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# OUT OF REACH

COMMUNITY MAGAZINE

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## EDITORIAL

Our new 'face' this month is a tribute to the opening of the football season and is a completely unsolicited design from an obviously very talented newcomer to Reach - Mr. Hill of Ditchfield. Although we were unable to duplicate it in time this year, I think it would be most appropriate as a regular September cover. Many thanks to Mr. Hill; I hope he will provide more illustrations for us.

This month 'Out of Reach' entered a Parish Magazine competition run by the Church magazine. 'Contact', which is edited by the Rev. Canon Roy Meadows of Kimbolton. Prize money for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in two categories, has been provided by 'Contact' and boosted by a donation from the Cambridge Evening News. The judging will be carried out by journalists who will take into account the size and potential of each parish involved. The last competition was held in 1970 and won, not surprisingly, by the Bulbeck Beacon.

I want to thank Harvey Harrison for his 'helmsmanship' last month; I know that it was an exceptionally busy time for him.

We are grateful to Margaret Smith of Myster House for helping us this month. Pat Harrison left on a well deserved holiday before the typing of the stencils could be completed.

Lastly, I hope it is not too presumptuous of me, on behalf of the villagers, to thank the Village Hall Committee for their invitation to the Grand Opening celebrations (details in this issue) and for the spirit which inspired such an idea. I am sure we shall all enjoy it enormously.

J.J.

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That which weemed impossible has now begun. I refer, of course, to the decision by Cambridgeshire County Council, giving a lead to the nation, to begin selling some of its massive holdings of farm land.

It is a very modest beginning to be sure - much more modest than I would have wished - but at the September Smallholdings Committee meeting, the County Land Agent reported that negotiations were at an advanced stage for disposal of thirteen holdings to sitting tenants, and I am particularly glad that some of these are in our neighbourhood. I am quite certain that many more existing tenants, given the opportunity to purchase, will take the plunge, thereby creating more owner-occupied holdings and realising vast capital sums for the County Council.

In addition to sales to sitting tenants, many will have noted with interest that 19.7 acres of County Council-owned land in Lode parish, with vacant possession, made £42,500 on 12th September. At 10.5%, which is the current average cost of borrowing to the County Council, this amount reduces the Council's loan payments by the equivalent of £226.52 per acre sold, as compared with a fairly modest land rent being charged to the late tenant.

At this sort of price level it is interesting to speculate on what could be done if Cambridgeshire's 47,000 acres in public control were to be at least partially sold off to owner-occupiers. The County Rate is one of the highest in the country - something could be done about this. The Council's borrowings are much too high at over £50m. - these could be cut. But maybe, most importantly of all, some of the Services which the County provides and are at too low a standard - numbers of places at Homes for the Elderly, for example - could be improved to make our County an even better place to live in than it is already.

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There is nothing the matter with me,  
I'm as healthy as I can be.  
I have arthritis in both my knees  
And when I talk, I talk with a wheeze.  
My pulse is weak, and my blood is thin,  
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

Arch supports, I have for my feet,  
Or I wouldn't be able to be on the street,  
Sleep is denied me night after night,  
But every morning I find I'm all right.  
My memory is failing, my head's in a spin  
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

The moral is this as my tale I unfold -  
That for you and me who are growing old,  
It's better to say "I'M fine" with a grin,  
Than to let folks know the shape we are in.

How do I know that my youth is all spent?  
Well, my "Get up and go" has got up and went.  
But I really don't mind when I think with a grin,  
Of all the grand places my "Get up" has bin.

Old age is golden I've heard it said  
But, sometimes I wonder as I get into bed,  
With my ears in the drawer, my teeth in a cup,  
My eyes on the table until I wake up.  
Ere sleep overtakes me, I say to myself,  
"Is there anything else I could lay on the shelf?"

When I was young my slippers were red,  
I could kick my heels over my head.  
When I was older my slippers were blue,  
But still I could dance the whole night through.  
Now I am old my slippers are black,  
I walk to the store and puff my way back.

I get up each morning and dust off my wits  
And pick up the paper and read the "Obits",  
If my name is still missing I know I'm not dēad,  
So I have a good breakfast and go back to bed.

- Author Unknown

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FROM THE VICAR:

That astonishing genius, John Henry Newman, who for 15 years ruled Oxford by the sheer moral power and homely truth of his sermons when Vicar of St. Mary's, remarked in a sermon on Contracted Views of Religion, that 'religion seems to be failing, when it is merely changing its form'. And we are the generation which has seen more change in the form and feeling of our religion than any since that which lived thro the last years of Henry VIII and his successor.

And of no area of religion is this truer than that which concerns our marriage customs and relations between the sexes generally. 'Marital breakdown' has become a catchphrase, as have the laments that go with the mention of it. Certainly, it is no small problem. Indeed, just how vast a problem it is was seen in a new light in a newspaper announcement in mid-August to the effect that the Government was considering appointing a Minister for Marriage, 'to back research into marital problems now costing Britain more than £300 million a year'. Apparently, one marriage in every three contracted during the 1970's has ended in divorce, and there are now about 750,000 one-parent families in need of maintenance by the state. It isn't necessary to underline yet again the consequences in terms of personal and social instability which these figures indicate.

All I would plead, while fully acknowledging this, is that our new customs may not be pure evil or sheer loss. Many laments, for instance, are heard about the now general habit of couples living together without going through a public ceremony of marriage, either religious or civil. The state of marriage is not an easy one, and needs the power of grace to maintain; on the other hand, we have to admit it is logical and honest for those who have no belief in Christ not to seek his help; and one can see the logic of omitting the civil ceremony if it is cheaper so to do.

On the other hand, and here we stumble on the grain of gold in the mud and slush, one begins now to notice a new quality of mutual fidelity among those who choose to live together simply because they love each other; and if one casts one's mind over the Old Testament as a whole, it is precisely this kind of fidelity which is regarded as paramount beneath all the variety of marriage customs discernible there. Indeed, one is forced to the conclusion that in this respect history has come full circle, in so far as, at least in early biblical times, marriage was by cohabitation, i.e., by a visit of the man to the wife's home (publicly noted by the community).

Hence, modern phrases like 'pre-marital sex' would have seemed a contradiction in terms. Sex itself was marriage, and it was regarded as a commitment to lifelong fidelity.      contd. over...

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And if one asks why, the answer lies in the nature of the relationship itself. It is of a kind that makes infidelity simply unthinkable. One cannot give oneself totally in two directions. Thus, it was extremely interesting to read, some 15 years ago now, a book by the Chaplain to an American University, (Living with Sex, by Rd. Hettlinger), in which the author noted the way in which, out of the chaos of student promiscuity, a new feeling was beginning to grow that a one-to-one relationship was the only basis for a tolerable human existence (all considerations of religion apart).

And when one remembers the enormous emphasis placed by Jesus on this very thing, as a part of God's own created order, one realises how much may be built upon it, if we have faith, patience and insight.

J.K.B.

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FROM THE CHURCHES

ST. MARY'S & REACH - Worship in October

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9.30 a.m. Matins & Parish Communion (St. Mary's)  
6.30 p.m. Evensong & Sermon (Reach)
- 8th TRINITY XX (St. Mary's Harvest Festival)  
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (St. Mary's)  
11.00 a.m. Family Communion (Reach)  
No Evensong
- 15th, 22nd, 29th - TRINITY XXI, XXII, XXIII  
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 SS SIMON & JUDE  
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (St. Mary's)

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The management committee of Reach Village Centre has arranged an OFFICIAL OPENING on Saturday, 21st October, 1978.

A plaque to commemorate this occasion will be unveiled by Mr. Arnold Cawthrow (Mr. I-Spy), the author, at 7.00 p.m.

We are inviting everyone in the village to join us in a glass of sherry and to stay to the dance afterwards with 'Reflections'. We hope to make this a night to remember, so come along and enjoy yourselves.

Don't forget it is YOUR village centre.

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Next meeting: 12th October 8.00 p.m.

POSTAL AND PROXY VOTING

People who have moved house, or are physically incapacitated, or whose jobs take them away from home, are entitled to vote by post. The electoral registration forms, issued recently, relate to the new register which will come into force on 16th February, 1979. Until that date the existing register applies; those who change their address after 10th October, 1978 have to register their votes at their former home.

If you are unable, for any reason, to attend the polling station for Local Government and Parliamentary elections, at any time, you may be entitled to vote by post or proxy. Let me know, and I will call to see you, and make arrangements for the appropriate application forms to be sent to you.

Janet Biggs, Delver House, Reach.

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REACH CONSERVATIVE BRANCH

Annual General Meeting - Friday, 20th October at 8.00 p.m. in the Village Centre. Coffee will be served.

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You will have received a note of the change of date to 6th October for the Childrens' Open Evening if your children attend this school; sincere apologies for the alteration. We hope that those of you who do not have children at the school will take note of the new date and come along too.

The following week there is Film Night (13th October) and the next event will be the Bonfire Party on Saturday, 4th November. We did have a good display last year and we trust that we will be able to afford sufficient fireworks this year to repeat the success - you never know it might not rain at all!

R. A. Clinch

Youth Club

The first night does appear to have been enjoyed by all and we were quite surprised by the number of youngsters who came. We hope that this sort of attendance will continue and gradually we shall be able to develop teams for competitions etc.

We are pleased to report that Mrs. Linda Sheldrick has agreed to attend as often as she can and now we would like to make up a list of people who would be willing to spare half an hour on Club Nights to talk briefly about their hobby or occupation and perhaps show the youngsters some examples of such things as: carpentry, vegetable growing, hair-dressing, police work, first-aid, painting and so on. We already have a few people in line to do this, but the idea is to try to have something different each week for half an hour for those members who are interested.

I, for one, would like to see a chess enthusiast who would be prepared to play several games during the evening against club members. Similarly table-tennis is popular.

If you are interested please contact R. A. Clinch, Mervyn Woolnough or Linda Sheldrick, who will be pleased to agree a date with you.

R. A. C.

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THE STAINE HUNDRED

The next meeting of the Staine Hundred - the Bottisham and district local history society - will be on Tuesday, 3rd October, when Mr. K. A. Jacob will talk about 'The Cambridge Mint and Tradesmen's Tokens'. The meeting will be held in the Lecture Room at Bottisham Village College at 7.30 p.m.

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