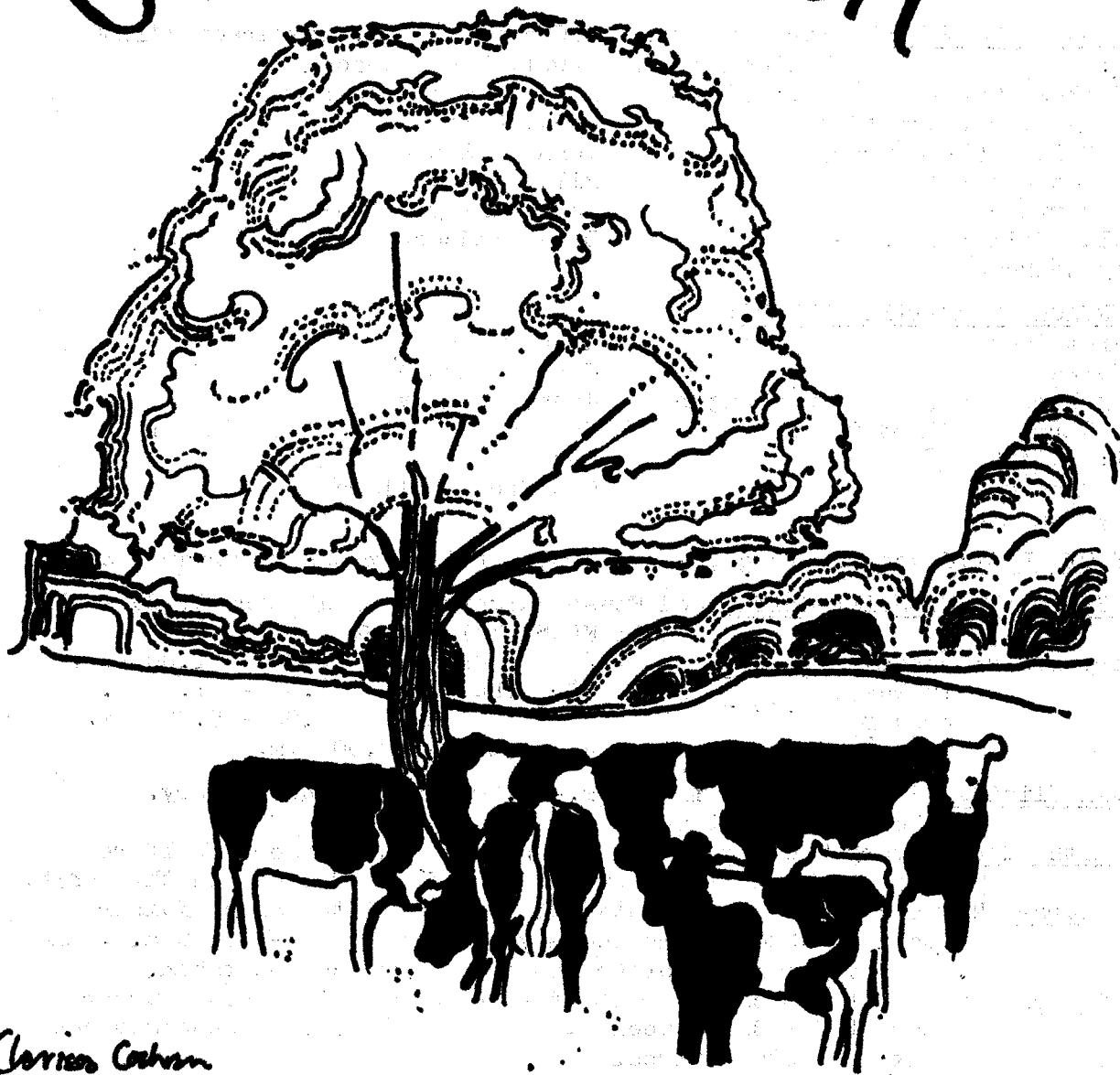


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Issue No.61

EDITORIAL

October 1981.

Many thanks to Jenny Johnson and Janet Biggs for editing the magazine during my absence. It is good to be back in Reach once more. Although it is exciting and mind-broadening to travel, I for one always feel very glad to be back on home soil after a long spell away. You will find in this issue an article written by my husband. I was fully intending to write my own account of our travels, but since our return I have been caught up in a hundred jobs. Eventually, I was shamed when he produced his own account unasked for! It takes the form of an individual viewpoint rather than a straight forward description. My simpler effort, carrying on from where his left off, will be included next month.

Now that Autumn is here again, it is good to collect the fruits of the countryside - blackberries, sloes and elderberries for wine and jam making. At least there is still something which is free for the taking! Now that my youngest has started school and I am no longer restricted to a child's pace, I have already discovered new paths and byways around Reach while fruit picking.

I would like to extend a welcome to the village to Mr.M.Allen who has recently moved into the old Methodist chapel with five cats and a dog! It is certainly good to see someone renovating the chapel. Welcome also to Mrs.Thorborn and family who have recently moved into Snib End. Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Clutton-Brock on the birth of their daughter, Amber. Congratulations also to Hilary Tierney who has just taken up her office as Head Girl of Bottisham School. May I remind all interested that Bingo resumes on Tuesday, 6th October at the Village Centre.

Some fishing tackle has recently disappeared from the Blocksage's garage. David Blocksage would be very pleased to hear from anybody who has any information which might lead to its recovery.

If anyone is interested in free pine church pews they should contact Michael Allen at the old chapel, as he is giving a number away.

Kay Pote.

P.S. I have to keep two articles in hand for future editions as this month's material had already gone to the typist. Closing date is 20th of each month.

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COUNTY COUNCIL NOTES.

THE SUPPLEMENTARY RATE - AND ALL THAT.

The threatened reduction of Government Grant has given the local newspapers a feast of scare-headlines, and of course there has been an element of brinkmanship in the whole episode. Even this article has had to be written again now that it has been confirmed that the Secretary for the Environment has accepted the County Council's argument that it has been controlling its expenditure within the formulae and that its Government Grant will not therefore be cut.

However, it must be stated that in my opinion there never was going to be a supplementary rate in spite of all the headlines. It had already been turned down once, and the majority party on the Council has been consistently opposed to it for a number of excellent reasons:-

1. To impose such an extra rate would make it almost certain that the Government Grant would have been cut.
2. It would have been expensive to collect and its cost would fall on the District Council.
3. It would be hard on all ratepayers at this time of the year and would cause serious difficulties for businesses and industries. It is easy to forget that businesses pay a significant part of our rates, for example our largest employers in Burwell have already paid over £100,000 in rates this year. The C.B.I. made it plain that paying a 14 penny supplementary rate which had not been planned for would seriously effect the cash flow of many businesses and put local jobs at risk.

For these reasons, and others, it was a non-starter. Now the special County Council meeting called by the main opposition party has been cancelled and the episode is ended.

Or is it? The headlines still threaten us with cuts of various kinds. So what is the position? First of all there never were going to be cuts of catastrophic kind so loved by headline writers, and specifically there has been no proposal to close Burwell House.

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However one of the conditions of the new Grant arrangement is that there is no overspend and that this year's budget is balanced. So there have got to be economies, and possibly some cuts. Unfortunately, the new Education Committee inherited an overspend of nearly a million pounds from last year. This is not as large as it sounds as it represents only 2/3 of 1% of the £150,000,000 spent on education in Cambridgeshire. This overspend has got to be squeezed out of the system before next April. It will not be easy".

JOHN BROOKS.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR.

SWAFFHAM PRIOR COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL.

East Cambs/Kempen/Orsay Twinning Celebration.

As a result of the signing of the Charter on Sat.Sept.12th 1981, at Bottisham Village College, our area is now officially twinned with Orsay in France as well as Kempen in Germany. Many families from Swaffham Prior and Reach were either working at or attending the celebrations and they may be interested in finding out more about the advantages of belonging to the Twinning Association.

This Association was formed to help individuals and families continue the work started by Councillors on our behalf. Arrangements are in hand to enable members to travel between Kempen and Orsay at special rates; to provide help with finding host families for exchange visits and to generally assist in the promotion of international friendship. Of course, it is not a case of 'taking out' from the Association; it is hoped that members will give their support and encouragement to the efforts and events organised by the Association in the arrangement of visits from Kempen and Orsay to this area. The membership is only £2.00 per family and the advantages will grow as membership increases. I would be pleased to give more details to anyone interested and membership forms are available from school.

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FROM THE PARENTS & FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL.

SCHOOL DANCE Saturday 10th October 8-11.45p.m.

There are still some tickets available for the School Dance, price £2.50 each. These can be obtained from the School, from Committee Members or at the door on the night.

PLEASE COME.

We are planning to run another 100 Club next year starting the second week in January. Tickets for this can be obtained from the School and at the Christmas Fair which is to be held on Saturday 21st November 1981. To avoid disappointment get your tickets as early as possible as they sell very quickly.

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After a successful Bar-B-Que which raised £1000.00 the Youth Club leaders approached members of the community, with a view of forming a Committee to help establish a Youth Centre within the Village.

This resulted in a meeting being held on Tuesday 1st Sept.81 and the following Committee was formed:-

Mr. J. Plant - Chairman
 Mrs.J. Plant - Secretary
 Mr.L. Bridgeman , Mr.A. Dudley, Mr.M. Hall, Fund Raiser,
 Mr.H. Hardiment, Mrs.Harrison, Mr.M. Limb, Mr.D. Manning,
 Mr.M. Mead, Mrs.K.O'Dowd, Mr.F. O'Dowd, Mrs.J. Perris,
 Dr.J. Scott, plus one Youth Club Officer.

Mr. Malcolm Hall has asked me on his behalf to thank everyone who helped in any way to make the Bar-B-Que such a success with a special thanks to Mr.Ron Greenhill and the members of the Youth Club.

We look forward to your support with the future events that are being planned.

J.P.

MOTHERS AND TODDLERS GROUP.

As a result of the meeting we held at the beginning of the month, we have now formed our own "Mother & Toddler" Group. We plan to meet once a fortnight in the Reach Village Centre. Anyone who is interested please come along to our next gathering on Wednesday 30th September at 10.30 a.m.

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FROM THE VICAR.

"To a Rebellious House" is the title of a report published (by the Church Information Office, £1.20) on 4th September, containing the findings of a recent conference at Scargill House in Yorkshire on the subject of Partners in Mission. The conference was attended, between 16th June and 3rd July, by 56 Anglicans, nine mostly foreign, observers, and eight members of other denominations in England, its purpose being to look closely and critically at the general organisation of the C. of E., and how this is helping or hindering its main job of winning human hearts for the Gospel of Christ. (The trouble with all organisation is that it tends to become an end in itself, and so in the end actually obstructs the very thing it was meant to get done).

From the title of the Report, which comes from God's call to the Prophet Ezekiel to go and plead with his people, in chapter 2 of that book, you will gather it is critical of much that we still take for granted, so I thought it might be useful, in case you missed the notice of it in your papers, to give you the gist of it. (Outsiders, as you know, tend to see most of the game, so it wasn't surprising that much of the serious criticism came from the overseas observers).

Frankly, I was unmoved by the Report's first plea that the C. of E. should be completely disestablished, i.e. that its official connection with the State should be cut, because I cannot see that the few slender links it still has left are doing its work or image any measurable harm. Sixty years ago it was very different. Connected with the State meant bound to the State in such a way that the Church was not even free to reform its own Prayer Book. But all this has now gone, and the Church is free to put its own house in order through its General Synod.

Much more important is the suggestion that what is called patronage should be abolished entirely, that is, the right of private persons, Oxbridge Colleges and various trusts to appoint clergy to parishes. It would, of course, make sense for all appointments to be made directly by Bishops and P.C.C.'s, but apart from adding enormously to the already impossible burdens

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of Bishops, it would mean that the Bishops themselves would be deprived of the wide knowledge of available clergy possessed by patrons, not to mention the extreme care with which most of them already suggest names to the Bishop, who in any case still has the last word in the appointment.

More important still, the Report recommends the abolition of what is called the Parson's Freehold, i.e. his legal right to retain his living except when convicted of scandalous behaviour. The freehold, of course, was originally a protection for the Priest against powerful and unscrupulous patrons who wanted to dictate to him what he was to say and do. This is rarely the danger now, the risk being rather that the Priest will use his right as an excuse to do no more than the statutory minimum of work.

Closely connected with this, however, is the radical suggestion that by 1995, all Parishes should be self supporting, i.e. receiving no help from the Church Commissioners with the payment of their Clergy. This would mean an immense change, for example, an increase in weekly giving of at least 500%. But, looking back to the freehold, it would also mean that the laity would have the largest possible stake in the conscientiousness and effectiveness of their Priest, as they do now in the U.S., where the Clergy are paid, so they tell me, roughly five times what they are here, and where there are no Church Commissioners to help them either.

This would also mean a quite new feeling of responsibility among the laity for what we now call evangelism, conversions to the Gospel within their own Parish, a slow and crucifying business necessitating unrelenting care and prayer. In addition, it would mean constant concern about the extent to which local congregation was seriously involved in the welfare of the poor and under privileged, the fifth plank in the Report.

Next, and quite the most far-reaching, the recommendation that in future all denominations of Clergy should be trained together, as they are beginning to be in Birmingham and Cambridge, and that planning for such things as the building of Churches, the mapping out of Parish boundaries, and deployment of the Churches' manpower should be organised only in consultation

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with other Churches, so that the present appalling wastage through overlapping can be eliminated.

Lastly, most painful, there was the portmanteau accusation that the Church of England had failed women (through refusing them a share in the priesthood), the young, and the working classes; that it lacked a sense of urgency in the preaching of the Gospel, and, perhaps most significant of all, that it had failed to provide its people with systematic teaching on prayer, which is at heart of all authentically Christian living.

The Parochial Church Council is considering this report, and I ask you to consider it, too.

FROM THE CHURCHES.

Worship in October: St. Mary's and Reach.

4th TRINITY XVI

8.00a.m. Holy Communion (Reach)

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

6.30p.m. HARVEST EVENSONG (Reach)

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

11.00a.m. Family Communion (Reach)

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

25 9TH SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS (TRINITY XIX)

9.30a.m. Children's Eucharist (St. Mary's)

11.00a.m. Children's Eucharist (Reach)

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

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The following is an article written by Chris Pote on the family's journey to Greece.

The day we arrived in Greece was the day the rain stopped. Having crossed the Channel, from Ramsgate to Dunkirk, four and a half days earlier, we were hounded across Europe - (France, Belgium, Germany, Austria and even Yugoslavia) - by the most atrocious weather. Driving with the windscreen wipers beating out a monotonous rhythm can almost mesmerise one in a very short time. Fortunately, after the first couple of days one learns to ignore it.

It was in Yugoslavia the storms reached their peak. We had just crossed the border from Austria and in late afternoon were heading towards Zagreb, intending to locate a camp site for the night, when we were encircled by the darkest, most menacing, evil-looking thunderclouds I have ever seen. Daylight was abruptly extinguished and replaced by flickering and darting flashes of lightening on all sides. Cars and lorries, their lights now fully on, timidly bored their way through almost impenetrable sheets of rain. Clearly, this was hardly the time or place to ask directions. Even dry Yugoslavians have a somewhat taciturn nature.

Once in the sun, we slackened our pace and gradually worked our way down the eastern coast of Greece towards Pireus, where we were to board a ferry for our ultimate destination, Milos. It is just as one leaves Pireus, moving out and across the Aegean Sea that the final break is made with the mainland. It is just at this point that one can mentally change gear. Suddenly gone is the awareness of global scale and global problems. Breathe the warm salt air, watching the sun forging fingers of light into the black-blue water, urges on towards the islands by the ships insistent motion, it is easy to forget last week or even yesterday. No need to look further than the span of the immediate senses. The inexplicable complexity of the "civilised" world is washed away by the sheer enchantment of this new simpler reality. Such is the stuff of escapism.

Once Milos came in sight we could with difficulty make out our house. Set high on the edge of a hill thrust up by

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volcanic activity, it sits between half a dozen other dwellings. These were built in Venetian times and were once part of an extensive Citadal known as Kastro, where the citizens of Milos once lived in comparative safety from the pirates who were so often the scourge of the Greek islands, raiding and plundering at will. Now, sadly, little remains. Neglect, the weather and earthquakes have all taken their toll. As the boat rounds the coast of Milos almost under the shoulder of Kastro, it passes by the village of Klima, a long picturesque string of boathouses and fishermens dwellings set at the foot of the cliffs and constantly washed by the sea. These fishermen often set their nets along the course the ferries take, hoping the fish may be driven into them when the boats forge past. Any misjudgment and their nets would be torn to shreds.

Just beyond Klima, Adamas, the port of Milos, comes into view. Here we saw the jetty packed with faces. Faces gazing intently for a friend, faces half turned away of those who were soon to be leaving, or just curious faces, for a boat coming in. Any boat, large or small, is a social event. It is entertainment. Who will not walk down the gangplank? Grandmothers clutching live chickens or an assortment of hatboxes, little men with baskets of fruit from Athens. This weeks crop of leather booted, back-packed Nordic wanderers. The inevitable priest with his sp-endid black robes, his magnificent black beard; a veritable Rasputin, flashing golden smiles at all around. And amongst all these, with a minimum of fuss, and very little ceremony, a Green Volkswagon bearing an English couple and their two children..... to be continued.....

Chris Pote.

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The Hythe.

As a result of a recent meeting with Anglian Water Authority Officials at the Hythe, the question of the boundary between the property belonging to the Authority and that belonging to the Parish, has now been resolved. The Hythe is therefore being cleared with a view to sowing with grass in the Spring, and planting a screen around the sewage works, which should improve this historic area as a facility for the village.

THE STAINE HUNDRED

The first meeting of the Staine Hundred ; the local history society- for the year 1981-1982 will be on Wednesday, 14th October 1981. This will be in two parts; there will be a brief A.G.M. at 7.15p.m. followed by the main part of the meeting at 7.30p.m. The speaker will be Mr. Michael Murphy of the Cambridgeshire College of Arts and Technology, author of several books on Cambridgeshire History; he will be speaking on 'Poverty in Cambridgeshire'. The meeting will be in the Lecture Room at Bottisham Village College.

BOTTISHAM VILLAGE COLLEGE MUSIC SOCIETY.

During the weekend of OCTOBER 24th and 25th, several musicians from Leiden in Holland will be visiting Cambridge. On Saturday 24th October, THE PRAETORIUS ENSEMBLE, a group of adult Recorder players, will give a concert in Cambridge. On Sunday 25th October there will be a concert by THE PRAETORIUS ENSEMBLE and the concert bands of THE STREEKMUZIEKSCHOOL LEIDEN and BOTTISHAM VILLAGE COLLEGE. This will take place at the College. Further details of both these concerts will be available shortly from the College.

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We are still raising money, of course, and the Sponsored Walk on Sunday October 4th will be a good opportunity and a day for a family activity. The walk will be 30 kilometres (18 miles) around the villages beginning and ending at the Village College. If you are not a walker, sponsor someone else, but do join in.

***** Felicity McMahon.

REACH CONSERVATIVE BRANCH-ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The A.G.M. of the Reach Conservative Branch will be held on Friday, 23rd October 1981 in the Village Centre at 8-0p.m. Coffee and Biscuits will be served and there will be a small raffle. All welcome. (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE).

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- 1 lb blackberries
- ¾ lbs sugar
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 6 tablespoons water.

Peel, core and cut apples into small pieces. Put into saucepan with water and simmer for 15 minutes. Crush blackberries thoroughly. Measure 1 lb of prepared apples and juice into preserving pan, mix with blackberries and add sugar and lemon juice. Heat slowly, stirring occasionally until sugar has dissolved. Bring quickly to a full boil, stirring occasionally. Boil rapidly for 1 minute. Remove from heat. Allow to cool slightly. Skim and pot.

In order to test for setting, there are three methods:-

- 1) cold plate test. Spoon a little jam onto a plate, allow to cool. The surface should wrinkle when pushed with finger.
- 2) Flake test. Dip wooden spoon into jam and lift so that jam drops from spoon. If at setting point, the jam will partly set on spoon and form flakes which drop from spoon.
- 3) Temperature test. Keep thermometer in very hot water prior to making test. Jam should be boiled to 220 deg. F.

HELP.....S.O.S.....S.O.S.....S.O.S.

Is there anyone in the Village who can type? We only have three typists now who regularly take it in turn to type the stencils each month for the magazine. If there is anyone who feels that they could lend their fingers please contact the Editor or any of the Committee members.

HALLOWEEN DANCE.

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