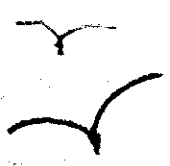


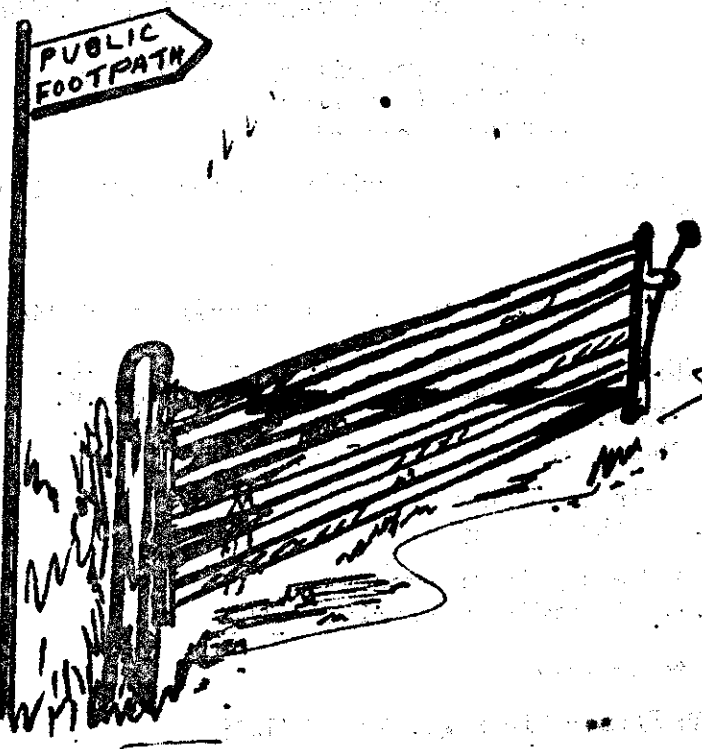
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EDITORIAL.

Later this month the children begin their long Summer holiday. Six long weeks when the mothers have to think of a variety of different things to keep them occupied. While it is true that children have the ability to amuse themselves to a certain extent, there will be many occasions when a few ideas would be beneficial to mothers and children alike. With the approaching school holidays in mind, I have thought up a dozen things to do. They can be adapted to suit the sex and age of child or children concerned. My apologies to all the villagers who do not have children, to whom my article will not be of interest. It is difficult to think of something of interest for everyone, month after month. Maybe some grandparents among you could use an idea or two if entertaining grandchildren for a day or weekend!

I am sure that we would all like to extend our heartfelt sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Gainer of 15 Fair Green, whose daughter Kerry-Anne died in her sleep last month, aged seven weeks.

We also extend a warm welcome to the Tierney family who have moved into the Village Shop. As most of you will know Mrs. Tierney is running the shop now, and we hope that they will be very happy living in Reach.

It is good to see Mrs. Styles about again after her recent illness. We send her our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

I would like to wish a good holiday to those who are going away, and let us hope that the weather will soon improve.

Kay Pote.

CORRECTION.

The gift of £20 towards the Church Floor Fund, mentioned in last month's issue was from the Reach Village Centre Committee and not from the Parish Council as stated.

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HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN.

Keeping children happily occupied for hours at a time, can be a daunting prospect for any Mum at the beginning of the school summer holidays. I have thought up some ideas which I hope may be useful. Some require adult participation or supervision, some require a minimum amount of help and some, children will be able to do for themselves. Firstly, I will deal with out-of-doors activities for finer days.

1. On a fine day when you are not too busy, the most simple yet enjoyable thing to do is to pack up a picnic. You need not go far, to any suitable field, and take a ball to play with afterwards. For the more energetic, a walk to Burwell Park will be well rewarded with swings, slides, see-saw and roundabout.

2. Let the children make a collection of wild flowers. They can add to their collection on every outing. On returning home encourage them to identify them. I find "The Observers Book of Wild Flowers" to be one of the best for this purpose. Then press the flowers carefully between sheets of newspaper, place beneath a pile of books, and leave for a week or so. Stick in a scrapbook and label.

3. Have you ever thought of brass rubbing for children? The brasses at Swaffham Prior Church are ideal for this purpose, as most of them are fairly small and children could complete say, two or three in about an hour. The fee is £2, and if you do not have brass rubbing materials, you will need a roll of white or black (or both) brass rubbing paper, heelball (black, gold or silver) and masking tape. Cut a sheet of paper to the correct size to cover the brass, fix it to the wall with a piece of masking tape in each corner. Gently feel for the outline of the brass with fingers. Start rubbing very carefully from top of figure towards feet. Try to apply an even pressure throughout for best effect. When it is finished, remove from wall, place on a flat surface, and polish with a clean rag or duster. When I get home I usually cut around the figure and re-mount on a clean background because it is very difficult for children not to draw over the edges.

4. For those fortunate enough to go to the seaside on holiday, or for a day-trip, children can collect attractive shells, pebbles or pieces of rock. If you are disappointed that they look dull when out of the water, a good method of preserving their wet look is to give them a coat or two of clear nail varnish. Children can identify and label them at home.

5. If you have sand in the garden it will be a source of pleasure for children. An alternative for either outside or indoors, is a salt box. Put about 6lbs of salt into a shallow box or lid to give a

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depth of about 2 - 3 inches. This is then used like a miniature sand pit with twigs, pebbles, shells or weighing, measuring or funnelling tools or cars, trucks or lorries. Water play also is a great source of enjoyment. I use an old baby bath on a stand with a few kettles of warm water and various plastic containers and bath toys. Don't forget to put an overall on child if you want to keep clothes dry!

6. I will now turn to indoor activities. Try planting mustard and cress indoors. You will need two large flat dinner plates. Spread blotting paper or cotton wool on them, soak well. Put the seeds from a mustard packet on one plate and from a cress packet on the other. Place close together. The cotton wool or blotting paper must be kept damp and children should water daily from edge of the plate. The seeds will take two to three weeks to grow, and the shoots should be about $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches high. Cut the mustard and cress close to cotton wool, wash and make into sandwiches for the children. They should gain a feeling of achievement to be able to eat something that they alone have been responsible for producing. Various beans could also be grown.

7. While on the subject of food, you could show children how to make chocolate fudge or nut toffee, or both, letting them assist. Here are the recipes:-

Chocolate fudge.

2 lbs brown sugar, $\frac{1}{2}$ pint milk, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb butter, 3 tbs cocoa or drinking chocolate. Vanilla essence.

Soak sugar in milk for 1 hour. Boil with other ingredients except vanilla. Don't stir more than necessary. Remove as soon a mixture begins to sink and crystallise around the sides of pan. Leave for 2 minutes without stirring. Add a few drops of vanilla essence and heat with a wooden spoon until smooth and thick. Pour into a greased tin and leave to cool before cutting into squares.

Nut Toffee.

$\frac{3}{4}$ lb brown sugar, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb butter, 7 ozs golden syrup, grated rind of $\frac{1}{2}$ lemon. Walnut halves.

Boil all ingredients together until set (test by dropping a bit into cold water - it will harden at once if ready). Pour into a greased tin. When just set mark off into squares and stick nuts on top.

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8. Creative activity is one of the most valuable ways in which children can entertain themselves. The following suggestions of things to make can be made mostly at very little cost or from waste materials. A miniature garden is simple yet pretty when made. Use a shallow bowl and cover with a layer of damp moss or sand or fine earth. Press in a small foil cake tray as a pond, or a small mirror would do equally well. Make a path from smooth pebbles or stones. Twigs make trees, covered with cotton wool for blossoms, fir cones, feathers, small flowers or beads can be added. Fill pond with water.

9. What about a home-made kite? This can lead to another outdoor activity - the fun of kite-flying on a windy day. You can make one from a foot square polystyrene tile. Make a hole in it six inches down from one corner. Tie and glue 12 feet of string around a pencil. Poke the string through the hole and pull it so that the pencil lies against the tile. Decorate the kite by making a face from pieces of coloured paper. Finish off with a tail of long strips of coloured paper stuck to the corner of the tile furthest from the hole.

10. You can make lovely jewellery and shapes from various sorts of pasta. Collect macaroni, ring noodles, shell, spiral, curved and butterfly pasta shapes, lentils, split yellow peas, dried peas, maize, rice and pearl barley. These can be painted or look attractive as they are for jewellery. Cut shapes out of cardboard and pierce a hole wide enough for a thin string to be passed through. Then stick pasta shapes on to cardboard and varnish if you wish. Macaroni can just be painted first and when dry thread on to string to make a necklace or bracelet. To make an attractive collage stick selected pastas, painted or unpainted, or varnished onto a piece of paper or card.

11. Mobiles - You will need a wire coat hanger, reel of cotton, pieces of card, tissue paper or foil. Cover the coat hanger with coloured paper or coloured tissue paper. Choose a subject for the mobile e.g. people, flowers, under the sea, the stars and moon. Cut out various chosen shapes from paper, tissue or foil and paste them on to card. Decorate with paints or felt tips if desired. Tie the finished shapes on to the hanger with pieces of cotton of different lengths. Hang the finished mobile from ceiling.

12. You can collect cardboard egg boxes. Cut in half and paint in different colours. Using imagination, many different interesting mobiles or toys can be made from straws, beads or pipe cleaners, yogurt pots, fir cones, egg shells, empty boxes, or tins, cotton reels, material scraps or cooking foil.

Kay Pote

SHIRE HALL TITBITS.

Sometimes unwillingly - sometimes unwittingly - members of the County Council are drawn into areas of controversial complexity, some of which, by their lay origins, they are almost completely unqualified to deal with. Such an area for me is Religious Education and because I am Vice-Chairman of one of our Council's Education Committees, I am embarking, with others, on discussions in a Conference on the subject. It worries me and I seek advice.

The Conference has been established in accordance with the Law and stems from the lack of an agreed syllabus for religious teaching for the County as a whole. One might reasonably ask how we are getting on in the meantime. Well, quite simply, schools which were formerly in old Cambridgeshire and the Isle of Ely have a syllabus produced for the County in 1949, whilst these in old Huntingdonshire and Peterborough have one prepared by Sunderland, of all places, in 1944. It is said that new material and teaching methods can no longer be adequately related to the agreed syllabus of a generation ago. The problem, therefore, is the production of a document that is relevant and acceptable throughout the whole of the new County of Cambridgeshire, and, more importantly, is the basis upon which good religious teaching can be continued.

The 1944 Education Act is quite specific and is still on the Statute Book. Section 25 requires general provision for collective worship and for Religious Education in County and Voluntary Schools. Section 26 adds that in County Schools the Religious Education shall be in accordance with an agreed syllabus. Other Authorities, when faced with a multiplicity of previously used syllabuses, have managed to come to an agreement with the various parties involved - teachers, the Church of England, the Free Churches and other denominations, and I have no doubt that Cambridgeshire can. This is where I produce provocation and seek advice. I am impressed already by the attitude of Avon Education Authority - we have had a chance to examine the ideas of others - and their document is a very simple one (must be in-expensive as well!) in that it notes the legal requirements of the 1944 Act, lays out aims and objectives with a heavy emphasis on Christianity, provides a framework for Religious Education in Avon and takes into account the contemporary process of curriculum development by placing on individual schools the responsibility for creating their own schemes of work.

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I like this principle-local decision-making by local people reflecting local views and needs, but have I already examined the matter in too simplistic a fashion? Does Authority need to be more specific? Whilst accepting that the Law, however old, must be obeyed, should the detail of its application be worked out and laid down by County 'experts' or by locals who may be less expert? It's a hornets' nest that I almost regret having touched, even though I do have quite strongly held religious views. What would readers of "Out of Reach" do, or have me do?

Geoffrey Woollard, County
Councillor.

FROM PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL.

A total of £130 was raised for the Swimming Pool Fund and we would like to thank the parents and friends who contributed either by donations or by supporting the sponsored walk. Well done all the parents and children who walked on such a very hot day!

The school swimming gala will be held on Wednesday 16th July, at 1.30p.m.

The next Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, 10th July, at 7.30p.m.

The School Term ends at 2.30p.m. on Friday, 18th July.

We will be holding our School Dance on Saturday, 27th September and more information about this event will be given in the next issue of the Magazine.

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FROM THE VICAR

Now and again one is stunned by something one reads. The impact made is so great that the content, sometimes even the actual words, are burnt indelibly on the mind, and one becomes a slightly different person, 'changed into another man', as Samuel said to Saul. Something of the sort happened to me nearly forty years ago, while reading what seemed, to begin with, a not very promising, though in fact a very famous book, still being printed, 'Holy Wisdom, which is an edition of the writings of an English Benedictine, Augustin Baker, who died in 1641, on the subject of contemplating prayer. The passage occurs on p. 65 of the 1876 edition:-

' To conclude, remember that thy principal aim, and indeed only business, is to knit thy thoughts to the desire of Jesus - to strengthen this desire daily by prayer and other spiritual workings, to the end it may never go out of thy heart. And whatsoever thou findest proper to increase that desire, be it praying or reading, speaking or being silent, travelling or reposing, make use of it for the time, as long as thy soul finds savour in it, and as long as it increases this desire of having or enjoying nothing but the love of Jesus... and be assured that this good desire thus cherished and continually increased will bring thee safe unto the end of thy pilgrimage'.

There is, of course, a certain quaintness about the language, and an emphasis which echoes the monastic life. But underneath there is a directness, simplicity, sweetness, and above all, suppleness, which makes it the kind of passage (fit to be reproduced in manuscript writing and hung up in the kitchen) on which all manner of folk may, and indeed have, built their Christian lives. The deep longing for a human mistress is sufficient guide for any lover. The desire of Jesus, in his wisdom, power, sweetness and divinity, is entirely sufficient to guide and help the Christian mind through all imaginable problems and horrors. But also, all imaginable joys. And as you will probably be taking your holidays soon, you may well think it worth turning over in your mind as a recipe for joy and peace, as well as for heroism in dark times.

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GIFT DAY

May I remind you that we shall be holding our Gift Day on Saturday 12th July, when I shall be sitting in St. Mary's to receive your surplus wealth for the support of our hard-pressed funds.

In the evening, may I say once again, we shall be holding a Wine and Cheese Part from 7.30p.m. in Swaffham Prior Hall, by the kindness of Mr and Mrs. Cazenove. The tickets are £1 as usual, and may be obtained from the Hall, Anglesey House, Mr. Mead and the Vicarage.

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FROM THE CHURCHES.

Worship in July - St. Mary's and Reach.

6 TRINITY V

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Reach)
- 9.30 a.m. Matins and Eucharist (St. Mary's)
- 6.30 p.m. Deanery Evensong (Wicken) Preacher: The Bishop of Huntingdon.

12 GIFT DAY (St. Mary's)

Wine and Cheese Part - 7.30p.m. Swaffham Prior Hall.

13,20,27: TRINITY VI, VII, VIII.

- 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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Thank you also for the letters of thanks and the Good Luck cards which I received.

Norma Peacock.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS.

Listed Buildings.

The Department of the Environment keeps lists of buildings judged to be of Architectural or Historical Importance so that they may be preserved and they then acquire some Legal Protection.

At present, only two buildings in Reach are listed:- The Church, and White Roses.

The Department of the Environment has written to remind us that it is keen to receive suggestions for additions to the list. It is open to anyone to write to the Department direct, or the Parish Council would be happy to pass on any suggestions.

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THIS MONTHS RECIPE.

Gingered Gooseberry Fool

6 oz gingernut biscuits	$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon ground ginger
3 oz butter	4 oz granulated sugar
2 oz demerara sugar	1 pint milk
1 lb gooseberries	few drops green food colouring
4 tablespoons water	whipped cream.

Crush ginger nuts with rolling pin between two sheets of greaseproof paper. Melt butter, stir in crushed biscuits and demerara sugar. Divide between five individual glasses. Top and tail gooseberries and cook with water until soft. Sieve or liquidise then strain. Mix custard powder, ginger and sugar together, blend to a smooth paste with a little milk. Bring rest of milk to boil, pour on to blended mixture, stir well, return to pan, cook slowly until mixture comes to boil, simmer for two minutes. Stir in gooseberry puree and food colouring (if liked). Cool slightly, divide between glasses. Chill, serve topped with Whipped Cream and a slice of stem ginger, if liked.

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I would like to thank everybody who asked so kindly about my health during my recent illness.

A special thank you to Mrs. Dudley for caring for me during my daughters absence.

Gwen Styles.
