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EDITORIAL

In view of the fact that Reach has again failed miserably in the Best Kept Village Competition, I thought we might use the magazine for gathering residents' suggestions of ways in which to improve the appearance of the village. The tree planting programme will be of great benefit as a long term measure, but we must do more. Basically, Reach has great potential; the lay out of the village around the Green is, surely, a most attractive feature. This competition, notably, stimulated letters last year; let us hear from you again!

May I recommend the article on The Friends of the Earth. Older residents may find the section on the Home Insulation Project particularly helpful. Peter Cochran has undertaken to collect wine bottles within the village and deliver them to the Friends of the Earth store, so if you have any, please leave them at Hobs Dyke End (near the shop).

I hope everyone enjoyed the half term holiday and has batteries re-charged for the latter end of the year.

Jenny Johnson.

On behalf of Reach, sympathy is extended to the Wilkins family of Swaffham Prior.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Mr. Woollard has reported that nothing further can be done to provide a permanent site for the Van Dwellers, this being due to the current financial crisis.

You will probably have noticed that the swing seats have been replaced. It is hoped that members of the Village will keep an eye on these to ensure they are not vandalised, as these proved to be a costly item to the Council and one which was not included for in the Council's budget.

Reach has applied for a 30 m.p.h. speed limit in and immediately around the Village.

A total of 50 new trees has been ordered for the Parish.

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Unfortunately Reach again came last in the 'Best Kept Village' Competition, gaining only 44 points out of a total of 100.

General Crookenden has very kindly donated a Presentation Cup to the Council for an event yet to be announced.

Next Meeting 4th November 1977 - Village Centre - 7.30 p.m.

From the Vicar:

In Memoriam

Peter Wilkins

ONE MAY MORNING, SO EARLY.....

I ASK how it is possible
and again I ask how

so young

leaping from bed to window
to bathe in the hot May morning
hearing the drone of bees and distant lark
explosion of blossom regiment
of scarlet tulips bugling and keeping step
dog barking chapel bell calling
laggards to rase over lawns striped
by purring machines

yawning with sleep into Homeric air
and the lark rising

and you could
could leave us
could almost on the instant
cease to be. As simply as that
son.

I overstate. There were the usual preliminaries
as if this were an ordinary day
not the last morning. Scrubbing teeth with Colgate's
cold water slapping the night-gentled face
wrestling with exigious clothes dragging comb
through hair like black wild pasture serene treble reply
to sharp breakfast summons sloshing milk and sugar3

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on cornflakes crunching hot marmalade toast
swilling down tea
the casual lick at the fingers out to whining terrier tune
door slams like a shot the leap to the bike
dog barks you down the drive to your doom.

See what has gone with the snapped-off life
the scuffling in locker rooms schoolboy riddles
prizes received in hot Sunday suits in high studious rooms
reciting Homer and Milton and learning to ski
weeping at night for love of the girl in blue
and those clear June mornings and frosty Nativities
flinging to films and dances to the first snow mountains
discovering rebellion with Auden Shelley Ginsberg and Co
looking with awe for the very first time
at your name in print
marriage and bed and children rosy and crumpled
like blossom in bud

years crowd

stampede of clouds down the darkening sky
saying

when I dropped off in New York
or I served under him or I knew his father well
in frock coat at wedding or black at funerals
or in the mould of your father preaching in pulpits
lost altogether to God at high altars and bending
in love and in pain with the bread and the wine.
My Body. Broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me
So lost and so fragile that flesh and that blood
so ill to be spared.

We reproduce the foregoing with the kind permission of the author,
Leslie Paul, the English philosopher, Man of Letters and Sociologist.
It comes from a small collection of his verse published in 1972 under the
title Journey to Connemara and Other Poems, and was written under the
impact of the deaths of two boys killed in the same week in May 1971.
We are indeed grateful.

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From the Vicar contd.....

I must apologise for giving the impression that the Swaffham Prior Harvest Supper last month was in any way confined to members of St. Mary's congregation. This was of course unintentional. The general pleasantness of the evening from every angle left one with the strong impression that this was something which ought to be repeated, or, I suppose more correctly, revived.

May I also say a final word of thanks for the generosity of those who sponsored our pilgrimage to Walsingham. The final total is still not to hand, but now seems likely to be in the region of £260. This, together with the similar sum presented to us on our Gift Day, has effectively lifted us out of the mire, and we are extremely grateful to the whole community.

J.K.B.

Worship in November

St. Mary's and Reach.

- 1 ALL SAINTS DAY
7.00 a.m. Holy Communion (St. Mary's)
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- 3 ENTHRONEMENT of the Rt. Revd Peter Knight Walker as Bishop of Ely; 3.00 p.m. in the Cathedral.
- 6 TRINITY XXII
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Reach)
9.30 a.m. Matins and Parish Communion (St. Mary's)
6.30 p.m. Evensong (Reach)
- 13 TRINITY XXIII. Remembrance Sunday.
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (St. Mary's)
11.00 a.m. Remembrance Service (St. Mary's)
11.00 a.m. Memorial Service and Family Communion (Reach)
6.30 p.m. Evensong (St. Mary's)
- 20 SUNDAY before ADVENT
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (St. Mary's)
11.00 a.m. Family Communion (Reach)
6.30 p.m. Evensong (St. Mary's)
- 25 P.C.C. Meeting, Vicarage, 8.00 p.m.
- 27 ADVENT 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)

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From the Registers: Burials:

11th October - Evelyn Harper, 8, Bermuda Road, Cambridge. Aged 75.

SINGERS AND PLAYERS

Your help is needed, again, for the Annual Carol Service. Please come for practices whenever you can, and let me know if you hope to take part but cannot get to the first two or three practices this month.

First of all, on SUNDAY 6th NOVEMBER, we shall meet, IN CHURCH, at 11.00 a.m., to begin practising the CAROLS AND HYMNS.

The first INSTRUMENTAL PRACTICE will be on MONDAY 7th NOVEMBER, 7.00 p.m. at DELVER HOUSE. After that, instrumentalists will meet - same time and place - on Tuesday 15th November, Wednesday 23rd November and Monday 28th November. We hope that, by changing days, it will be possible for you all to come to several practices.

Saturday afternoon practices will also be held in December, so check the December magazine for further information!

Janet Biggs.

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THE FRIENDS OF THE EARTH

The Friends of the Earth was started in the U.S.A. in 1969 by people who felt that the beauty and usefulness of the earth was being exploited and destroyed by our extravagant use of resources, failure to protect essential natural habitats and disregard of the extent to which the earth can support increased population and withstand pollution and raw material demands.

Today there are groups in twelve countries and The Friends of the Earth association was established in Britain in 1970, and are recognised by the United Nations as an international, non-governmental, non-political, environmental force.6

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The Friends of the Earth contd.....

There are nearly one hundred and sixty regional groups in the U.K. Most are entirely voluntary, but a few have full time campaigners, e.g. Mr. Tom Pettitt in Cambridge is employed under a Job Creation Scheme grant.

Financial support is gained from membership fees, trust donations (often for specific projects), sales of literature and some recycling projects.

The objectives of the Friends of the Earth are to encourage people to have a sense of personal responsibility for the environment, to make crucial environmental issues the subject of widespread and well informed public debate and to campaign against specific projects which threaten to damage the environment or squander resources. Where necessary, the association lobbys for changes in the law. It has been involved in keeping a proposed copper mine out of the Snowdonia National Park, the formation of new laws protecting wildlife, persuading the Government against buying the U.S. designed light water nuclear reactor on the grounds of safety and has led the debate on recycling of materials and wasteful packaging.

Below are some issues causing the recent concern of the association:

NATIONAL ISSUES

1. Energy. They campaign for a full public debate on the type of energy sources which should be used in the future. There are objections to the use of nuclear power on many grounds including the proliferation of nuclear weapons, enormous capital cost and dangers from possible, if unlikely, accidents. They argue for alternative developments, energy conservation and small power stations which can be cheaper and more flexible than larger ones.
2. Transport. Policies for the future, it is thought, should be aimed at reducing the need to travel, e.g. by maintaining shopping areas locally so that less wasteful methods of transport, such as cycling and walking, become feasible and by encouraging smaller industries, sited nearer where people live.

The recent Government Transport White Paper contained references to these ideas and there is no doubt that there has been a major change in official thinking over the last twelve months.

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The Friends of the Earth contd.....

3. Wildlife. "Save the Whale" campaign has so far achieved reductions in the permitted kill levels allowed by the International Whaling Commission. The association wants to ban the import of sperm whale oil which is used in certain industries but which has substitutes.

A campaign to make the Otter a protected species, because of a sharp decline in numbers, has been partly successful; the hunts voluntarily no longer kill otters, but the chase still often disturbs the habitat and causes otters to leave the area.

The Endangered Species Act. This has banned the sale of the products of endangered species in this country.

4. Other Issues. The promotion of development on disused urban land rather than taking over greenfield sites.

A health education campaign.

A campaign against throw away packaging; promotion of re-usable containers.

A campaign for more durable and easily repaired goods.

LOCAL ACTIVITIES

1. Fund raising. Empty wine bottles are collected every Saturday afternoon at the Friends of the Earth store, 13 Castle Row, Cambridge. They are sold for re-use.

Duplicating, printing, writing and toilet paper, made from re-cycled paper, and also re-use envelope labels are sold.

2. Campaign for cycleways in and into the city.

3. Development of a Cambridge church and disused Public Baths for community/environmental centres.

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The Friends of the Earth contd.....

4. The Home Insulation Project, was set up with a grant from the Government's Job Creation Programme and has now been given a further sum of £17,000 in order to enable it to carry on throughout this coming winter, and to cover an area within a radius of 15 miles of Cambridge.

Many homes are poorly insulated and draughty. As a result they are cold, or expensive to heat, or both. The Project, for the ELDERLY, DISABLED AND SINGLE-PARENT families seeks to rectify this. A free survey of insulation and draughtproofing needs is provided; and a workforce able to do jobs such as loft insulation, draughtproofing around doors and windows, refitting doors that do not fit, hanging heavy door curtains, making simple double glazing especially suitable for bedrooms, laying lino and fitting foil behind radiators in centrally heated houses.

The team is six strong, including an experienced carpenter who is in overall charge of the standard of the work and also does any carpentry work necessary. The wages are paid by the Job Creation grant, and thus the maximum charge is the cost of materials (loft insulation average £20-£25, draughtproofing £5-£10). However, even this sum is too large for those most in need; there are many sources of subsidy, such as grants from Supplementary Benefit or from Friends of the Earth's own fund. Local councils will also, if necessary, meet the cost of loft insulation in council properties. Specific grants are also available for almshouses or other charitable homes.

So far nearly 300 couples or individuals have been helped; most are believed to be very satisfied with the work, and several have recontacted Friends of the Earth for help in other ways. Of the 300, over one-quarter have received a subsidy, in some cases for the full cost. Until now a source of subsidy has been found for all those unable to meet the cost themselves.

(Futher information from Tom Pettitt, 9 Norfolk St., Cambridge. CB1 2LD).

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It stands all silent and forlorn,
Its face cracking and weather worn.
Gone are the sounds of yesterday,
Children's laughter at times of play.
Each morning with its arms flung wide
It welcomed our children there inside,
To start them on their journey through
Life's stormy passage, straight and true.
The sound of songs so sweetly sung,
The murmur of voices, prayers begun.
In lessons had they to begin
To learn of the world that they lived in.
To understand what is right and wrong,
A strong foundation to build upon.
But now it's closed, this school of ours
In which we spent so many hours;
So when you think back, one and all,
Remember the school - our Village Hall.

Bill Estall.

FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL

We will be holding our usual bonfire night on Saturday 5th November
at 7.00 p.m. The fireworks will be lit at 7.15 p.m. after which hot-dogs
and jacket potatoes will be served. This will be followed by a Tramps Ball/
Disco in the School Hall for all age groups. There will also be a bar. We
hope to see you all there for an enjoyable evening.

As usual there will be a guy competition for the best guy - this will
be held on Friday 4th November; so all you children get busy!

Anyone who has any old rubbish they wish to dispose of, we would be
glad to receive this at the school for the bonfire. If it is not possible
to deliver, please contact the school, where arrangements will be made to
collect.

Future Dates to bear in mind:

- Friday 25th November - Beetle Drive.
- Saturday 26th November - School Fair.
- Tuesday 13th December - Nativity Play.
- End of term 20th December.

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REACH DOG SHOW

The Autumn Dog Show, held on September 25th, and organised by Mr. and Mrs. S. Mitchell, was again a great success.

There was a new class and cup for the best Reach dog, which was won by Mrs. Crookenden with Daisy. Well done Daisy!

A profit was made, as follows:-

Refreshments	£15.46	Cost of rosettes for	
Raffle	£10.00	this show (and also the	
Dog Show	£32.24	next Reach Fair Show)	£23.54
	<u>57.70</u>	Net Profit	<u>£34.16.</u>

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The next meeting of the Staine Hundred - the local history society - will be on Wednesday, 9th November, when John Clarke of Burwell, will talk about 'The Devil's Dyke'. The meeting will be held in the Lecture Room at Bottisham Village College, at 7.30 p.m.

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TABLE TENNIS CLUB

We have now begun a full season in the Ely and District Table Tennis League.

The first game, against a side from Mepal, was played at home; after losing the first 3 games the team rallied very well and eventually won by 7 games to 3.

We followed this with a very tough away game against R.A.F. Lakenheath; the opposition proved a little too strong and we lost by 8 games to 2.

The third game was played away against Centre 'E' from Ely; after a very exciting game we lost narrowly by 2 games to 1. Unfortunately we needed to win the final doubles match to make a 5 all draw in the match.

Creditable performances have been put in by Peter Bridgeman and James Robinson who have shown great maturity for their age against some very strong opposition.

I would like to appeal for sponsors to support us in a 24 hour table tennis marathon on the weekend of the 5th/6th November. Proceeds are to go towards paying our rent for the Village Hall and the cost of a new and much needed table tennis table.

On Monday 14th November at 9.00 p.m. we are holding an inaugural meeting of the Table Tennis Club to lay down a constitution and elect a committee.

Many thanks. Colin Fletcher.

RECIPE - HAZELNUT TART

Line a pastry tin with short crust pastry.
Spread with apricot jam.
Beat one large, or two small eggs, add 4oz. caster sugar and
2oz. ground Hazelnuts.
Bake until brown. 400° F.

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BOTTISHAM YOUNG FARMERS CLUB

The first meeting after the summer holidays for Bottisham Young Farmers was a visit to Linton Vineyards on 9th September. The members were first shown the vineyards and then saw where the wine is made and were told about the various processes, after which they were able to sample the two wines produced there.

The next meeting was on 23rd September when the Annual General Meeting was discussed and nominations were put forward. This was followed by the Annual General Meeting itself on 30th September. There was no meeting the following week as some of the members were going to the County Annual General Meeting which was held at Huntingdon.

Bottisham Young Farmers Club meets on Friday evenings at Bottisham Village College at 7.30 p.m., and we shall be very pleased to welcome new members. For further information, please contact Rosemary Green, telephone Cambridge 811274.

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