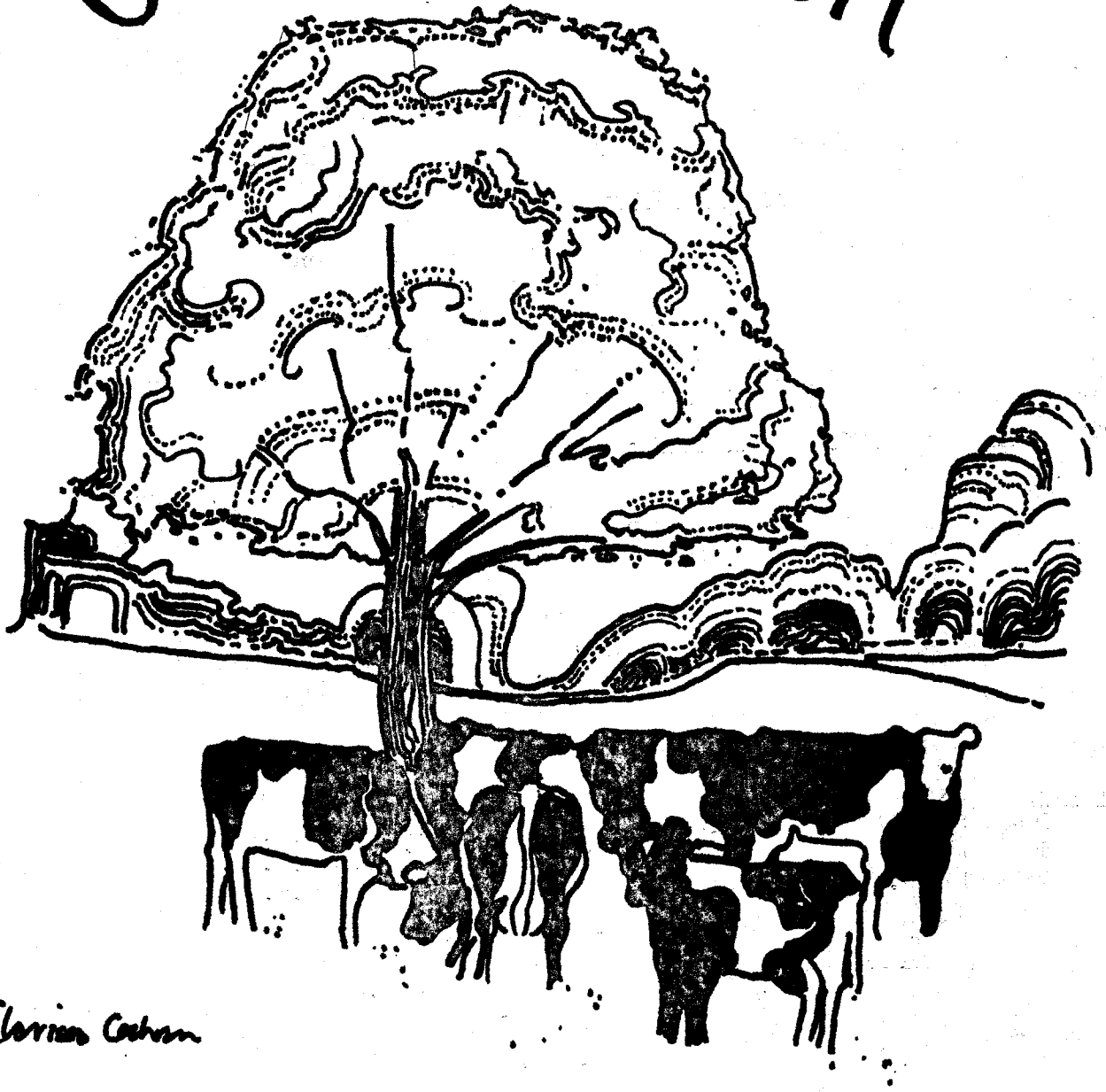


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COMMUNITY MAGAZINE

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EDITORIAL.

I may well be tempting providence again, but it looks as if a change of Government - for better or for worse, has at least succeeded in bringing about a change in the weather - allbeit an uncertain one. Jenny and her family are at present on holiday in Ireland, so she has entrusted me and my pen to the first page of our magazine again.

On Tuesday 22nd May, on the Management Committee's behalf and in Jenny's absence, I had the pleasure of being a guest of the Cambridge Evening News at the presentation of the prizes in the local Village/Parish Magazine competition. We were the runners up in the contest to Cyril Rawlinson's team's production - Swaffham Crier, and came home with a cheque for £12 - more about this visit next month.

It should be pointed out that our Magazine had some stiff opposition and it must reflect the standards of editorship and presentation that Jenny and her team have deemed to establish over the past months - "Didn't we do well!"

The Reach Fair has again come and gone - despite its move and the poor Spring weather a good crowd turned up to join the traditional celebrations. Talking to Ernie Cole and others about Fairs in the past, many newcomers, like myself, will be very surprised to hear tales and see photo's of the Fair as it used to be - not that many years ago - with the top half of the green packed with a true range of Fairground Stalls and rides and horses tied to trees and stakes all along the Burwell Road - someone will have to collate these tales for prosperity - filed in "Out of Reach" - Offers anybody?

H.H.

P.S.

We are in need of new cover designs - any ideas in pen and ink on white quarto paper to the Editor please.

First grandchild of Sam and Heather Mitchell - a baby girl, Amy Louise, born April 7th in Germany to Sgt. Graham and Ann Mitchell.

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VILLAGE CENTRE NEWS.

To improve the outward appearance of the Centre we have had the wall rebuilt. This repair was overdue, but now that it is complete we must ensure that it is not abused by anyone, as it does provide a convenient seat.

The lawn too, has been turfed by John Reed, putting the finishing touch in time for the Fair.

The waste paper collection on 13th May, with some topping up from the store in the yard, raised nearly £20 towards the Centres Funds so it is still worthwhile to save your paper.

H.H.

REACH FAIR.

It looked on the morning of Reach Fair opening that the weather would beat us, but the drizzle did not seem to dampen too many spirits (the beer tent was always full)! and everything appeared to go according to plan.

Anita has been away on holiday so the finances have yet to be finalised, though it does look as though we have had another successful Fair week.

Some feel that it was wrong to change the date of the official opening of the Fair to the May Bank Holiday - the first Monday in May. The majority of people however think that the Fair needed revitalising and the opening should be Traditional with more than a handful of villagers attending; hopefully by moving the Fair, and thus allowing more people to come, this Tradition will not die out but will flourish.

To list all those who worked hard in the organisation of the events would take a couple of pages. Those who assisted us with a new idea - car parking, Mike Warrington, John Wood, Derek Badcock and his crew, and Bill Pedley and Graham for keeping the gateway open despite a muddy approach run, need a mention. Mrs. Booton and the Maypole Dancers kept up part of the traditional celebrations, though the ground underfoot must have been quite treacherous to dance on - well done boys and girls. The Morris Dancers too, added to the spectacle and I'm sure we are always pleased to welcome them to the village.

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FROM THE VICAR.

May I simply repeat the remarks I made at the recent Annual General Meeting of the P.C.C.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

State of the Union speeches are generally a weariness to the flesh, so I will make this one as short as possible, within the limits of decency.

I said recently, in the Swaffham Crier, or am about to say, I can't recall which that one of the purposes of the A.G.M. was to try to pin point where we are and where we are making for. As to where we are, 'no merely human mind can do more than guess, so deep is the human heart, and deeper still when surveyed in community. But if I am allowed to express the intuitions which come to me, I would say we are in the throes of witnessing and participating in that most absorbing process, - the only thing in the World and the church worth struggling and praying for,-namely the birth of something resembling a common life in the body and mind of Christ. The longer one lives the more acutely one senses the passion that breathes through those words of the Psalm: 'behold, how good and joyful a thing it is, brethren, to dwell together in unity'. A parish may be as active and successful as you wish, but without this at its heart, all that activity is hardly more than vanity and a striving after wind. Indeed, you might go so far as to say that agreement, common sharing, in the mind of Christ is as near as any single identifiable thing can ever be to the presence of the Kingdom of God among us.

It's a mysterious, elusive, thing, and comes about in mysterious way: worship; mutual intercession; mutual awareness and neighbourliness, and so on. Most of these are hidden, and rightly hidden, known to God only. But there is one element in the process which in our case is half identifiable, and that, I would say, is the currency of the Swaffham Crier amongst us, revealing us to each other as it hasn't been possible before; and here I want to repeat the tribute I paid last year to the Editor and his Committee for what they continue to do to make this possible.

As to the future: well, I would say simply, progress, if the Spirit is allowed to perform it, along the same lines, and in the same direction, remembering that one of the deepest mysteries of

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From the Vicar contd.....

The Christian common life is that there is no limit to the depth at which we may taste this thing the Psalmist calls unity. That is why Heaven can never be remotely boring. And as we've seen this last year or so, unity of this sort involves that creative tension once described as 'having the same mind', i.e. the mind of Christ, 'without necessarily being of the same opinion'.

As for the immediate future, i.e. the tenth Centenary, I have tried to say something about this both in the recent News Letter and in the May issue of the magazine, so I won't repeat myself. I only hope it will prove an invigorating as well as a happy experience. (I hope too, that the screen will actually be in place for the Bishop to Bless on June 3rd)

The Department of the Environment has refused a grant for our original scheme for the restoration of the Porch, and suggested a modified scheme instead. Both the architect and the Diocesan Advisory Committee are dissatisfied with this judgement, and the matter comes up again for discussion in a few days time.

May I end, then, with grateful thanks to those who have collaborated in 'maintaining the state of the World', as scripture says, and made it possible, humanly speaking, to keep our Parish Churches going for one more year.

J.K.B.

FROM THE CHURCHES.

ST. MARY'S & REACH - Worship in June.

3rd WHITSUNDAY.

8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (Reach)
10.00 a.m.	Centenary Eucharist & Blessing of Screen by the Bishop of Ely.
6.30 p.m.	Evenson & Sermon (St. Mary's)
	Preacher: The Revd. Robin Ellis.

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Worship in June continued.....

10th TRINITY SUNDAY.

- 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (St. Mary's)
- 11.00 a.m. Family Communion (Reach)
- 11.00-4.00p.m. Quiet Day for Students of Ridley Hall, Cambridge (St. Mary's)
- 6.30 p.m. Deanery Evensong & Choir Festival Isleham.

17th & 24th TRINITY I & II

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

ST. ETHELDREDA'S

Members of the congregation will be meeting to clean the Church from 7.0 - 8.0 p.m. on the last Friday of the month throughout the summer. If you care to join them you will be very welcome.

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 X IN ST. CYRIAC'S CHURCH, SWAFFHAM PRIOR. X
 X 1. An open ART EXHIBITION is to be held in St. Cyriac's Church, in conjunction with the centenary celebrations at St. Mary's. It will be open from June 2nd to 9th, from 2.0 - 6.0p.m. and is for anyone to take part in. Please contact Clarissa Cochran, 16 Fair Green, Reach. Tel: Newmarket 741368. X
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See over the page for the second one.....

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X 2. The other exhibition is being mounted by the X
X Cambridgeshire Painters and Printmakers, who are X
X returning to St. Cyriac's this year for a second X
X exhibition from June 30th - July 8th. It will X
X be open from 10.0 - 6.00p.m. at weekends, and X
X 2.0 - 6.00p.m. during the week. Details again X
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A REMINDER..... The Alberni String Quartet are playing
at Bottisham Village College on
Friday June 8th at 8.00p.m.

SHIRE HALL TITBITS.

Some readers may have heard that there has been a re-shuffle of senior posts at Shire Hall, and when this was being planned it was thought by some members - and I didn't disagree - that a change for me might be appropriate. I am a bit of a hard-liner on Finance my responsibility for the last two years, and this doesn't go down well with everyone. A change has been agreed, and I very much look forward to working in the new Education team, as this has always been my prime interest in County Council activities. Councillor Adrian Cumber from the Peterborough area is the new Chairman of Finance, and I have the fullest confidence in his ability to cope with what is undoubtedly a bed of nails. I thank all those, either locally or from farther afield, who have supported me during the tough times we have experienced at Shire Hall.

With a new Government taking over at Westminster, I honestly believe that there is some hope that the Shire Counties will receive more just treatment in future Rate Support Grant settlements. However, the same old competition for funds that has always existed between Urban and Rural interests will continue and, perhaps for different reasons, there must still be a danger that Cambridgeshire continues to lose out in the national handout. I hope that everyone will support, perhaps through our Member of Parliament, requests that might be made by the County Council for a fair cut of what could be a more modest national cake.

Shire Hall Titbits still sounds a little sombre - I'm sorry! As I write this piece, Summer has really arrived, and my spirits are much higher than for many years. I hope that all readers of Out of Reach feel the same!

Geoffrey Woodlard, County Councillor.

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PARENTS & FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL.

This term, in honour of the Foundation Celebrations at Swaffham Prior Church, the Juniors in the school are making a special study of Swaffham Prior Village and Church. We would be very grateful for information and help during this study, from anyone who has an interesting house, or personal knowledge of what the village used to be like. Grannies who could tell us about the "Good Old Days" would be especially welcome! Please let us know if you can help the children to find out about the history of the village.

DATES FOR THIS TERM.

- June 20th Sports Day - 1.30 p.m.
- June 30th School Fair- 2.30 p.m.
- July 11th Swimming Gala - 1.30 p.m.
- July 14th Country Barn Dance - 8.0 p.m.
- July 20th End of Term - 2.30 p.m.

Please join us to make these events a success. Everyone will be welcome.

Next committee meeting - June 7th - 7.30 p.m.

AN OUTDOOR GAME FOR THE SUMMER WEATHER.

FIVE STONES (or 'Jinx' or 'Jacks')

Five small stones and a small ball are needed for this game. It is easiest to play on a step or sitting on the ground.

Throw the ball a little way into the air, and immediately throw the stones up gently. Catch as many stones as you can on the back of your hand, then catch the ball, having allowed it to bounce once. As the ball is thrown and allowed to bounce again, pick up any stone which you have dropped; do this until you have picked up all the stones. The final throw is when you toss the stones from the back of your hand into the air, and catch all those before the ball has bounced more than once, catching the ball last of all. There are many variations of this game. Some people start by tipping all the stones except one from the back of the hand, then start again with two on the hand, then three and so on, but it is difficult to catch all of them at once in that way.

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The Editor
"Out of Reach"

8th May 1979.

Dear Madam,

We wish to state categorically that the article in your May "Forum" entitled 'The Reach Survey-The Follow-Up' is in no way connected with the Reach Branch of the Conservative Association, whose intentions in running the questionnaire were clearly stated in its preamble. The questionnaire results, published in your March issue, stated no imperatives; they indicated where majority support lay in relation to many of the things for which our Parish Council has been pressing for a long time.

The items headed by your anonymous correspondent 'For Immediate Action' were things which a majority of those who sent in replies would like to see done in the future, as opportunities arise. With regard to 'Principles for Future Conduct of Affairs', a) to consult the whole village on every item before making a decision is obviously neither always possible nor desirable; our Parish Council is elected democratically and is the medium through which consultations are made. b) "Members of the Parish Council must obtain the majority view, and not just their ownetc" - we find it hard to believe that a resident of Reach could have written this, as a member of the village would know it to be an offensive statement, the implications of which are untrue. Referring to c), d) and e) in this section, we are aware that the Parish Council achieves as much as is possible within the limits imposed by District and County Council. It was on the District

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and County Councils that influence was intended, as a means of support for the Parish Council's efforts on our behalf. As for the section head 'In No Way', it is surprising that such strong views were not expressed at the recent Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council, to which every resident of Reach was invited, but at which only seven were present.

We feel that the article should not have been published in this form, as it is at variance with the truth, and does an injustice to the hard working Parish Councillors, who have our whole hearted confidence. In addition, the title of the article suggests that it is in some way connected with the group which distributed the questionnaire, and we assure you that this is not the case.

Yours faithfully,
George Crookenden, Chairman.
Charles Moseley, Vice Chairman
Janet Biggs, Secretary.

Jenny Moseley, Gwendoline Badcock, John Robinson, Janet Robinson and E.A. Cole.

ON GROWING OLD - A PRAYER.

O Lord, thou knowest better than I know myself that I am growing older and will one day be old.
Keep me from getting talkative and particularly from the fatal habit of thinking that I must say something on every occasion and on every subject.
Keep my mind free from recital of endless details - may I have wings to get to the point.
I ask for grace to listen to tales of others pains but seal my lips on my own.
Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally it is possible I may be mistaken.
Keep me reasonably sweet, I do not hope to be a saint but a sour old woman is the work of the Devil.
Make me thoughtful but not moody, helpful but not bossy.
With my vast store of knowledge it seems a pity not to use it all, but thou knowest Lord, that I want a few friends at the end.

Author unknown to the Editor.

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 1 tsp melted butter
 2 doz. white elderflower clusters, salt, icing sugar.
 Wash clusters in 2 pt. cold water with a handful of salt added. Remove stems and leaves keeping each cluster intact. Drain.
 Make batter. Beat eggs until fluffy. Add milk and melted butter and mix. Add sifted flour and salt gradually. Dip each cluster into batter, drain and fry in deep, hot fat until golden brown. Sprinkle with icing sugar and serve hot. Serves 2-4.

To soothe sunburn, you could apply vinegar, but an even better recipe is half a cup of milk with a pinch of bicarbonate dissolved in it.

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