longmeadow. Mr. T. Earl, Burwell. Mr. K. Easy, Swaffham Prior. Dinner Wine Sandra Harrison, Reach. Sherry W. Chapman, Newmarket. Whisky Cindy Rooks, Burwell.

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# DRAW WINNERS contd...

Chocs. Ginger Wine Garden Orn. Groceries Biscuits Shortcakes Tea Jie-Saw Radio Jig-Saw Tights Biscuits Chocs.

Mr. Vangouchin, Cherry Hinton Miss D.E. Pitt, Madingley Mrs. E. Harrison, Peterborough. Miss J. Bradley, Slough, Bucks. Mr. P. Whayman, Horningsea. c/o Saqui Lawrence, Cambridge. Mrs. S. Harrison, Stetchworth. Mrs. P. Badcock, Reach. Mr. F. Fuller, Burwell. S. Bradley, Langley. N.J. Bailey, Cambridge. J. Morley, Sawston. Lewis, Swaffham Prior.

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# RECIPE

#### APPLE FLAN

l Flan Case

3 dessert apples

l tblep. sugar

2 stiffly beaten egg whites

Grate apples Mix with sugar and egg whites Put mixture into flan case Top with cream or ice cream