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EDITORIAL

February 1983

The past month seems to have been a very quiet one in the village and there seems to be little news to report. You will no doubt have noticed our new cover design by David Blocksage. I think it most attractive and hope you agree.

Last month's issue of the magazine was typed by Sandra Harrison. As she is only 15 years old I think it was a splendid effort. Many thanks to her.

This month we have another of Bill Estall's charming poems on "Seasons" - I am most grateful for his regular contributions and wonder if there are not any more budding poets in the village, who would like to submit their pieces!

On a sadder note, Miss Coates of Apple Tree Cottage died last month. We extend sympathies to her relatives in the village. Lastly I would like to welcome to Reach Mr. Wingfield-Digby who has recently moved into Swaffham Road.

Kay Pote



St. Etheldreda and the Holy Trinity Reach

FROM THE VICAR

It may be worth taking the risk of thinking aloud about a problem that has been rumbling around my mind on and off since I arrived here over eight years ago. It was forcibly brought back to consciousness, in the first place, by a chance remark made to me before Christmas by a member of the congregation of St. Mary's. 'We never do anything', he said, meaning we do nothing except worship together. This touched a sensitive nerve in me personally, partly, to be honest, because the common belief that the clergy, especially country clergy, are is deeply aggravating, but partly, and more particularly, because my present two parishes are as much of a contrast to my last one in the N. West as could well be imagined.

There, in a huge outer suburb of Manchester, with a population of 13,000, there were organisations for practically every group imaginable, all with their yearly programmes of activity, faithfully and laboriously set up by hard-working, and often distracted, president and secretary. Frankly, the business of keeping up with all this diverse activity, i.e. giving regular talks to most of them, though exhausting, was exhilerating. The discovery that there were no such organisations here was so great a surprise that for my first few years I was constantly wondering what I was supposed to be doing, whether indeed my presence was necessary at all.

But then came second thoughts, as the process of comparison proceeded. Not all the previous activity seemed entirely good in retrospect. For one thing, it was partly responsible, to my knowledge, for two unnecessary deaths from sheer overwork. Equally, it produced a degree of exasperation among reflective survivors, which sometimes amounted to desperation: never again, some said, would they get mixed up in the social side of the church's life, however much this incidentally furthered the progress of the Gospel. Being caught up in it, they felt, was like having a kind of duplicate life superimposed on an already exhausting existence.

More generally, and in a sense more seriously, such activity, though it drew many into the orbit of the church, also accentuated the sense of cleavage between those within and those outside it. Further, it tended as a whole to present itself from this aspect as a kind of duplication of already existing community life, giving some the impression that the church's first concern was the perpetuation of its own life and wellbeing, thus contradicting the Gospel precept that the church's business is to act like salt in the world, i.e. not to exist in isolated gleaming whiteness, but to give savour by disappearing, losing its life in the surrounding community.

In the light of all this my private worry about the lack of such parochial activity began to look different, and less serious, indeed at times almost a positive good. Yet it is only possible to acquiesce in such lack if the worshipping community itself, instead of using such arguments as excuses for inertia, is constantly keeping testing questions before.

For instance, - and here I am deeply indebted to Bruce Reed's recent book, The Dynamics of Religion - is the image of God by which it lives and steers an image which fits the portrait of Jesus in the Gospels, always saying Yes, yet always adding a qualifying 'but'; receiving us, yet constantly pointing beyond us to further insights and demands, as Jesus himself did? Secondly, as I was hinting last month, is our first concern, after God himself, the good of the community as a whole, - 'the kingdom of this world' which is to become 'the kingdom of our Lord and his Christ'? Thirdly, does this concern stretch to particular individuals, of whatever church or no church? And lastly, is its first instinct to blame others for what goes wrong in the community, or does it naturally accept part of the responsibility? Does it understand worship as the offering of its life, in a representative way, on behalf of the whole community, in anticipation of the day when the whole community will do that for itself? These are further questions to be chewing over as the year gets under way.

J.K.B.

From the Registers:

Burial

24th January Miss Annie Rhoda Coates
Apple Tree Cottage, Great Lane,
Reach, aged 78 years.

FROM THE CHURCHES

Worship at St. Mary's and Reach

February

2nd PRESENTATION OF CHRIST in the TEMPLE: CANDLEMAS

7.30 a.m. Holy Communion (St. Mary's)

6th SEXAGESIMA

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Reach)

9.30 a.m. Matins and Eucharist (St. Mary's)

6.30 p.m. Evensong (Reach)

13th QUINQUAGESIMA

9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (St. Mary's)

11.00 a.m. Family Communion (Reach)

6.30 p.m. Evensong (St. Mary's)

16th ASH WEDNESDAY

7.30 a.m. & 7.30 p.m. Holy Communion (St. Mary's)

20th, 27th: LENT I & II

9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (St. Mary's)

11.00 a.m. Family Communion (Reach)

6.30 p.m. Evensong (St. Mary's)

STAINE HUNDRED

The next meeting of the Staine Hundred - the local history society - will be on Wednesday, 9th February, when Mr. Christopher Taylor will talk about 'The archaeology of gardens, with reference to Cambridgeshire'. The meeting will be held in the Lecture Room at Bottisham Village College at 7.30 p.m.

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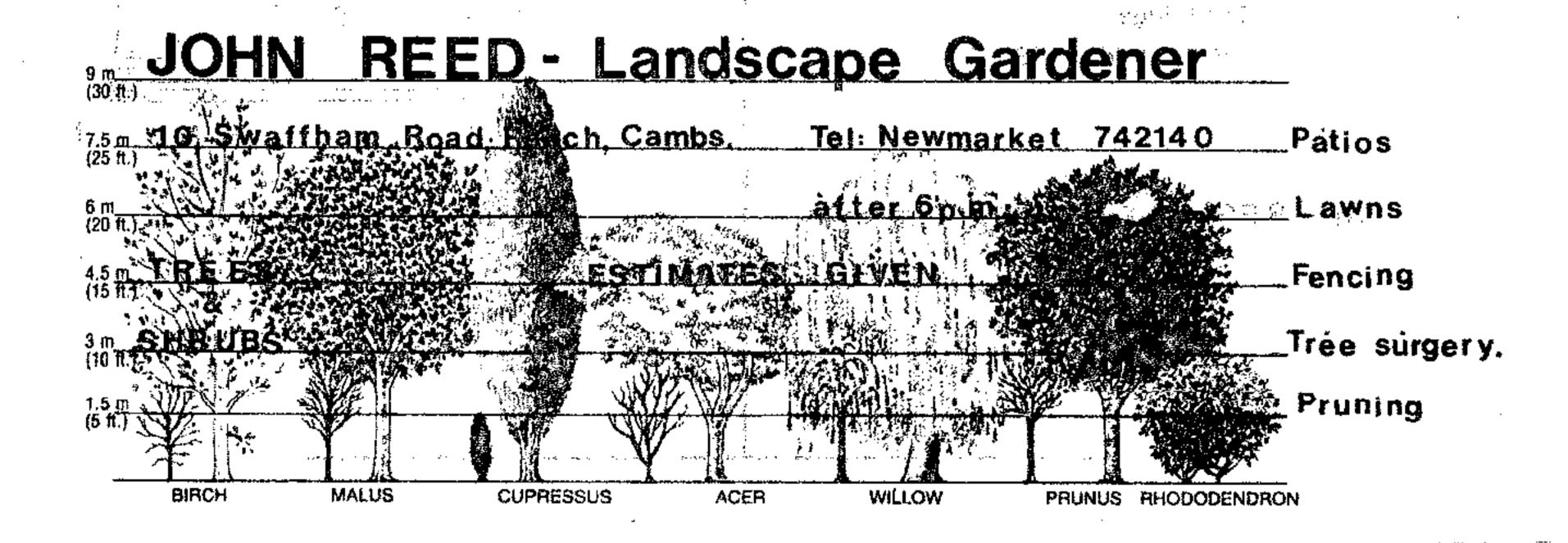


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COUNTY COUNCIL NEWS

TWINNING

For some years there have been unofficial arrangements for exchange of visits between Cambridgeshire and Kreis Viersen, West Germany. Since 1970 thousands of people have created links with German people through schools, sports clubs, adult classes and many other groups. It has now been agreed to formalise this by official twinning ceremonies during 1983. Kreis-Viersen is the area, roughly equivalent to a county, which surrounds and includes the town of Kempen, already twinned with East Cambridgeshire District.

CO-OPERATIVE PURCHASING ARRANGEMENTS

The County has joined with Lincolnshire and Leicestershire to form a purchasing association. This consortium is already resulting in reduced prices and more efficient delivery of goods on a regular basis. It is estimated that money available for buying school stationery, books, etc. will go between 5 and 10% further than under the old buying arrangements.

GOVERNMENT RATE SUPPORT GRANT

A recently published book by Dr. Bennett of Cambridge University shows how the government grant system has worked to the disadvantage of a county like Cambridgeshire over the part few years. This is because sufficient account has not been taken, not only of increasing population but, of higher numbers of the elderly and of school children.

This report illustrates the problem facing the County Council with its rate precept this coming year. First of all the total amount of grant is being reduced. Secondly an expenditure 'target' has been set by government which is actually lower its own estimate of expenditure requirement (the G.R.E.A.) already lower than it should be for the reasons pointed out by Dr. Bennett's book. Thirdly, expenditure over this target figure will result in a holdback of part of the grant. What a sad dilemma for an authority which has kept expenditure down so well as to help to give us locally the lowest total rate in the country. It all points to a larger rate increase than we should like in the coming year.

John Brooks County Councillor.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS MEETING 5th JANUARY 1983

There was to be a reduction, by the Council, of scouting patrols for lighting faults, from every two weeks to every three weeks.

The right of way through the Horse Dock in Great Lane had been walked by two council members and witnessed by members of the public.

District Councillor, Mrs. Margaret Cook, had been on a course on Emergency Planning in warfare. She stated how important it was for people to attend local meetings on this subject. These meetings....

give all relevant information, telling what exactly the public can and need do if such an emergency should arise. Anyone interested should contact Mr. A. Johnson, Mr. Bushell, the Emergency Planning Officer at Shire Hall or Mr. Hardy, the Chief Executive of East Cambs.

It had been noticed that vandals had been writing on the bus shelters and ripping up timetables. Let's hope the culprits read this and refrain from any further damage.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 2nd February 1983 in the Village Centre.

BOTTISHAM VILLAGE COLLEGE MUSIC SOCIETY

The next Concert will be held at the College at 8.00 p.m. on Friday 11th February, when the soloists will be Katey Thomas (flute) and Jack Gibbons (piano). The recital will include works by Bach, Faure, Chopin and Poulenc and is of particular interest to young musicians, especially woodwind players and pianists.

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FROM THE PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL

** FAMILY DISCO ** FRIDAY 4th FEBRUARY 7 - 9 p.m.

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Our own work on the conversion of the old storeroom to a library/community room is now nearly completed. We are hoping to open it officially on 24th January at a short coffee evening, and some of the older children will entertain the visitors as a means of saying thank you for their help in the completion of the work, but I would like to take this opportunity of thanking not only those who were able to help in the actual work but also the many who gave us encouragement and ideas along the way.

As you may have heard, the school was delighted to receive a rather special present at the end of the Christmas Term. The Parents and Friends of the School, thanks to the money raised by the 100 Club, presented the School with a Video Recorder and also put in an order for a Music Centre. Due to the decorators, we are already putting the video to good use and send our sincere thanks to those who made it possible for us to obtain these valuable pieces of equipment.

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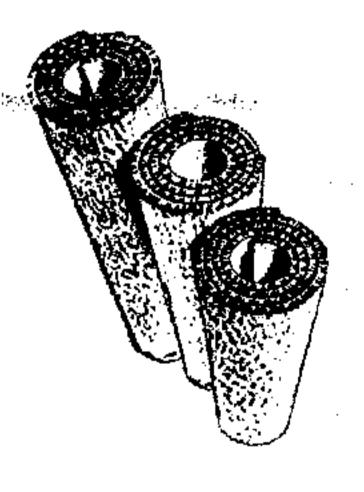
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YOUTH CLUB NEWSLETTER

Just a few lines in an attempt to let you know what is happening at the Club. Although most Club members are enthusiastic about the various activities that are organised, it has become obvious that information does not always get passed on at home, and we consequently get poor support at some things because parents are unaware of them in the first place.

So... the next good chance we have to make some money for the Club funds is on SATURDAY 22nd JANUARY when we have got the 'Cake Stall in Newmarket'. We had it in December, but only had a handful of cakes to sell. Although we sold out we could have sold many more things. Any cakes, sponges, biscuits, scones, etc. or a tin of something, would be greatly appreciated. They can be left at any of the Leader's houses or at Sheila Preston's, Cage Hill, if possible before the Friday night.

We have got a JUMBLE SALE on SATURDAY 19th FEBRUARY at the Village Hall, so now is the time to check over those cupboards and storerooms.

We shall be making a start on the 'Hut' at the first opportunity during March. Legal documents and decisions prevented us starting as planned last year, but they have now been successfully concluded and we are now all set to start.

We hope the above is of help to you and that you will be able to assist, if only in some small way, or perhaps by getting your son or daughter to bake a cake!!!

Everyone started back at the Club with plenty to do for the New Year.

This year we hope to join in the disco dancing competition, you may have seen Impington on the television last month, as they won last year's competition. With a lot of hard work it may be us on television next year!!!

Finally we should like to welcome any newcomers to the Club and I should like to point out that the first week is free, and after that it is still only 20p.

Julie Taylor.

ALSO

Advance news of a "Social Evening" to be held on Friday 11th March at the Village Hall, Swaffham Prior. The evening will consist of a Bingo session, entertainment, and a "Pick a Card" Quiz. (Watch for further details in next month's magazine).

J. Herring.

SEAT BELTS!!

On 1st February 1983 the Motor Vehicles (Wearing of Seat Belts) Regulations, 1982 come into force and this article is intended to give you some idea of what is involved.

To start with, all cars registered after 1st January 1965 are required to be fitted with seat belts for the driver's seat and specified front passenger's seat. All persons driving such vehicles and riding in the front passenger's seat must wear a seat belt.

Some exemptions are:-

- a). A person using a vehicle constructed or adapted for the delivery or collection of goods or mail to consumers or addressees, while engaged in making local rounds of deliveries or collections;
- b). whilst reversing (includes a qualified driver supervising a learner driver whilst reversing);
- c). the holder of a valid certificate signed by a doctor to the effect that it is inadvisable on medical grounds for him/her to wear a seat belt;
- d). member of Fire Brigade whilst donning operational clothing or equipment;
- e). taxi and private hire car drivers in certain circumstances;
- f). driving test examiner.

(MAXIMUM FINE IS £50)

As I have said, this is only intended as a guide and I have kept it fairly short. If anyone is unsure about how it applies to their circumstances then I should be pleased to help them. The obvious message is to GET BELTED- UP!!

Whilst on 'Law matters' I should like to comment on something which is all too common, and that is the failure for drivers to use dipped headlights during daytime fog or poor visibility. It is an offence not to do so and it does increase road safety a great deal. So, to use your lights may save you a fine, it may even save your life!!

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W. Estall.

VILLAGE CENTRE OPEN MEETING REACH FAIR 1983

In order that we can hopefully increase the earning potential for the Village Centre from the events of the Fair - the organising Committee are calling an OPEN MEETING to discuss the 1983 Fair.

Anyone in the village who would like to come along is very welcome. Please come with new ideas and enthusiasm and a willingness to help.

THURSDAY 1014 FEBRUARY 1983 at 8.00 p.m. in the VILLAGE CENTRE

THIS MONTH'S RECIPE

ST. CLEMENT'S LAYER

For Pancake Day try something a little more unusual this year!

- 1 teaspoon almond essence
- ½ pint pancake batter
- 8 oz. cream cheese
- 8 oz. cottage cheese
- 2 oz. flaked almonds
- 1 teaspoon vanilla essence
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 2 "lemon juice
- 2 large oranges (peeled and sliced)
- ½ oz. toasted flaked almonds

Whisk the almond essence into the batter. Use to make 8 - 10 medium size pancakes.

Mix together the cream cheese, cottage cheese, almonds and vanilla essence.

Warm the honey and lemon juice in a pan and mix thoroughly.

Brush a pancake with honey and lemon mixture. Spread a little of the cheese and almond mixture over it. Repeat on 4 more pancakes, layering each one on top.

Put half the orange slices over the top of cheese mixture. Continue layering with the remaining pancakes and fillings, finishing with a pancake. Save a little of the honey mixture for decoration.

Cover with foil and bake in over Mark 4 180°C/350°F for about 15 minutes or until heated through.

Just before serving brush top with honey and lemon and arrange remaining orange slices and the toasted almonds on top.