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EDITORIAL

When I received my Questionnaire from the Reach Conservative Association recently it struck me as rather appropriate that the article for this month is about the Burwell Society. Perhaps there is something here that could well be advantageous for our own village. Many areas nowadays have societies with similar aims - even in my own corner of Wales there is a flourishing 'Watch Dog' group. The main value, it seems to me, is that such a body, once organised is ready to deal with controversial issues as soon as they are mooted. So often timing is of the utmost importance and the ability to act quickly depends on being prepared.

By February 1st the Questionnaires will have been collected, but may I suggest that anyone interested in forming a Reach Society with such a protective function might still contact General Crookenden or Janet and John Biggs for further discussion.

I apologise to those who received incomplete copies of the magazine last month. We hope that by increasing the number duplicated there will be no recurrence of the problem.

J. J.

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There are two more new families in the village. The Evans family have moved into Delph Cottage and the Parrs into 11 Ditchfield. We hope they will all be happy in Reach.

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FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

I wrote last month opening an appeal for money to repay the loan which the Committee took out to buy a duplicator.

Donations amounting at present to £13.80 have been received from several residents and we thank them for their generosity. We are still in need of £60. so the Committee has undertaken to hold a 'Knit-In' on Friday, 16th February at 7.30. in the Village Centre. We hope that people will come forward with offers to 'knit-a-mile' and to sponsor those who are good with their needles. (This is not only restricted to the female fraternity!) Sponsorship forms will be available from the shop.

By the way, if you cannot knit or don't wish to sponsor a knitter, donations however small, are still more than 'welcome'.

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H. H.

I expect to see Harvey joining the female fraternity - with his needles!

J. J.

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FROM THE VICAR

Taking over a diocese is an enormous task, even from an onlooker's viewpoint, and there is much besides that goes unseen. The most difficult aspect is necessarily in the early stages, trying to gauge the actual state of the diocese, how it ticks, and where it is going.

To this end, our new Bishop, Peter Walker, who has been trained in a very tough school, starting from the days when he served in destroyers guarding the convoys in 1942, has launched a general inquiry which he has called Project 1979.

These inquiries are often known as Visitations, consisting of exhaustive questionnaires to be answered and returned prior to the Bishop's visit to each Parish in turn. This inquiry is on quite different lines, and invites the parish as a whole to take part in answering it. It consists of five basic questions, which I think will help anglicans, and perhaps even those who are not anglicans, in both parishes, to have before them. They are as follows:-

1. What significant events and changes have taken place in your Parish in the last 5 years?
2. What effect are these having on the character of your parish life?
3. What do you value most in the life of your parish church at present?
4. What links do you have with other churches -
  - a. other demoninations in your area
  - b. the church overseas?

What do you gain, or feel you could gain, through such links?

Is there any encouragement you would like to receive from the deanery or diocese?

5. In what ways would you like to see the life of the church in your parish and deanery grow in the next 5 years -

- a. in the congregation
- b. in contributing to the life of the community
- c. in any wider field?

By the time this issue of the magazine reaches you, these queries will have received a preliminary airing at the meeting of the Parochial Church Council in January. However, we are hoping that discussion will not be limited to this body, and that groups may be formed in both parishes to give them the most serious consideration. (Incidentally, these groups need not be formed or sanctioned, still less, run by me. Discussion by any interested parties will be welcomed and their reports and views will be analysed, digested and for-

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FROM THE VICAR - Continued

warded by the Secretary of the P.C.C., Dr. Roseley, to whom they should be sent as soon as possible.) The Bishop has asked that all reports should reach him by 30th April. He will then study them and give us the benefit of his reflections at a general meeting of the diocese in Ely on Saturday, September 22nd.

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Despite its comparatively recent origin, it would be hard to imagine Christmas without a Christmas Tree, and the faithful at St. Mary's would like to express their grateful thanks for the magnificent specimen presented to them this year for their enjoyment. Incidentally, you may wish to know that we were able to send a sum of £9.05 to the National Institute for the Blind from the proceeds of the Carol Service.

J. K. B.

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FROM THE CHURCHES

ST. MARY'S & REACH - Worship in February

4th EPIPHANY V

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

11th, 18th, 25th: SEPTUAGESIMA, SEXAGESIMA, QUINQUAGESIMA.

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

24th ST. MATTHIAS

- 8.00.a.m. Holy Communion (St. Mary's)

28th ASH WEDNESDAY

- 7.30.p.m. Holy Communion (St. Mary's)

From the Registers (St. Mary's)

Burials:

- 27th Dec. Florence Charlton, Alstan, Cage Hill, aged 88
- 5th Jan. John Edward Riley, 6 Greenhead Road, aged 35
- 16th Jan. Lewis Peachey, Bungalow Farm, Whitways, Drove, aged 80

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SHIRE HALL TITBITS

The annual period that I always dread has come round once again. Budget time is upon us, and my colleagues and I will shortly have to decide what the County Rate precept for 1979/80 is to be.

The Government has unfortunately been no kinder to Cambridgeshire than we expected, and a continuation of the policy of favouring the great cities - particularly London - doesn't help Cambridgeshire ratepayers. An additional problem has reared its head this year with the re-distribution of part of the main Grant to District Councils on an uneven basis, the result being, in the main, higher bills for rural residents to compensate for marginal help to our own cities in Cambridgeshire. Reach ratepayers are hit again, I am sorry to say.

We try to produce Budgets as accurately as possible - and it's amazing how accurate they can be with the aid of a computer - but recent weeks have shown all concerned that there are still unknown factors affecting the cash paid out. One example is the weather which helped us all during the autumn, saving heating and roadworks, but turned nasty after Christmas so bumping up all heating bills, road-gritting and salting costs, and causing trouble with frozen and burst pipes. We even had one of the latter in Shire Hall itself, illustrating the unexpectedly severe level of frost. There is another side of the coin, however, to show how fickle fate can be. Seven schools apparently failed to open on time this term due to oil shortage. Result - irritation all round, except for the children, but cash saved because no oil was burnt!

Interest Rates feature prominently in any Budget calculations, and whilst these are tending upwards, delays on building contracts caused by weather and other problems mean postponed payments and consequent savings on loan charges. Another case of swings and roundabouts.

I hope I have not painted an unwarrantedly gloomy and complex picture. The fact is, though, that at this time of year getting the sums right is not all easy, and I haven't even mentioned the problem of pay settlements currently being negotiated for. That's much too contentious a subject for 'Out of Reach'!

It will not have escaped readers' attention that I have been facing a personal problem recently. I would like to take this opportunity to thank very sincerely all those who have wished me well.

Geoffrey Woollard,  
County Councillor

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BOTTISHAM YOUNG FARMERS CLUB REPORT

On Friday, 8th December the club's guest speaker for the evening was Mrs. Nichols who spoke about her visit to the U.S.A. She explained how her five month trip had been arranged through the Young Farmers Federation. Mrs. Nichols brought along a selection of slides to show the various places she stayed while at West Virginia, along the East Coast and then at Idaho and along the West Coast.

On Saturday, 16th December the club held a most successful Christmas Bazaar. Stalls included home made crafts, cakes and sweets made by members and friends. For the children there was a Father Christmas corner and for the thirsty bargain hunters, afternoon tea.

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THE BURWELL SOCIETY

The full title of the Society is the Burwell Society for the protection of Rural Rights. It was formed as a result of a public meeting called at the Anchor Inn, Burwell in July 1965 to discuss the threatened closure of the footpath on the bank of Reach Lode.

At the first meeting of the Society Mr. Blackwell was elected chairman and he has held this position ever since. It will be of interest to the villagers of Reach to know that one of their own residents, Mr. E. Cole, was a founder member and has given valued service on the Committee from that time.

During the intervening period up until 1978 the Society has acted as a watch dog on major issues that might seem to threaten the quality of life of Burwell and the surrounding countryside. Areas of concern involving the Society have included the fight to save the Lodes, opposition to Redland Purle's two applications to use Burwell Brick Pit for tipping, preservation of specific trees and frequent walks to keep open the many footpaths of the area.

In 1978 it was felt necessary to slightly alter the image of the Society, without in any way altering the general aims. This led to us being more outward looking, hoping to involve many more people in Burwell in different activities. The Committee looks upon itself as an instrument to help implement the ideas of the members of the Society and, for that matter, anyone else living in Burwell and district who, we hope, will eventually become a member. With an annual subscription of 25 pence or life membership of £1. we believe this to be good value for the money.

Since last summer we have published a definitive map of the footpaths of Burwell and area (price 15 pence and obtainable from Hazel and Mike Bradley,

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The Burwell Society - continued

119, North Street, Burwell.) The publication coincided with a walk (choice of four walks led by local guides) followed by a free tea and an exhibition of the Society's work and involvement. The walk was well supported by some 80 people and good weather. Later on in 1978 a group, smaller in number though no less enthusiastic, walked Devil's Dyke from the footpath over the by-pass to Reach and then appreciated the welcome received at the Dyke's End.

The Local Planning Authority now send us any applications that they receive for our general observations. One such application that we opposed was for the demolition of an old building which, we felt, offered something to the village and to the general street line.

While we in no way wish to become involved in the rights of the individual, we must consider the original objectives of the Society which are as follows:-

1. To preserve the public right of way over the many footpaths and droves in the area.
2. To maintain as far as possible the navigable state of the water-courses, such as the Lodes, and encourage public enjoyment thereof.
3. To preserve such trees as remain in the district at a time when too many trees are disappearing from our landscape.
4. To protect all the more pleasant aspects of the village of Burwell and the surrounding areas and to prevent the despoilation of open spaces in the village.
5. Generally, to take such steps as may seem necessary from time to time to protect existing rural amenities and privileges as indicated by the title of the Society
6. To promote enjoyment and make people aware of the more pleasant aspects of the village and the surrounding area.

Mike Bradley

Society Chairman - Mr. G. E. Blackwell, 16 Silver Street, Burwell,  
Tel: 741232  
Secretary - Mrs. F. Abbott, 4 High Street, Burwell,  
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Future repair tasks include replacing the fan tail and sails and restoring the working order of the mill so that it can be open for visitors and demonstrations, if possible by next summer.

Anyone interested in helping with this project might like to contact John Hardiment in Burwell (Tel: 741275) for details of working parties held every 3rd Sunday in the month.

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THE FORDHAM SOCIETY

Approximately 5 years ago a proposal to develop the open fields in the centre of Fordham Village led to the formation of the Fordham Society. Their campaign was successful and saved several public footpaths. It was this Society which also saved the Old School House from demolition. It is now listed as an interesting flint building and has been converted into 4 dwellings.

Details of Fordham Society can be obtained from the Secretary:-  
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TABLE TENNIS

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In contrast after a shaky start, the second team has done extremely well in their last three fixtures, beating Palace School, Ely 10-0, Soham VI 6-4 and Durwell Baptists 10-0. I have been delighted with the progress of James and Paul Robinson and Andrew Greenhill over the past few weeks and it seems that Pete Bridgeman is at last fulfilling his potential.

Because many fixtures are on Monday nights the committee will now be opening the Hall on Wednesday nights from 6.30 onwards for anyone wanting a recreational game of table tennis or hoping to improve their game. Juniors would be particularly welcome.

Colin Fletcher.

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REACH CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION

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 Delver House, Friday, 23rd February at 8.00.p.m.

Next Committee Meeting: Friday, 9th February, 8.00p.m. at Fitzroy Farm.

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RECIPE

Apple Spice Cake

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|-------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 2oz. Butter       | 1 Egg, beaten                  | 2 oz. gluten and/or unbleached flour |
| 8 tbs Honey       | 4oz. whole-wheat flour, sifted | 1 tsp Cinnamon                       |
| 4 tbs Cold Coffee | 2oz. Bran                      | 1tsp powdered cloves                 |
|                   | 3 tsp baking powder            | 1 apple, grated                      |

Cream butter and honey. Add coffee, which has been mixed with the egg. Add the dry ingredients alternately with the grated apple. Pour in a greased, 8" square tin and bake at 350 F, gas 4, for 15 mins. Lower temperature to 300 F, gas 2 for 20 more minutes.

Variation: A sprinkling of 2 teaspoons of cinnamon mixed with 3 teaspoons of natural sugar is a good addition before baking. Raisins or nuts may be added. This is also good served warm as a coffee cake.

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WORK WANTED: Evenings and/or weekends. Also during holidays. Anything considered. Dale Parker (aged 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ ) 34, Swaffham Road, Reach.

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REACH SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB  
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