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# EDITORIAL

I hope that you will all read with interest Harvey Harrison's financial report in this month's issue - perhaps it will explain why we are concerned with raising money for the magazine at the present time. We are holding a "Knit-In" with this end in view on Thursday 20th March at 7.30p.m. in the Village Centre. We are hoping that a good number of people will turn up to support us. However, if you cannot knit, perhaps you might like to bake a cake. We are combining a cake stall with the "Knit-In" evening and you can bring your cake along, or come and buy one at 7.30 on the same evening.

Also in this issue is the last of Janet Bigg's articles on "Off Work and on the Club". Many thanks to Janet for her information and I hope that you have all found these articles to be of interest. And maybe Jan Robinson's contribution about "Ring o" Roses might spark off some interest. Perhaps some children could discover the histories of other Nursery Rhymes? I wondered if it might be a good idea to start a Children's Page in "Out of Reach" some time in the future? After all, there are many children living in the village who might like to feel that it was more "their" magazine. Stories, poems or jokes, or similar items might be included, but not illustrations I'm afraid, as I gather that these are expensive to print.

I would like to thank Bob and Emily Smith for compiling the magazine for the past three years. They feel that they can no longer do this work, and Pat and Harvey Harrison have kindly offered to take on this job for the time being (in addition to all the other work they do for us!)

I wonder if there is anyone in the village who attends the Keep Fit Class in Swaffham Prior, who would like to offer a lift to Mrs. Styles, who would like to go, but has no transport? Or perhaps there is someone who might like to go who could assist. I believe that it is held at the Village Hall on Wednesday evenings at 7.30p.m. If you contact me, I can put you in touch with her.

I am sure that you will all be pleased to know that Joyce Harrison, who is at present in Hospital, is getting on well and feeling much better. David Sargeant, who lives in Ditchfield is also in Hospital, and we hope that he will soon be better. We offer our kind wishes to them both.

To end on a cheerful note, how good it is that Spring seems to be coming early this year, and to see the catkins in bloom around the village again. Tradition has it that if Candlemas Day is fine, winter will continue, but if dull and wet, then winter is nearly ever. As it happens it was dull and rainy this year and the saying appears to be holding true so far!

Kay Pote.

## SHIRE HALL TITBITS

THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE'S decisions on school meals and school transport didn't turn out exactly as I anticipated when I last wrote about possibilities for the future in Out of Reach. Subject to the will of Parliament and ratification by the County Council on 26th February, parents with one child using school transport and not receiving that transport free, will be charged £15 per term, and those with two or more will get a bill for £23 per term. These charges will apply whatever the distance travelled, even if it is as far as Wisbech, which occasionally occurs, and specifically excluded regardless of income, are handicapped children attending special schools. I know that these charges, if agreed to, will not please everybody, but I sincerely believe that they are a reasonable compromise, firmly following the principle of a flat rate as desired by the Government. It is intended that school meals shall cost 45p from April, and that cafeteria meals shall be provided in all Secondary Schools where possible and as soon as possible. As I wrote earlier, very important decisions were lined up for Councillors this Spring, and when I mention that it is hoped to save well over £2m from the changes in school transport and meals, the significance will not be lost by readers of Out of Reach.

Shire Hall has checked up on all the bad and good news recently and, though the headlines often tell us about the bad, it's occasionally nice to be reminded that we're still managing to do some things that should be done and, in the process, perhaps please a few people. We are often criticised for putting too much money into administration, and I can again report that in Education, Social Services, Highways, and indeed, Shire Hall itself, manpower, administrative and other office and running expenses, are being cut, and that as far as Central Departments are concerned, the number of jobs is to go down. On the other hand, work continues on extensions to Bottisham Village College, for example, and two more brand new Primary Schools have been built in our end of the County, Queen's Court Home for the Elderly at Bottisham is in thriving form and the County street-light conversion programme, though it has had its hiccups, is nearing completion. Add to these points a reduction in the number of staff in the Planning Department and a further cut (from 57 to 51) in the number of people absorbed in Consumer Protection, and you might assume, like a good friend of mine in Burwell, that "the County has its priorities right"!

Geoffrey Woollard, County Councillor.

## FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER.

where At our Committee Meeting at the beginning of February, the finances of "Out of Reach" were discussed.

During the past years since we started, we have just managed to hold our own - making the books balance.

In that time we have been able to buy a good second hand duplicator - the money being raised by kind donations and by a successful "Knit-In". We have now purchased a new typewriter and this has put a strain on our finances.

# Balance Sheet 1st Feb. 1980.

Opening Balance		22.06	Repayment of loan	to Parish
Donations Typewriter loan Sales Advertising Duplicator Knit- Bring & Buy	4.55 42.75		Council	- · ·
280.44		265.51 Closing Balance		
TOTAL	€ 3	302.50	Cash in Bank	36.99 £302.50

From the Balance Sheet one can see that we have repayed the Parish Council the loan for the duplicator - but we are again indebted to them for 075 - i.e. the Typewriter fund. We need to raise about ime mishle.

Our second white-in is being organised, please support us, we are in need of money. We are enclosing a form within this months magazine for all our intended knitters to collect their sponsors. The first "Knit-In" evening was quite a laugh, do come along and join in the fun.

In order to keep up with inflation we have decided to increase our advertising charges to cover basic production costs - i.e. ink, paper and stencils.

So from now on charges will be:-

# BUSINESS MATTERS (Continued)

- 12 monthly adverts £6 per annum No ½ ads available. Larger than normal adverts are available.
- Small Ads Our buy and sell service 25p per month. B.
- C. Copy price - Extra copies of the magazine are available for purchase, the price of these is to be increased to 7p per copy.

I hope that these charges will hold for at least a couple more years - as long as we have enough money; the Parish will always have a magazine.

Thanks are again due for some kind donations during this last month from the Vicar and from Mrs. Longman.

If you know of a person or firm that may like to advertise in "Out of Reach", please don't hesitate to contact me - we will find room for everybody that has something to offer.

H.H.

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# FROM THE PARENTS & FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL.

We are holding two events this term.

A JUNIOR DISCO to be held on Saturday, 15th March, starting at 7.30p.m. There will be a raffle at this Disco and any donations of prizes will be gratefully received at the School.

Once again we are holding the EASTER EGG BINGO on Friday, 28th March, starting at 7.15p.m. Both children and parents will be most welcome and it is intended that every child will go home with an Easter Egg, so gifts of Easter Eggs, however large or small, would be most appreciated.

The next Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 4th March at 7.30p.m. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

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FROM THE VICAR.

# Passengers and Pilgrims.

No prospective Archbishop in modern times has been subjected to such intense and searching questioning by the media as Robert Runcie. Already through these interviews he has expressed his mind more extensively on public issues than any Archbishop since William Temple, so that if he were to say nothing else till his retirement,

Though not given to repeating himself, you may, however, have noticed that one phrase did occur twice, and it was spoken with that kind of quiet force which is the fruit of much thought. He said he was less worried than some bight be about the Church of England, as the so-called National Church, carrying passengers, in so fas as passengers are always capable of becoming pilgrims. And the remark bears thinking about now as we enter another Lent.

The plain fact is that, whichever part of the Church we belong to, or profess to belong to, we have all gone through, or are now finding ourselves invited to go through, the experience of progressing from passengers to pilgrims, i.e. from the state of nominal to actual believers, from casual to committed and serious discipleship. Church as a whole is a school for sinners - that is why we are in it at all - not a society for saints, and it exists not for the emotional satisfaction of those who consider themselves to be on terms of cosy familiarity with the living God, but for the growth in trust and obedience, insight and love, peace and power, of those who realise their brokenness, and the sovereign power of Christ to restore them in his own lost likeness. So that at any moment, cleaning brasses, doing the flowers, listening to a sermon or the liturgy, or simply gazing at the road, we may suddenly find ourselves face to face with that same Christ, no longer as a merely conventional figure, but as the Lord of the World and the secret of our destiny.

## FROM THE CHURCHES.

# Worship in March: St. Mary's and Reach.

2nd LENT II

> 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Reach)

9.30 a.m. Matins & Eucharist (St. Mary's)

6.30 p.m. Evensong (Reach)

# Worship in March (continued)

## 9th LENT III

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

11.00 a.m. Family Communion (Reach)

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

# 16TH LENT IV Mothering Sunday.

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

11.00 a.m. Family Communion (Reach)

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

19th. Deanery Confirmation, 7.30 p.m. Swaffham Bulbeck, by the Bishop of Huntingdon.

# 23rd PASSION SUNDAY.

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

11.00 a.m. Family Communion (Reach)

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

# 25th THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE B.V. MARY.

Enthronement of the Archbishop of Canterbury 3.00 p.m.

## 30th PALM SUNDAY.

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

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

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# RING A RING OF ROSES.

Like many other people of my generation I was taught numerous Nursery Rhymes well before I was five years of age. My first few years were filled with idyllic pictures of sunflowers, poke bonnets, naughty spiders and sweet but rather silly lost lambs. Carte Garage

Ring a Ring of Roses was a firm favourite, conjuring up visions of dainty children, dancing in a glor ious flower garden. Their pockets bulging with fragrant posies were, I thought, the reason for their sneezes which ultimately caused them to fall down because they were laughing so much! The dream was short lived! Some nasty academic decided to instruct me in the real meaning of that beautiful verse. I was told what most of you already know, that the rings of roses were the blotches on the skin denoting the sign of the plague, the pockets of posies were supposed to help prevent the infection spreading and the sneezing was one of the final stages of the illness, which occured just before the victim fell down dead!

Later I discovered that most Nursery Rhymes were based on incidents which were important or memorable and which the people of the time put into catchy verses - albeit rather ambiguous ones!

Does anyone know any more verses and deviations of those songs? JAN ROBINSON.

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# THE STAINE HUNDRED.

The next meeting of the Staine Hundred will be on Wednesday, 12th March, when Robert Stevens will talk about 'Mills in the Staine Hundred . The meeting will be in the Lecture Room at Bottisham Village College at 7.30 p.m.

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# REACH WASTE PAPER COLLECTION.

Will villagers please note that the next waste paper collection will be on Sunday April 6th.

Please do save all your old newspapers and cardboard cartons for this collection - as it does mean a little money for the Village Centre when it is re-sold.

"OFF WORK AND ON THE CLUB" III

There are a number of ways in which we can arrange for money to be available in times of need. Apart from the Friendly Societies, Insurance Companies offer Policies to cover personal accident and sickness, and there are schemes which cover being in hospital as well as those which provide for Private Medical Treatment. Most people probably rely on the National Health scheme for their occasional medical needs, but it is important to make good use of any years in which a regular income is earned to set aside for possible emergencies and expensive years.

Savings have to be made with care. For example, a retired person cannot reclaim tax paid on Building Society interest, so might obtain higher returns by putting money elsewhere, perhaps into a National Savings Investment Account or Index-Linked Savings Certificates.

Unavoidable expenses might be easier to meet more frequently than on a quarterly or yearly basis. In this case it is worth considering making arrangements to pay bills monthly. This can be done for electricity and gas (pay so much a month and 'round up' when the meter has been read), for rates, (10 equal instalments a year), for telephone services (by buying special stamps, or by paying something each month, as for electricity) and for television licences (again by purchasing the special stamps). Special stamps are sold at Post Offices, and you could use the Post Office Giro systems for paying monthly amounts.

If you can keep an overall balance of £100, a bank account can be used to make regular payments for contributions to organizations, mortage payments, insurance premiumsin fact any regular amount. This is done by Standing Orderthe Bank pays from your account according to your instructionsand could prove cheaper than taking cash personally to an office, or sending by post. It does at least make sure that you do not A personal loan from a Bank overlook important payments. usually costs less than a Hire-Purchase Agreement from a Finance Company.

Above all it is worth asking around and comparing values; the local Social Security Office, Post Offices, Citizen's Advice Bureaux etc. have leaflets explaining particular State Benefits and Pension Schemes, and often know where other information and advice can be found,

Long-term savings and Pension Schemes are vast and complex subjects, but the 'bit put by for a rainy day' is something we can all understand.

These articles were intended to introduce you to one avenue you might not yet have explored, and they suggest that it is worthwhile making provisions now to save encountering difficulties in the future.

Of the many pamphlets and book published, these might be helpful:-Guide to the Social Services: Family Welfare Association Ltd., Published each year in paperback by MacDonald & Evans.

Daily Telegraph Guide to Retirement: Published Collins (1.25) Family Benefits & Pensions: Leaflet FB1-from Social Security Office.

J. Biggs.

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# THIS MONTHS RECIPE.

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> 1 1b cooked lamb (cubed 1 onion 1 green pepper (or red) 4 ox mushrooms 1 can pineapple pieces (16oz) 1 Tablespoon soy sauce  $\frac{1}{2}$  pint stock 1 Tablespoon Cornflour Cooking Oil Garlic & Salt Noodles

Chop Onions and mix with clove of garlic (crushed) or powdered. De-seed and slice pepper.

Wipe and slice mushrooms.

Heat Oil in a pan and add chopped onion and pepper.

After two minutes add soy sauce, stock and pineapple cubes plus juice. Season.

Add meat, then after five minutes add the mushrooms.

Cook for a further ten minutes.

Blend Cornflour with water and stir into the pan.

Bring back to the boil and cook for three minutes, stirring. Serve with Noodles.