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COMMUNITY MAGAZINE

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EDITORIAL

Although this month's and next month's issues of the magazine are "skeleton" issues I have been pleased to receive two unexpected contributions. John Robinson has written news of a former resident, Jeremy Patterson, who will be known to many of you. I was also delighted to receive through my letterbox a charming anonymous poem in praise of Reach. My thanks to the writer of it. Next month I will take a break and Janet Biggs will edit the magazine, as she so kindly does each September. If material comes to me as usual, I will pass it on to her.

I expect that most people are glad to learn that the Lodes are to be retained, the cost being met jointly by the Ministry of Agriculture and the Anglian Water Authority. It is heartening that this decision was reached mainly through the campaign of strong objections from local people.

Congratulations to John and Jenny Reed on the birth of their son, Thomas, at the end of May. I am sorry not to have mentioned this in last month's issue, but it was brought to my notice too late for inclusion. Welcome to the Candian family who have recently moved into Ditchfield. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Eldred Harrison who recently became grandparents to Mark Edward born at Peterborough. Congratulations also to David Blocksage who was the winner of the Reach Junior Fishing Match.

Mrs. Tierney would like everyone to note that the shop is now closed on Saturday afternoons, but is open on Sunday mornings from 9.00.am. until 12.00 noon.

Happy holidays, with hopefully better weather, to all those going away next month.

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FROM THE VICAR - continued

Certainly, if I may say so, this is the basic principle adopted in our school here, which bases its teaching on the current Cambridgeshire syllabus, and it is thoroughly covered. But two things need to be said about all schools and syllabuses. First, though I haven't yet seen the Avon Syllabus referred to, all syllabuses need a lot of local adaption to make them workable in the local situation; secondly, no syllabus is of any use unless taught with genuine conviction by those prepared to be publicly counted as Christians. And we are fortunate to be able to rely on this conviction here.

The much more serious question we have to ask ourselves, if we are concerned about commital to a Christian society, is why faithful teaching in the school bears so little visible fruit in weekly worship. Even the inadequacy of the vicar, and the oddity of those already worshipping, hardly accounts for it.

J.K.B.

We have been asked to publish the following:-

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Do you ever listen to the sermon on Sunday? If so, can you remember last week's? What was the aim of the preacher, and did he achieve it? What was good about it, and what parts of it could you improve? Did you agree with all that he said?

The problem with all these questions is that we seldom have an opportunity of getting together with others to find out what THEY think and feel, and we cannot make a really useful comment on the teaching we receive and it is neither customary, nor correct, to interrupt a sermon. So often for many of us the sermon is the only teaching we have in our Faith, and it would be so much better if we could answer back, and share our own views and feelings about the things which face us each day.

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years) - each course is different to suit different people with varying needs and interests. Most meetings take place in or near St. James's Church, Cambridge, and if you are interested to find out a bit more of the kind of courses which are being offered starting in the autumn (refresher courses - or perhaps 'brush-up' courses from the Bible to prayer, from modern scientific technology to music) why not get a prospectus* - ring Cambridge 45823 or write to the Enrolment Secretary, 2 Bowers Croft, Cambridge CB1 4RP.

We would welcome you, and are quite sure you would enjoy the course. It might help you to have even more to say about the Sermon on Sunday!

* (One of these is available at the back of St. Mary's.)

FROM THE CHURCHES

Worship in August - St. Mary's and Reach

3rd TRINITY IX
8.00.a.m. Holy Communion (Reach)
9.30.a.m. Matins and Eucharist (St. Mary's)
6.30.p.m. Evensong (Reach)

10th TRINITY X
9.30.a.m. Parish Communion (St. Mary's - Swaffham
Bulbeck worshipping with us)
11.00.a.m. Family Communion (Reach)
6.30.p.m. Evensong (St. Mary's)

17th, 24th, 31st TRINITY XI, XII, XIII
9.30.a.m. Parish Communion (St. Mary's)
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6.30.p.m. Evensong (St. Mary's)

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As your representative on the County Council, I often get complaints regarding the various activities of Shire Hall and its departments. Obviously, many of these matters are private and, when appropriate, are treated very confidentially according to my constituents' wishes.

An example of a more public worry is the effect of Dutch Elm disease on the trees that border the B1102, notably between Lode and Quy. The problem, which I ought to have noticed myself, is that at least six trees have died, and might pose a threat to motorists should branches fall. It was drawn to my attention by a member of Bottisham Parish Council and I in turn mentioned it to the County Surveyor's office at Ely. The tree experts will take it from there and the usual form is to contact the owners (if any) who will be asked to remove the danger. Trees on the highway verge are dealt with directly by the County.

I am so pleased that Lode and Quy have got 40mph speed limits on their sections of the B1102. I hope all will observe them as almost everyone in Lode, for example, crosses the road, and here I think especially of the children going to the Village Collge. I appear to have concentrated on highway matters this month, but they and the B1102 are important to many people and a large proportion of the commuters in my electoral division, including Reach, use the road to Cambridge. We must ensure that they do so safely.

Lastly, humble apologies for being responsible for the partial demolition of two road signs in Burwell Road. We have had a remarkably unproductive hay-making time this year and a bad piece of width judgment didn't help! Thank goodness for insurance - once again.

Geoffrey Woollard, County Councillor

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Parents and Friends of Swaffham Prior School

An invitation to all Parents and Friend

An OPEN MEETING will be held on Monday, September 15th at 7.30.p.m. This meeting will discuss ways of raising funds in the coming year to help the school buy essential books and equipment. If you have any ideas, opinions or talent for raising money
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Aqualympics - September 13th

Mark the afternoon of Saturday September 13th down in the diary as an afternoon of fun for the family, and especially children. Beginning at 3.30.p.m. at Bottisham Pool there will be an afternoon of watersports in which teams of children will be competing in sometimes the craziest of competitions! There will be 20 other sideshows also, such as a Fire Engine Display, etc., and the event will finish with a monster barbecue at about 6.00.p.m. After this people who would like to stay on for the evening can do so - the pool will be floodlit and open for swimming. Admission programmes will be on sale in mid-August.

Children's teams for the watersports will be forming for the villages during the summer holidays, and we shall be contacting primary schools when school begins again. If your child hasn't got involved and would like to take part in the fun in the water just bring a swimsuit along that afternoon: there will be a scratch team made up then and there for last minute entrants.

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JEREMY PATTERSON B.Tech

Sometimes it's nice to hear news of people who have left the village and I thought some readers might be pleased to hear the 'latest' about Jeremy Patterson, formerly of Ditchfields.

Many of you will remember that he was a member of the Village Centre Committee and for a time its Secretary and Chief Darts Tournament Organiser! He was always one of those willing helpers and he was missed greatly when he left for University.

I wasn't really surprised that he decided to continue with his studies. After spending many weekends driving my tractors it came as no shock when he announced that he was off to Bradford to study Agricultural Engineering! What's more he did so well with his 'A' levels that David Brown sponsored him.

Now, four years later, he has obtained a First Class Honours Degree in Mechanical Engineering. Next year he is off to Silsoe (The National College of Engineering) where he will work for his Masters Degree. Jeremy still visits us occasionally - usually armed with 'David Brown' tractor pamphlets and needless to say a few worthy remarks on machinery maintenance.

J.R.

THIS MONTH'S RECIPE

Summer Chicken Salad

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| 2½lb cooked chicken | 4oz stuffed olives |
| 6oz rice | ¼ pint mayonnaise |
| 15oz can peach slices | Seasoning |
| 9½oz can beansprouts or ½lb fresh bean sprouts | |
| 2 large green apples | 2tbsp chopped parsley |
| | paprika pepper. |

Cook rice and cool. Remove flesh from the chicken in large pieces. Mix with drained peaches (keep juice), cored and sliced apples, beansprouts and olives. Blend the mayonnaise with the peach juice (sufficient to make a thinnish dressing) and mix into the chicken mixture. Season. Stir parsley into the rice and arrange round the edge of serving dish. Fill the centre with the chicken mixture. Sprinkle with paprika and chill before serving.

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