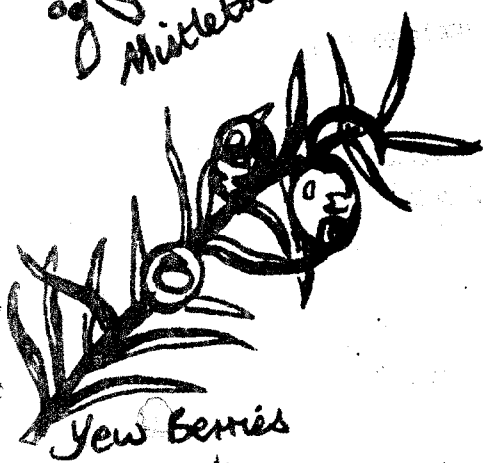
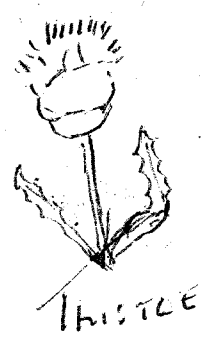
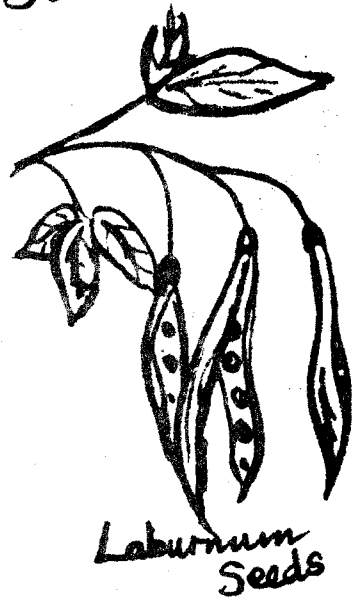
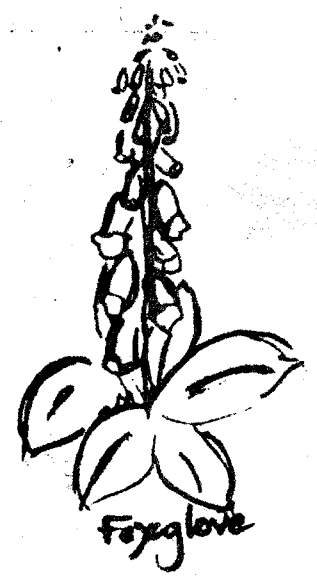


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E D I T O R I A L

Far from being a 'skeleton' issue, as anticipated, the magazine this month has a load of material (pardon the pun!) concerning the present controversial issue of the Lodes, which concerns us all. Jenny Johnson feels strongly that the Lodes should be maintained, and with the recent publicity it seems opportune to print her article now.

You will find a form on the back page, asking you to send your signature to both our District and County Councillors in support of the Lodes - but with provision for disagreement if you do not wish them to be retained. If notice is to be taken of the wishes of the residents, representations have to be made at each level of local government.

By the time this magazine is distributed, the long school holiday will be nearing its end. I hope you have all enjoyed a holiday in some form or other, and that parents aren't over-exhausted, both physically and financially - new school uniforms are a major expense in many families, these days.

Our thanks go to Rosie, in particular (Geoffrey Woollard's secretary) for typing last month's issue. Look at the number of this one, again. Did you realise that we have been running for three years? Let the editor have your contributions please, however small, as our thriving magazine looks forward to another year.

With best wishes to you all,

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Completion of Wells Close:

As the District Council are still unable to complete this project, we are writing to them asking if they would be prepared to sell off the plots privately in order to satisfy a demand for local housing.

Reach Lode: A great deal of time was spent discussing the future of the Lode and it was decided that we should invite all interested parties to participate in a walk along the banks of the Lode so they could see for themselves just what condition it is in and what needs to be done in order to bring it up to standard and maintain it at the high level system. It was therefore suggested that this walk should take place on the afternoon of Sunday 12th August, followed by a Public Meeting the next evening in the Village Hall where everyone could air their views so as to establish whether or not we wanted to retain the Lode and if we are prepared to help offset some of the costs.

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DON'T DITCH OUR LODES !

The regular Shire Hall contribution is replaced in this month's 'Out of Reach' by blatant propaganda, and I make no apology for it.

The County Council was recently recommended to accept the demolition of the Cambridgeshire Lodes, but fortunately members of the Planning Committee agreed to defer execution by postponing a final decision until October, by which time the views of those most affected could be ascertained. All the villages in this area and many people, young and old, from far and wide, are affected, and most would be horrified to see the destruction of these historic waterways.

Those who would extinguish the ancient rights of the people have a fight on their hands at every stage, but your representatives need your active support. I hope residents of Reach who feel sufficiently concerned will be able, at least, to write to the Chairman of the County Council and East Cambridgeshire District Council to seek their help. The major Authorities have the solution in their power and with the Anglian Water Authority can save our Lodes.

I and your other Councillors cannot fight alone and we need help now, as our Lodes are under greater threat than ever before, and may be replaced by mere ditches or just bulldozed in. Can we allow this to happen?

GEOFFREY WOOLLARD
County Councillor.

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FROM THE VICAR: -

I write on the 7th August, kept in the western church as the Feast of the Name of Jesus since the Franciscans popularised it in the early 15th century.

That name is suddenly the centre of controversy again, the heart of it presented, you remember, first in a lengthy TV programme two or three years ago by a Cambridge theologian, and more recently by a series of essays published under the title of 'The Myth of God Incarnate'. The nub of the question is Jesus' identity, the question the world has been asking ever since Jesus himself put it to us in his great challenge, 'What think ye of Christ?'

The gist of that programme, after first firmly establishing the existence of Jesus as an historical personality, was that he is simply, and only, the supreme witness to God and his kingdom. The main bulk of the New Testament, however, takes a more drastic view, and insists that in encountering the person of Jesus we are encountering the personality, the power, the being, the mystery and identity of God himself.

Who is right? It is possible for the two sides to wrangle for ever without seriously convincing each other. My own view is that one must ultimately by-pass historical evidence and appeal to experience, by which I mean the power of Jesus to control and transform one's life, and give human existence as a whole a purpose capable of making final sense of its every phase and aspect, and all its disasters.

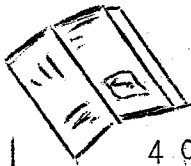
Our great English Country Parson, George Herbert, who died in 1633, once put it in some moving lines called simply -

JESU

Jesu is in my heart, his sacred name
Is deeply carved there: but th'other week
A great affliction broke the little frame,
Ev'n all to pieces: which I went to seek:
And first I found the corner, where was J
After, where E S, and next where U was graved.
When I had got these parcels, instantly
I sat me down to spell them, and perceived
That to my broken heart he was I ease you,
And to my whole is JESU.

The point about this appeal to experience is this: is any other being in history capable of bearing the whole weight of one's heart's trust, that absolute trust and total weight which we humans place in him for hope, sanity and life itself? If not, if Jesus alone seems able to carry such weight, what manner of being was he? I find nothing purely human will satisfy or make sense, and that when I look at him and wonder about him I can reach no other verdict than that of Paul himself, that he was indeed the fulness of the Godhead in bodily form.

J.K.B.

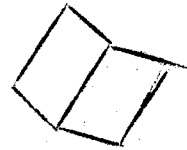


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THE LODE CAMPAIGN

Most residents will be aware of the present struggle to save the lodes in the Reach, Burwell and Swaffham area. The Anglian Water Authority (A.W.A.) are pressing to remove the existing high level drainage system because of the cost of repair (estimated at £1.6 million) and to replace it with a low level ditch system which would require a smaller initial outlay (estimated cost £0.75 million).

In 1972 the Water Board did state that a long term plan for repair of the lodes was likely to be expensive; however, they agreed at that time that the lodes were worth preserving for fishing and boating and that there should be no reduction in the extent of navigable water. It was in 1974 that the recommendation to alter the drainage system was made and that proposal resulted in the setting up of the Lodes Preservation Consortium which represents the Burwell Society, the boating and fishing organisations and the District and County Councillors for the area concerned. There followed a local campaign in favour of maintaining the existing structure. A decision by the A.W.A. was deferred and many futile attempts were made by the Burwell Society and Lodes Preservation Consortium during the early 1970s to arrange consultations with the A.W.A. and to obtain detailed engineers' reports which would clarify the extent of vital work required along the lodes.

The present situation is that the A.W.A., whilst favouring the low level system, would be prepared to consider a 20 year programme of lode repair. The cost of this could be in part covered by a grant from the Ministry of Agriculture, of £900,000, but the remaining £700,000 would have to be raised at the rate of £35,000 p.a. There is a possibility of the County and District Councils giving substantial support, but there would remain a sizeable sum which would have to be raised by appeals to other interested bodies, such as the Parish Councils, Amenity and Recreational Associations, and any other private or public bodies which could be persuaded to help.

The figures given above refer only to the capital costs. There is another factor which should be taken into account - maintenance costs. According to 1975 figures, the cost of maintaining the low level system was £8,000 p.a. compared with £2,000 for the lode system, i.e. the ditch system would be four times as expensive in running costs. Surely there is a discrepancy here which might be useful in offsetting the long term repair programme for the lodes?

At a meeting held in Commercial End on August 2nd it became apparent that:-

1. The County, District and Parish Councils are all in the position of having limited funds.
2. How much they spend on different schemes is largely determined by public pressure. Obviously expenditure must reflect the public wish, therefore the more pressure put on them, the more money they are likely to set aside for this purpose.
3. There is a strong argument for adopting the cheaper course of action and there are many proponents of the low level scheme. Strong opposition is to be expected.
4. Time is short. Although the story has a long history, the situation is becoming urgent and any supportive action for the preservation of the lodes must be prompt, indeed very prompt. The District Council will be meeting to discuss the issue on 10th SEPTEMBER, 1979.

It would be helpful, therefore, if residents would:-

- a) Decide how much they value the Lodes as amenities. How many of the local children in Reach find interest, amusement and productive pastimes centre on the Lodes? How many adults enjoy them as active boaters, fishers, walkers or simply as part of the character of our locality and our National Heritage? Once destroyed, they can never be replaced.
- b) If you decide that you are in favour of preserving what can, at least, be described as an important part of our landscape, with the dual function of drainage and leisure potential, then would you please -

Watch the press for information, including notices of public meetings.*

Advertise the present situation in any way you can.

Put as much pressure on the local councillors and councils as you can, and as soon as possible.

Ask for a car window sticker.

Lastly, I think people are often discouraged at the very thought of campaigning against bureaucratic machines. Yes; the individual is a very small cog; nevertheless, cogs there must be. Other such campaigns have been fought successfully in Cambridgeshire before and I know it is possible to win. Let's see your determination carry the day!

Jenny Johnson

The White House, Reach.

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(* One such meeting is announced on page 2 of this issue. Ed.)

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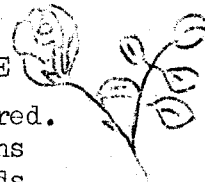
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WALKING ALONG REACH LODE

The purposeful mood in which a large number of people - 60 or more - gathered at the Hythe on the afternoon of Sunday 12th August, must have impressed any mere onlooker at the outset of the Reach Lode Walk, as indeed must the sight of our District and County Councillors in unfamiliarly casual garb! Riding in a grain lorry, or on a tractor-towed trailer was, by contrast, an almost stately opening of the proceedings, much enjoyed by the younger generation, which provided a successful mixing at the outset of all who were involved.

On arrival at Upware, the Parish Council Chairman, Mr. Albert Johnson, explained the high and low level systems of the waterways. Some stalwarts set off immediately on the walk from Upware lock, whereas the majority remained with the transport a little longer, and began their exercise somewhat nearer home, meeting the boat with its occupants who had navigated the weed and water-lilies to encounter the party along the way.

That the banks of the Lode have been neglected became evident as one slipped and slithered along the uneven edges of the bank on the north side. No doubt the fishermen were amused at the sight of so many people traipsing in single file, but the evidence of damage to crops caused by leakage and erosion of the banks was clearly visible to the walkers whose understanding of the seriousness of the problem was enhanced by Albert Johnson's commentary.

Sustained by a few welcome blackberries and the accompaniment of larksong, the group found the mass of vegetation opening out to more frequented paths, and thus returned to the Hythe. I felt sadly ignorant of the names of the wild flowers and plants through which we trod, but confirmed in the opinion that the Lode should be maintained, as part of our heritage and way of life. Many thanks to the Parish Councillors who organised the walk, provided transport, and widened my knowledge of the area.

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On 31st July, we held a Disco for members and friends of the Youth Club. We invited several other clubs and were pleased with the turnout. Jeff Double was our D.J. for the evening and we would like to thank him and many others who helped to make the evening a success. By the time you read this we shall have been on a day trip to Great Yarmouth.

We are beginning to think about our autumn/winter programme and if anyone would be prepared to come and talk to our members on a subject they think would be of interest, would they please contact one of the leaders, i.e. Jeff Herring, Mervyn Woolnough or Linda Sheldrick.

L.S.

<p>THE KEEP FIT CLASS</p>	<p>Begins Thursday 13th September 7.30 p.m. in the Village Centre</p>
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BOTTISHAM VILLAGE COLLEGE - COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Community Centre at Bottisham now has a representative secretary in each village of its catchment area. The secretary for Reach is Jenny Johnson, who will gladly receive and pass on requests for special courses, functions, meetings etc., and answer requests for further information about activities at the Centre.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION - REACH BRANCH

Please note that the next committee meeting will be held at Fitzroy Farm at 8.00 p.m. on Friday 14th September. Arrangements will be made for the stall at Burwell Fair, and the Annual General Meeting in October.

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J.B.

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Do you WISH TO RETAIN THE LODES?

Are you prepared to pay towards the cost of repairing them?

These were the questions put to those who packed the Village Centre on the evening of Monday 13th August to attend a meeting called by the Parish Council and chaired by Mr. Albert Johnson.

In his opening remarks, the chairman said that the A.W.A. had mat the County and District Councils to ask for £15,000 a year for the next twenty years to enable them to carry out the work needed to put Reach, Swaffham Bulbeck and Burwell Lodes in order. Wicken and Bottisham Lodes did not require extensive repairs at present, and the alternative to spending this sum on the other three was to make them unnecessary by deepening the low level system and building another pumping station at Upware. The alternative would cost far less than the upkeep of the Lodes, and a Parliamentary Bill would be needed in this case to suppress the obligation of the A.W.A. to maintain these navigable waterways. The running costs of the low level system, however, are already four times greater than those of the high level system, as the latter requires no pumping.

A half-penny rate levied on all the parishes covered by the Lodes would raise about £4,000 per annum which would go some way towards the amount quoted. A $\frac{5}{4}$ p rate levied in the three parishes whose Lodes were threatened with closure would bring in about one thousand pounds a year.

Questions and comments from the floor of the meeting threw into relief the fact that, whereas some Lodes have been adequately maintained, it appears Reach Lode has been neglected.

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Other sources of revenue had been explored without success. East Anglia - not being designated an 'assisted area' - does not qualify for a Eurogrant, and efforts to have the Lodes listed as being of particular historical interest have failed. At present, the system is paid for in part by the farmers whose land it serves and a grant from the Ministry of Agriculture.

That Reach Lode provides a much-valued leisure amenity and even a potential source of revenue besides fulfilling its function, has been emphasised on many occasions, a statement which was borne out by the presence at the meeting of fishing and boating enthusiasts, and the passing round of an article of unknown origin, giving some of the Lodes' historic and economic background. Members of two households who were unable to attend the meeting, had written to express their support for the campaign, and the presence of representatives on other public bodies added weight to the argument.

A vote taken on the desirability of retaining the Lodes produced a positive and unanimous result. One person, who was unwilling to pay extra rates for this purpose pressed home a final point - that evidence was not available to show that rates already being gathered for the use and upkeep of the Lodes was in fact being spent on them.

It is hoped that all the parishes in the area will rally to support the 'Lode Campaign'. The District and County Councils are left in no doubt as to the wishes of its Reach inhabitants, and if the A.W.A. feels their numbers are insignificant, just let them put a Bill before Parliament and see !

J.B.

BOTTISHAM VILLAGE COLLEGE MUSIC SOCIETY

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