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Out of Reach



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EDITORIAL

February hasn't turned out to be a month of discomfort at all! Spring, with its inherent stimulus to achieve new things seems to be upon us, and in rather a perverse way to be reflected in the contributions to this issue; I think you will find it informative reading, if not exciting or comforting.

The response to the suggestion of a Badminton Club has been ONE returned slip. Surely this is not a reflection of total village interest! Mrs. Margaret Cook has very kindly offered us her racquet, as an incentive to the younger villagers. So, please, those of you who are interested, return your slips, or sign the notices in the Dyke's End and the Village Shop.

We welcome two new residents to the village this month - Abigail Cochran (born 25:1:77) and Rachel Harrison (born 4:2:77).- We extend good wishes to them, and their parents.

Jenny Johnson.

DISTRICT COUNCIL NEWS.

The District Council has recently revised its rules for joining the Housing List. It has been necessary to do this because of over-lengthening lists, and the reduction in the number of houses being built. due to the recent cuts in Government expenditure. A leaflet is being prepared by the Housing Services Department, explaining how people will be affected by the new rules and who will be eligible to apply for Council accommodation in the future. Copies of this leaflet will be sent to the Parish Council when they are ready and will also be available to members of the public at 6, Lynn Road, Ely. (Tel. 3311).

I am sorry to say that I think it unlikely that the six dwellings for Burwell Road, Reach, due to have been started this Spring, will be built for some time. I know this will disappoint one or two Council tenants who were particularly waiting for smaller accommodation in Reach, but I am afraid it is unavoidable as things are at present.

Margaret Cook, District Councillor.

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS - Contd...

surface of the road to take out the depression. I must, however, be satisfied that the local people expressing concern will accept the situation, which will clearly have to remain for sometime, until major works can be carried out.

I would welcome your acceptance that this is the only course of action which can be taken in the immediate future.

Yours sincerely,

B. Oldridge.

SHIRE HALL TITBITS.

If you receive your copy of "Out of Reach" on 1st March, then today is Crunch Day at Shire Hall, and some sort of compromise resolution of the intolerable financial pickle that Cambridgeshire has been put in will be argued today. I daren't predict the outcome, apart from being certain that a substantial rate increase is inevitable, together with drastic cuts in the Services. I hope there is some sympathy in Reach for the County Councillors at present walking the tight-rope! The implication of the cuts is that in order to prevent a deterioration in our community life, a much greater degree of self-help is necessary, and I have certainly been delighted to hear of willingness from many good folk in Reach to rally round in order to bring us through the crisis. Good neighbourliness and a desire to help others, either the young or the elderly, or indeed, any in need - the true elements of village life throughout the ages - are needed now more than at any time in the memories of the younger generation at least. It may be that as a result of some of the cuts, we perhaps get our personal priorities in a little better order. Food for thought?

Geoffrey Woollard, County Councillor.

VILLAGE CENTRE NEWS.

Work in the Hall seems to have come to an impasse. We have, at the moment a chicken and egg situation. The Licencing Authority are waiting to inspect the Hall for their Fire & Safety Regulations; at the same time we are waiting for the electrical work to be completed but this cannot be done until the new ceiling has been fitted. I hope the work will be finished before the next Bottisham Sessions, so that we can re-apply for our music and dance licence.

I would like to remind anyone interested in helping the volunteers to redecorate the main Hall that they are welcome to join our team. Date of next meeting, March 14th 1977.

John O. Robinson.

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BOTTISHAM YOUNG FARMERS.

The first meeting for the Young Farmers after the Christmas holidays was on 7th January, when Mr. Nick Martin gave a talk on Rugby. On 14th January, Mr. Alan Holt gave a very interesting, illustrated talk on Russia. The meeting previously arranged for 21st January had to be cancelled, due to the Young Farmers Annual Ball being held the same night.

The next meeting was on 28th January and was a talk by Mr. Ray Tilbrook on Farm Safety. He showed two films - one called "Dangerous Playground" and showed situations where children are at risk on the farm, and "Accidents are seldom Accidents" which demonstrated the use of safety cabs on tractors.

On 4th February, Mr. David Cassar gave a talk on Alcoholism and Young People.

Bottisham Young Farmers meet at Bottisham Village College on Fridays at 7-30 p.m.

THE DECAY OF TIME.

It stands alone, its cheeks lay bare,
 The face has sunk beyond repair.
 Its heart has gone, it's done its time,
 The life blood stopped along the line.
 So let them lay this soul to rest;
 For eighty years it's stood the test.
 Its back, once strong, is weak - and so,
 Our Bridge, alas, it's time to go.

But 'Oh No' our Council say,
 "We cannot spend your money this way,
 There are more important things, you see,
 Like spending money planting trees".
 Beware, you Councillors, one and all,
 If ever an accident should befall
 Our children on their school 'bus,
 You will have to answer to all of us!

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FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL.

At the open meeting held in the School on Wednesday, 9th Feb. '77, a good number of parents and friends attended, and showed interest in the likely effects of the proposed cuts, in the Educational Budget. It was the feeling of the meeting that a letter should be sent to the Chairman of the County Council, and also to Mr. Woollard, our County Councillor, to inform them of the opinions of the majority of parents who attended. The following letter was drafted and sent as proposed:

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Swaffham Prior Primary School, Friends of the School Committee, with regard to the proposed Government Educational Cuts.

A Public Meeting was held at the School on Wednesday, 9th February, and the great concern was expressed at some of the proposed cuts in the Educational Budget. The parents deplored the necessity of a rates increase, but the majority were willing to accept a minimum increase rather than see Educational facilities reduced. They also considered that now was the time to use some of the reserve money in order to keep cuts from the Educational Budget to below £1. million.

We hope that our opinions, along with those of other parents in the County, will be borne in mind when the time comes to vote on the issue.

Yours faithfully,
 Mrs. S. Butcher
 (Secretary).

Concern was also expressed at the amount of the subsidy paid towards school meals and the following letter has been sent to our local M.P., Mr. F. Pym:

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Swaffham Prior Primary School, Friends of the School Committee, with regard to the Government Education Cuts.

A Public Meeting was held at the School on Wed. 9th February, and it was suggested that we write to you.

We feel that the subsidy for the school meals is far too high and wish that parents pay more, or that the Act is revised. It was also suggested that, if possible, School hours could be changed, i.e. starting school earlier, and finishing earlier in the afternoon e.g. 8-0a.m. to 2-0 p.m.

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FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL... Contd.....Letter to Mr.F. Pym M.P...Contd....

We hope these points raised will be looked into urgently, and help with the Education Cuts.

Yours faithfully,
Mrs. S. Butcher. (Secretary).

We thank Mr. Woollard and all those who attended for the interest they showed, and for the many helpful suggestions they made, which will be borne in mind in the future.

FUTURE EVENTS: Easter Egg Bingo: - 1st April '77
Easter Dance: -16th April '77
EASTER HOLIDAYS: School Closes at 2-30 p.m. on Tuesday, 5th April '77
Re-opens at 8-45 a.m. Tuesday, 26th April '77

From the Vicar:

I can only speak of what is on my mind.No fewer than 3500 lecturers in the Teacher Training Colleges are to become redundant over the next four years as a result of the merging of colleges in the wake of the now rapidly falling birth-rate.

The 10 years during which I looked after a small Theological Training College in Kent, before coming to Swaffham Prior roughly coincided with a similar contraction, necessitated in this case by the dramatic fall in the number of candidates for the Priesthood.

These mergers are extremely painful, and I know at firsthand the devastating effects, in terms of worry and ill-health, on those who see their livelihood as Lecturers coming to an end. The loss of the huge number of highly trained Lecturers such is now envisaged is getting near to a National Disaster. There are very few alternative academic institutions to absorb them and there are also 10,000 teachers just trained and already jobless. Imagine just over a quarter of the Parish Clergy of England turned out of their livings, and you get some idea of what this loss means in terms of sheer cultural, not to say spiritual damage. Of course, I am only a voice crying in the Wilderness. One can only hope that those with real power will not allow these men and women simply to be lost to education in the coming scramble for survival.

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Worship in March.

St. Mary's and Reach.

2 Mar. Bible Study in Zion Chapel Vestry, 7.30p.m.(and each Wed.in Lent)

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MARCH IN YOUR GARDEN.

It is not practicable to give any hard and fast advice as to when to sow in open ground this month. So much depends on weather and soil conditions. If it is still wet and cold you could be wasting time and money, unless cloches have been used to warm up the soil.

A few radish seeds sown in the rows of parsnips and onions, mark the rows so that they can be heeled much earlier.

A good month to replant mint. Plant in an old bottomless bucket, or similar container to stop the roots from wandering.

Brussel sprouts should be sown in an open, sunny position so as not to get drawn.

Peas, early carrots, radish and lettuce can also be sown now.

Clean around Spring Cabbage and top dress with Sulphate of Ammonia or Meton Chalk.

Split up and replant perennials: Michaelmas Daisies, Esther Reeds, etc., plant young shoots from the outside of clumps, discard centres. Pinch out tips of Autumn sown Sweet Peas. Prune Rose Bushes.

Dick Whitehead.

(Correction - the last word of Feb. Garden Section should have read ..
 dry)

CAMBRIDGESHIRE LIBRARIES - A REMINDER OF WHAT IS AVAILABLE.

MOBILE LIBRARY. Visits Reach on alternate Thursdays between 10.15 a.m. and 10.35 a.m. Stopping at the Post Office.

NEAREST BRANCH. Burwell Village College. Opening Hours:-
 Mon, Tues, Thurs and Friday 3.00 - 5.00 and 6.30-8.30
 Friday, also 10.00a.m - 12.00noon.
 Wednesday, - 6.30p.m. - 8-30p.m.

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THE HOSPITAL WHIST DRIVE.

At last year's Whist Drive and Christmas Draw, held in Reach Village Centre, £102 was raised. £51 was sent to Newmarket Journal Hospital Fund and £51 to Addenbrooke's Hospital to help their Christmas Postivities. Two letters of acknowledgement have been received from Addenbrooke's which we thought you might like to read:-

Dear Mrs. Harrison,

I thought you and your members might be interested to know that part of the marvellous donation you sent to the Hospital was used to rent a colour television over the Christmas period for patients - mainly elderly ones - on a male medical ward.

Another sum was spent to provide gifts for a child who had to spend Christmas in Hospital following a road accident. As he was worried that Father Christmas would not know where to find him, a member of Staff dressed up in a Santa Outfit and gave him two gifts that we had bought with your money.

Thank you again for your continued interest in the Hospital.

Yours sincerely,

M.F. Chaplin, General Administrative Officer.

Further to my letter of 7th January, 1977, I thought you might like to know that, as we had a little money over from your kind gift to the Hospital, the Children's Nurse on our Ear, Nose and Throat Ward has bought some board and card games for the children on the Ward. As you can imagine, these are ideal for amusing children either waiting for their operations, or convalescing before being discharged, and the Ward are most grateful to you for enabling them to buy these games.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH.

ORANGE BOODLE. FOR 4

- 2 Large Oranges. 1 oz. castor sugar.
- $\frac{1}{2}$ Pint sour cream and lemon juice.
- 12 Sponge Finger Biscuits.

Grate orange rind, scueeze juice and stir into cream with sugar. Crumble sponge finger into bottom of each glass, arrange two around sides. Pour in mixture and chill.

Clarissa Cochran.

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REACH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING CHANGED TO MONDAY, 7th MARCH AT 7.30p.m.