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*A Merry Christmas*

*and a*

*Happy New Year*



EDITOR'S NOTE

I'm off to the land of hills, trees and sea (i.e. Wales) for the month of December, so will CONTRIBUTORS PLEASE NOTE that I am unable to edit the January issue of the magazine. Articles for inclusion should be delivered to Janet Biggs, Delver House by December 16th. I am most grateful for Janet's help with this and previous issues.

I wish everyone in Reach and others concerned with the magazine a Christmas season filled with joy and a New Year of promise and purpose. We also extend Best Wishes for his recovery to Mr. Don Webb who recently broke his ankle.

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Parish Council are sending another letter to the County Surveyor concerning the state of Reach Bridge, as the bridge now appears to be dropping in the middle, on the top.

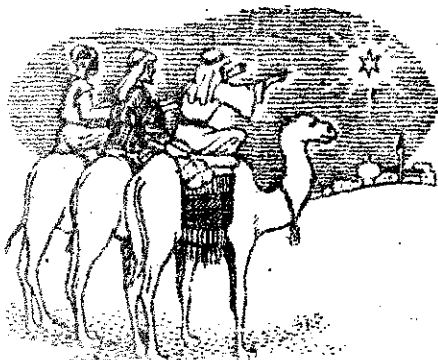
Anyone interested in the leaflets left at the shop concerning The County Structure Plan - Report on Alternative Strategies may like to know that the Council has recommended to the County of Cambs. that Strategy C be adopted.

A Cemetery Fund has been started and now stands at £3.50. Further donations will be gratefully received.

In future there will be a 'Question and Answer Time' added to the Agenda for Parish Council meetings. We hope that this will encourage the Public to attend and voice opinions.

NEXT MEETING: December 3rd at 7.30 p.m.  
in the Schoolroom.

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VILLAGE HALL GOSSIP

By the time this is published I will have apologised to the Committee for forgetting to help on Wednesday 10th November. We are not perfect and I can only promise not to do the same again.

Since a disagreement between potential hirers and the caretakers over the letting of the Centre, a sub-committee has been formed to draw up proper conditions of hire and review charges. The latter will be published in a future 'Out of Reach'. Congratulations are in order to members of the sub-committee for their excellent work in drafting the New Conditions. Subject to endorsement by the full committee, they will come into operation sometime in December.

The renovations to the Centre are reaching a stage where every improvement is visible and not hidden underground. We are undertaking the renovation of the existing floor, with very pleasing results. Renovation being - arduous planing and sanding and "feeding" with linseed oil prior to polishing.

The Editor of 'Out of Reach' attended our last meeting to discuss recreational activities, in particular the formation of a Badminton Club. I think reviving Reach Sports and Social Club would be a good idea and might help financially. You may remember that during the summer, Reach played the Police at Cricket; this was an informal affair, enjoyed by all and there was no difficulty at all in mustering a team. The point I want to make is that if a number of people want to reform the club, I am sure that there will be more than sufficient support. So, come on, someone start the ball rolling - the Hall will be available for an open meeting!

The Festive Season will be upon us before another edition, so I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

John O. Robinson.

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FORTHCOMING FUNCTIONS AT THE CENTRE

Over 60's Christmas Dinner - 9th December, 6.30 p.m. for 7.00 p.m.  
Any villagers under 60 are welcome to join the festivities afterwards.  
Hospital Whist Drive - 13th December 7.30 p.m.  
New Year's Eve Celebration with Buffet and Bar. 8.00 p.m. - 1.00 p.m.  
NEXT MEETING OF THE VILLAGE CENTRE COMMITTEE - 17th December 8.00 p.m.



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Worship in December, Contd./.....

26th December: S. STEPHEN, First Martyr, 1st Sunday after Christmas

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

27th December: S. JOHN, Evangelist

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

28th December: The HOLY INNOCENTS

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

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REACH CONSERVATIVE BRANCH

A special meeting was held on Friday 22nd October, in the Village Centre, at which a new branch of the Conservative and Unionist Association was formed. Mr. Oliver Fyson and Mr. Geoffrey Woollard, who are both Vice Chairmen of the County Association, and Mr. Ralph Boyce, the County agent, attended this inaugural meeting.

The Officers and Committee were elected as follows:

Messrs. G.W.D. Crookenden (Chairman), C. Moseley (Vice Chairman), H. Harrison (Treasurer), Mesdames J. Biggs (Secretary), J. Moseley (Asst. Secretary), J. Robinson (Press Officer). Committee members - Messrs. E. Cole, A. Johnson, J. Biggs, J. Robinson and Mesdames A. Polkes, A. Crookenden, M.J. Harrison.

A very successful first committee meeting was held at Fitzroy Farm on Friday 12th November.

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Decide on a list of things e.g. towns, rivers, foods, actors, authors. Choose a letter. Each player has to complete his list with names all starting with the chosen letter. Players take it in turn, after a given time, to read out their lists. If two people or more have the same name on their list that one has to be crossed off. Person with least names crossed off wins.

Players take it in turn to select from the dictionary a word which no player has heard of before. Selector announces and spells the word, then writes down the correct definition on a piece of paper. Other players write invented definitions on their sheets. All sheets are then handed to the selector. (Very important at this stage for him to read the sheets through so that faltering or amusement do not give anything away later). Correct and invented definitions are then read aloud and each player (except the selector) guesses the definition he thinks sounds correct. Finally, the correct definition is announced and you get one point if you choose the correct definition and one point each time your definition is guessed by another player.

There are many forms of consequences but have you tried: recipes heads, bodies and legs or Dark Deeds - name, worst deed of your life, reason, result. You could make this Nasty Game No.1 by trying to guess the perpetrators in each case!

Nasty Game No.2. One person leaves the room. The others each give one adjective they think aptly describes an aspect of his physique or character. Player is then called in and given the list. He has to identify which person gave which adjective.

For two people. Choose a 4 or 5 letter word and keep secret. The object is for your opponent to work out the word, in the following way. He writes down and shows a word with the same number of letters and is told how many letters (if any) are a) correct and b) in the right position. He continues presenting new words until he has enough information to work out the correct word. This game is more interesting if both players are working out a word simultaneously.

Teams are given match boxes which they have to fill with the maximum number of objects in a given time.



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HOTCH POTCH OF GAMES Contd./.....

Teams are given medicine bottles and teaspoons. They race to fill the bottles from a bowl of water.

Each team has a long length of string with a spoon attached at one end. They race to get the string from one end of the line of members to the other; the string must pass up and down alternately through the clothing of each team member.

Opponents each have an empty spoon in the left hand and a spoon holding an orange in the right hand. They compete to knock the orange off their opponents spoon whilst retaining their own. (Watch out for left handed players).

Everyone sits on chairs in a circle plus one person standing in the middle. He announces that everyone who, e.g. has never flown in an aeroplane, must move to another seat. During the confusion he tries to secure a vacated seat and whoever is left without a seat thinks up the next direction. Ideally the direction he gives should not enable him to know who will move.

Players sit in a circle. A sack of clothes (as odd as possible) is passed around to music. When the music stops the person with the sack takes out one garment and puts it on.

In the manner of the Word. One player leaves the room. The others choose a word, e.g. dramatic, miserable. The first player is called back and has to identify the word by calling on the other players to do something, e.g. walk across the room, touch someone etc. in the manner of the word.

Farmyard Darby and Joan. Guests are given animal noises to make quietly as they circulate. Eventually they will find a partner making the same noise.

Don't forget Ludo, and Tiddlywinks, which, played ruthlessly, can be hilarious.

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December in your Garden Contd./....

Clean and disinfect canes and seed boxes.

Cress can be grown on the window sill and also Lettuce, sown thickly, to cut as Cress.

Dick Whitehead.

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R E C I P E S

CHRISTMAS BEETROOT BARSZCZ

This is traditionally served in Poland on Christmas Eve when meat is not allowed.

6 beetroot, scrubbed, peeled and thickly sliced	8 black peppercorns
2 large carrots, cut into large pieces	3 allspice berries
2 leeks, cut into pieces	1 bay leaf
1 small onion, quartered	2 dried mushroom caps
1 slice celeriac	salt

To finish: 1 raw beetroot  
          Juice  $\frac{1}{2}$  lemon  
          1 tbsp. sugar  
          2 tsp. salt

1. Put vegetables, spices, bay leaf and mushrooms in a large enamelled saucepan and cover with 3 pints cold water.
2. Sprinkle generously with salt
3. Bring gently to simmering point and simmer over low heat for 1 hour.
4. Scrub, peel and grate raw beetroot. Stir in lemon juice, sugar and salt.
5. Strain soup and pour a little over grated beetroot mixture. Put the latter back into the soup and reheat gently. (Note: if boiled the brilliant red colour may be lost).
6. Strain again and correct seasoning with sugar, salt or lemon juice.
7. Garnish with dumplings, stuffed with chopped mushrooms, onions and breadcrumbs and with a spoonful of thick soured cream. Serves 6.

Jenny Johnson.

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BUTTER SCOTCH

1/2lb. Gran. Sugar  
2-3oz. Butter

5 tbsp. water  
Pinch of Cream of Tartar

1. Dissolve sugar in water and add cream of tartar.
2. Boil to 280°F.
3. Put pan on asbestos sheet or reduce heat, then add butter in small pieces.
4. Boil to 300°F. Remove from heat at once and check further rise in temp.
5. Pour into greased tin (6 1/2-7 inch square)
6. When beginning to set, mark into squares
7. When cold, break up and wrap in wax paper or foil.

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SUGAR FONDANTS

2 Oz. Powdered Glucose  
2 tbsp. Boiling water  
1lb. 6oz. sifted icing sugar

1oz. Lard  
1 small egg white

1. Pour boiling water onto glucose
2. Beat egg white lightly
3. Mix in almost all the icing sugar and melted glucose to form a stiff paste.
4. Beat the lard to a soft cream and work it into the sugar paste.
5. Flavour as follows, keeping fondant not in use in a polythene bag to prevent drying:  
Rose - 1 drop Rose flavouring, 1 drop pink colouring, small pieces  
Coffee - A little coffee essence, Half Walnuts. glace cherry  
Violet - 1 drop violet flavouring, 1 drop violet colouring, sugared violet petals or small sweets.  
Peppermint - 1 drop peppermint essence, 1 drop green colouring.

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