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EDITORIAL

It is always a strange feeling to write the date of a new year for the first time. The present depressing state of the country does not augur well for the coming year, but hopefully 1981 will see some problems resolved for the better. Whatever happens, I wish you all and your families good health and (comparative!) prosperity.

Not only is this a skeleton issue, but as from this month, we sadly will no longer have Geoffrey Woollard's Shire Hall Titbits. I am sure that the news of his resignation as our County Councillor came as a shock to many. I would like to thank him on your behalf both for his work as a Council Member and for his informative articles.

As you may know, a public meeting was held last month to plan some events for this year's Reach Fair. It may seem rather premature, but in order to make it a success this year, it is important to organise events in plenty of time. We are holding another meeting, to which everyone is welcome, on Thursday January 22nd at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Centre. We have plenty of ideas, but are now in need of some kind people to come along and offer their services! It may be of interest to you to learn that we are the only village in Cambridgeshire which is completely responsible for the upkeep of its Village Centre. It is not paid for by the rates, but money for insurance, fuel, building maintenance, rates and water rates, has to be raised by money-raising concerns. I must admit that I was not aware of this fact, but it costs £1.75p per day to maintain the Village Centre, whether it is being used or not. Therefore it is hoped that, after expenses have been met, some profit will be made at this year's Fair.

Mrs. Joyce Harrison says that a very enjoyable evening was had at the Over 60's Christmas Dinner. She also adds that it was a pity that more people didn't participate in this, or at least acknowledge the invitation!

Mrs. Brenda Warrington from Dyke's End also informs me that a group of carol singers from the pub entertained patients at Newmarket Hospital one evening, and will be making a collection for them at the pub.

May I wish a speedy recovery to Mrs. Sylvia Greenhill after her recent operation in Newmarket Hospital. A speedy recovery also to Mr. Ross after his recent stay in hospital.

Kay Pote

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FROM THE PARENTS & FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL

The Christmas Fair held in November in aid of School funds raised over £260. Very many thanks to everyone who helped and supported us.

The 100 CLUB has proved to be very popular and all the tickets have now been sold. The first draw will take place in School on Friday 9th January.

The prizes to be paid out over the 52 weeks are:-
£10 weekly
£20 monthly
£40 6 monthly

The winners will be published in the Magazine and a list will be kept in Swaffham Prior Shop. We hope you will be successful.

Jumble is now being collected for our Grand Jumble Sale to be held in the Spring Term. If you have any jumble could you either bring it into School or let us know and we will collect.

The School term starts on Thursday, 8th January.

COVER THE POOL APPEAL BULLETIN

I am delighted to be able to tell you, if you hadn't already seen it in the local press, that the hoped-for grant from the Sports Council is on the way. The Finance Committee of the Sports Council has recommended a grant of £10,000 towards the Village College Cover the Pool Appeal. This is generous, and compares very favourably with amounts given to much larger appeals. The grant will not be officially accepted until April when the Council in turn receive their grant in aid from the Government, but in the meantime we can mark up a promised £25,000 in the first six months of the appeal.

This is tremendously heartening, but we cannot afford to relax! Inflation is steadily hounding us, and we must press on in the effort to raise the target amount in the shortest possible time.

The all-important small scale money-raising continues: the Bottisham Midweek Group's stall in Newmarket on the 29th November (remember that icy day of driving snow?) raised £150. The Bottisham Bell Inn Charity Trophy dominoes match, a coffee morning in Swaffham Bulbeck, and a junior disco in Reach all helped. Thankyou everyone. The next event in the Cover the Pool calendar is a Scottish Evening at the College on January 31st.

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You folk at Swaffham Prior have steadfastly set your faces against the notion of weekday worship; but in the host of parish churches where that is treasured, this is going to be a primary means of feeding the Christian mind.

Secondly, the provision for a person to be baptised, confirmed, and to make their first Communion all at the same service, as in the early centuries: a momentous experience. Thirdly, the new Marriage Service, which I hope you will examine carefully when the new Book is in your hands. It is the studied simplicity of the document which struck me first. But hardly less, the depth and sanity of the theology, i.e., the Christian understanding, behind it, together with the extreme care with which the actual language has been ground and polished till there are no waste words and false notes. Take, just as an instance, the lovely words with which the bride receives her ring: 'I receive this ring as a sign of our marriage. With my body I honour you, all that I am I give you, and all that I have I share with you, within the love of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

And fourthly, the Ordinal, the services for the ordaining of priests and deacons and the consecrating of bishops. Here again, it is the depth of the thinking behind the excellence of the language, which grips you. Every eucharist now carries what is called a post-communion sentence or collect, and the one at the end of the service for the ordination of a deacon or priest is a remarkable instance of what I mean:

Father,

You have taught the ministers of your Church

To be willing servants of others.

Give to these your deacons

skill and gentleness in the practice of their ministry,

and perseverance always in prayer,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

That phrase 'skill and gentleness in the practice of their ministry' might almost be identified as a kind of hall-mark of the Book: it represents so much of the tone or key of its thinking. Cranmer's second Prayer Book, on which 1662 is based, was obsessed with guilt and its penalties: this one is soaked in the sense of what St Paul, in a lovely phrase, once called 'the kindness of God our saviour', and so, in turn represents the distilled fruit of two generations of profound thought about the psychology of the human heart and soul. The overall feeling you get from reading the Book is of that other great phrase of Paul, about God having 'made us acceptable in the beloved'.

So it's a workable Book, a workmanlike Book, a businesslike Book, a Book for all seasons; simple, quiet, unshrill, accurate in its language, profound in its thought. biblical in its roots. contd.

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We are indeed grateful for the gift of thirty of these previous
books, for use at St. Mary's, by one parishioner; and for the
gift of a further fifteen, plus an altar book, for use at Reach,
by another.

Finally, may I remind all anglicans, and perhaps drop
a hint to all well-wishers, that our annual Quota has risen this
year by £180 to £948, and to £173 at Reach.

J.K.B.

From the Registers:

Baptism

7th December Mark Edward, son of Brian Edward and Barbara
Joan Harrison, 17, Ladybower Way, Gunthorpe,
Peterborough.

FROM THE CHURCHES

Worship at St. Mary's and Reach - in January

- 1 The Naming of Jesus
10.00 Holy Communion (St. Mary's)

- 4 CHRISTMAS II
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Reach)
9.30 a.m. Matins & Eucharist (St. Mary's)
6.30 p.m. Evensong (Reach)

- 6 THE EPIPHANY
10.00 Holy Communion (St. Mary's)

- 11 & 18: EPIPHANY 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)

- 25 The CONVERSION OF S. PAUL; EPIPHANY III
9.30 a.m. Childrens Eucharist (St. Mary's)
11.00 a.m. Childrens Eucharist (Reach)
6.30 p.m. Evensong (St. Mary's)

N.B. We very much hope parents will feel able to
bring their children to the Eucharist on the
4th Sunday of each month, even if they themselves
are unable or unwilling to make their communion.
The first part of the Eucharist will in fact be
hardly distinguishable from an ordinary children's
service, and I hope will be fully intelligible to
them. It will be very informal, with an
explanatory commentary.

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