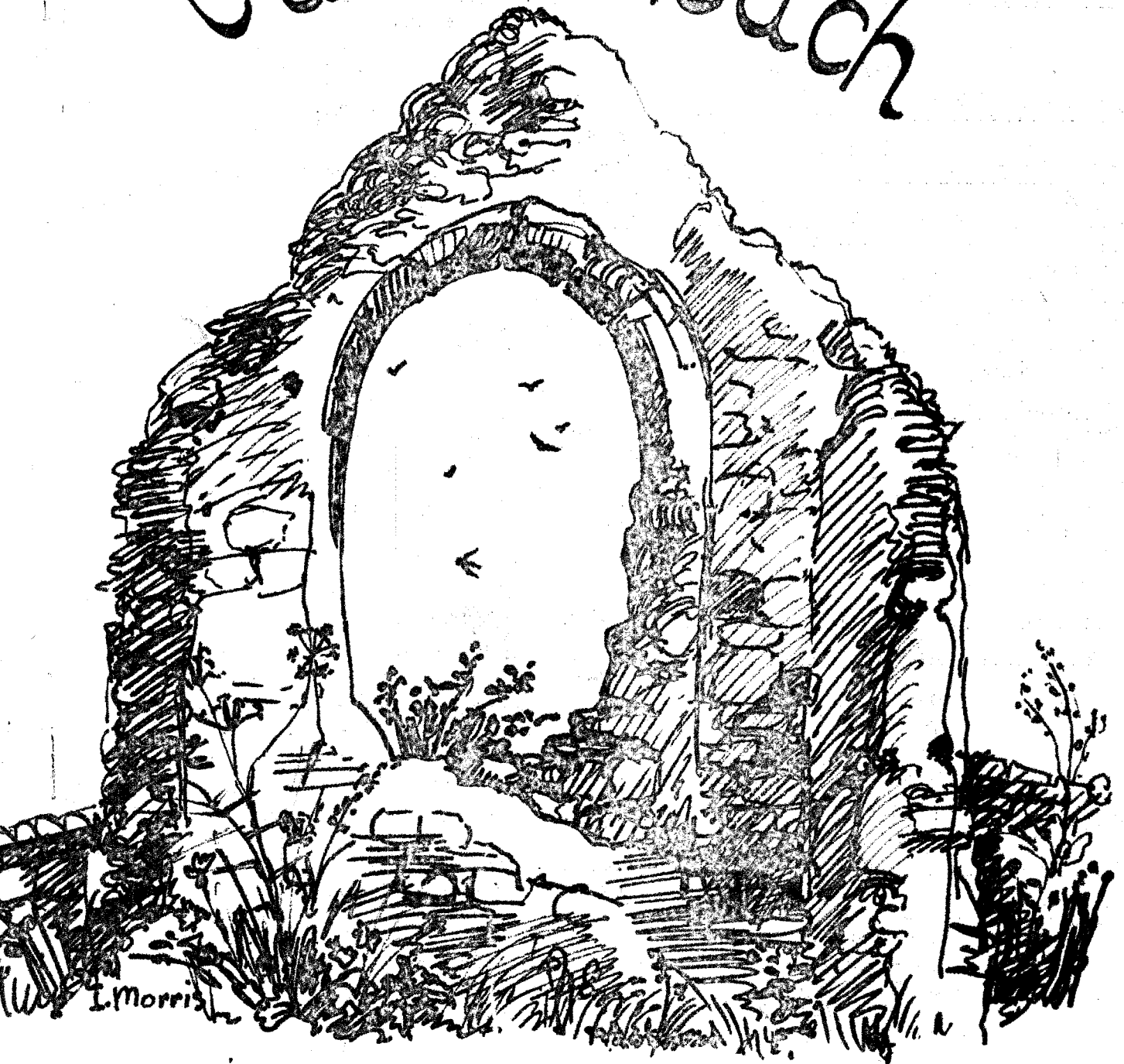


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COMMUNITY MAGAZINE

Issue No.59

EDITORIAL

August 1981

I have found it surprisingly strange to be writing another editorial for 'Out of Reach' and have fallen to reflecting on the changes that have affected the village and me since the early days of the magazine.

In those days I was a newcomer, very sensitive to all the facets of life in a small, rural East Anglian village with a decided character of its own and a reassuring homeliness in its atmosphere and population. I was also a young mother with my horizons extending little further than my immediate family and surroundings.

Over the years one develops a subtle attachment and familiarity which seems to ride each change as it comes.

Now, having returned, if only part time, to my career I find myself taking a much broader view of the world with all its increasing threats of national mistrust and misunderstanding, unemployment, undervaluation of the quality of life and what to me is a very real threat of worse - the extinction of man and his way of life as an end to the nuclear arms race.

Looking back at Reach, I suddenly see the changes here - the gradual influx of people representing a wide variation of origin and jobs, the increase in the number of children, the development of buildings and the sad loss of those fascinating eccentrics like King Len who brought such spice to the life here. The pace of life has changed; there was such a sense of tranquility and continuity in, for example, the summer days' procession of the cows up and down the green or my own daily ambles to the pigs and along the lanes, the infrequency of traffic.

I wonder how many villages can change like this and still maintain the cohesive spirit which is renewed at each of our annual events and seems to me, in the rush of life, such an essential communication and guard of our sanity.

What a pity it is that this underlying stability, balance and mutual care and responsibility are all so lacking in the riot ridden areas in this country and abroad and in the minds of national leaders who, with all due respect to their talents, seem to me to be so befuddled with the complexities of our modern technological world that they have lost sight of the importance of the individual and his need to feel involved.

Enough of my thoughts! Welcome to a large and varied 'skeleton issue' and Happy Holiday to all. Jenny Johnson.

Congratulations to Peter and Jacky Fisher, Fair Green, on the birth of their son Simon on 1st July 1981.

Best wishes to Jenny Fowle as she becomes Mrs. Walker. We wish her, her new husband, Amelia and Anastasia every happiness in their future life in the Bahamas.

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And then, perhaps most moving of all we had that great children's hymn, with its simple chorus, about the two men who built their houses, one on rock, and the other on sand. And here again modern technology came to our help. There was a superb running commentary by a young woman, who I suspect was both a mother and a highly skilled teacher, going, each verse, through all the actions of building, ending up with the great crash of the house built on sand, made very real by the deafening noise from the guitar group whose instruments were also wired up to the microphone. But at the other end of the decibel scale it was equally impressive to hear readings by three children, also talking directly into the microphone; and it was fascinating to hear their little minds working out the meaning of every syllable they were reading.

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FROM THE VICAR contd....

That was June 27th. The next day, Sunday 28th June, there was another event, of even greater significance, the like of which the Cathedral hasn't witnessed for nearly fifty years. No fewer than 13 men were ordained; and it so happened that I had been intimately concerned in the personal history of eleven of these ordinations, each of which, I may say, had been a saga in itself, one of them lasting as long as six years. These 13 included, incidentally, some of the cleverest men in England, three Cambridge dons, two of them continuing in their jobs as auxiliary priests, the third giving up a prized professorship to become simply a parish priest.

But the point of it all, the connection between them and the children's festival the day before, was that the very purpose of their ordination was to make possible this freedom of the sons of God, of which we had such a marvellous taste in the festival, and of which so many thousands still have no knowledge.

But the ordination service itself contained a surprise. The brilliantly clever preacher began by announcing that he himself had been so moved by the experience of the children's festival that he had torn up his intended sermon and written another during the night: simply about the joy of being received into friendship with God, and the freedom of the sons of God, the very thing these 13 men were giving up their lives or spare time to make known.

Because, you see, the festival hit him as it hit me: it wasn't simply talk about the freedom of God's sons: it was an actual taste of it. As the Preacher said, we actually had the experience of hearing the Dean telling the children to give God a great clap for being so good, and to stamp their feet as well.

But for me that Sunday was rather special in another way. I was invited to assist in administering the chalice to this gigantic congregation. This is always a mysterious thing for any priest. But last Sunday there was a peculiar mystery about it: a sense of the inexpressible happiness of all these men and women who had come to be with their husbands, sons, brothers, or their new priest at the beginning of his ministry.

And somehow the happiness extended itself even to the children who came to the altar rail to be blessed. It was very moving to hear a stern Cathedral Canon, administering the Host with me, bending down to each child and saying, Bless you, Sarah, or whatever the name was, Come again.

But the happiness was all about this one thing: becoming ourselves, the freedom to become our real and truest selves, in the lost likeness of Christ, and through the ministry of these consecrated men!

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The Palace School

I have received a letter of grateful thanks from the
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of our Lenten collection. J.K.B.

From the Registers:

Baptism:

28 June: Kevin John, son of David and Gillian Ann Sterne,
28 Swaffham Road, Reach.

FROM THE CHURCHES

Worship in August: St. Mary's and Reach

2nd TRINITY VII

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

6th The TRANSFIGURATION OF CHRIST

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

9th & 16th: TRINITY VIII & IX

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

23rd TRINITY X

9.30 a.m. Children's Eucharist (St. Mary's)
11.00 a.m. Children's Eucharist (Reach)
6.30 p.m. Evensong (St. Mary's)

24th S. BARTHOLOMEW Ap.

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

30th TRINITY XI

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COUNTY COUNCIL NOTES

1. THE EFFECT OF THE THREATENED CUTS IN GOVERNMENT GRANTS ON
COUNTY COUNCIL SERVICES.

Unfortunately much of the publicity in the media has been based on supposition, and has given rise to scare headlines rather than accurate information. As a result, many local people have been worried and have asked for facts.

There is always a risk that this note may be out of date by the time it is published. However, the present position is that negotiations are still continuing, and while the situation is very serious it is not yet hopeless. Every effort is being made to avoid drastic cuts in services, and, whatever happens a supplementary rate demand this year is unlikely.

2. BUS SERVICES

There was a lot of criticism of the unannounced cuts in local bus services, and parish councils have made effective complaints to the County Council and the Bus Company. As a consequence the County Council's Passenger Transport sub-committee has made representations to the Traffic Commissioners who licence and control these services. They have asked that before any significant alterations are made in future there should be :-

- (a) Consultation with parish and district councils, the local County Councillor and the local passenger transport person;
- and (b) Publicity Notices and time-tables at every affected bus stop and a notice in the local newspaper at least 10 days before the change. In addition, the local transport information person would be informed.

If these representations are accepted, as it is hoped they will be, there should be no repetition of this unfortunate happening.

John Brooks,
County Councillor.
July 11th 1981.

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Orsay/East Cambs. Twinning Ceremony September 12th 1981

Plans for the Country Fair which is to form the background to the Orsay/East Cambs. Twinning Ceremony are well in hand. Some of you may already have picked up reference to it on your local radio or T.V. station, or in the press. As the day approaches, there will be more public advertising, and given good weather, we are looking forward to thousands of visitors converging on Bottisham Village College on September 12th.

The Fair is to start at 12.30 p.m. and will continue till 5.30 p.m. Admission will be free, but programmes which give a plan of the Fair, and the times of the different displays and activities will shortly be on sale, price 20p. There will be two lucky programmes, one for a holiday given by Townsend-Thorensen, and another for a holiday given by Premier Travel of Cambridge. As well as many of the usual stalls and sideshows associated with fetes, there are to be displays by Scouts, Army Cadets, Gymnasts and Brass Bands, a tug-o'-war (organised by Ernie Cole), and exhibitions of table tennis (Paul Day of Soham), Judon Minstrels, Maypole Dancing, and many other delights which there is not space to mention.

Certainly we can all look forward, given good weather, to an exciting day out on September 12th.

Margaret Cook.
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STRAW AND STUBBLE BURNING

The National Farmers' Union has drawn up a 7 point code of practice for straw and stubble burning which is backed by by-laws and has the approval of the Ministry of Agriculture, Conservationists and Fire Services. It was thought that readers might be interested, living in this area and so the points and some of the advice given are listed below.

1. Make an adequate firebreak (a minimum of 10 metres around the area to be burnt should be ploughed or cultivated).
2. Have an experienced person in charge at all times.
3. Do not burn during exceptionally dry weather conditions when the wind speed is moderate to strong.
4. Do not burn when smoke drift may affect visibility (e.g. near roads. Listen to weather forecasts and note any changes in wind direction).
5. Do not start fires within 50 feet of a public highway - it is an offence to do so.
6. Take special care of hedges, trees, buildings and growing crops. (e.g. nearby buildings may have combustible roofs; farmers have a special responsibility to protect hedges, trees and wildlife).
7. Start as early in the day as possible and never between the hours of sunset and sunrise. (Not on public holidays; warn neighbours, County Fire Brigade and public owners of neighbouring land including British Rail and Industrial works).

CHILDREN AND FARM SAFETY

Over 120 children have been killed in farm accidents since January 1975 and many of these happened in the summer. The long school holidays are approaching and this is the time when children on farms are at the greatest risk. Many youngsters are fascinated by working machines and the bustle of activity at harvest time. Children like to be involved and included in the harvest work and unless parents and farmers prevent them from doing so, they will play in or near fields or buildings where machinery is in use.

More than half the children's fatalities each year involve machinery. The main cause of accidents include falling from tractors, being run over by tractors or trailing equipment and being trapped in the mechanism of machines.

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It is also important that children are told not to walk on the top of grain in pits or silos. Grain that seems reasonably firm at most times, can become a death trap when machinery removes it from the bottom; many children and adults have suffocated in this way.

Children, particularly visiting children should have the dangers of a farm emphasised to them and have areas of danger and of safety clearly pointed out to them. Young children must not be left to wander around farm buildings or machines but kept in secure play areas under the personal responsibility of supervising adults.

Older children who are asked or who wish to work on farm tasks must be supervised and given adequate instructions. They should not be permitted to carry out tasks unless all the machine's safety devices are intact and parents and farmers in charge are sure that they can carry out the work safely, without risk to themselves or others.

It is illegal for adults to allow children under the age of thirteen to drive and ride on tractors and machines and it is important that this law is obeyed.

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Cover the Pool Appeal Bulletin

The Fulbourn Fete and Pageant was a very successful and enjoyable affair on a lovely afternoon, and raised £440 for the Appeal.

James Fitch is well up to schedule on his marathon 150,000 yds. swim for the Amateur Swimming Association Diamond Award. He is using the 86 mile swim as an opportunity for sponsorship on behalf of the Cover the Pool Appeal, and would welcome more sponsors. You can contact him at 15 Tunbridge Close, Bottisham, Tel: 811425.

(As a 'get and keep fit' exercise, and inspired by James' swim for the Cover the Pool Appeal, I have embarked on the Bronze Award (20,000 lengths in 6 months) for which I am asking for sponsors on behalf of the Burwell Community Sports Centre. I very much hope some of you will encourage me by backing me for a different appeal! My address is 19, Beechwood Avenue, Bottisham. Tel: 811224).

Felicity McMahon.

FROM THE PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL

On Friday 25th September we are organising a FAMILY QUIZ. All parents and friends and children are most welcome. We will need 8 "families" (Mother, Father, junior child, infant child) to take part, the entrance fee for each "family being 50p, and the rest of us can sit back and enjoy the fun! There will, of course, be a prize for the winning "family". The questions will be kept simple and all you have to do is press a buzzer if you know the answer. During the interval refreshments will be served and there will be a raffle and we will also take the opportunity to hold our short A.G.M. PLEASE everyone try and come - a lot of organisation has gone into this family evening and it should provide some laughs.

Tickets for the School Dance on Saturday 10th October will be on sale at the beginning of the Autumn Term from committee members or the School, at a cost of £2.50 each. Dancing will be to Rainbows End and there will be a Bar and buffet supper.

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Mr. Baker would be very glad to hear from any new members in Reach.

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2oz. ground almonds
3oz. butter
 $\frac{1}{2}$ beaten egg
1 tsp. lemon juice

Filling

1 lb. cooking apples
3oz. soft brown sugar
1 tsp. lemon juice

Topping

2oz. S.R. Flour
5oz. soft brown sugar
1 level tsp. cinnamon
2oz. butter

Butter an 8" cake tin fitted with loose bottom.

Base

Sift together the flour, sugar, and 1oz. of almonds.

Rub in the butter and mix to a soft dough with the egg and lemon juice. Press over base of tin. Sprinkle with remaining almonds and set aside to chill.

Filling

Peel, core and slice apples into a bowl, mix with sugar and lemon juice, and arrange over cake base.

Topping

Sift flour, sugar and spice and rub in the butter. Sprinkle on top.

Bake in mod. oven (gas 4 or 350°F) for 1 - 1½ hours.

Cool before turning out.

May be eaten warm or cold.

