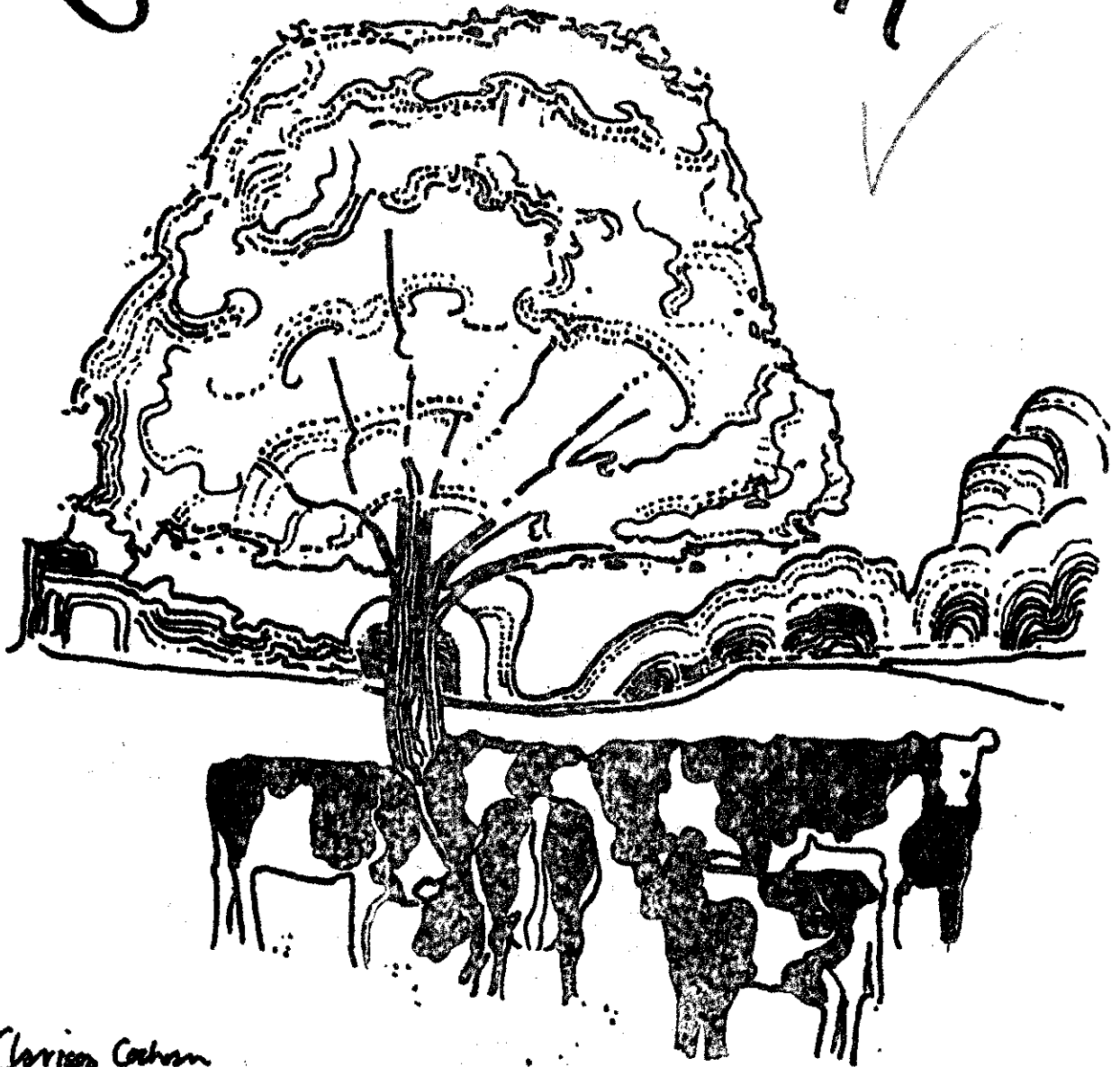


NO 13

Out of Reach



Clarissa Cochran

County Councillor

Geoffrey Woollard, Chalk Farm,
Bottisham. Tel. Cambridge 811209

District Councillor

Mrs. Margaret Cook, Mill House,
Commercial End, Swaffham Bulbeck.
Tel. Cambridge 811335

Parish Councillors

Albert Johnson (Chairman),
Snake Hall Farm, 50 Swaffham Road,
Tel. Newmarket 741437

Ray Folkes, 8 Great Lane.

Harvey Harrison, Tilden House,
Burwell Road. Tel. Newmarket 741150

Joyce Harrison, Prospect Farm,
40 Great Lane.

Rodney Housden, Manor Close.
Tel. Newmarket 741386

Clerk to the
Parish Council

Alison Housden

Village Hall Committee Members:-

John Robinson (Chairman)
Springhall Farm. Tel. 741426
Bill Estell, 5 Ditchfields.

Ray & Anita Folkes

Harvey Harrison

Joyce Harrison

Rodney Housden

Albert Johnson

Sam & Heather Mitchell, The Wilds, Burwell Rd.

Bob & Emily Smith, Meadow View, Delph End.

Tel. 742130

Phyllis Webb, Blackberry Drove.

Co-opted Member - Nicholas Hellowell,

4 Swaffham Rd. Tel. 742081

"Out of Reach" Committee Members:-

Margaret Cook

Ray Folkes

Harvey Harrison (Business Manager)

Joyce Harrison (Distribution)

Alison Housden

Rodney Housden

Albert Johnson

Jenny Johnson (Editor) The White House

Tel 741854

Jenny Moseley, Delph End Cottage. Tel. 741425

Bob Smith (Compiler)

Geoffrey Woollard

Stencils typed by:-

Patricia Harrison

"OUT OF REACH"

COMMUNITY MAGAZINE

Issue No.13

SEPTEMBER 1977

EDITORIAL

Dear Friends,

Here we are at the beginning of the second year of our community magazine. Once again we ask you to send any items of interest to the editor, for inclusion in future issues, to ensure continued success, and we thank our regular contributors.

One thing which really annoys many of us, is the amount of litter in the village. Bottles and cans appear in gardens; front ways are often strewn with ice-pop wrappers and sweet papers - even 'Rizla' packets! Please, adults as well as children, TAKE YOUR RUBBISH HOME! Apart from being unsightly, rubbish can be a health hazard, so let's make an effort to put it where it belongs.

Janet Biggs.

Liquid honey is a cure-all according to Cecil Tonsley. In "Honey for Health" (Published by Tanden Books), he points out that it is an antiseptic, non irritating, and non toxic, besides being nutritious. Honey can be applied to grazes and bruises; mixed with a little glycerine and lemon juice it makes a useful cough syrup; used in cooking one-third less honey is needed than is specified for sugar.

J.B.

XX
MIKE AND BRENDA WARRINGTON

Welcome you to

DYKES END

A Fully Licensed Free House

Tel: 741745

REACH'S ONLY PUB
XX

From the Registers:

BAPTISMS

- August 21st: Richard Allan, son of Joseph and Yvonne Mary Porter,
11, Ditchfield.
- August 28th: Darren Paul and Hayley Jane, son and daughter of
Mervyn Leonard and Gillian Ann Woolnough, 4, Ditchfield.

Worship in September:

- 3 Sponsored cycle pilgrimage to Walsingham in aid of St. Mary's Funds.
- 4 TRINITY XIII
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Reach)
9.30 a.m. Matins, Sermon & Eucharist (St. Mary's)
11.00 a.m. Youth Church (Reach)
6.30 p.m. Evensong (Reach)
- 11 TRINITY XIV
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (St. Mary's)
11.00 a.m. Family Communion (Reach)
6.30 p.m. Evensong (St. Mary's)
- 16 Jumble Sale, Reach, 6.30 p.m., in aid of Church Funds
- 18 TRINITY XV
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (St. Mary's)
11.00 a.m. Family Communion (Reach)
- 21 S. MATTHEW
7.00 a.m. Holy Communion (St. Mary's)
- 23 8.00 p.m. P.C.C. Meeting, Vicarage.
- 25 TRINITY XVI
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (St. Mary's)
11.00 a.m. Family Communion (Reach)
6.30 p.m. Evensong (St. Mary's)
- 29 S. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS
7.30 p.m. Holy Communion (St. Mary's)

October

- 1 Reach Harvest Supper & Social - 7.00 p.m.
- 2 TRINITY XVII (Harvest Festival, Reach & St. Mary's)
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Reach)
9.30 a.m. Matins, Sermon, & Eucharist (St. Mary's)
11.00 a.m. Youth Church, Reach
6.30 p.m. Evensong (Reach)

XX

BRIDGEMAN & SONS

Newsagents and Confectioners

42a, High Street,
Bottisham,

Tel: Cambridge 811896

XX

FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL

We hope you all had a good holiday, and we welcome you to a new School year. Can we take this opportunity to remind you that everyone in the village is invited to join the Friends of the School, either on our Committee or by supporting our activities? There is no subscription and the only qualification necessary is an interest in the school and its place in the community.

We are making an early start this term with an important open meeting on Monday, September 12th at 7.30 p.m. The Annual General Meeting will be dealt with first and any new committee members appointed. After a break for coffee, there will be a discussion by the Parents' Action Group, of their planned activities concerning teacher ratios in the County. It should be an interesting evening for everyone connected with education, so we look forward to your support.

Other events provisionally booked are:

- 14th October Film Night
- 5th November Bonfire Night
- 25th November Beetle Drive

SWIMMING POOL FUND

Thanks to the splendid efforts of the children and supporting adults, a grand total of £162 was raised as a result of the sponsored walk. £60 of this will be spent as planned on heating (£30 being kept towards next year's oil, as only 3 weeks' heating was achieved this year owing to the broken pump). Some of the rest of the money has been spent on holiday swimming, as this year we had to buy the chlorine, and the rest will go towards repairing the wooden surrounds and re-capping with plastic. We are very grateful for the generosity which has enabled us to attempt this necessary maintenance work.

XX

For all Types of Agricultural Contracting

HOUSDEN BROTHERS

Manor Farm,
Reach.

Newmarket 741252
Newmarket 741386

SUGAR BEET HARVESTING SPECIALISTS

XX

XX

BRIDGEMAN & STRACEY

BUILDERS

4, Chapel Lane,
Reach.

NEWMARKET 742049
NEWMARKET 741129

XX

SEPTEMBER IN THE GARDEN

Last sowing of radish can be made outdoors.
Sow outdoor Valdor lettuce for Spring cutting.
Transplant August sown cabbage.
A good time to plant a strawberry bed.
Remove outer ring of foliage from celeriac (Turnip rooted celery),
to encourage roots to swell.
Remove green trusses of tomatoes and ripen indoors.
Harvest main crop of onions, dry well and store in an airy
building.
Best month for sowing new lawns, or renovating existing areas.

Dick Whitehead.

THE STAINE HUNDRED

The Staine Hundred is an amateur local history society which covers all the villages of the medieval Staine hundred - Bottisham, Lode, Quy, the Wilbrahams, Swaffham Prior, Swaffham Bulbeck and much of Reach.

The Society was formed at a meeting in February this year and has held regular monthly meetings since. It has organised talks, discussions and visits and hopes to encourage interest generally in the history and development of all aspects of these villages. Membership is open to anyone interested. The society will have a stall at the enrolment evening at Bottisham Village College on 13th September; anyone wanting to know more about it before then or at any time can get in touch with the chairman, James Fitch, 15 Tunbridge Close, Bottisham (Phone: Cambridge 811425) or the secretary, Anne Darvall, 16 Pound Way, Swaffham Bulbeck (Phone Cambridge 811762).

The first meeting this term will be on Tuesday, 20th September, at Bottisham Village College. There will be a brief Annual General Meeting at 7.30 p.m., followed at 8.00 p.m. by a talk by Rowland Parker, author of 'Cottage on the green' and 'The common stream'. His subject will be 'The story behind the story of "The common stream".'

OUT OF REACH - Further copies available from the Post Office - 5p each. Send them to your friends - Let other people read the news Out of Reach!-

JACK HURRELL
BUTCHER GRAZIER

High Street,
Burwell.

NEWMARKET 741222

NOTED FOR OUR PERK SAUSAGES

The Morphology of Reach: Part 2: The Dike

This series of articles is supposed to be about the way Reach has adapted over the centuries as a machine for living in, and I don't want to get sidetracked into discussing the origins of the Dike. But there have been so many wild theories propounded about its date and purpose - its very name is possibly one of the oldest theories! - that some short digression is essential.

Any theory must satisfy two sets of criteria; first, it must agree with the available archaeological evidence, and secondly it must fit into an overall view of economic and political circumstances at a given date. Briefly, the facts are as follows:

1). Date: The Dike is a double structure, one huge dike on top of a much smaller, older one for a significant part of its length. The main structure is certainly post-4th century, for late Roman material has been found under it. Dating by pollen analysis is being done at the moment. It is certainly pre-9th century, for it is used as a boundary in charters of that period.

2). Purpose: The Dike runs from what was impenetrable forest at Wood Ditton, by straight sections from sighting-point to sighting-point, until the final section is aligned on the Roman Reach Lode, in whose waters it originally ended. It is protected on the South West by a ditch, and thus, although militarily indefensible for any length of time, it provides a serious obstacle for mass movement of men and animals from the heart of England to East Anglia along the old Icknield Way, which runs ultimately from the Wash to Salisbury Plain. Whoever built it didn't like the people to their South West at all! Only one opening, on Newmarket Heath, is old.

3). Economic factors: It has been calculated that with primitive tools, shovels, picks and buckets - the Dike took several million man-days to build. Thus its construction argues the existence of a powerful state, able to deploy a lot of men for a long time to an economically unproductive activity. The reasons for this must have been pressing indeed.

At what time between AD 400 and AD 800 can we find political circumstances to fit? I think that Ambrosius Aurelianus, the great Romano-British general who is the origin of the King Arthur legend, may be the key. At the very end of the 5th century he led a successful resistance movement against the confederacy of the invading Saxons and Angles, winning battles all over the country. His last and finest battle, Mount Badon, we cannot locate exactly; but the evidence from Anglo-Saxon burials and.....

XX
XX
FENWAY TELEVISION LIMITED
XX

105, The Causeway, Burwell
21, The Rookery, Newmarket

Newmarket 741444
Newmarket 3166

FOR PROMPT SERVICE
XX

The Morphology of Reach contd....

from place names bears out the claim made by the monk Gildas in the early 6th century that after Mount Badon the Saxons were so humbled that they accepted peace on Ambrosius' terms and kept it for a couple of generations. But Ambrosius was not strong enough to sweep the Saxons out entirely; he could only contain them in the remote and inaccessible parts of England - the Yorkshire coast, East Anglia, and Kent. It is more than possible that the Dike was a sort of Iron Curtain, erected by the Saxons to prevent any surprise attack by the Romano-British whom they had good reason to fear. When later the kingdom of East Anglia, from whose royal house St. Etheldreda came, settled its monarchs at Exning, it showed good sense; the royal household was strategically placed behind the clearest frontier possible, facing the debatable land towards an aggressive Mercia. What was built for one purpose served another, similar, one later.

It can fairly safely be assumed that the economic buoyancy of the region that had led to the Roman cutting of the canal had collapsed by the 5th century under the stress of disease (plague? influenza?) - certainly something on the scale of the Black Death), inflation, recession, and invasion. The economic unit of the villa estate had been broken, and the commerce had died. Thus the Dike may have broken no village, ruined no lives, for Reach then was probably quite deserted. The remains I have seen from this village (as distinct from Burwell and Swaffham) show little evidence of early Anglo Saxon occupation. But when we begin to find written and archaeological records again, something odd has happened: Swaffham and Burwell, as parishes, are using the Dike as a boundary, and in the Middle Ages there are two distinct hamlets of Reach, East Reach and West Reach, split by the Dike and owning no common fields of their own. Clearly these are outliers of the main nucleated settlements, established as the Roman one probably was, to use the water transport. (This split of parishes in the village lasted into living memory). Settlement at this time did not extend far back from the water, and was concentrated along the fen edge. The road from Burwell to Swaffham skirted the fen edge all the way; it can be traced today in the drove behind Manor Farm, crossing the Hythe to the Drying Green (the original Village Green), and then along Little Lane to Great Lane and Barston Drove. All along that track are old settlement sites and old docks, many of them early medieval. (The name of Barston Drove itself is recorded in the thirteenth century). Indeed a ground plan of the whole of mediaeval East Reach is recoverable; for before the meadows behind the church were ploughed, at certain times of the year one could see the outlines of the old village in the grass. The hedge ran along the 700 year old line of the backs of the tofts. If anybody is interested, I can show them East Reach's horse and duck pond today. Those fields are possibly one of the most interesting unexcavated mediaeval sites in the county. Clearly the growing importance of Reach clunch and the....

XX
CLAYTON & SON

Old Estb. firm of Estate Agents & Auctioneers
of Antique Furniture etc. held at Reach Community Centre,
Nr. Cambridge twice a month.

PHONE OFFICE MILDENHALL 712390 - EVENINGS
XX

The result of the Junior Fishing Match, held on August 13th and organised by Messrs. Ray Folkes, Bill Estall, Bob Smith and Mr. Stearn from Fulbourn, was as follows:-

1st Girls Leslie Bridgeman 7½ oz.
1st Boys Tony Kemp 3½ oz.

(THEIR DAY)

REACH JUNIOR FISHING MATCH

As they walk to their chosen place
A smile of hope in each young face.
They chatter excited as they go
We must be ready when the whistle blow.
What number have you drawn today
Never mind I'm only six pegs away.
Have you brought the crisps the bait
The drink, the biscuits, Mum made us take.
Please Mr. Smith I'm in a terrible mess
My hook is caught up in my dress.
Oh Mr. Folkes please come and look
This pinky wont stay on my hook.
At last the whistle is blown to start
This fishing match for the young at heart.
Soon a call from a far off spot
Come and see the fish I've got.
And holding it gently by the tail
Dropped it quickly in a plastic pail.
The fish are coming in now fast
I don't know if my bait will last.
I will change to a worm then, see
Cor, I don't half want a pee.
It must be all the pop I brought
I wonder how many fish have been caught.
Oh there goes the whistle once again
We must finish now, must play the game.
Here they come to weigh the fish
Hope I am top this is my wish.
Now all the fishing done for you and me
It's back home to see who the winner will be.
To hold the cup for a year with pride
And to have my name printed on the side.
We must finish now it been great fun
Our heart felt thanks to everyone. W. Estall.

<u>JOHN READ</u>	<u>RON MORRIS</u>
Landscape Gardener	Fernleigh, Reach.
Handyman Service	Makes Individual Pieces of
Estimates given free	Furniture. Specialising in
10, Swaffham Rd., Reach	Copies of Carved Period
Tel. 742140 after 6 p.m.	Pieces. Restoration Work.
	Commissions taken in oils.

RECIPES

BRAMBLE JELLY

4lbs. Blackberries	Sugar
$\frac{3}{4}$ pt. Water	4 tablespoons lemon juice

Wash fruit; put in pan with lemon juice and water. Simmer gently for about one hour, until soft. Strain pulp (save for recipe below). Measure extract. Return to pan with 1lb. sugar to each pint. Bring to boil, stirring until sugar dissolves. Boil rapidly until setting point is reached. Skim, pot and cover.

BRAMBLE CHEESE

Pulp left in jelly bag should be rubbed through a wire sieve. To each 1lb., add $\frac{3}{4}$ lb. sugar, and leave for some hours to melt. Add juice and grated rind of a lemon. Boil, stirring all the time. Pot and seal. (A good preserve for the breakfast table).

SOCIETIES, CLUBS ASSOCIATIONS <u>FREE ADVERTISING SPACE</u> FOR ALL YOUR FUNCTIONS <u>RING 741150</u>	"SMALL ADS." BUY AND SELL THROUGH "OUT OF REACH" ANY ADVERT ACCEPTED 10p PER MONTH PREPAID <u>RING 741150</u>
---	--