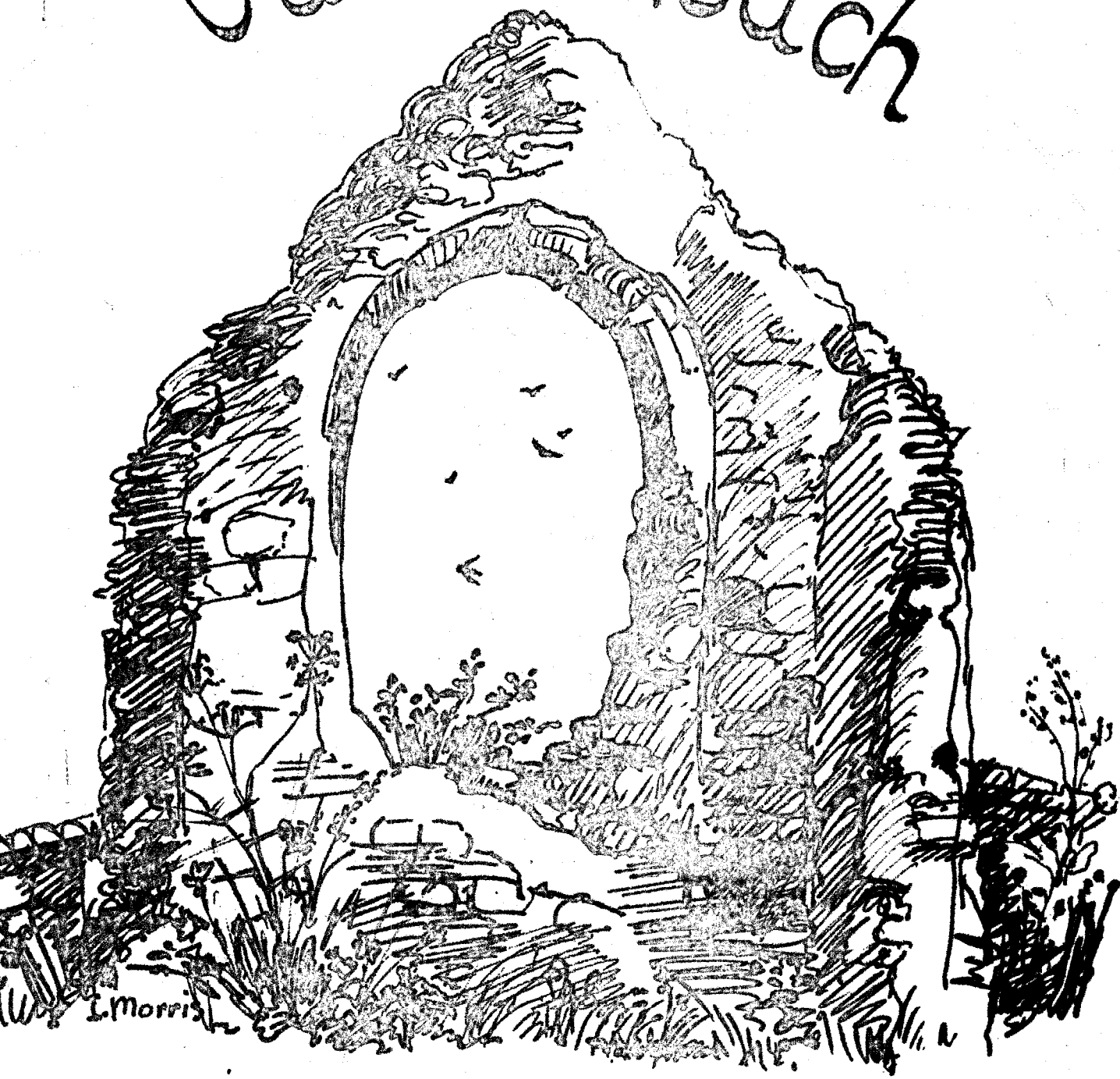


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EDITORIAL

I hope you all came along and enjoyed yourselves at the Fair. Despite the disappointing weather I think it proved a most successful event. We do not yet have the final figures of takings and expenses, but we expect the profit to be approximately £500, which was the hoped-for amount. I expect Harvey Harrison, our Business Manager, will publish the final figures next month. I would like to extend many thanks to all those people who worked so hard this year to make the Fair such a success. I will endeavour to remain diplomatic by not mentioning names, as I would hate to omit anyone when all worked so hard. However, I cannot resist a special word of thanks to the ladies who work tirelessly behind the scenes on every single village function, especially clearing away late at night after evening functions when we have all gone home. I am sure that you will know to whom I am alluding, and neither must their respective spouses be forgotten!

I am sure that you will all join me in extending congratulations to the successful Conservative Candidate in the Council elections Mr. John Brooks, who succeeds Mr. Geoffrey Woollard as our Councillor. You will read his first contribution in this month's issue, and I hope he will continue to write for us.

Calling all typists in the village! I wonder if there is someone (or even better, more than one person!) who can type and can spare a few hours about every four months? You do not need to have your own typewriter as we have one for the magazine. Jenny Fowle, one of our typists, will be leaving the village next month, so we need someone to replace her and spread the load with the other three typists, working a monthly rota basis. If anyone would be willing to offer I should be most grateful to hear from them. Many thanks to Jenny for her work and we wish her well.

The Church Lent Collection this year raised £28 which goes to the Palace School for Handicapped children at Ely. The sponsored cycle ride for research into Cystic Fibrosis raised approximately £60 - £70.

Congratulations go this month to Tony and Sue Jordan on the birth of their son Peter Thomas on 8th May.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery go to Mrs. Gwen Johnson who recently underwent an operation and is now convalescing at Holt Convalescent Home.

Congratulations to Nichola Harding on becoming this year's Miss Reach.

Kay Pote.

"Probably the most successful fair ever", was one comment to me on the evening of Fair day - this remark echoes I'm sure many peoples feelings about Reach Fair 1981. By forward planning, inviting new ideas and above all attracting more "fresh faces" to help organise and run the various sideshows and events, more than £500 should be raised to help keep the Village Centre viable and off the village rate.

When the weather threatened to put a dampener on the event many people scurried about helping to erect shelters but by the opening the rain had disappeared and although it was cold, the sun did shine on the Maypole Dancers.

I cannot possible thank everyone individually who helped with 'Fair 81' but the original committee will want me to thank all those new faces who came and helped and I hope enjoyed themselves - Mr. & Mrs. Dudley and Co. for the children's corner and that 'awful horse'; Mrs. Jean Parker and the children for a splendid float and lots of hours put into their handicrafts - for an anonymous donation to pay for the "Punch and Judy Show" - for the mushy pea and hot dog ladies who completed marvellously against their 'bionic opposition'; for the donation of cakes which Mrs. Evans and Mrs. Hyde sold so well; Dennis Millard for selling treasure squares on Iris Morris's splendid treasure island, for Mr. & Mrs. Tony Jordan on the coconut shy; Mr. & Mrs. Pote on the Bullseye Bowls (plus being barbecue chefs with Rodney Housden and Anthony Dudley on Saturday night); for Ron Greenhill and Malcolm Hall for "throwing the weight", and for Emma Tierney for pony and trap rides.

Thanks also are due to our regulars, Mrs. Booton and her Maypole dancers. The folk singers - Tapestry Fayre - and to Burwell Band; and also to the Mayor and his entourage for coming and opening it and bringing the crowds.

I hope everyone enjoyed the Folk Evening, the Darts evening and the barbecue, that was so nearly a washout - but our chefs kept going even through a thunder storm - well done!

Although we have encountered a little trouble from the showman who brings his fair, we managed to enlarge our "share of the Green". However, he has threatened to withdraw from next year's fair and also stop (he is able to by Showmans Guild Charter) anyone else coming to replace him if we do not accommodate him and allow him back on to his original corner site.

The committee would be pleased to hear from anyone who has any objections that by now standing our ground, it may mean losing the showman's fair. What it would really involve is a fair comprising of village stalls and sideshows and complemented by trade stalls - a few of which came this year and said they would like to come again. If villagers were keen on this and will support the fair committee, then it will mean a far greater involvement by more villagers to make it a success and so stop it dying out. After all we will have to have something for the Mayor to open!

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FROM THE VICAR

May I this month simply reproduce some of my remarks at the recent Annual General Meeting of St. Mary's P.C.C.

Two main events have marked the past year, and first, of course, the appearance of the New Prayer Book. A year ago I never seriously imagined we should ever come to be equipped with 50 copies of a book costing over £3.00 even at discount prices; so I am all the more grateful for the generosity of three parishioners who have made it possible for both Reach and St. Mary's to possess an altar book each, in addition to copies for congregational use.

I have said my say about its virtues at some length in the two village magazines, so I won't repeat myself: only underline one of the remarks I made then, about its wonderful provision of lessons and readings for all occasions, which I still think will slowly emerge as one of its most lasting merits, since it is into the choice of these that some of the finest biblical scholarship of the last forty years has been channelled. If you want to know how the western Church of the late 20th century understands its Bible, and the Christian religion through the Bible, read the book through as you would any other single volume.

Which reminds me of some very interesting remarks on 'Swallowing the ASB' by Geoffrey Shepherd in the February issue of the Cambridge Review, kindly passed on to me the other day. The 'ASB', he says, 'contains a very large scripture anthology.... Even to use the Bible properly within the prescribed rites will require practice, work and effort. Reading the Bible in public is not easy...Bible readings will have to be rehearsed as carefully as choir anthems. A careful and successful ministry of the Word is likely to accumulate a momentum of interest and thought'. So I am all the more grateful to those who have plucked up courage of late to help us in this vital ministry, thus saving us from being imprisoned in a clerical monologue. None of us, I imagine, who were present in St. Mary's on Good Friday will easily forget the authority with which the Scriptures were read to us, and the absorbed reflection with which they were received.

The other event is the decision to go ahead with a limited repair of St. Mary's porch. This will be an act of faith, because even this will cost approximately £5,000, of which we have only £2,300 to hand. But I am advised that unless we actually launch forth no more money will be forthcoming. I only hope this will prove the case, and that the appearance of the builders on the site will...

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prompt a flow of further financial help.

Before I stop, may I draw your attention to an important book to be published on May 1st by the SCM Press at £3.95: In Place of Work - The Sufficient Society, by David Bleakey, which seems likely to have some remarkable things to say about the Churches' part in the second Industrial Revolution which is now breaking upon us.

Finally, may I thank the congregations both at Reach and St. Mary's for their kind Easter Offerings.

J.K.B.

On the next page appear the finances at St. Etheldreda's, very kindly audited by Mr. Burns.

FROM THE CHURCHES

Worship in June: St. Mary's & Reach

- 7th WHITSUNDAY
  - 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Reach)
  - 9.30 a.m. Matins & Eucharist (St. Mary's)
  - 6.30 p.m. Evensong (Reach)
- 11th S.BARNABAS the Apostle
  - 7.00 a.m. Holy Communion (St. Mary's)
- 14th TRINITY SUNDAY
  - 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (St. Mary's)
  - 11.00 a.m. Family Communion (Reach)
  - 6.30 p.m. Evensong (St. Mary's)
- 20th 9th Centenary of the founding of Ely Cathedral
- 21st TRINITY I
  - 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (St. Mary's)
  - 11.00 a.m. Family Communion (Reach)
  - 6.30 p.m. Evensong (St. Mary's)
- 28th TRINITY II
  - 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Reach) (N.B. Change of time)
  - 9.30 a.m. Children's Eucharist (St. Mary's)
  - 6.30 p.m. Evensong (St. Mary's)

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The election in this division was a close-run thing and I should like to thank all those who voted for me and helped on election day. The voting turn-out, at 46.5%, was higher than is usual in local elections. The count, which finished at Ely at 1.30 in the early morning, was very exciting and carried out with great efficiency.

I should like to assure everyone in Reach that I will do my best to represent their interests at Shire Hall.

The first meeting of the new County Council was, as forecast, a very long and quite exciting affair. There continues to be a good working majority in favour of the general policy of the out-going Council, and in spite of all the noise and hubbub, we are unlikely to see any spectacular changes.

I was myself appointed to the two main committees for which I had expressed favour. They are Education and Land and Buildings. The new County Education Committee has elected me to be its vice-chairman. This means that I shall serve on all its sub-committees:- 1. Primary. 2. Secondary and Further. 3. Estimates. 4. General Purposes, and 5. Libraries and Museums, and that I am going to have a very, very busy time. I look forward to it.

John Brooks.

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THE STAINE HUNDRED

The next meeting of the Staine Hundred - the local history society - will be on Wednesday, 10th June. This will be a 'walkabout' at Ivy Farm, Swaffham Prior, at the kind invitation of Mr. John Clarke, to look at the archaeological sites there. Would anyone who wishes to come on this visit meet at Ivy Farm at 7.30 p.m.?

The annual outing this year will be on Sunday, 12th July and will be a trip to Burghley House, near Stamford. Would anyone, whether a member of the society or not, who would like to come on this trip please get in touch with the secretary, Mel Walden, Kepstorn, High Street, Bottisham. (Phone: 811478) or the treasurer, Dan McMahon, 19 Beechwood Avenue, Bottisham (Phone: 811224). The approximate cost of the trip, including the coach fare and admission to Burghley, will be £2.00 for members and £2.50 for non-members.

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May I congratulate John Brooks on his victory in the local elections. Now that the fun is over, I look forward to a continuing friendship with John based on our shared membership of the Writers' Group once based at Bottisham, then at Burwell.

After the campaigning, of course I want to thank all those people who voted for me. I very much appreciate their support.

Felicity McMahon.

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Cover the Pool Appeal Bulletin

The Sponsored Run on Sunday 3rd May took place in a chilling north east wind blowing across the fields at BVC. About 200 children in 4 teams ran nearly 100 miles over 12 hours, and raised about £1,000 for the Appeal. It was a fine effort by everyone.

The Auction on Saturday 16th May brought in £1,638. Nearly 300 lots were sold over 3½ hours, and our thanks go to Peter Day of Bidwells who gave his afternoon, together with the other helpers.

June 7th is the date of the Aqualympics (also the anniversary of the launching of the Appeal). There will be a programme of entertaining events in the pool itself beginning at 2.30, and other entertainments on dry land.

A date for next month: on July 5th at Fulbourn Manor there will be a Fair and Fete including a Pageant. Any offers of help to Jenny Culank on 880 371.

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A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The White House,  
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Dear Kay,

I would like to thank, through the magazine, the Fair Committee and other villagers who put so much energy into this year's Reach Fair.

The atmosphere engendered by the Mediaeval dress, and the variety of amusement and stalls produced the best Fair I have ever seen here. Such ambitious and involving events are a welcome antidote to what we are always being reminded are times of depression and unemployment.

I was particularly pleased that goodwill events were included. I hope this trend will continue in future years as I have always felt before that high stall prices somewhat diminished the enjoyment of the small children. I am sure that many more local families, if directly approached, would help to provide for non profit making, simple amusements. Maybe the children themselves would have some ideas!

Signed: Jenny Johnson.

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The Youth Club would like to thank Michael and Brenda Warrington very much for the money they made for us raffling an Easter Egg.

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FROM THE PARENTS & FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL

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