

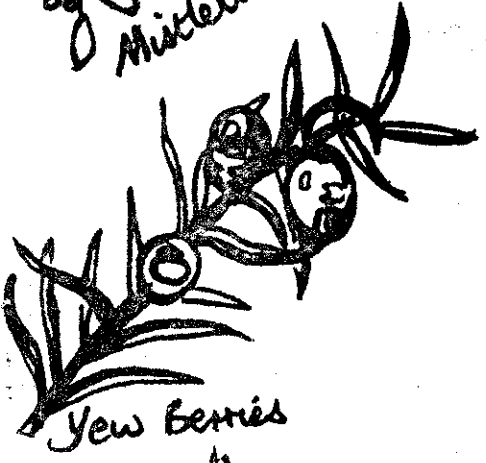
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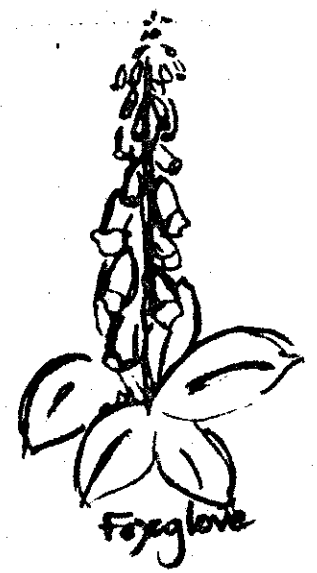
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EDITORIAL

Thinking about the New Year the other day, I realised that I am about to enter a fifth decade - though still a few years off my 50th birthday! As the vicar says, there are many different ways of looking at time!

What have we to look forward to, I wonder? Another phase of galloping inflation seems likely. No doubt many will be dismayed at Geoffrey Woollard's predictions; certainly from the practical point of view, it is inconvenient, but I can only think how lucky we are that the Cambridgeshire Education Authority has its priorities right. I am convinced that education is the one thing that we cannot afford to cut back too strictly; the education of our young is our stake in the future.

What ever the outlook for 1980, I hope that everyone will enjoy lots of good things during the year and I wish success and health to everyone, particularly to Joyce Harrison, Janet Biggs and Jean Estall who were all in hospital last November.

Please remember that one of your New Year Resolutions should be to write something for 'Out of Reach'.

J.J.

LEN WARREN

No doubt, Len Warren's death last November came as a shock to all the residents of Reach. Len was a colourful village character - one of the first people any new resident became aware of. We shall all miss the flashes of interest he whipped up, spotlighting little Reach.

It occurred to me that for many of us Len was the copper haired regal, bus passenger or Dykes End visitor who occasionally took the limelight in traditional and historic events. The biographical details are missing from the picture. Len Warren was born in Burwell in 1913 and lived there until moving to Reach. At 14 years of age he began a mechanic's apprenticeship with Herbert Robinson in Cambridge and left some six years later to join the Police Force. During the war he entered the Fire Service but was invalided out after the Norwich Blitz. He then worked as a security officer for Meredith and Drew in Exning until taking up the post of caretaker in the University Faculty of Economics where he stayed until he retired 16 years later.

When Mr. Warren came to Reach he developed an interest in the history of the village which Mrs. Warren, born here, was able to feed with her background knowledge. On becoming a member of the Newmarket Rural District Council and a Parish Councillor for Reach (positions which he held through the 60's and as Parish Council Chairman in 1970-71), he continued to follow up his interest in the village history and went to great lengths to research

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relevant documents. He procured an entrance ticket for the Cambridge University Library and resorted to archives both there and in London.

After his examination of the Rogation Day Charter of 1201, Len upheld the opinion that Reach had been a kingdom in its own right since then, and that kingdom included, not only the erstwhile flourishing port but also lands around, including Newmarket. The newspapers called him 'King Len' and his claims led to interesting proposals in subsequent years such as:-

- 1965 - Reach was independent of the laws of the land and, therefore, the replacement of Reach's last pub could be considered, irrespective of licensing laws.
- 1967 - the sale of Reach to Russia or America as a reaction to the Cams/Suffolk border deliberations.
- 1969 - the return of the 'kingdom' to the English crown. This was prompted by Len's approval of the proposal that Reach and Newmarket be included in Cams.
- 1970 - a pirate radio station might be established in the village.

Mr. Warren intended to spend his retirement preparing a book on his research. Unfortunately his death put an untimely end to his work, but it is hoped that his son, Ken, may be able to complete the thesis.

Not often do we see such enthusiasm and I for one have great admiration for the purpose and zeal which Mr. Warren had in plenty. I know I speak for the village when I say that I shall miss him as a member of the community.

J.J.

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FROM THE VICAR

There are quite a variety of attitudes to time, and a New Year with a number as significant as 1980 is sufficiently important to make us consider them.

There is first the attitude, almost universal in the West till 1914, that things are automatically getting better and better. But despite immense strides in the understanding of the meaning of social justice and welfare, embodied, for instance, in the post-war National Health Service, we have had to realise that legislation alone, however effectively it cushions us from poverty and misery, is somehow unable to come to grips with those dark places of the human heart, whose inadequacy and aggression are together sufficient to bedevil even the most perfect systems and constitutions.

Then there is the view which sees time as pure illusion, and a vain striving after illusory goods, above all, the illusion of being a separate self, for which the only remedy is the death of desire itself, and the merging, the 'blowing out', of our separate identities in that sea of impersonal being which Buddhists call Nirvana.

And then there is the cyclical view of time, which sees the centuries as an endless repetition of old cycles, so dear to Greek and Roman thought, and of which there are echoes in the late Old Testament book of Ecclesiastes: 'what has been is what will be... and there is nothing new under the sun'.

But there are also Christian views. It is tempting to say 'the' Christian view; but in fact Christians have held a variety of views, not all of them strictly compatible with each other. There is, however, one element in them all which is unmistakable and crucial, the sense of God as Lord of history. But Lord in a special way, as 'the sign of a strange and unpredictable future', 'The movement of history and biography', in the words of a new and remarkable book, *The Wound of Knowledge*, by Rowan Williams, now teaching in Cambridge, 'is made possible and meaningful by its reference to God who meets us in history, yet extends beyond it, is always, so to speak, ahead of it. Here if anywhere are the foundations for a Christian account both of history and of human individuality. This is Christianity's major revision of the philosophical assumptions of Greek antiquity'.

My namesake, John Byrom, who wrote the Christmas hymn, Christians, awake, and who is buried near my old home in Cheshire, also wrote a deceptively simple hymn, set to a haunting tune, which exactly expresses that sense of infinite yearning for the infinite goodness of God, which was so characteristic of the best Christian thought of the late fourth century, and which did so much to.....

reinforce the biblical view of God as in charge, no matter what befalls. The hymn is worth quoting:

My spirit longs for thee,
Within my troubled breast,
Though I unworthy be
Of so divine a guest.

Of so divine a guest
Unworthy though I be,
Yet has my heart no rest
Unless it come from thee.

Unless it come from thee,
In vain I look around;
In all that I can see
No rest is to be found.

No rest is to be found
But in thy blessed love:
O let my wish be crowned,
And send it from above.

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The induction of Peter Bradford as Lay Pastor of Zion Chapel on November 21st was a moving moment, and it was a privilege to be present as a representative of the congregation at St. Mary's. Against the background of a fine sermon on the meaning of priesthood, Mr. Bradford was formally inducted into the office which unofficially, by common consent, he has already exercised for so long. But it has been more than a mere show of hands which has placed him in this office: it was the simple recognition, by a spiritually-minded congregation, of the presence and natural pre-eminence of a gentle, perceptive and spiritual man.

Let me then wish you all good in this opening year of the new decade.

J.K.B.

FROM THE CHURCHES

Worship in January: St. Mary's and Reach

1st The Naming of Jesus:

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion (St. Mary's)

6th THE EPIPHANY of OUR LORD

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Reach)

9.30 a.m. Matins & Eucharist (St. Mary's)

6.30 p.m. Evensong (Reach)

13th, 20th, 27th: EPIPHANY I, II, III

9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (St. Mary's)

11.00 a.m. Family Communion (Reach)

6.30 p.m. Evensong (St. Mary's)

25th THE CONVERSION of ST. PAUL

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (St. Mary's)

18th-25th: Week of Prayer for the unity of Christendom.

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Gas Supply

Replying to the joint request from Reach and the Swaffhams, Mr. Pottle, one of the Development Managers at Eastern Gas, stated that it would be impossible to supply gas to these villages in the foreseeable future because the Gas Board had a vast amount of work merely to fulfil its statutory obligation to supply gas to every one within 25 yards of an existing main who wanted it.

Street Lights

A letter from the County Surveyor states that it is the County's intention to convert all its lights to the 35 watt low-pressure sodium type; in order to simplify and reduce the expense of maintenance, all the lights in Reach will ultimately be of this type.

Roaming Dogs

A complaint had been made about the danger from dogs straying over the roads on the Green, causing traffic to swerve with consequent risk of accident. It would be much appreciated if the dogs could be kept under control.

Planning Applications

The following applications for Planning Permission have been received:-

- Erection of a house in Great Lane, and
- temporary parking of a caravan in Great Lane, for Mr. Aves.
- Residential development in Burwell Road, for East Cambs. D.C.
- Erection of a porch in Fair Green, for Major Jones.
- Erection of a house at the Hythe, for Mr. Willers.

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SHIRE HALL TITBITS

As readers of Out of Reach may have already noted, some pretty important decisions will shortly have to be made at County Council level. They generally concern further belt-tightening and economies in all the Council's activities. Two specific ones, however, affect lots of local people, and I do want to ensure firstly, that readers are aware of what's going on, and secondly, that I am aware of public reaction.

The Government's new Education Bill covers many matters, some controversial, some otherwise, but Clauses 22 and 23 leave L.E.A.s - in our case, the County Council - free to decide what meals, milk or other refreshment to provide in Schools, together with the ability to charge for what is provided and also to relax the present restrictions on L.E.A. powers to charge for providing home-to-school transport. As far as meals are concerned, Shire Hall would be required to have regard to the needs of pupils from families in receipt of supplementary benefit or family income supplement, and to ensure that necessary provision was made free of charge. Similar favourable treatment for the categories of children mentioned would be made in the case of School transport as well.

The County Council has decided to answer the Government's call for a 5% reduction in planned expenditure by economising generally and taking advantage of the changes in legal duties that could follow from Parliament passing the new Bill. School meals and transport alone could contribute no less than £1.7m. to the Council's savings next year, but it is possible that this could mean meal charges in Primary Schools of 50p per day and the introduction of non-loss-making, cafeteria-style meals in Secondary Schools. It could also mean a flat-rate charge of, say, £12 per term for most children using School transport. I must emphasise that no detailed decisions have been made at the time of writing this piece, and re-emphasise that families in receipt of supplementary benefit or F.I.S. would be affected to a very small degree, but I don't want to minimise the importance of the proposed changes or the need for making them. I have already indicated general support for the measures proposed, but would be very happy to hear of local views, either supporting or opposing the general concept outlined above or suggesting different details of application.

It is my firmly-held opinion, however, that our County Council should, if it is able, make the £1.7m. savings as described, knowing full well that the alternative is an additional 1.7p on the County Rate Precept over and above an almost inevitable substantial increase in the pipeline for next year.

Geoffrey Woollard, County Councillor.

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We would like to thank all our friends and parents who supported us at our Christmas Fair, which raised over £150 for school fund, and also all those who worked so hard to make it a success.

We also thank those who gave towards the Blue Peter Cambodian Funds at the close of our Nativity Play. The collection amounted to £30.50p.

We look forward to your continued support in the coming year and wish you all a very Happy New Year.

A.V. Booton.

BOTTISH VILLAGE COLLEGE MUSIC SOCIETY

DATES FOR THE SPRING TERM

FRIDAY 11th JANUARY 1980 at 8 p.m.

A.G.M. and Music and readings from the 17th Century followed by refreshments.

FRIDAY 1st FEBRUARY 1980 at 8 p.m.

Recital for soprano and piano by MARGARET and JOHN DOUGHERTY.

FRIDAY 29th FEBRUARY 1980 at 8 p.m.

Recital by GERALD GIFFORD - HARPSICHORD.

All concerts are open to non-members.

THE STAINE HUNDRED

The next meeting of the Staine Hundred will be on Wednesday, January 9th, when we hope to begin work on a project looking at all aspects of life in the villages of the Staine Hundred in the mid 19th century - schools, farming, shops, public houses etc. The basis for this will be the collection of copies of local records and documents which the Society has already built up. We also hope that some members will continue the work on Bottisham parish records which was begun last year. The meeting will be in the Lecture Room at Bottisham Village College at 7.30 p.m.

RECIPE

CHICKEN AND ALMOND SALAD

Serves 4. No cooking.

12 oz. cooked chicken 1/4 - 1/2 pint mayonnaise
2 sticks celery 2 oz. salted almonds
2 oranges.

Cut chicken into small dice. Chop celery. Peel orange, remove all white pith and membrane, and chop flesh. Cut salted almonds into thin slivers.

Reserve a few salted almonds for decoration, combine and mix the other ingredients, and arrange the salad on a bed of lettuce leaves or on a serving dish. Sprinkle over remaining almonds and chill before serving.

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