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EDITORIAL

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If you receive your copy of "Out of Reach" a few days late this month, it will be because Pat Harrison, this month's typist, has taken a short, unexpected holiday. You may not realise that after the stencils are typed each month, Pat and Harvey duplicate the stencils before passing them on to Sandra Harrison (Joyce's daughter) who then compiles them ready for Joyce to deliver. So the whole process involves the work of six people before you receive your copy of the magazine! I'll just take this opportunity to give them a word of grateful thanks.

Further to the articles on "An Anglo-Saxon Joke" (February issue) and "Balaenas" reply (March issue), I am delighted to include this month a further rejoinder from "Nebi Yunis" (our regular anonymous contributor). Apart from being a very knowledgeable gentleman, he obviously has a sense of humour too! Thank you also to Bill Estall who has written another poem extolling the glories of the sunrise.

Mrs. E. Badcock is recovering after her stay in hospital this month and Mr. Hyde has been ill at home. Our best wishes go to them both. Congratulations to Beverley Estall and Kim Joy who were married on April 24th. Congratulations also to John and Rachel Sargeant on the birth of their son Christopher Robin, and to Mr. and Mrs. T. Coles on the birth of their first grandchild, a daughter born to Paul and Lesley. Welcome back to the Coombes family of "Marmorma" after their stay abroad, and welcome to the Pullen family who have recently moved into 34 Great Lane.

Kay Pote

P.S. Don't forget the Church Jumble Sale on Friday June 11th at 7.00p.m. in the Village Centre.

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FROM THE VICAR

One of the good things about the new Prayer Book you may not have noticed is the new saints included for remembrance in its calendar. One very important, and very English, one appears on 8th May, Lady Julian, as she is called, of Norwich, who lived from about 1342 till about 1413. She lived for many years as what is called an anchoress, a solitary, outside the walls of St. Julian's church, in Norwich. The fact of being a solitary, however, didn't mean she was totally cut off from human society, as hermits tended to be. She was able to communicate with those who came to her for advice, and some of the very best spiritual counsel of the time came from such people as Julian.

But don't let this make you think that anchoresses are simply a feature of a by-gone age: their modern equivalents are still living and feeding the church today. The only difference is that today they tend to be retired teachers or dons, or widows of clergy or Bishops, or whatever, the kind of woman, usually living alone, who, under the mysterious workings of providence, has come to be revered in the community for the highest of all the Spirit's gifts, Wisdom, 'a wise woman', as Scripture calls her.

Every community has one, when you probe below the surface, some, two or three, and they are not to be confused with what are sometimes known, in villages at any rate, as Queen Bees. They are women who have been schooled by years of discipline, service, suffering, or 'labouring in knowledge', as Blake called it. But it is an entirely unofficial role, one which, almost by definition, can never be consciously aspired to, only acquired or received silently as a grace. Silence seems to be the essence of it, initially. If you wish to be heard in a community, hold your peace until your opinion is sought: your word then flows with natural power. Such women also tend to become the centre of a network of correspondence - 'spiritual direction' would be too formal a name for it, but that is what it often amounts to. Sometimes it is simply a matter of an older woman giving advice to someone younger: not infrequently discussion on terms of equal friendship, out of which real advances in knowledge are achieved, the solution of some problem painfully worked out, or a whole outlook modified on the part of one or both. I incline more and more to the belief that the existence of such spirits (men, of course, as well as women - Edwin Muir was one in Swaffham Prior) in each place, over and over the priest, perhaps even more significant than him in the long term, is one of the great carriers of spirituality in any given community.

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FROM THE CHURCHES

Worship in June: St. Mary's and Reach

6th TRINITY SUNDAY

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Reach)
- 9.30 a.m. Matins & Eucharist (St. Mary's)
 (No Evensong at Reach)

11th S. BARNABAS

- (No celebration)
- 7.00 p.m. Jumble Sale in Reach Village Centre in aid of Church funds.

13th TRINITY I

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

20th TRINITY 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)

27th TRINITY III

- 9.30 a.m. Matins & Eucharist (St. Mary's)
- 11.00 a.m. Children's Eucharist (Reach)
- 6.30 p.m. Evensong (St. Mary's)

4th July: TRINITY IV

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Reach)
- 9.30 a.m. Children's Eucharist (St. Mary's)
- 6.30 p.m. Deanery Evensong (Reach)

N.B. As we are expecting a group of children from Ramsey on 4th July we shall be holding our Children's Eucharist for them at St. Mary's on that day, and we shall be having Matins with the Eucharist on June 27th.

The last of our Summer Deanery Evensongs will be held at Reach on Sunday July 4th.

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The Annual Parish Meeting took place on 14th April with Albert Johnson in the chair. The Chairman summarised the activities of the past year, highlighting the work that was being done to improve The Hythe, in collaboration with the Inland Waterways Association. He thanked the District and County Councillors for their work on our behalf and Mr. Dudley for keeping Fair Green mown, Mr. Estall for his work on the bus shelters and Mr. Greenhill for the greatly improved appearance of the Burial Ground.

Mrs. Cook and Mr. Brooks gave their reports.

Civil Defence Seminars

Harvey Harrison and John Biggs attended the seminars in the past year and found them very interesting. The next course, organised by the District Council, will run from October to March, probably at Soham Village College on alternate Tuesday evenings. Anyone who is willing to attend, please contact Maggie Evans soon.

Situation Vacant

Reach Parish Council will soon be needing a new Clerk. Anyone who is interested in doing this job, which has a small salary, please contact Albert Johnson.

STAINED HUNDRED

The next meeting of the Stained Hundred - the local history society - will be on Wednesday 9th June. This will be a 'walkabout' at Commercial End, Swaffham Bulbeck. Anyone who would like to take part in this should meet at Mr. Wilfrid Simms' house at 56 Commercial End at 7.30 p.m. Mr. Simms will give a brief introduction to the history and development of Commercial End, after which we will visit several places of interest.

The annual outing this year will be on Sunday, 11th July, and will be a trip to Blickling Hall, Norfolk. Would anyone, whether a member of the society or not, who would like to come on this trip, please get in touch with the treasurer, Mr. Dan McMahon, 19, Beechwood Avenue, Bottisham (Phone: Cambridge 811224). The cost of the trip, including coach fare and admission to Blickling, will be £2.25 for members, children and pensioners and £2.75 for non-members (£1.00 less for members of the National Trust).

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THIS MONTH'S RECIPE

Colcannon

This is a simple dish from Ireland (not usually renowned
 for its cuisine!)

- 1 lb. Cabbage
- 1 lb. Potatoes
- 4 Leeks, chopped
- $\frac{1}{4}$ pint milk
- 4 oz. butter
- salt and pepper
- pinch mace (or nutmeg)
- melted butter.

Boil the cabbage and potatoes separately in water.
 Cook the leeks in the milk covered until soft.
 Chop the cabbage finely. Drain the potatoes, mash well
 and season. Add the leeks and milk then stir in the cabbage
 to make the mixture pale green. Pile into a deep dish, make a
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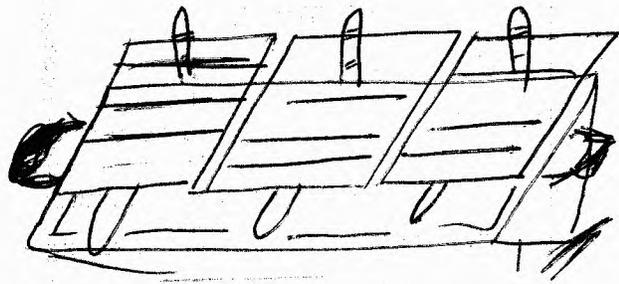


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