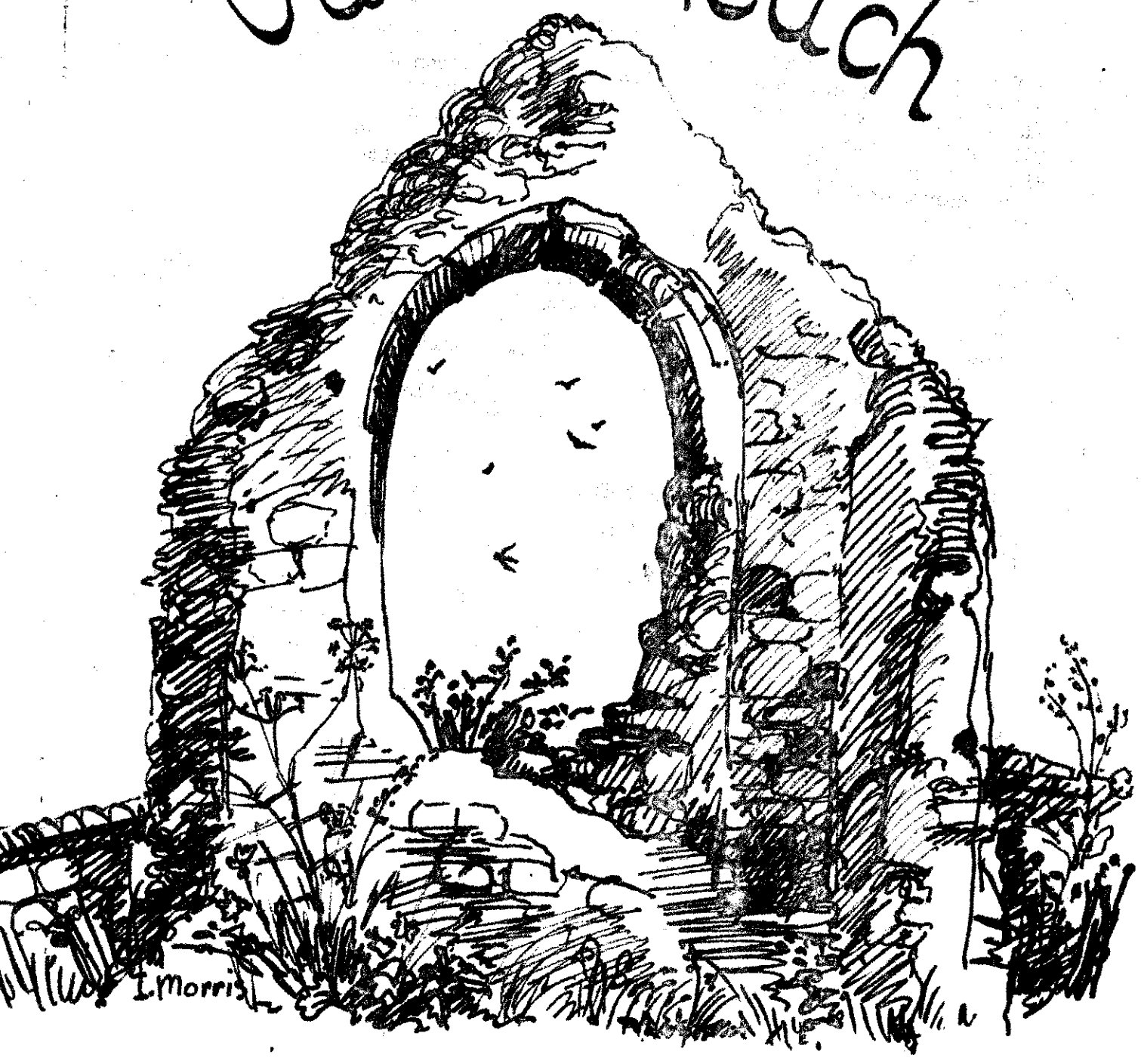


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# Lodes off our minds!

The 'Don't Ditch Our Lodes' Campaign has met with success! Geoffrey Woollard's contribution to the magazine this month reminds us of the importance of this decision. We owe a great debt to him, likewise District Councillor Margaret Cook, Parish Council Chairman Albert Johnson, County Councillor Margaret Shaw - and many other supporters such as Ted Blackwell and Mary Abbott in Burwell - for their efforts. Not having the privilege of knowing everyone well, I can mention only a few names, but all who assisted in the Lodes Campaign must feel gratified by the result.

The immediate threat to our environment has been removed, and it would be good to tap further the store of enthusiasm shown to exist. Conservation is a matter of continuing concern, and our unique situation has preserved many aspects of life not to be found elsewhere. Is this the time for a 'Reach Society' to be formed? A coachload of visitors walked from the shop to the Hythe at the beginning of last month, but what did they really learn about the village and its heritage?

We may be allowing a golden opportunity to slip through our fingers. A walk along the Lode could, perhaps, be made a regular event - every other year, if not annually; handouts, or reprints of articles from previous issues of 'Out of Reach' could be made available, to provide some of the much-welcomed information. Lectures on local history and social change might be of value to school parties and visitors in general. Local knowledge could be compiled, instead of being lost to posterity. In such ways, we could ensure that Reach retains its special place in the geographical and historical development of East Anglia, and does not drift into obscurity.

Changes in the village are already evident. Look at the number of new dwellings, and the sites which remain to be re-developed and you will realise that many former cottages have already been altered beyond recognition or disappeared entirely. With their disappearance we have probably lost, too, the things which reminded us of old friends, local sayings, and even past escapades. How much can you still remember? Would you be willing to write it down, or 'spin your yarns' for someone else to record in that way? If change matters to you, I think you would.

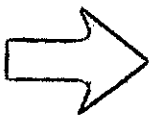
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September is a busy month for many of us, whether we are harvesting, starting at a new school, settling down in a first job or tackling a new phase in an existing one. As the season of garden parties and gymkhanas gives way gradually to shorter days, more evenings will be spent indoors. Will you pass the time reading or watching television? Or studying? Perhaps you will sort out and mount holiday photographs, up-date the correspondence and discuss plans for the future.

Turn your mind sometime to 'Out of Reach' and tell us what topics or information you would like to see included; pass on your opinions to the editor, or contribute a letter or article of your own. Ask someone to help, if writing is not your 'cup of tea'. This issue marks the end of four years for our magazine, and I would like to see it continue, if possible to provide matter of interest and import to us all. How about a 'Memory Corner' for a start?

Yours sincerely,

Janet Biggs



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THE HOME INSULATION GRANT

There is now a waiting list for this grant, at the offices of our local Council, as money is not available at present.

Applications forms are still being issued, however, so put in quickly if you want to stand a chance. The address to write to is: Health Department, East Cambs. District Council, 24 St. Mary's Street, Ely, Cambs. Telephone Ely 3311.

# PARISH NOTEBOOK

## REACH PARISH COUNCIL

The Burial Ground is now being taken in hand by the new 'caretaker' and is - as everyone will have seen - looking much better than it has done for a long time. May we seize the opportunity to remind you that the Parish Council has a Centenary Fund for donations towards the expenses of upkeep.

### Best Kept Village Competition:

This year the judges awarded Reach the highest ever number of marks - 89/100; not enough to put us in the first four, but a considerable improvement on our previous record.

M.E.

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We welcome these NEW BABIES to our community:-

Born on 29th July, to Michael and Marialyn Aves - a daughter,  
Rebecca June

Born on 11th August, to John and Rachel Sargeant - a daughter,  
Caroline.

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The news of the tragic accident to Mr. Watts, who moved from Reach six months ago, came as a shock to us all.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to his widow and two daughters.

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FROM THE VICAR

The future of the two parishes of Swaffham Prior and Swaffham Bulbeck has become problematical as a result of Ian Woodroffe's departure in October to take over the parish of St. James', Cambridge. The long-term plan, devised by the Diocesan Pastoral Committee, is that the three parishes of Reach, Swaffham Prior and Swaffham Bulbeck will one day be cared for by a single priest based on Swaffham Prior; hence the building of the new vicarage here ten years or so ago. But because of the many other jobs I have to do for the Diocese in addition to looking after Reach and Swaffham Prior, it would not be possible for me to take on Swaffham Bulbeck as well.

For the immediate future, therefore, till my departure, whenever that should be, the parish of Swaffham Bulbeck is to be placed in the care of the Vicar of Bottisham.

Meanwhile, we send our greetings to the congregation at Swaffham Bulbeck and wish them well in this unpleasant upheaval in their common life. It has been a singular pleasure to have them worshipping with us on two occasions in June and August.

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The theme in the revised Calendar for the Sunday following the day I write this, 17th August, Trinity XI, is The Witnessing Community. What kind of goodness, integrity, sanity will most effectively reveal the mind of Christ to the uncommitted has been an on-going concern of the Church all through history, and reflection on the different aspects of his mind the Church has selected for that purpose provides a fascinating study; one age highlights his divinity, another his humanity; one his wisdom, another his power, each trying to redress the defects of its predecessor. Because the problem is the wholeness and universality of Christ, which no age quite succeeds in fully revealing. So the English Church has much cause for mingled sadness and pleasure in the relatively early death at the beginning of August of one of the most distinguished of her sons, Geoffrey Lampe, Regius Professor of Divinity at Cambridge till 1979.

Wholeness was precisely the characteristic mark of his personality. A scholar of vast distinction, a formidable debater and debunker of nonsense in the Councils of the Church; a powerful supporter of any cause he espoused; decorated with the M.C. in the Second World War, and at all times a delightful, generous and unassuming friend. As T. S. Eliot put it, 'we will take heart for the future, remembering the past'.

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A warm word of thanks, once more, for the very generous response to the Gift Day and Wine and Cheese Party on 12th July. The final result of the first was £238, and of the second, £102.

J.K.B.

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FROM THE REGISTERS: BURIAL: 24th July: Elsie Harling, late of Hythe House, Reach, latterly of Hemingford Rd., Cambridge.

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FROM THE CHURCHES

Worship in September - St. Mary's and Reach

7th TRINITY XIV

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

14th, 21st, 28th TRINITY XV, XVI, XVII

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

October

5th TRINITY XVIII - Harvest Festival

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

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# Shire Hall Titbits

IT WAS with great delight and relief that I heard officially from the Anglian Water Authority's Chief Executive, Mr. Peter Bray, that the Authority had resolved to maintain the Cambridgeshire Lodes as a high level system of canals rather than 'ditch' them, as so many - including myself - had feared. This historic decision marks a great victory for commonsense and the common people and, hopefully, means the end of eight years of wrangling and argument and the long called-for commencement of a scheme of maintenance for these ancient waterways that have served this neighbourhood since Roman times.

AS ONE of the thousands of campaigners for the retention of the Lodes, I would pay tribute to the wisdom of the Water Authority's Members and Officers, to the 'behind the scenes' assistance of East Cambridgeshire District Council and Cambridgeshire County Council, both from Members and Officers, to the Ministry of Agriculture, for its increased grant contribution, to Mr. Francis Pym, our M. P., for his help and encouragement, to the numerous bodies that formed the 'Save the Lodes Consortium' under the able leadership of Mr. Ted Blackwell and, of course, to the Parish Councils in my area who never let up in their vociferous and total opposition to the destruction of our heritage.

I AM writing letters of thanks to Mr. Bray, Mr. Pym, Cllr. Michael Carter, Cambridgeshire's representative on the A. W. A. and chairman of its Recreation Advisory Committee, Cllr. Robert James, Leader of Cambridgeshire County Council and a member of the Great Ouse Land Drainage Committee and Cllr. Mrs. Margaret Shaw, Chairman of the County Planning Committee. Without their help our campaign might have foundered.

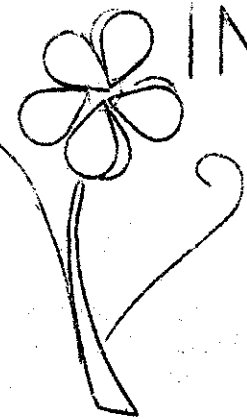
NOW I hope that the people I represent will be left in peace and that many more generations of small boys and girls can fish and learn by the Lodes, that thousands can continue to enjoy walking the Lodes or boating on them; that students for centuries to come can continue to see these unique historical structures and that the local people, for whom the Lodes mean so much, can continue to enjoy, in whatever way they wish, the principal features of our locality. For my part, I am just glad I have been around to see the success of such a broadly-based and emphatically-supported resistance to Phillistinism.

GEOFFREY WOOLLARD

County Councillor.

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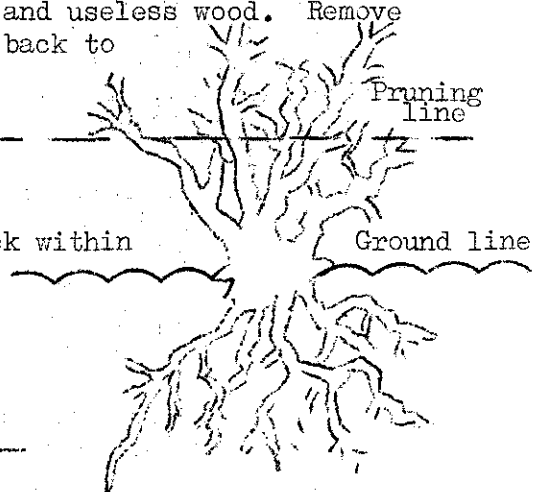
Autumn's arrival is marked by the leaves of Victoria Plum trees falling, as the fruit ripens, so this is a sign that sweeping up rubbish is an essential job for the next few weeks. Hoe the small weeds again, and burn rubbish if you can, especially couch grass - or twitch, as it is known.

Michaelmas Daisies and Helenium will be flowering, at the back of borders; and as bedding plants reach the end of their season, begin to plant bulbs for the spring. Tulips will be more successful if they are not planted in the same soil for more than two consecutive years; try Scillas and Snowdrops in groups, for effect. These will flourish on the edge of shady borders or rockeries.

Holly may be trimmed now, as can climbing and rambler roses. For the roses, remove dead blossoms and useless wood. Remove tips and trim strongest side shoots back to  $\frac{2}{3}$  length.

Transplant shrubs; divide rhubarb; plant cauliflower, broccoli, leeks and celery; prick out cabbages.

After transplanting shrubs, trim back within several inches of the ground. Mound 1 ft. of dirt over the shrub, and leave till spring. Make sure the shrubs do not become dried out, in the move.



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To 7 or 8 pints of juice add 5 lbs. of sugar.  
Boil quickly again for up to half an hour.  
Test for setting.  
Pot and cover in the usual way.

# BINGO!

Bingo will start again in September. Come along at 7.30 p.m. on TUESDAY 16th. This will be a regular night again, and is held in the VILLAGE CENTRE.

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Pru Hardiment writes to remind the COMMITTEE that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday 10th September at 7.30. p.m.

Soon afterwards, on Monday 15th September, an Open Meeting is being held, also at 7.30 p.m., to discuss ways of raising money for the coming year to help the School buy essential books and equipment. Bright ideas or not, do attend if you are able, as this discussion affects all the youngsters who attend the School; willingness and interest are the most important things.

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