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# OUT OF REACH

### COMMUNITY MAGAZINE

- THE PAPER THAT IS NOT ON STRIKE (even if this is our first skeleton issue!)

# EDITORIAL

I regret to admit that is was not until I read the December edition of the 'Swaffham Crier' that I realised I had forgotten to wish everyone a Merry Christman. So, I hasten to say this month, a Very Happy New Year to everyone.

It is so easy, sitting at home in relative comfort, to be optimistic and forget the problems of the homeless, the deprived, the bereaved, the unemployed, those who have great personal problems and even the strife striken areas of the world, including our own Northern Ireland. Whenever I lightly wish everyone Happy New Year, I think about these things and wonder why it is that some of us are so much more fortunate - good fortune which we take for granted most of the time. What a pity that it is not possible for the world population as a whole to make a New Year Commitment to Peace, Care and Co-operation.

Back to the present now, with news of our duplicator. Harvey has succeeded, with the aid of a Parish Council Loan, in buying a second hand manually operated duplicator. It is residing temporarily at Tilden House but will soon be installed in the Village Centre. We need a large cupboard in which to store the machine and all the essential equipment; any offers of such a piece of furniture would be appreciated.

This is the time to thank publicly, Mr. Keith Pratt of Swaffham Bulbeck, who, on top of his very great involvement with the Bulbeck Beacon, has each month made his duplicator, his help, expertise and time available to us. We are exceptionally grateful to him.

J.J.

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We have received the following letter from our District Councillor. So many Reach residents have helped to support the magazine financially, by sending in contributions and by giving up time to help in the production, that I want you all to see the letter and share in the congratulations.

"Dear Jenny,

Many congratulations to you, to Pat Harrison and all your other helpers in the success of 'Out of Reach' in the Ely Diocese Parish Magazine Competition. It is a great tribute to your enterprise and hard work that after only two years work the magazine of such a small community should be so highly commended.

Yours very sincerely, Margaret Cook."

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### AN APPEAL

As Jenny has stated in her editorial, we have been able to purchase a second-hand duplicator which is in very good condition. This magazine has been produced on it so I hope the standard is as good as normal. Financially, we had to borrow £75 from the Parish Council so that we could take advantage of this rare occasion of a good duplicator coming on the market.

We have promised to repay the loan as soon as we possibly can, and I am writing to ask everyone who reads this magazine if they could support our appeal for money. Denations, no matter how small, can be given to either myself, Jenny Johnson, or left with the magazine sales monies in the Post Office, or given to any member of the Magazine Committee.

I know that the magazine is read and enjoyed by all and the committee will appreciate any support.

> Harvey Harrison, Tilden House, Burwell Road, Reach.

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As a follow up to my previous note, the committee would like tulletthank all our regular advertisers for their continuing support - some names have fallen, new names have appeared. Anyone may advertise in the magazine, whether for one month or for a series of twelve months. The rates are very favourable, taking your name and the service you offer or your goods to all the houses in the Parish, plus many outside. Please de not hesitate to contact me at any time for further information.

I must also thank those who have shown their appreciation of the magazine by their kind and generous donations.

H.H.

# FROM THE VICAR

If communities are essentially mysterious, and the secret of their common life infinitely elusive, at least one ingredient in the latter can be identified without much doubt, namely a magazine such as The swaffham Crier or Out of Reach circulating regularly and freely to every house. and fostering a common mind. And as neither of the Editors concerned will be disposed to blow their own trumpet on the matter, perhaps it will be in order for me, at least, to offer them the congratulations of both communities on the success of their journals in the recent competition generously sponsored by the Cambridge Evening News.

Editors, like Preachers, are never quite off duty: the next issue, like the next sermon, is always nagging at, or simmering in, their subconscious. To Cyril Rowlinson and Jenny Johnson, therefore, especially as we celebrate the second birthday of both journals, more or less, this month, we offer our thanks in addition. And coupled with them, we thank their Editorial Committees, for whom no inconvenience may interfere with going to press on time.

There are notes of discouragement in Jenny Johnson's last editorial. Abundant, even sufficient, regular copy is admittedly hard to come by in a small community. Yet the effort to produce something worthy each month is infinitely worth while. How worth while I have realised again in the reading of an absorbingly interesting book by Alan Wilkinson on The Church of England and the First World War. The author has digged far, wide and deep for his information and judgments, not least the Parish Magazines produced in those dark years insome of the villages of South Cheshire where most of the book was written. No doubt, the clergy who put those magazines together 60 years ago were quite unaware that their monthly letters would be read beyond the village or the end of the month in question. But in fact, because they realised that a magazine is so much more than a mere catalogue of events, but an evaluation of them too, their remarks carry an authenticity. as genuine as the letters of Bishops and Archbishops, Chaplains and troops at the front. At the very least, Out of Reach is the only authentic record of what is currently going on within Reach. So despite all hazards and heartbreaks, may we wish them, magazines and Editors alike, long and happy continuance.

The kind of heartbreak we have known in the death of Richard Norris, following so closely on that of Peter Wilkins, is one that requires years to assimilate and make sense of. He had already achieved much, and there was promise of much mere one day. Nevertheless, sense can ultimately be made of it, though that sense is ultimately private to those most intimately concerned. The basic pattern is the death of Jesus. Because the salvation

### FROM THE VICAR - Continued

of the world arises from that death, and the incorruptible life released through it, no sense can slowly be made even of this otherwise meaningless waste. Moreover, as the New Testament was written to make sense, to draw out the meaning, the manifold strands of meaning, of that cardinal death, so not the least of themysteries and mercies of the common life of a small community is its power, through Christ and common compassion, to take the broken to itself, to interpret, to make sense, to heal.

At its last meeting the Parochial Church Council decided to invite those who so wished to plant bulbs in the churchyard in memory of those who have died. Would they please consult me as to where to do this.

Finally, I am very glad indeed to be able to tell you that we have received a very generous offer to pay for the outstanding cost of the Nave Arch Screen.

J.K.B.

### FROM THE CHURCHES

# ST. MARY'S & REACH - Worship in January

7.30.p.m.

lst	The Circumcision	n and Naming of Jesus
	10.00.a.m.	Holy Communion (St. Mary's)
6th	The EPIPHANY	
	10.00.a.m.	Holy Communion (St. Mary's)
7th	EPIPHANY I	
	8.00.a.m. 9.30.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Holy Communion (Reach) Matins & Eucharist (St. Mary's) Evensong (Reach)
14th, 21st, 28th EFIPHANY II, III, IV		
	9.30.a.m. 11.00.a.m. 6.30.p.m.	Parish Communion (St. Mary's) Family Communion (Reach) Evensong (St. Mary's)
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### From the Primary School:

We would like to thank all those who helped to make our Christmas Fair such a success. It was a pleasure to see so many associations running stalls, so making it a real community effort and we hope that they too were satisfied with the restlts.

We were also pleased with the support we received from our friends and parents on both evenings for the Christmas play. Space is always a problem in our long, narrow hall so we are grateful that you are so understanding when it comes to being rather squashed. As a result of the collection, we were able to present the Vicar with a donation of over £21 towards the Church Porch Restoration Fund, and thank you all for your generosity.

Best wishes to you all for a very Happy New Year.

A. V. Booton Headmistress

# Our School Visit to Burwell House

When we first got there we sat down in the lounge and Mr. Pike told us about Burwell House, and Burwell. Then we went to our rooms and met the other 14 children from Oakington School. Our teachers were Mr. and Mrs. Booton.

At 12.30 p.m. we had lunch. After lunch we had half an hour to play. Then we went for a walk around the village to look at the patterns on the walls and roofs. We made sketches and notes, as we got back Mr. Pike made some orange and we had a piece of cake. After that we went into the studio and did printing, collage, needlework, pattery, sketching and woodwork in groups - two from each school.

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# Our School Visit to Burwell House (continued)

When it was supper time we came in. Everyone was looking forward to after supper because we had been promised a film, and that the snack bar would open. At last we got to bed at half past ten, instead of nine o'clock! Next morning after breakfast, we went into the studios and did some more work, after about one and a half hours we had a break. Then we carried on in a different group until lunch time. After lunch we went on the walk again to finish anything we didn't do the day before.

Here is a list of what happened through our stay:

8.30 a.m. Breakfast 6.30 p.m. - Dinner time

11.00 a.m. - Orange squash

7.30 p.m. -Films

12.30 p.m. -Lunch time 4.00 p.m. Tea-time

8.00 p.m. -Snack bar opened

9.00 p.m.

Hot drink and

bedtime In between breakfast and dinner, we worked in our groups.

On the last day after breakfast we had a big tidy up. All the pillow cases and sheets had to be brought down. When at last it was time to go, the place looked quite different! We all enjoyed it very much.

Report by: Tracey Rayner

Simon Butcher Corey Kasberg Marta Scott Kerry Harding

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### DISTRICT COUNCIL NEWS

The Government's Homeloan Scheme became operative on 1st December, 1978. This scheme enables FIRST TIME HOME BUYERS to receive a £600 loan, free of interest for five years, in addition to the loan for which they would normally qualify. There is also a cash bonus of up to £110, depending on the amount of savings held during the twelve months prior to the application for benefits. The bonus is tax free and paid by the institution which provides the mortgage loan on completion of the purchase.

The District Council has agreed to participate in the scheme as a lending institution and the Homeloan Scheme may benefit those who are granted Council mortgages in the future. There is an upper limit on the price of the house which it is intended to buy and in East Anglia this is £12,300.

Those wishing to take advantage of the scheme can obtain further details from the Treasurer's Department of the District Council at 11 Lynn Road, Ely. Margaret Cook. - . . - 6 -

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# SHIRE HALL TITBITS

I know that the County Council and those of us who work at Shire Hall are considered remote by some. The blame for this is usually attributed to idleness, or stupidity, or arrogance, or Local Government reorganisation, or just another facet of our modern Big-Brother-knows-best style of society.

Top-level efforts are, however, being made to forge close links between the County Authority and Parish Councils - the real grass roots with which so many of us are fully familiar. It is thought, for example, that it's time someone sorted out the muddle that exists in streetlighting. Admost all villages in this area have some County Council lights, a few District Council lights and, in most cases, a pattern of Parish Council lights. The result that we see (or don't see!) is very often chaotic, and it is hoped that official discussion between the various organisations can sort something out. I am sure this makes longterm sense.

Another issue is that of roadside verge-cutting and maintenance, and again opinions are going to be sought through the Association of Local Councils as to how best the service can be provided to suit as big a percentage of local opinion in the village as possible.

Those are just two subjects that cause a lot of argument. If you have views on them, or anything else in Reach that you think I ought to know about, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

> Geoffrey Woollard, County Councillor.

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### SOLUTION TO WORD PUZZLE IN LAST MONTH'S ISSUE

Sawston; Ely; Shelford; Duxford; St. Neots; Fenstanton; Bar Hill; Stapleford; Cambridge; Fulbourn; Melbourn; Lonstanton; Ickleton; Fordham; Fowlmere; Trumpington; Burwell; Chesterton; Balsham; Bourn; Toft; Bottisham; Mepal; Chatteris; Huntingdon; Histon; Barnwell; Chishill; Hinxton; Over; Sutton; Heydon; Meldreth; Coton; Foxton; Girton; Isleham; Barton; Reach; Soham; Newton; Caxton; Linton; Orwell; Quy; Milton; Lode; Earith; Ramsey.

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## RECIPE

### Cheese, Leek and Bacon Pie

6 oz. streaky bacon pinch salt and pepper l onion 4 oz. grated cheese 2 large leeks  $\frac{1}{4}$  pt. single cream 1 lb. potatoes 2 oz. marg.

Dice bacon; slice onion and leeks and fry until tender. Slice potatoes and cook for 10 min. Drain. Put half potatoes with the other vegetables, seasoning, cream and half the cheese into a casserole. Top with remaining potato and cheese. Cover and bake for 20 min. at 350°F. Brown top. Serves four.

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# BOTTISHAM YOUNG FARMERS REPORT

On 17th November the club's entertainment for the evening was a general knowledge quiz, the club's advisory committee against club members.

On 1st December the club was pleased to welcome Mr. Rodney Tibbs, the well-known column writer of the Cambridge Evening News, who gave an illustrated talk about his recent journey to the Antarctic with members of the British Antarctic Survey, based in Cambridge at Madingley Road. Mr. Tibbs explained about the value of their research regarding the forecasting of possible avalanches in countries such as Switzerland and Austria.

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### LETTER FROM A NEW RESIDENT

l Fair Green.

"I would like to thank the Committee of Reach Centre for inviting me to their Annual Christmas Dinner and all the folk there who made themselves known to me and bid me welcome to the village; this made my evening a most enjoyable one and one I shall always remember."

> Signed: Gwen Styles.

Welcome to Mrs. Styles from 'Out of Reach'. We hope that she continues to enjoy life here and makes more friends. I am sure the Reach Centre Committee will be pleased to read of her appreciation of the Christmas entertainment.