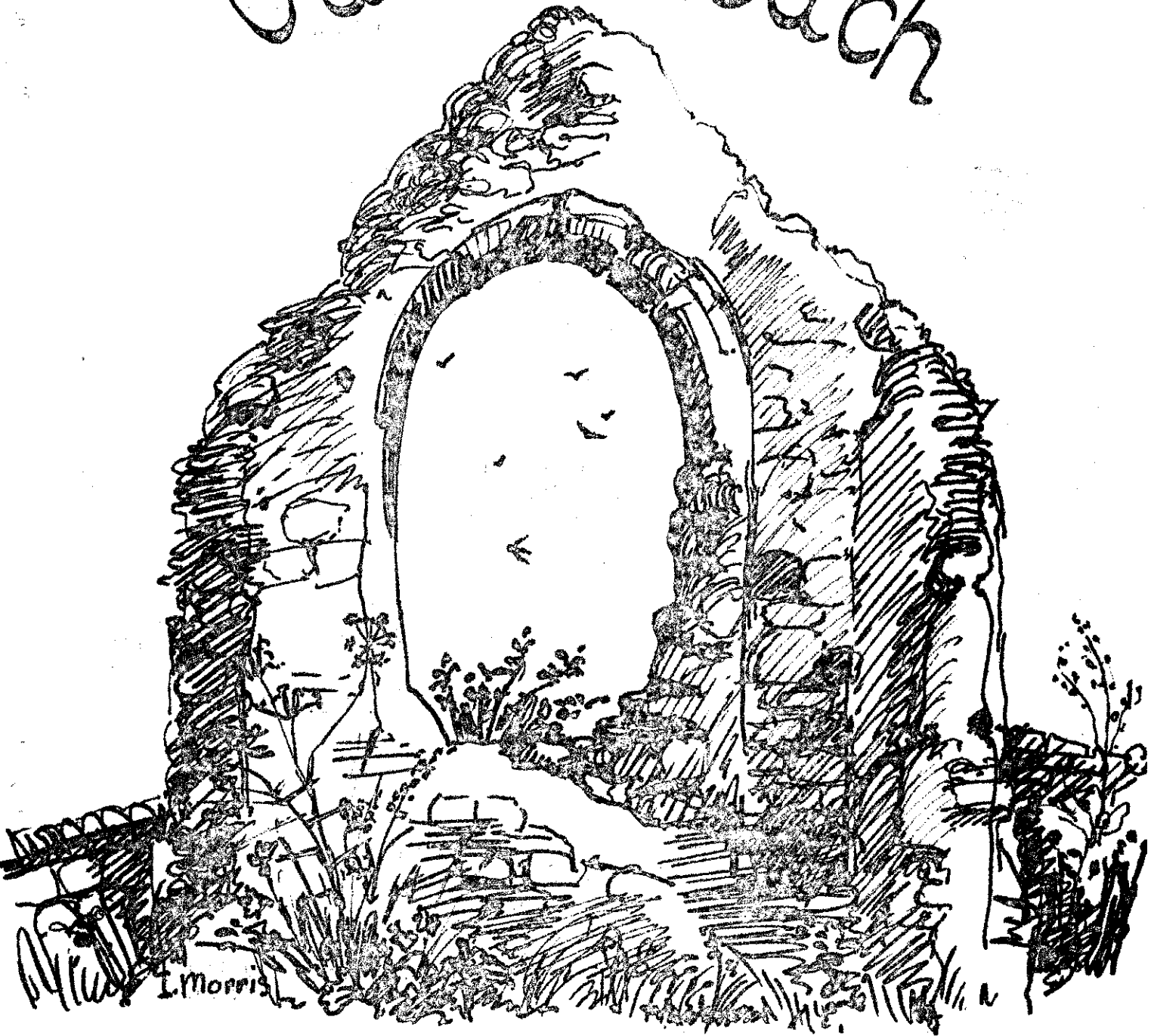


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COMMUNITY MAGAZINE

Issue No: 1

SEPTEMBER 1976

Editor's Foreword

Let me immediately confess that I am a complete amateur, entering the field of editorship with trepidation. I hope to present a magazine which is interesting, informative and amusing.

This first issue brings us recent village news and introduces key people and bodies concerned with the village. Our future success depends upon the willingness of everyone to contribute articles, letters and short items and to give constructive criticism. Everyone in the village is a potential contributor. I am akin to the lazy lassie of the Scottish proverb, who directed 'come reach me this, come reach me that'. The most apparent editorial difficulty is to fit information received into space available - hence the unavoidable shortening of articles submitted for this issue. There are 250 - 300 words per page, so I would be grateful if contributors would bear this in mind.

Our thanks go to all those who have helped practically, financially and verbally in the launching of this project and to the first contributors. Particular thanks are given to Mr. K. Pratt of Swaffham Bulbeck and Mrs. Booton of Swaffham Prior School, who have made duplicators available to us, and to Pat Harrison who is typing the stencils, and to Iris Morris and Clarrissa Cochran for their cover designs.

We are still short of duplicator operators, needed for the last Wednesday afternoon in each month. Volunteers - please contact me.

Here's to an enthusiastic response and issue no. 2!

Jenny Johnson.

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"Not another!" - This was the reaction I expected when I approached various firms whom I thought may advertise in our new magazine; many of the firms already advertise very generously in other established magazines.

However, I am very pleased to announce that, with the help and generosity of the various establishments approached, you - the whole village of Reach - are able to read this new community magazine. At the outset we thought that about £50 would be required to buy paper and get it "on it's feet". Every firm and person approached agreed to contribute - something for which we as villagers, having a new magazine to read, are very grateful.

If anyone would like to advertise items we have a "small ads" section - please use it; it may allow you to get rid of that "white elephant", and it will only cost you 10p per month. Any other advertising, i.e. functions etc. for various associations or clubs will be able to have limited space free of charge.

I trust everyone will help to make this magazine the success it deserves to be, because it not only needs money to run, but other contributions. It costs you nothing to have your name, ideas and comments in print!

Harvey Harrison.

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Parish Council News

We have an almost unbroken record of coming last in our section of the Best Kept Village Competition. Would everyone take a critical look at their properties, with the aim of giving the village a face lift? So often very little work transforms overgrown gardens and dilapidated exteriors. Efforts are being made to tidy up the Chapel and the Parish Council have accepted 50 trees for autumn planting at the following sites:

around the new cemetery (10 Limes)  
between Ditchfield and the railway bridge (6 hornbeam)  
on the village green (Beech, 2 near the Dyke, 2 either side swings)  
on the Drying Green (2 Silver Birch, 2 Cherry)  
along the Hythe (15 assorted)  
at the end of Chapel Lane (1 Birch)  
on private properties (10)

Help with planting would be welcome and it has been suggested that local children, perhaps working in pairs, should 'adopt' trees to ensure regular watering. We hope the water situation will have improved by then!

The proposed alteration of the Village Green, involving the replacement of the bisecting road by another at the Dyke End, has been approved by the Parish Council and in outline, by the County Council - providing that funds can be allocated. Opinions on this project would be welcomed by the magazine.

There have been some requests for a 30 m.p.h. speed limit through the village. Air your views in the magazine!

Harvey Harrison is now the Parish Council representative on the Bottisham Village College Committee, replacing Don Fuller who has resigned.

Parish Council meetings are held at the Village Hall on the first Friday of each month at 7.30 p.m.

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Reach Village Hall

It is pleasant to be able to talk to everyone through the medium of this magazine.

As you are probably aware, the restoration of the Hall began two years ago after a public meeting called by Reach Parish Council. As the Parish Council did not want the responsibility of raising the necessary cash to repair it, a committee was formed from a well attended public meeting to carry out the restoration work. Consequently many money raising events have been held. I thank everyone for their support and help over the past 2 years.

We have, as usual, with a committee such as ours, had our "ups and downs". This is only to be expected when remembering that all work is entirely voluntary and anyone can withdraw their support at any time.

My main aim as chairman is to see that the task I was elected to carry out is completed, leaving Reach with a Community Centre to be proud of.

My one disappointment is that after one season the Young People's Club was disbanded. I hope that this autumn it will be reformed.

Last but not least, I wish this magazine well and hope it will turn out to be a very successful venture.

John O. Robinson

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Village Hall Committee Meeting - 19th July 1976

The upkeep of the hall was the main topic. Committee members are striving to obtain central heating and new furniture for the hall. It is hoped, also, to put in a new ceiling and renovate the floor. More community help would be greatly appreciated with the general maintenance as the tasks normally are left to dedicated committee members. (Contact Mrs. J. Harrison).

Table Tennis. Are there sufficient people interested in a weekly, evening session at the village hall? Would be players should contact any committee member or attend our next meeting and voice an opinion.

Guy Fawkes' Night. Last year's festivities were so successful we want to organise an even better evening this year. The suggestion is to form a pool of interested families and detail fathers to collect weekly sums towards fireworks, mothers to provide food, and children to collect firewood. (Contact John Robinson for information or come to our next meeting).

Raising Funds. "Cash Bingo" is held every Tuesday night. Another dog show is planned for 19th September with evening band. A fishing competition is being organised, details later. The successful "Country and Western" held recently is shortly to be followed by a "Pork and Punch" Tramps' Ball.

There may be a drive soon for waste paper, as it now sells at £8 per ton.

Committee News. Mr. Jeremy Patterson has resigned his post as secretary, owing to educational commitments. He is warmly thanked for the valuable work he has done for the village. Mr. Mike Lamb takes his place.

Next meeting of the Village Hall Committee - to be arranged.

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FOR PROMPT SERVICE

From the Vicar,

I'm very grateful for the privilege of space in this first issue of Out of Reach, and I think I speak for the folk in Swaffham Prior when I say we wish the venture well. 'Out of Reach' was a particularly happy inspiration for a name, which may in fact prove unexpectedly fruitful in future as a reminder of its purpose. Communities are deeply mysterious things, and none more mysterious than the Kingdom of Reach. They are always 'out of reach'; that is their mystery. Yet it is always out of the mystery of their hidden centre that worthwhile ventures come. 'Out of Reach' will therefore probably do its best work if it seeks to reflect the common life of the village, and makes its members more aware of the astonishing richness and variety of its human ingredients and ideals.

Perhaps I should add that its appearance will make the old Parish Magazine redundant in Reach. We had already decided we could no longer afford the losses involved in producing it in its present form beyond the end of this year. We hope, therefore, to use the School facilities, generously made available by Mrs. Booton, to produce our own village magazine. 'The Sign' and 'Contact' will be available in the two churches monthly. Meanwhile, we should be grateful if present subscribers would pay for their magazines till the end of the year.

So once again we wish you well.

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In this your first issue of "Out of Reach" I would like to wish your venture well on behalf of all the readers of The Bulbeck Beacon, which has been such a successful magazine here. It is a brave thing to start a village magazine, but if people are willing to contribute ideas and articles and keep their ears to the ground for something of interest, then success follows. Your Editor seems very keen to get it going and other favourable remarks come along the village's grapevine! Anyway, we of Swaffham Bulbeck wish you every success in making "Out of Reach" a magazine to be picked up and read as soon as it gets through the letter box.

Yours sincerely,

Penny Woodroffe  
Editor of Bulbeck Beacon

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I am very glad to give a warm welcome to 'Out of Reach', and to wish it a long life and every success. I am sure it will be of great interest to you all, and that it will be instrumental in strengthening community life in the village.

I have been your District Councillor for the past three years, and have been pleased to attend your Parish Council meetings and to give help and advice where I can. The District Council is responsible for Housing, Planning and all matters concerned with Environmental Health, so if any of you have queries or problems which you consider are the business of the District Council, you are welcome to contact me at my home at any time.

With best wishes,

Councillor Mrs. Margaret Cook  
(address see inside cover)

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MORE CONGRATULATIONS

My heartiest congratulations to all concerned in this splendid production. Having been involved in the conception of three community magazines, I am convinced that there is no better method of fostering a good community spirit (already first-class in Reach), and getting news round quickly to the whole neighbourhood. A further advantage is that the village's news and issues will now have a much wider circulation with considerable attendant advantage - for example, when we are campaigning about the Lodes we have a perfect vehicle in "Out of Reach" for our comments.

I propose to write a little column each month entitled "Shire Hall Titbits"(!) to bring you the latest news from Cambridgeshire County, but in the meantime, here is a list of the County Council's main activities - Education, Social Services (but not Social Security), Highways and Transport, Smallholdings, some Planning, Libraries, Police Administration, the Fire and Rescue Service, and a number of lesser activities. If anyone has a query on any of these matters, I would be delighted to attempt to help in any way that I can.

A personal note

I do thank most sincerely all those kind people who have wished me well in my bid for the Conservative nomination in the forthcoming Cambridge

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Geoffrey Woollard,  
County Councillor.  
(address see inside cover)

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GENERAL INFORMATION

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A little reminder on the part of Farmers in particular. We still need a great deal of rain before the danger of fires - so easily started and so difficult to confine - is lessened.

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1 tablespoon hot water

Method

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2. Pour evaporated milk into ice tray or small loaf tin
3. Stir in the castor sugar and vanilla essence
4. Dissolve the powdered gelatine in the hot water over a gentle heat.
5. Stir into the milk
6. Place in the freezing compartment and leave until crystals begin to form.
7. Turn into basin and beat until stiff
8. Pour back into ice tray and freeze

Maisie Whitehead.

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