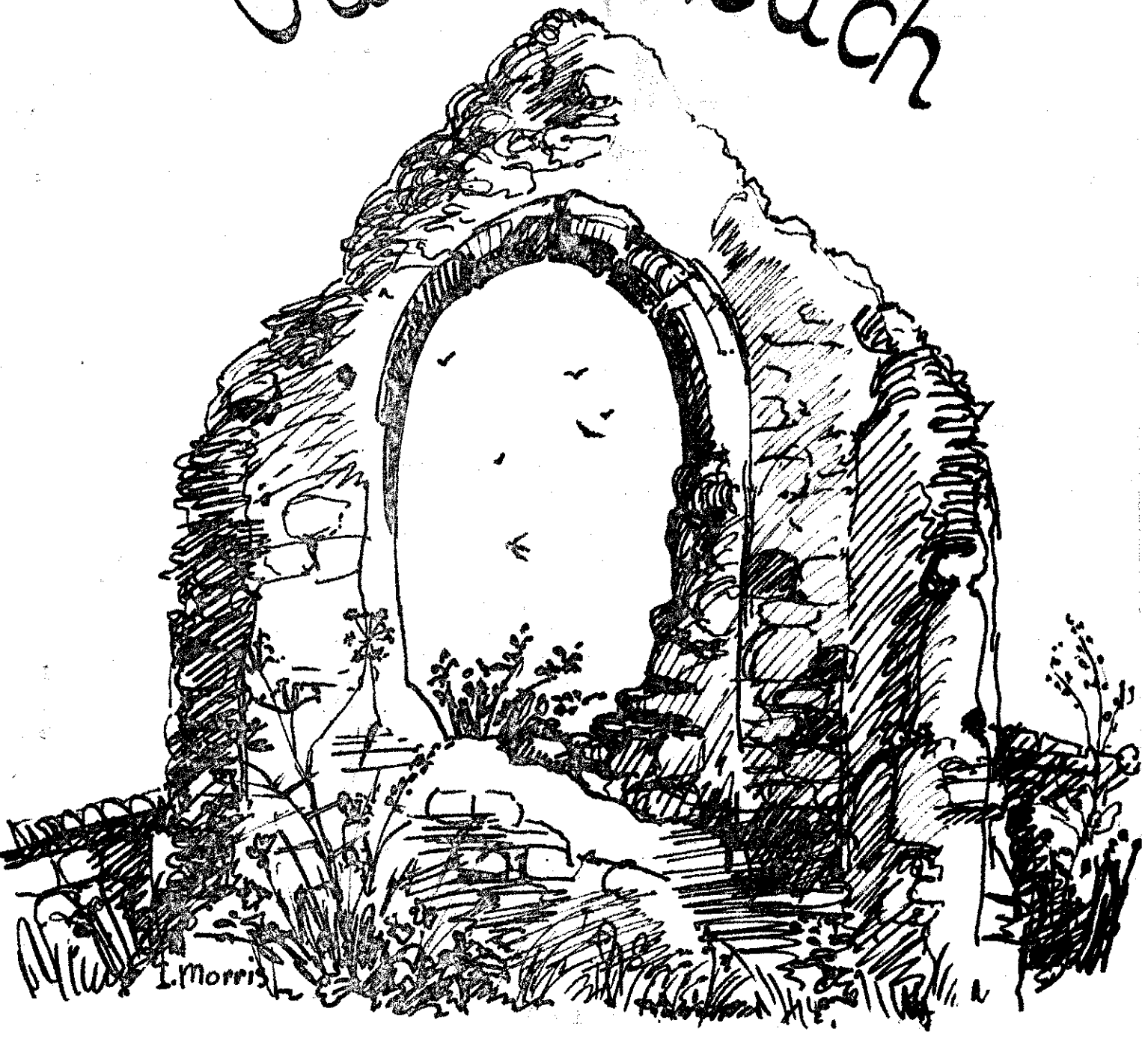


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EDITOR'S APPEAL!

No doubt next month will be one of family gatherings and parties. I thought it might be a good idea if we included in our December issue a selection of fireside and other games for all ages. So, if you have a family favourite which others might enjoy, please let me have the instructions by November 15th, at the latest.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

We have received a number of complaints concerning the appearance of the new street names. The council have been in touch with Bruce Lorimer of the District Council. No decision has yet been reached as the matter had to be referred to another section.

The County Surveyor has recently informed us that the severe cuts on public spending, which includes funds for highway purposes, have made the construction of a new road at the top of the Green impossible. The request will be kept on file for future consideration.

There is concern over the potential danger to pedestrians, especially small children, as a result of cyclists travelling too fast through Little Lane. If you must cycle along here please give more consideration and warning to pedestrians, particularly at the blind bends.

It was asked whether the Memorial Railings could be moved, as they could be harmful to children. As no child has yet been hurt since these were erected it was agreed that these should stay.

A sign is to be erected on the swings stating that these are not for the use of adults.

The Parish Council are arranging a public meeting for the 8th November in the schoolroom at 7.00 p.m. to discuss the Queen's Silver Jubilee Celebrations in June. The Parish Council has been asked to raise £29 towards the County target of £63,000. Do you think this is a worthy expenditure? Do you think any special village functions should mark the occasion? Should commemorative coins or something similar be distributed to the village children? We hope that as many of you as possible will come on November 8th to give your opinions and suggestions.

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VILLAGE CENTRE

The heating is installed and working very well, making the centre far more comfortable for all activities.

We are still struggling though for the support that we know you can give - HELP us to HELP you to HELP YOUR CENTRE and yourselves - support village functions!

Functions

On the last Friday in November there will be a Tramps Supper. A licenced bar and cold buffet will be available for all to feast. Music will be arranged later.

Keep a sharp eye open for jumble sale notices.

The hall has recently been let on a monthly basis to another auctioneer. We now have two auctions operating in the hall.

Treasurer's Report

Proceeds from Dog Show in September: £11.26.

The first Pork and Punch night was held in the Village Centre on October 8th, with Country and Western Singers, Willy and the Ploughmen entertaining. A raffle was held. Mike Lamb won a bottle of Whisky, Mr. Estell a box of chocolates and Mrs. Whayman a box of groceries.

We would like to thank Mr. A. Johnson for donating the lovely roast Pork, and all those who attended.

Income from the evening: £32.58.

Next meeting of the Village Centre Committee - November 3rd at Joyce Harrison's.

Don't forget everyone is welcome.

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VILLAGE HALL CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

It doesn't seem a month since I last put pen to paper but during that time a lot has happened.

As Mike Lamb has reported, the heating is installed and working efficiently. Thanks to the prompt action of our newest parishioner, Mr. Bridgeman, the work was completed before the cold weather set in.

During October the lettings of the Hall increased and I feel that at last the Hall is becoming accepted as part of village life. It is a little sad however that, with one or two exceptions, only the older families have suggested social functions, such as the Pork and Punch evening. Opportunities are being lost by newer residents to take an active part in village activities. I hope that these comments will stimulate discussion and further suggestions about the sort of functions which would appeal!

Our caterers reached their usual high standard for the Pork and Punch evening which was not unlike a harvest supper. The response of those present promises success for the November Tramps Ball!

John Robinson.

SHIRE HALL TITBITS

With the very tight financial situation facing Shire Hall at present, some of my colleagues and myself are scrutinising very carefully some of the County Council's activities. We are looking, for instance, at the 47,000 acre Smallholdings Estate, and it is clear to me that it isContd.

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impossible to regard this in any way as a commercial enterprise, and I am putting forward the view that a reduction in its size over a period with a consequent increase in owner-occupation of the small farms involved, would mean no harm for agriculture, and could help the Council's finances. It is a complicated issue though, and as there are several Council Smallholdings tenants in Reach, I would welcome any local viewpoint.

Geoffrey Woollard,
County Councillor.

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ALL ARE WELCOME to a preliminary meeting about the Carol Service on Sunday 7th November, in Church at 11.00 a.m.

The first rehearsal will be on Saturday 27th November in Church at 2.30 p.m.

- MUMS AND DADS - please bring your little ones if they can learn a simple carol.
- CHILDREN - please bring instruments you play, especially recorders.

Let me know if you would like to take part but are unable to come on Sunday 7th.

Janet Biggs,
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CHURCH NOTES

Worship this month will be as usual. November 14th is Remembrance Sunday. The Deanery Eucharist is being held at Soham on Sunday December 5th at 10.00 a.m. The Bishop will be present and will probably commission the new rural Dean. On that Sunday there will be the usual celebration at Reach at 8.00 a.m., but not the later service at St. Mary's.

PAINTING EXHIBITION

Villagers will be interested to hear that Clarissa Cochran will be having an exhibition of her paintings, mainly in and around Reach, at the Dick Abbott Art Gallery, Burwell (opposite Dr. Elliott's) from November 8th to 28th. We hope it will be a great success for her!

POLAR SUMMER

Returning to an England baked brown by this extraordinary summer was a shock: only 14 hours before landing in a temperature in the 80s, I had been snatching an hour's sleep, in a light frost, on the beach at Longearbyen (the most northerly settlement in the world) after crossing one of the world's stormiest bits of water. We had come to regard anything rising to near freezing point as rather hot.

It had all started two years ago. Plans for a scientific expedition to Baffin Island had come to a sticky end through lack of money, but we had the expertise, the people and the will to mount a major expedition to the Polar regions. I half jokingly suggested to the other leaders that Spitsbergen might be worth looking at - after all, it is about as near the North Pole as you can get without taking to the sea ice, and the botany has never been thoroughly investigated. The others agreed; we begged everywhere for money, and, amazingly, we got it. Then our troubles started. Putting 35 people into a totally deserted region for 5 weeks required 2½ tons of food, sledges, tents, tools of every description, two boats, and scientific instruments. All this....

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had to be bought, checked, packed and shipped out, and finding a vessel prepared to handle all this was not easy, for the archipelago is off all shipping routes from Britain. But we did it, and arrived ourselves on July 20th.

First impressions of the region's strange beauty were constantly confirmed. Range upon range of sharp snowy peaks, interspersed with glaciers and icefields brilliant in the perpetual sun. The sea was every imaginable colour, depending on the sky and the silt brought down by the huge icesheets. Birds abounded - geese, puffins, snow-buntings, dotterel and even a Great Northern Diver. Reindeer were as tame as bullocks - and as curious. Arctic Foxes, just changing their coats to the white of winter, visited us. The apparent barrenness of the tundra we found full of the most delicate flowers, and where there were bird droppings the purple and yellow saxifrages made a great mat of colour against the stones. We even had trees: the Arctic willow, which grows 2" high and takes 100 years to do it. With driftwood for our fire, a good sleeping bag and a full stomach, we thought this place very Heaven.

But when we had done the research we were paid to do, we planned to tackle the highest range of mountains, away across the highest ice cap. Struggling up the glacier behind our camp with 60lb. loads on our backs was misery: the ice was too rough for sledges, and we had to relay everything to a depot on the 2,000ft. contour. Eventually we got everything up, loaded the sledges, and headed off North towards the unclimbed peaks. Day after day we pulled our loads - 3 men to a sledge with 600lbs. aboard. The weather clagged in. Temperatures were dropping to about -10°C, there was perpetual white-out, and the going was awful. At last we made our planned base camp, and dug ourselves in - just in time, for the first of a series of blizzards hit us that same night. The wind blew a full gale, the temperature went to -30°, and we had five feet of snow in 12 hours. The tents started to give, and some actually collapsed. Hurriedly built igloos provided shelter for those now tentless. Clearing up took a long time - it took 11 hours to dig out the sledges, which held all our food; some equipment we never found again. Our radio sets

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failed. Nevertheless, we all managed to climb the highest mountain, Newtontoppen, and, exhausted, to get back in yet another blizzard.

It would be tedious to relate all the mishaps with crevasses and so on; we all got back safely after an unforgettable trip, suffering only from hunger and frostnip. The worst thing of all, I think, was constantly having to sleep in a puddle of condensation in the tent and yet being always thirsty because it took half an hour to melt enough snow on the Primus for a drink; and the best thing, which made up for everything, were those wonderful days on the tundra, with only the noise of the wind, the birds, and the ice grinding, the sun lighting the cliffs, and the whole world, it seemed, young again. And for all we knew, we were the first men to see it.

Charles Moseley.

November in your Garden

Broad Beans can be sown now. Hardy varieties: Aquadulce or Seville. Peas - sown under cloches. Meteor, or for a better flavour Douce Provence. If you like Garlic, plant now daylight is waning. This is a 'short day' plant. Break up outer ring of clove scales from the bulb and plant nine to a cloche.

Shallots can be forced and used as green onions in salads.

Near the end of the month, part prune your roses to prevent damage from 'windrock'.

Sweet Peas for growing on the Cordon system can be sown now in deep boxes which encourages a much better root system.

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What do you do with your Milk Bottle Tops?

I wonder how many milk bottle tops are discarded daily in this village. A small quantity per family perhaps, but think how quickly they would mount up if we all saved them! I shall be pleased to deliver any washed tops, brought to me, to a Cambridge collector. We can then make a small regular contribution to the Blind Society.

The reclaimable aluminium content of pie dishes is a more lucrative saving, so these too please, but kept separately from milk bottle tops. Jenny Johnson.

Box 280.

BROOKS,
 ALBERTA,
 CANADA.
 TOJ. OJO.

September 29th 1976

Dear Editor,

Just to let you know that 'Out of Reach' has travelled as far as Western Canada. We received a copy of issue no.1 today.

Congratulations to everyone concerned. Keep it up.

It is interesting to read that things do not change very much. I remember over four years ago, pushing for trees, a 30 mile limit and for the alteration of the road around the Green, when on the Council. And someone is still doing the same today.

Perhaps the new magazine can help the new Council to get more support from residents than it has in the past.

We were pleased to read that someone is keeping up the tradition of Dogs, Donkeys and Ducks in the Village.

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