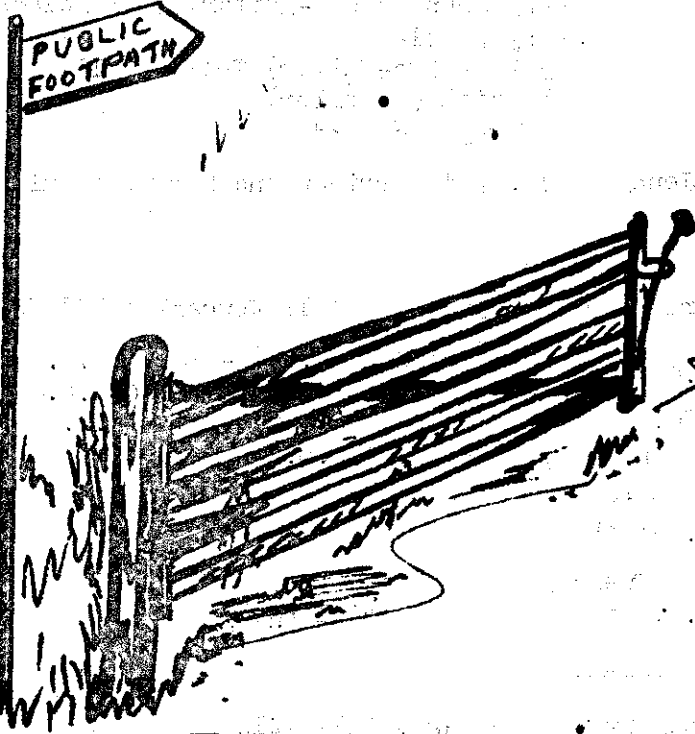


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"OUT OF REACH"

COMMUNITY MAGAZINE

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Editorial

Once again Reach Fair is almost with us, the annual event which puts our usually quiet village "on the map" for outsiders and re-asserts the community spirit for those who live here. You may recall that Harvey wrote his impressions of Reach Fair for "Out of Reach" last year. It would be nice if someone else in the village might feel moved to write an account of their own impressions for next month's issue. I haven't been exactly inundated with material for the magazine since I took over the editorship, and I am sure that everyone will become bored if I write many more articles!

I wonder how many people spotted last month's "April Fool" about the re-levelling of the kerbs on the Green. By some incredible coincidence some Council workmen arrived on the afternoon of April 1st and proceeded to do just that. I know that some people noticed this and it caused some amusement to those concerned!

I am sure that we were all so very sad to learn of the death of David Sargeant last month. The loss was especially tragic as he was only 2½ years old. On behalf of everyone in the village, I would like to extend our heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family at this time.

I would like to welcome the Gainer family to the village, who have recently moved into the flat in Florence Cole's house. Also we offer our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Gainer on the birth of their daughter Kerry Ann. Congratulations also to Barbara Frost of Swaffham Prior who is this year's Miss Reach.

If anyone would like to volunteer to write about Reach Fair, could you let me know beforehand please. I am also hoping to enlist an outsider to write their impressions from a different point of view.

Kay Pote

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Reach Village Centre at 8.00 p.m.

on

Thursday 29th May - Any new members welcome

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I should like to reiterate Kay's thanks to all those people who either knitted for or gave generous donations towards our typewriter fund. A great many people were amazed how successful an evening it turned out to be, both financially and socially though judging by pictures and reports in the press, Albert seems to have enjoyed it the most!

There are still some monies outstanding, but having banked over £116 we have been able to clear our loan from the Parish Council for which we have been most grateful.

H.R.H.

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Bus Timetables

As some changes are still being made to the services, a copy of the up-to-date timetable will be displayed in the village shop as well as in the bus shelters.

Tree Preservation

A tree preservation order has been made by the District Council to preserve the trees along the Burwell Road where the land is being sold for house building.

Annual Audit

As you will have seen from the notices, the accounts etc. may be inspected at the Gaol House, Ely, at 10 a.m. on 8th May.

Planning Applications

Applications to build two houses at 32 Great Lane and to make alterations at White Roses were discussed.

Annual Parish Meeting

This year three members of the public were present as well as the parish councillors and Mrs. Cook. The Chairman gave a summary of the previous year's activities, and the financial statement was adopted.

In her report, Mrs. Cook, our District Councillor, made special reference to the work of the Housing Committee, the chairmanship of which she was resigning; she explained the rotational system of repairs and maintenance to the Council's houses which had been affected by the severe .....



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haphazardness of our worship is quite one of the most desolating and discouraging aspects of our life together.

Incidentally, as I have said before, one of the saddest features of life in this part of England is the almost total disappearance of Evensong. So we shall be trying the experiment of singing it again in St. Mary's on May 18th at 6.00 p.m. And speaking of evening worship, may I say that about 20 members of the congregation of St. George's, Chesterton, will be joining us for the celebration at 7.30 on the evening of Ascension Day, Thursday 15th May. The annual Choir Festival for the Deanery will be held at Fordham at 6.30 on 1st June.

This is perhaps the moment to remind you of the harsh fact that we have a greatly increased Quota to raise this year, no less than £768, or £15 per week, the greater part of which is needed for the training, as also, alas, the payment of the clergy. But once again may I emphasise that we receive back from the diocese three or four times as much as we give.

The only sound way of meeting these costs is either by regular weekly giving in cash, or by means of 7-year covenants, which not only enable the Treasurer to budget for the future but also, of course, to recover tax on the sums promised, no mean consideration. I hope more of you will consider this as a possibility for yourselves. I should be grateful if you would. But to help our funds this year we are holding a Fete on Saturday 12th July (please note the change of date) at 2.30. By the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Cazenove it will be held in the garden of Swaffham Prior Hall.

J.K.B.

Christian Festival

'Jesus Christ is Lord' is the title of a Christian Festival planned for June 1-8, centred on a series of meetings in a Big Tent on Midsummer Common, Cambridge, at which David Watson and his team from York will be proclaiming the good news of Christ in the context of the joy and celebration of our faith. Explanatory literature is available at the back of St. Mary's and St. Etheldreda's.

Lenten Appeal

May we thank the many people who have contributed to the cost of the new scanner needed at Addenbrookes. Should there be any more envelopes to come, could they please be handed to Miss Whitehead, to Mrs. Fuller, or left at the Post Office. The amount contributed at the time of going to press was £33.35.

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From the Vicar contd....

Edwin Muir

I was much pleased that my recent reflections on Muir's grave in the cemetery in Swaffham Prior had encouraged Mrs. Pote to do some research on his work as a poet and critic. You may be interested to know that the care of his grave has now been undertaken by a resident in Swaffham Prior, and should look rather beautiful as the spring and summer advance. Should you wish to make a pilgrimage to the grave, you will find it in the 17th row on the left, and the 6th grave from the centre path. Incidentally, his little book on The Structure of the Novel has just been republished.

Community and Race Relations

On 9th November 1978 the General Synod invited the 42 dioceses of the Church of England to contribute £100,000 a year for 7 years to the Projects Fund of the Community and Race Relations Unit of the British Council of Churches. The Unit is setting up community centres etc. all over England with the aim of helping coloured immigrants to settle down amongst us. Each parish in the diocese of Ely has been invited by its Board of Social Responsibility to contribute £10 towards this crucially important work. The PCC will be considering the matter next month, but if, meanwhile, you feel you could contribute, I should be glad to send your gifts to the Board for forwarding to the British Council.

J.K.B.

Church Cleaning

Please note we shall be cleaning the Church on Friday evenings at 7.00 p.m. in future.

M. Whitehead.

Rogation Sunday

For several hundreds of years, Reach Fair always fell on Rogation Monday. This meant a large congregation at Evensong the night before on Rogation Sunday, with its procession afterwards to bless the fields. May I express the hope that we shall not let this country and Christian custom die merely because the powers that be have chosen to alter the date of the Fair.

J.K.B.

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REACH CONSERVATIVE BRANCH

Next Committee Meeting

Friday 27 May, 1980 at 8 p.m.

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Although we call it a committee meeting it is the only regular local meeting, apart from the A.G.M., and others who are interested are welcome to ask me about coming along. J. Biggs.





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SHIRE HALL TITBITS

This is the Annual Parish Meeting season, and I devote my contribution to Out of Reach this month to a couple of issues that I touch on in my general reports to these village gatherings.

The Cambridgeshire Lodes have remained under considerable threat and though a temporary reprieve from destruction has been granted by the Anglian Water Authority due to indecision and shortage of money, I believe that it is utterly vital for all parishioners of Reach working together with the Parish, District and County Councils, to remain both watchful and interested.

The Water Authority's programme for maintenance (or lack of it) causes me concern, and I am particularly worried that general neglect will lead to another period when lack of interest by the Community could lead in turn to an atmosphere in which those that would destroy our Lodes have a better chance of success. If we, the community both near and far, are not seen to value our unique heritage and amenity then the days of our Lodes are numbered. New "Don't ditch our Lodes" badges are now on sale, price 30p, on application to me or several others.

The County Council has raised its Rate Precept by 19p in the £ for 1980/81 and, together with the District rate of 6.2 in the £ and the Parish rate of 1.9 in the £, the total rate bill for residents will be 114.1p in the £ less the Domestic Rate Relief of 18.5 for dwelling houses and 9p for mixed hereditaments. This is a real shocker, but I will defend the County's action by telling you that the Authority is concentrating a larger percentage of its resources on its front line. More Police, more firemen, more teachers in some areas, and more social workers, following the opening of another new home for the elderly.

On the other hand, Shire Hall is cutting - probably not enough yet - in the Central Departments, and in Education, Social Services and Highways, manpower, administrative and other office and running expenses are being cut. We are also slashing the Planning Department and reducing the number of people involved in what is called Consumer Protection, but which today consists of anything from Weights and Measures Inspection to keeping an eye on dirty films! I sometimes think we could get by without any of this activity at all. Though the Council has had a rebuff regarding...

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school transport charges and will have to find another £1m. from somewhere, the changes in school meals, prices and content, are expected to produce very substantial savings in financial terms and possible further reductions in staffing. I would also mention that, like the District Council, the County is continuing to divest itself of property that is no longer vital to its survival.

More news next month - perhaps readers of Out of Reach could let me know what they wish to hear about with regard to County Council matters.

Geoffrey Woollard,  
County Councillor.

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SWAFFHAM PRIOR FEAST

On Saturday 17th May the Village Hall Committee are staging a fair on Town Close in Swaffham Prior.

Apart from the usual range of stalls, pony rides and sideshows there will be a number of other attractions - a Punch and Judy Show, a display by the Fire Brigade, a troupe of buskers, a piano wrecking and a beer tent.

There will also be a knockout Tug of War contest for which teams are welcome. Anyone wishing to enter a team should contact either Derek Manning, New Bungalow, Green Head Road, Swaffham Prior, tel: Newmarket 742173 or Finn O'Dowd, 29 Fairview Grove, Swaffham Prior.

In the evening there is a dance in the Village Hall to the music of Nice 'N' Easy, a country and western band.

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PARENTS & FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL

Forthcoming Events

- Sunday 18th May - SPONSORED WALK
- Saturday 21st June - SUMMER FAIR
- Saturday 27th September - SCHOOL DANCE

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Edwin Muir Part II

Edwin Muir's happiest years were those he spent travelling with his wife around Europe. They lived in Germany, Italy and Austria, before returning to England for the birth of their only child, Gavin. They lived in several places including some years in Hampstead, where Muir came to know several of the "new poets" who were writing at that time including Auden, Spender and Day Lewis. Then followed a spell when they lived in Scotland at St. Andrews and Edinburgh. During these years Edwin and Willa continued their translating work, though of course, Edwin Muir was writing poetry too. Their most important work were the translations of Franz Kafka, the Czech novelist. These formed a considerable contribution to English literature by popularising the writer in this country. Eventually Muir came to regard the translating of German books into English as a meaningless way of life, and in 1942 he began to work for the British Council for eight happy years. He felt that he was now doing something useful. He was Director of the British Institute, first in Prague, then in Rome. He was working in Prague when, in 1948, the Iron Curtain fell there, and the Russians took over the country and Czechoslovakia became part of the Communist regime. He was closely observed by the Russians at this time, and his friends gradually found it safer to avoid his company!

In 1950 the Muirs returned to Britain for the last time, this time to Edinburgh where Edwin Muir was Warden of Newbattle Abbey College until his retirement. It was then, in 1956, that Edwin and Willa Muir and their son, came to live in Swaffham Prior for the last three years of his life. They bought Priory Cottage, which was the first home of their own that they had ever had. The reason why they chose Swaffham Prior to live in, is something that I have not been able to discover. As far as I know, the only person now living in the village who remembers the Muirs, is Mrs. Menzies-Kitchen of Knights Manor. It is heartening to learn that Edwin Muir was happy there, and praised the village. In a letter to T.S. Eliot he wrote:-

"The little house is very charming and we have fallen in love with it. It is in a pleasant village and looks out on two ruined church towers, each set on a little Knoll of its own; one of them damaged by lightning sometime, and the other by time itself. The neighbours are kind, and the village shop is next door. I confess that sometimes I have a slightly sinking feeling, knowing that I have nothing to do but write, and must depend upon it. But I feel it will be alright."

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Edwin Muir contd..

He did write a good deal while living in the village. These poems are included in "Collected Poems" published after his death. He died in January 1959 at the age of seventy-one, and is buried in the cemetery behind the church. His wife outlived him by eleven years, and, although she returned to Scotland after her husband's death, she is buried with him. The inscription on the gravestone reads:- "his unblinded eyes saw far and near the fields of Paradise."

The quotation is from his poem "Milton". His death was grieved by many both in and outside the literary world. Although it was late in his life before his quiet voice made much impression, it is likely that his compelling words will live on when most of the work of contemporary poets is forgotten.

One of his most famous admirers was T.S. Eliot, whose admiration helped the growth of his fame. He referred to him as "a shy man of genius". If, hopefully, anyone feels moved to read some of Edwin Muir's poems, they will be found to be full of vision and symbolism, and a sense of affinity with those who feel bewildered by the problems of our times. He seemed to have an enormous fund of new things to say and was a prolific writer. For those who are interested here is a shortened list of his books:-

- An Autobiography
- First Poems )
- Journeys and Places ) These 6 volumes of poetry are
- The Narrow Place ) published entirely or in part
- The Voyage ) in "Collected Poems".
- The Labyrinth )
- One Foot in Eden )

Selected Poems (made and introduced by T.S. Eliot). This is considered to be Muir's greatest poem, and in fact one of the greatest modern poems. K. Pote

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Barely a twelvemonth after  
The seven days war that put the world to sleep,  
Late in the evening the strange horses came.  
By then we had made our covenant with silence,  
But in the first few days it was so still  
We listened to our breathing and were afraid.  
On the second day  
The radios failed; we turned the knobs; no answers  
On the third day a warship passed us, heading north,  
Dead bodies piled on the deck. On the sixth day  
A plane plunged over us into the sea. Thereafter  
Nothing. The radios dumb;  
And still they stand in corners of our kitchens,  
And stand, perhaps, turned on, in a million rooms  
All over the world. But now if they should speak,  
If on a sullen they should speak again,  
If on the stroke of noon a voice should speak,  
We would not listen, we would not let it bring  
The old bad world that swallowed its children quick  
At one great gulp. We would not have it again.  
Sometimes we think of the nations lying asleep,  
Curled blindly in impenetrable sorrow,  
And then the thought confounds us with its strangeness.  
The tractors lie about our fields: at evening  
They look like dark sea-monsters couched and waiting.  
We leave then where they are and let them rust:  
'They'll moulder away and be like other loam'.  
We make our oxen drag our rusty ploughs,  
Long laid aside - We have gone back  
Far past our fathers' land.  
Late in the summer the strange horses came. And then, that evening  
We heard a distant tapping on the road,  
A deepening drumming: it stopped, went on again  
And at the corner changed to hollow thunder.  
We saw the heads  
Like a wild wave charging and were afraid.  
We had sold our horses in our fathers' time  
To buy new tractors. Now they were strange to us  
As fabulous steeds set on an ancient shield  
Or illustrations in a book of Knights.  
We did not dare go near them. Yet they waited,  
Stubborn and shy, as if they had been sent  
By an old command to find our whereabouts  
And that long-lost archaic companionship.        contd.....



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Kay Pote

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During the morning the fourteen other clubs in the Federation will be competing against each other in the various static display competitions including flower arrangements, cookery, handicraft, art, woodwork, metalwork and stock judging.

In the afternoon there will be the ring events and various attractions for the general public.

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THIS MONTHS RECIPE

Hungarian Cabbage Rolls

Steam a whole cabbage until just tender and separate leaves. Mix 1 lb. minced beef with 1 egg, 4oz. cooked rice, 1 large chopped onion and seasoning. Roll a small amount of this mixture in each cabbage leaf and tuck in the ends. Mix a 15oz. tin of sauerkraut with half a 10oz. tin of tomato and onion sauce and 2oz. of brown sugar. Pour into an ovenproof dish. Put the cabbage rolls over the sauerkraut and pour the remaining sauce over them. Cover dish. Bake at Mark 3, 325°F for 1½ - 2 hours, until beef is cooked.

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SWAFFHAM PRIOR PLAYGROUP

A Coffee Morning has been arranged for Wednesday 14th May from 10.30 a.m. - 12 noon, at the home of Mrs. Beryl Clinch, 52 Green Head Road, Swaffham Prior. Cake Stall, Raffle etc. Donations would be gratefully received. All very welcome.

There will be a meeting of the Playgroup in Swaffham Prior School on Thursday 22nd May 1980 at 7.00 p.m. to discuss future fund raising events.



REACH FAIR PROGRAMME 1980

Saturday 3rd May

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Monday 5th May

REACH FAIR opened by Mayor of Cambridge - 12 noon.

MAYPOLE DANCING

Friday 9th May

OPEN DARTS TOURNAMENT - Reach Village Centre

Saturday 10th May

CLAY PIGEON SHOOT at Manor Farm, Reach.

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The Crookenden Cup for the best shot in the Parish.

SAUSAGE SUPPER in the Village Centre

Sunday 11th May

Dog Show - Reach Green

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REACH SPORTS DAY

MAY 26th 1980 - SPRING BANK HOLIDAY

being organised by Reach Sports Club

Programme of Events

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5 - 8 years incl. ) any theme/subject
- 2.30 p.m. SPORTS  
the usual programme of events
- 4.30 p.m. REACH VILLAGE TEA  
Provided by the Village Centre Committee with donations gratefully received - a free tea for the children but there is usually enough for the adults as well.
- 5.30 p.m. DECORATED PRAM/PUSHCHAIR RACES  
Two team members - one push, one ride - prize for the best turnout and winners  
Age groups 9 years - 16 years  
16 years and over
- 6.00 p.m. SLOW BICYCLE RACE - NEW EVENT  
See how long it takes you to cover 50m. without putting your feet down, using stabilisers or fixed wheels.
- 6.30 p.m. VILLAGE GAMES - on the Green  
Musical chairs and Passing the Parcel organised by 'Uncle Bill'.
- 7.00 p.m. REACH JUNIOR MARATHON
- 7.20 p.m. REACH SENIOR MARATHON: OPEN
- 7.40 p.m. REACH LADIES MARATHON: OPEN - by popular request

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