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COMMUNITY MAGAZINE

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EDITORIAL

I am delighted to tell you that Kay Pote, from the Moon and Sixpence, has agreed to help with editing the magazine. We have not yet worked out detailed arrangements, so all copy should continue to come to me for the present.

It suddenly occurred to me the other day that it may not be generally known that we print covers for several months at a time. For this reason occasional errors in, or changes to, the information given on the inside cover are not immediately rectified. There are two important current mistakes; Albert Johnson's telephone number is Newmarket 741437 and the doctors at Burwell are now Scott and Ridsdill-Smith.

The future of the Lodes is still under threat. There will be further discussions at County Council level (Policy Committee on October 30th; Full Council on November 20th - both meetings, by the way, are open to the public), but it seems likely that, if we really want to keep our Lodes, the battle front will have to be considerably broadened beyond the mainly local campaign fought so far.

I hope you will all find something of interest in this month's very full issue.

J.J.

Miss Whitehead has asked us to pass on her thanks to all who helped with entertainment and refreshments at the Harvest Horkey on October 5th.

FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER.

Our third birthday has come and gone and we are most grateful again to our advertisers, whose support enables us to keep up the production of this magazine. If anyone would like to advertise their services or their firm in Out of Reach, or knows anyone who might be interested, please do not hesitate to contact me. Rising costs of paper, ink and stencils means that we are always glad of additional income; we have held our prices down since we started but, unfortunately, I think that next year costs may well beat us, so please be warned!

Jenny has asked that we try and purchase a typewriter so that, in

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the process of producing each month's copy we do not wear out her machine. This is really the launch of an appeal for financial help towards a typewriter fund. It sounds as though we are always on the scrounge, but we are not a profit making organisation and keeping our costs and incomes low leaves little to spare for capital expenditure. Please be generous; we need your help again.

The recent donations, from the Parents and Friends of the School and Mrs. J.A. Dudley have given our fund a good start and we are most grateful.

H.H.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS.

Provision of Gas - In the survey of Reach and both Swaffhams a total of 60 households said that they wanted gas and a joint request has now been made to the Gas Board.

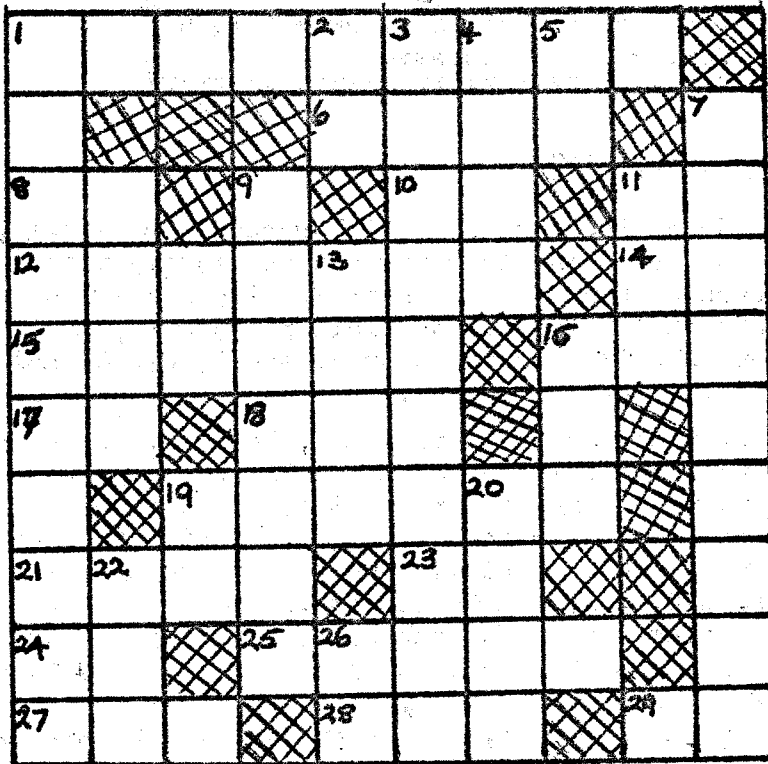
Footpath Maintenance. - The footpath from the Reach road to the old railway line, which was very overgrown, has now been cleared. The path in the Devil's Dyke, also overgrown in places, is officially classed as a cross country right of way and the County Council has, therefore, been asked to clear it.

Use of Metal Detectors. - The holes dug by people using metal detectors are damaging the Village Green and its verges; mowing is made more difficult and so it would be appreciated if no more holes were dug.

Parking Facilities. - The District Council is trying to improve the parking facilities for the Council houses at Ditchfield, where the edge of the Swaffham Road is being damaged by heavy loads passing the parked cars.

East Cambs Conservative AUTUMN FAIR to be held at BURWELL VILLAGE COLLEGE on Saturday 10th November 1979.
GIFTS FOR THE REACH BRANCH STALL PLEASE - to :- Fitzroy Farm or Delver House by Friday 9th November, 1979.

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Across

- 1. Sweets of all sorts?
- 6. Father
- 8. Close to
- 10. & 11. Continue
- 12. Burmese town
- 14. American Serviceman
- 15. Behindhand
- 16. Domestic animal
- 17. Senior service
- 18. Capital orchestra
- 19. Send back
- 21. Experts
- 23. Compass point
- 24. & 25. Not sloping
- 27. Pen
- 28. ~nasium or khana?
- 29. Yes

Down

- 1. Book keepers
- 2. Large
- 3. Severely
- 4. Smooth out
- 5. This [Fr.]
- 7. At first
- 9. Eternal
- 11. Old Girls' Association
- 13. Hop kiln
- 16. Study
- 19. Royal Engineers
- 20. Quantity of paper
- 22. Small bed
- 26. Guests or tips?

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To those involved as administrators and social workers or clients, Social Services is a subject both absorbing and absolutely vital. To many others, it means nothing more than professional do-gooders, and it might be thought that I fall in the latter category, as I have failed to mention this important sector of the County Council's activities except on a few rare occasions.

Sitting on the relevant Committee at Shire Hall, however, gives one an insight into the enormity of the personal problems facing so many folk, the inadequacy of many of our services and the desperate need for additional provision in certain spheres. Living in a Parish also gives one an idea of the tremendous work being done by voluntary bodies - the Churches, W.R.V.S., Red Cross, etc., and the sheer good neighbourliness which exists all round our County. So many people with severe problems of one sort or another just could not survive without the help of friends and relations, and the statutory services can never, and should never, be the great sole providers.

Homes for the Elderly are a different matter, and I don't think that anyone would deny that the County Council has some remarkable establishments - notably Queen's Court at Bottisham - under its wing. Discussion is now taking place regarding the building of another major Home at Eaton Spoon, and it, together with a Day Centre and a Meals on Wheels Kitchen, is estimated to cost no less than £562,000 with total running expenses expected to be over £130,000 per annum. Both these figures appear enormous, but they are justifiable for two reasons. Firstly, because Cambridgeshire has many less places per 1,000 of population in Homes for the Elderly than is recommended, and secondly, because that population is getting older (as most of us know only too well!). The new Home, incidentally, will serve to take pressure off all other existing Homes, and that's an added bonus.

I mention a Scheme very distant from Reach because I think it is important, and it also indicates that, in spite of hard times, the Council might still have its priorities reasonably right.

We have had illness in the family recently, and I would like to thank everyone who has expressed kind wishes and given help. Sue is progressing very well indeed.

Geoffrey Woollard,
County Councillor.

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Parents and Friends of Swaffham Prior School.

We would like to thank all those who helped to make the Harvest Dance so successful - especially Mrs. Clinch for the lovely refreshments and the committee members who worked so hard on organisation. As it was so popular, we are already planning another dance for the same time next year in the hope that it will become a favourite annual event.

Our next event is the Bonfire Night Party on Monday 5th November at 7.0p.m. Donations towards the cost of the Fireworks are now being collected, and there will be a competition for the best home made guy for the Primary School Children. We hope to see many of you enjoying the display with us on Nov. 5th. Refreshments will be available.

The date for our Christmas Fair has had to be changed, and will now be held on Saturday November 24th at 2.30p.m. We hope that this will not cause any inconvenience and that you will all be able to support this community event. There will be Christmas Cards, Wrapping Paper, Gifts, Books etc., for sale as well as refreshments, and Father Christmas has promised to come. Donations for the raffle and any contributions of toys, gifts etc., for the stalls will be most gratefully received. If you are unable to attend, Christmas Cards and Wrapping Paper will be on sale in school until December 14th.

Our School Nativity Play will take place in Church in Swaffham Prior, on Wednesday, December 5th at 7.30p.m. - All parents and friends will be welcome.

A.V. Borton - Chairman.

SWAFFHAM PRIOR PLAYGROUP.

On behalf of the Playgroup Committee, I would like to thank all those who gave clothes etc., for our Jumble Sale held on 13th October, which realised a staggering £95.55.

Pat Harrison.

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FROM THE VICAR.

Thoughts on tending the grave of the poet, Edwin Muir, in the cemetery at Swaffham Prior.

" - his unblinded eyes
 Saw far and near
 the fields of Paradise!
 So run the words,
 Muir's own, his epitaph,
 Upon the stone.
 Often said, often read,
 Quoted, pointed out,
 Slowly the thought
 Emerged: what disgrace,
 His grave untended.
 But there was more behind
 The thought: his home below
 the Church, Priory Cottage, white,
 Where the Ring of Bright Water
 Broke, greeting me daily.
 And his verse, given me,
 Nine years ago, by a friend
 Just dead, now read
 Again. But most of all
 The sense of Plato, myriad-minded,
 Pure in spirit, tamed by Christ,
 Speaking again through this
 Authentic One.

J.K.B.

NOVEMBER 11TH.

There will be Rememberance Services both at St. Mary's and Reach, starting at 10.50a.m. the latter, as usual before the War Memorial, and continuing in St. Etheldreda's.

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Worship in November: St. Mary's and Reach.

- 1st ALL SAINTS DAY
8.0a.m. Holy Communion (St. Mary's)
- 2nd ALL SOULS DAY
8.0a.m. Holy Communion (St. Mary's)
- 4th TRINITY XXI
8.0a.m. Holy Communion (Reach)
9.30a.m. Matins and Parish Communion (St. Mary's)
6.30p.m. DEANERY CHOIR FESTIVAL, BURWELL.
- 11th TRINITY XXII - REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
9.30a.m. Parish Communion (St. Mary's)
10.50a.m. Remembrance Service (St. Mary's)
10.50a.m. Remembrance Service, War Memorial, Reach.
6.30p.m. Evensong (St. Mary's)
- 18th & 25th: TRINITY XXIII & SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT.
9.30a.m. Parish Communion (St. Mary's)
11.00a.m. Family Communion (Reach)
6.30p.m. Evensong (St. Mary's)

THE STAINE HUNDRED.
Local History Society.

WEDNESDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 1979

7.30p.m. at Bottisham Village College.

ARCHIVES IN THE ATTIC.

Have you any old documents about this area? Deeds and legal documents belonging to your house? Photographs, old letters, business records, household bills and accounts, insurance policies etc.?

At the next meeting of the Staine Hundred on 7th November, professional archivists will talk about documents of interest to local historians. It is hoped that anyone who has anything they think might be of interest will bring them along to the meeting or get in touch with one of the following:

- James Fitch, 15 Tunbridge Close, Bottisham (811425)
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DYKES END DARTS NEWS.

Although we finished bottom of the Burwell Summer League, we had one of our best seasons since joining. We had three good wins. Jill Woolnough and Shaun O'Dowd got through to the final of the mixed pairs competition and received Runners Up Trophies. We held our own Knock-Out Competition on September 19th. Ron Greenhill beat John Calder in an exciting final and won the Trophy which was given by Mike and Brenda Warrington. In the pairs competition, Roland Folkes and Shaun O'Dowd beat Steve Watts and David Gifkins. As captain of the team, I gave a shield for the best player; John Calder was the well deserved winner of that. Now I look forward to captaining the Dykes End Ladies Team in the Bottisham Winter League. We have a good team and should do well.

Wendy Cole.

Dear Editor,

May I, through your Magazine, thank everyone who has enquired about me and sent cards, gifts and flowers during my recent illness. I am home again now, but still have to take things easy.

Customers and friends have been very kind to Dick and Martin and we are all very grateful.

Prudence Mead.

(I apologise for my error in not including this letter in the October edition of 'Out of Reach') J.J.

BOTTISHAM VILLAGE COLLEGE MUSIC SOCIETY.

A reminder of November events:

1. FRIDAY 2ND NOVEMBER AT 8.0p.m. - THE OUNDLE SOLOISTS
(Oboe, trumpet, piano)
2. SATURDAY 17TH NOVEMBER AT 8.0p.m. - THE HAYDN ORCHESTRA.

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During the week the following letter was received from District Councillor, Mrs. Margaret Cook.

To the Editor "Out of Reach",

SUBJECT: THE LODES.

At its Council Meeting held on October 9th last, the District Council agreed the following resolutions:-

1. That the retention of the high level system be supported.
2. That the A.W.A. be informed that the Committee (i.e. The Finance & Policy Committee), while prepared to consider making an appropriate contribution towards the cost of the scheme, regard the proposed sharing of costs between a multiplicity of public authorities over a long period of time, as unsatisfactory and unnecessarily complicated.
3. That the County Council be invited to support this view, and join with this Council in requesting the A.W.A. to reconsider its position, that require financial contributions from local councils or other services.

In other words, the District Council is saying that it wishes the Lodes to remain, but that it is not satisfied with the complicated method of funding the costs, suggested by the A.W.A., and it wishes the County Council to make a joint approach to the A.W.A. to work out a more satisfactory way.

I proposed these resolutions, and they were seconded by Mr. John Brookes of Burwell. It seemed to me to be the best way to get discussions going on the funding of the retention of the High Level System, in the face of the obvious reluctance of Committee Members to agree to an open-ended commitment for perhaps 20 years.

My Council has already written along these lines to the Chief Executive of the A.W.A., and it has also made the necessary approaches to the County Council, and it is to be hoped that together we can come to a satisfactory arrangement.

The people of Reach were the first to express their wish to support the retention of the High Level System. I will do my best to keep them informed of the progress of any discussions the District Council has with the A.W.A.

Margaret Cook.

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'OFF WORK AND ON THE CLUB'

Fortunately, for many of us being off work is occasioned by being ill rather than by being stood off through lack of work or redundancy. The older term, 'on the club', survives as a reminder of the days when a family had no income if the breadwinner fell ill. It was to offset this eventuality that local 'clubs' were formed, to collect regular contributions from their members who would then be entitled to claim benefits in times of sickness or distress. Hundreds of little organisations set up for this purpose flourished up and down the country; some certainly began far back in the eighteenth century and many grew to considerable size to meet the needs of growing urban committees in the nineteenth century.

Here we have the origins of the Friendly Society movement - a huge expansion from the modest efforts of the ordinary man to provide for his family, and at the same time to help his neighbour. Within the movements are many names, some of which you will know - others you may never have heard. For example: The National Deposit Friendly Society, U.K. Civil Service Benefit Society, Loyal Order of Ancient Shepherds, Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes, Independant Order of Oddfellows, Ancient Order of Forresters, Order of Druids, Post Office Insurance Society - all these and many others.

Years ago, local branches formed Medical Associations, which employed a panel of general medical practitioners, whose services were secured for their members. The Cambridge Friendly Societies Medical Association was based in City Road, where members attended doctors' surgeries, and whose panel was on call for emergencies. (Medical care on a state basis was administered by the Friendly Societies until 1948).

Local branches are called variously Courts, Tents, Lodges etc., they meet on a regular basis. Apart from dealing with claims for benefits, membership, rules and such-like, each branch will elect its own officers, committee and representatives to other levels of administration, and may organise social and fund-raising events. Many of the active workers are involved voluntarily, but full-time or part-time secretaries attend to everyday affairs.

'Going on the club' means claiming sick benefit while off work through accident or illness. A Friendly Society member claims club money by asking the Department of Health and Social Security to send a copy medical certificate to the secretary of his/her club, when

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claiming state benefits (or by asking the doctor to sign a certificate for Friendly Society purposes, if not employed).

One of the advantages of the Friendly Societies is that they offer schemes which are well within one's means; a member's outlay is dependent on this factor as much as on personal needs. As with any form of providence, the later you join the more it costs, but benefits are not taxed, and others may be available in addition to those selected, at no extra charge to the members. Most societies have contribution tables suitable for every age group - those like the Oddfellows, Buffaloes and Foresters are open to all. Surplus funds are used to the members' advantage, perhaps to make grants to widows and orphans, reduce contributions, or make a grant to elderly members each Christmas.

All Friendly Societies are governed by the Friendly Societies' Act of 1974 as well as their own national laws and local rules. Their money is under Trustee Security and branches are required to send properly audited accounts to the Registrar of Friendly Societies every year.

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