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COMMUNITY MAGAZINE

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EDITORIAL

December 1981

I hope there will be something of interest to all ages in this Christmas Issue. You will find another of my childrens' Christmas stories, and a poem from Bill Estell. I am also delighted that two younger children have made contributions this month. Sandra Harrison has compiled a Christmas Word Game and Joanne Housden has designed a new cover for Out of Reach. We are certainly in need of a new look for the magazine and Joanne's cover will be appearing as soon as we can get it printed. If you are short of ideas for things to do this Christmas, don't forget my games from the Christmas Issue two years ago (if you keep back issues!).

It is very kind of people who offer me lifts when I am out walking. I am not being churlish in refusing, but I just enjoy exercise for health and vanity's sake (trying to stay slim!), so if you see me striding out just drive past. Unless perhaps it is teeming down with rain.

We were all shocked and saddened to hear of the sudden death of Reg King of the Hythe. We extend wishes for a speedy recovery to Hilary Tierney who is in Newmarket Hospital and Mr. Derrick Harrison in Papworth Hospital. Best wishes also to Mr.A. Bell who has been ill at home for several weeks. It is nice to see Mr. Ken Pritchard and Mrs. Liz Piggott at home again after their recent spells in Hospital.

Many thanks to the Staine Hundred, local History Society for their generous donation towards production costs of Out of Reach.

The amount collected in Reach for the Poppy Appeal in aid of the British Legion was £53.96p. The Earl Haig Poppy Collection in Reach Church was £12.30p.

Don't forget the Whist Drive and Christmas Draw on Monday 14th December at 7.30p.m. in the Village Centre. The Over 60's Christmas Dinner is on Wednesday 9th December at 6.0p.m. in the Village Centre. It is hoped that more people will attend this year and make it an enjoyable occasion for all concerned. In January there will be a Sale at Reach Village Centre. So look out your treasures and reserve your place in the queue, first come first served. The date for this event and further details will be posted around the village nearer the date.

I am sorry to have to inform you that there will be no January Issue of the Magazine. Understandably none of the typists wants to type the material over the Christmas period. So could all items for inclusion in February's Issue please reach me by 20th January.

May I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Good New Year.

Kay Pote

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FROM THE VICAR

After years of effort we have succeeded in persuading the Department of the Environment to make us a grant (of just under £5,000) towards the repair of the Porch and Tower of St. Mary's. Over these years we have managed ouselves to collect just over £2,300. In addition, the East Cambs. Council has very generously offered us a further £500, leaving us just under £5,000 to find.

Some of you may feel that this is not the time to be repairing Mediaeval Porches, however precious. On the other hand, it will cost a considerables sum merely to tidy it up if it actually collapses, which it is rapidly beginning to do. Secondly, much more important, this repair is in no way a mere flash in the pan, for the sake of appearances, but the last phase of a long saga of restoration which began with the replacement of the roof at the beginning of the century. It really ought to have been tackled when the tower was restored in 1965, when it would have cost a mere £3,000, but I understand that courage failed, and it was left to another day.

A Committee of the Parochial Church Council will be approaching members of the congregation personally for help fairly soon, as we want to start work in March if possible; but in the meantime we are hoping that a considerable number of non-worshippers may also wish to help us to restore what is, after all, an important village amenity. We should be immensely grateful for anything you can do.

Cheques should be mae out to the Swaffham Prior Porch Restoration Fund, and sent to the Vicarage.

Christian Aid.

I am sorry to add insult to injury, but Christian Aid, which has now raised millions for the under-privileged since its foundation, has asked me to organise a collection over the Christmas period. The Editor has kindly allowed me to put an envelope in each magazine, and I should be extremely grateful for any gift you can make to this worthwhile cause. Would you be kind enough to return your envelope to the Vicarage please?

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Toy Service.

Our children's service this month will be held on the third Sunday. 20th December, instead of the fourth. As usual it will be at 9.30a.m. It has been suggested that it would be a good opportunity for the children to make a gift of a toy they value during the service, so that these can be given to whatever group of children we hear is most in need of them in the neighbourhood.

In the evening of that day we have been invited to join the Baptist community for their Carols at 6.30p.m. to which we much look forward.

Finally, since Christmas cards have now reached the level of impossibility in price, may we take this opportunity of wishing you all a very happy Christmas when it comes.

J.K.B.

From the Registers: Baptism: 1st November 1981

Peter Thomas, son of Anthony Peter and Susan Renee Jordan, Hobsdyke End. Fair Green, Reach.

FROM THE PARENTS & FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL.

The teachers and children of the Primary School would like to thank all those who helped to make our Christmas Fair on November 21st such a tremendous success. The afternoon resulted in over £390 being taken which is a record amount. We thank all those who made beautiful craft gifts for us to sell; those who sent items for the draw, games for sale and all our friends who came to buy.

The draw winners were: - Mrs. Fox - Hamper, Mrs. Godlington - Cake, Mrs. Houston - Wine, Jemma Hardiment - Chocolates, Mrs. Harvey-Almonds, Mrs. Woolnough - Crackers, Mrs. Cooper - Crackers, Mrs. Scott-Biscuits, Mrs. Candian - Biscuits, Mrs. Kitchen - Sweets. Pat Scott - Nuts.

Thank you again, and a Happy Christmas to you all.

VALERIE BOOTON.

FROM THE CHURCHES.

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

6th VDAENT II

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Reach)

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

6.30 p.m. Evensong (Reach)

13th ADVENT III

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

Family Communion (Reach) 11.00 a.m.

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

20th ADVENT IV

Children's Eucharist & Offering of Toys (St. Mary's) 9.30 a.m.

11.00 a.m. Children's Eucharist & Offering of Toys (Reach)

Carol Service (Reach) 3.30 p.m.

United Carol Service (Zion Chapel) 6.30 p.m.

S. THOMAS. Apostle. 21st

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

24th CHRISTMAS EVE

11.30 p.m. Eucharist & Carols (St. Mary's)

25th CHRSITMAS DAY

Holy Communion (Reach) 8.30 a.m.

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

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

26th ST. STEPHEN, Martyr.

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

1ST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS: ST. JOHN, Evangelist. 27th

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

Family Communion (Reach) 11.00 a.m.

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

28th THE HOLY INNOCENTS.

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

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A STORY FOR CHRISTMAS.

It was the year 1874 in London, three days before Christmas, and the town was cold and damp with snowflakes falling thickly. In his bed a little boy lay sick and listless. His name was Paul and he had been ill for a long time. His parents had paid for the best doctors and medicines, for they were quite rich, but Paul was tired of lying in bed all day, bored with all his playthings, and how he yearned for the company of other children.

Down below in the street another boy, of the same age as Paul, but very different in circumstance, was also unhappy. His parents were poor, and had to work very hard making toys to sell. His father carved animals from wood, each one was so intricate it looked as if it were alive. He also made dolls and puppets, each one different, and Ben's mother stitched away making clothes for them. Every morning they would set off early to the market to set up their stall. for the day and sell their toys. When Ben grew tired and cold from standing at the stall, his father would arrange some toys on a tray and send him off around the streets to sell them. Up and down the streets he slowly walked, stopping every now and then to call "Toys for sale, come buy a toy". People mostly hurried past, but in the houses he passed, children would often run to windows to see who it was, and then run to tell their mothers. Some of them would then hurry out with their money and choose a toy. On a good day Ben's tray would be empty when he returned to his parents market stall. But when they returned home his parents would be busy after supper making more toys ready for the next day. They had little time to devote to their son and pleasures were few. Poor Ben felt so tired. it was hard tramping the streets all day with never a rest. He had got to know the other street sellers though. His favourite was the Muffin Man with his tray of hot buttered muffins. When he met Ben he would often give him one, because he felt so sorry for him.

The next day, the weather was colder still, the snow became deeper and the children were kept in their houses, so Ben sold very few of his toys. People were anxious to get home out of the bad weather, and others had spent their money and had next?

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CHRISTMAS STORY (continued)

time in weeks Paul felt sorry for someone other than himself. boy down below looked so cold and pale with people drifting past uncaring. "Oh mother" he said. "Please ask that poor boy in for a while, he looks so cold". "Well I don't know" she said. "You are still ill and you mustn't get too tired". But Paul needed the company of another child and at last he persuaded his mother to ask the boy to bring his toys up to show him. Ben was surprised at being invited into the grand house but when Paul's mother explained that her son was ill and needed cheering up, he gladly followed her in. He carried the tray up to the bedroom, and Paul's face lit up when he came in. "Please put the toys here on my bed" he said. "How beatufil they are". Pauls mother was delighted to see him tsking such an interest in anything after so long that she bought him several of the toys right away. Then she left the boys to talk while she prepared some hot soup for them. Each boy discovered that the other was lonely and unhappy, and as they talked and laughed together Paul felt better than he had for a long time. For Ben it was such an unexpected and welcome break from tramping the streets and he was so glad to have made a friend. When he left he promised that he would ask his parents if he could come again.

When that night he told them about the sick boy, at first they were doubtful. His father said that they needed him to work for them. not visit the sick. But as Ben's mother looked at him, she suddenly realised how drawn and tired he looked. "Perhaps we shouldn't make him work all the time" she said "After all he is only a child, I didn't notice how unhappy he was becoming". The next day when Ben visited Paul, another surprise was in store, for his family invited Ben and his parents to share their Christmas. How excited both boys were! It was the best Christmas they had ever had. And after that Ben only sold the toys for his parents on some days, and the rest of the time he went to sit with Paul. The two boys became firm friends and gradually Paul got better. Although one was rich and the other was poor, each had something that he could give to the other.

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS.

WOODEN SIGNPOSTS.

The two wooden signposts, on Fair Green and in Great Lane, are obviously in need of repair. The County Council no longer maintains these wooden posts, but replaces them when necessary with metal ones.

The Parish Council has decided that it would prefer to keep traditional signposts in this village and will therefore be repairing and maintaining them itself. The one on Fair Green will probably need complete replacement and suitable hardwood has been obtained; the one in Great Lane needs minor repair and repainting only.

THE SWINGS.

The disintegrating plastic swing seats will soon need to be replaced, either with oak, or with old rubber tyres.

TREE PLANTING.

The county Council has allocated 15 trees to Reach this year, together with stakes and so forth. We have asked for some more Limes for the Burwell Road, some Oaks and Chestnuts to complete the replanting of the Hythe, and new trees for various places where the previous ulling a last of the first of t saplings have died.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

We have received notice of two planning applications:

- Outline consent for conversion of a barn to residential use, at the Post Office.
- Extension at 20 Great Lane. 2)

As usual, these plans are now on view in the Post Office.

THE STAINE HUNDRED.

The next meeting of the Staine Hundred - the local history societywill be on Wednesday, 9th December, when Dr. Oliver Rackham, of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, will talk about "Mediaeval Woodland". The meeting will be in the Lecture Room at Bottisham Village College at 7-30p.m.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE CONSERVATIVES - REACH BRANCH.

The fifth A.G.M. took place on Friday 23rd October 1981 at the Village Centre and the election of Officers was as follows:-

President. Major-General G.W.D. Crookenden

Chairman. Mr.J. Biggs

Vice Chairman. Dr. C. Moseley and Mrs.J. Biggs

Secretary.

Mrs. J. Robinson

Treasurer.

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Mr. H. Harrison

Since this meeting the East Cambs. Fair has been held at Soham Village College. Again this year, it was tremendously well supported and the contribution from the Reach Branch amounted to £126.00.

The Committee would like to thank all those people who donated items for the stalls and the draw.

Jan Robinson (Hon. Sec.)

YOUTH CLUB HUT COMMITTEE

Since the last report in the Swaffham Crier, two committee meetings have taken place in which numerous discussions have been held on the possible sitings of the hut. Town Close has been considered the best site in the village, for which there is written permission from the Parachial Trustees.

A sub-committee was formed and a meeting was held with the Trustees to discuss present and future conditions. These conditions ensure that the Youth Club and the use of Town Close in conjunction with the play area will be something to be proud of and not an eyesore. The Trustees have also given us permission to build an adventure playground. Anyone who is interested in this matter, could they please contact a member of the Youth Club Hut Committee with the view of forming a sub-committee.

Plans are to be submitted to the East Cambs District Council for planning permission. East Cambs Planners and surveyors have inspected the building and are more than happy with what they have seen.

Anyone wishing to see the plans and a scale model of Town Close is invited to a Youth Club night on 8th December 1981 between 8-Op.m. and 9-Op.m. at the Village Hall, where committee members will be present to discuss any queries that they might have.

Forth coming fund raising events planned are: see next page

FORTH COMING EVENTS - YOUTH CLUB HUT COMMITTEE.

A Festive EveningSt. Cyriacs......December Sailor Beware....Light Hearted Comedy....January Bar-B-Que Fayre.....June Fenland Country FayreAugust

If any person in the village has stage experience or expertise and would like to help with the play, please contact Malcom Hall.

FROM THE PARENTS & FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL.

PLEASE NOTE

The School Nativity will now be held on Monday 14th December '81 starting at 7-15p.m. (not 10th December).

The School term will finish on Thursday 17th December at 3-Op.m. Assembly, therefore will start at 2-30p.m. The last three prizes of this year's 100 Club will be drawn before this Assembly Begins.

100 Club Winners.

Week	41	No.25	Joan Hall	£10
	42	38	Christine Day	£10
	43	61	Mary Ray	£20
	44	14	Mrs. Booton	£10
	45	22	Mr.S. O'Dowd	£10

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ANSWERS TO CHRISTMAS WORD GAME.

Christmas Tree, Mincepies, Tinsel, Santas Sack, Mistletoe, Snow, Holly, Christmas Stocking, Father Christmas, Snowman, Fairylights, Christmas Cake, Wrapping paper, Turkey, Sleigh, Jesus, Christmas Pudding, Christmas Presents, Christmas Cards, Nut Crackers, Crackers, Yule Log, Christmas Carols, Brandy, Candles, Sweets, Nuts, Peanuts, Jokes, Wisemen, Star, Manger, Decorations, Roast Dinner, Bread Sauce, Stuffing, Fairy, Happiness.

CAMBRIDGE CONSULTANCY IN COUNSELLING

The following is a letter received from the above service.

We have set up this Counselling Service with reference point and Counselling rooms in the heart of Cambridge; but with a degree of flexibility that will enable us to do a considerable amount of meeting with clients nearer their homes, or wherever client and counsellor would find most convenient. We have started up in answer to a general need. but will try to respond in the areas where need arises.

We are a full training and counselling group with supervision under well qualified founder members, and a growing group of counsellors.

We feel that there must be many people not served by the existing counselling services in the area. We should like to reach the recently bereaved, isolated young mothers, the depressed and bewildered, those trying to live closely with the handicapped and troubled, and anyone falling through the existing net of caring and counselling.

We shall be glad to answer your queries.

Telephone Cambridge (0223) 67631 Monday to Friday 2.0pm - 10p.m.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE LIBERAL ASSOCIATION.

Burwell and Bottisham Branches of the Cambridgeshire Liberal Assoc. invite you to hear Clement Freud M.P., Dr. Derek Nicholls (Cambs. Liberal Prospective Parliamentary Candidate) and Dr. Peter Clarke SDP. on Friday 11th December 1981 at 7.30p.m. at the Gardiner Memorial Hall, High Street, Burwell.

A Poem.

LIFE.

Who writes the songs for the birds and whistles up the breeze Who changes heads from green to gold on our friends the trees Who turns on the morning sun on a frosty winter day And who keeps the snowdrops alive, as in the ground they lay. Who changes the seasons from year to year and makes the flowers grow. Where do they get their colours from. Who shapes the flakes of snow Who paints the rainbow after a storm and lights up the sky. And who gave the swallow wings so they can swiftly fly. Who sends the rain to start the birth of the summer corn And who creates this miracle when all new life is born Who polishes up the moon as it rises in the sky And gives the stars their twinkle, or makes the willos cry Who lights the fire of the sunset when the sun retires to bed And turns the flower of roses a lovely shade of red The answers to these questions we all surely know. As our Lord made Heaven and Earth and Everything just so.

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GOLDEN PUDDING.

6 oz White Breadcrumbs,
1 oz Toates Almonds, chopped,
6 oz Suet,
1 Teaspoon Bicarbonate of Soda,
3 oz Soft Brown Sugar,
Grated rind from 1 orange and 1 lemon,
2 Tablespoons marmalade,
3 Tablespoons Brandy,
1 egg, beaten,
3oz stem ginger, chopped,
2oz glace cherries,
2 oz sultanas,
3-4 Tablespoons milk.

Mix all dry ingredients together. Soften marmalade in a pan and add into breadcrumb mixture. Add brandy, egg, ginger, fruit and milk. Put into a greased 2 pint pudding basin and steam for 2½ hours. If wanted, can be cooled and stored, wrapped securely in foil (or greased paper) and brown paper. On the day needed, steam for 40-50 minutes. Serve with cream or with an orange flavoured whipped cream.