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EDITORIAL

Since May is the month of local festivity, I am particularly pleased that this is another illustrated issue - thanks to the inventiveness of Stephen Morris. I hope that his story will encourage other young people in Reach to contribute.

As the magazine came out a little late last month, I am obviously the April Fool. However, I thought you might be amused to know that one of the Cambridge Evening News reporters was caught out - he rang up to complain that he couldn't find it!

Last week I took in our collection of milk bottle tops and pie dishes to a scrap dealer. He laughed as I took my one sack out of the van and showed me how a large machine squashed the tops into an embarrassingly small block and the pie dishes into almost no block at all. I was then presented with 70 pence and recommended to take our next collection to another collector in Cambridge who has a larger catchment area and brings in at least eight sacks at once. Well, 70 pence seems rather a puny amount after an eighteen month collection; nevertheless it is 70 pence saved from the refuse dump, so let us continue - perhaps with help from other families in the village, if husbands will allow accumulations of miscellaneous aluminium waste in the garage; mine has been rebelling vociferously for some months!

Merry May.

J.J.

Congratulations to the Rev. Byrom on being elected an honorary Canon of Ely Cathedral.

Welcome to the Dolphin Family who have moved into 2 Says, Great Lane. We hope Mr. and Mrs. Linwood will enjoy living in their new position in the village.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Smith of Grape Collage, after the loss of her husband.

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#### PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Planning applications have been received for Mr. Linwood and Mr. Hills for renovations and erection of a garage, respectively.

The Annual General Meeting followed the Parish Council Meeting and on this occasion seven members of the public were in attendance. The Chairman, Mr. Albert Johnson, gave a detailed report of the past years activities, following which the Financial Report was presented and adopted.

The idea of holding another Sports Day was put forward and it was agreed that the Parish Council should go ahead and carry out a survey to ascertain how many people would be interested in participating and whether parents would be willing to donate refreshments for the childrens tea. The date for this event has been fixed for 29th May.

Councillor Woollard gave his report on the County's activities for the past year and advised that the street lighting would be changed over to the sodium (orange) type, possibly during the course of the next two years. With regard to the rates, it was confirmed that Cambridgeshire County Council had imposed the highest increase in the £ over the whole country. Councillor Woollard also advised that the crisis of the primary school teacher at Swaffham Prior seems to have resolved itself, owing to keen lobbying from both Reach and Swaffham Prior. In conclusion, he said he thought that the village, in general, had improved enormously over the past year.

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#### District Council News

This brief report replaces one that I should have given to the Annual Parish Meeting on April 7th, but which I regret I was unable to attend due to a family bereavement.

For the second year running the District has managed (by very careful house-keeping) not to increase its rate, which remains therefore at 9.2 in the £. I think however, that this state of affairs cannot continue much longer; we are an expanding district and pressures are building up which mean that, however skilful we are at managing our finances and however vigilant councillors are over not spending, we are going to need more money to provide the services that are required.

During the past year there have been twelve planning applications affecting Reach. I know that your Parish Council has been concerned at the number of 'retrospective' applications and has wondered whether this is a....  
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way of 'getting around' planning regulations. The answer is that retrospective applications are dealt with in exactly the same way as those that come in at the proper time - approved or not approved on planning terms; if not approved, enforcement action would be taken to alter or remove the offending building. It is therefore clearly to everyone's advantage to apply for planning permission in advance of building or structural alterations, since it saves both time and money to do things the proper way.

I feel particularly concerned for young engaged couples waiting for their first home. The Council is able to help with house-purchase, however, so some young people may find it worth while enquiring at the Housing Department at Ely about the possibility of receiving help to buy a house in the private market.

Margaret Cook.

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# BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

It was recently brought to my notice that, although we have frequently mentioned this competition in the magazine, we have not published anything about the regulations or the marking categories.

Entry for the competition is automatic. There are two prizes for which we are eligible:-

- a). The County Prize - which is the Fairhaven Trophy
- b). District (i.e. East Cambs.) Prize - which is the Ely Standard Trophy.

The categories and their respective marks are as follows:

- 1). Private houses and gardens, including trees, hedges and walls -  
Marks out of 25.
- 2). Public buildings, including war memorials, churches, meeting houses, notice boards. The tidiness of the outside and the surroundings is taken into account. Marks out of 25.
- 3). Commercial buildings - shops, workshops, inns, pubs, factories, farms and the orderliness of any advertisements displayed.  
Marks out of 10.
- 4). Public open spaces - playing fields, village greens, verges and green spaces between buildings, ditches, ponds and streams, allotments. Marks out of 20.
- 5). Absence of litter and general appearance of the village, including refuse dumps. Marks out of 20.

In the interest of fairness, marks are not given for features of natural beauty nor deducted because of ongoing construction or repair. (It seems a pity that refuse dumps are not excluded on the same basis!)

The villages competing in our group of the competition are:-

Bottisham  
Burwell  
Lode  
Swaffham Prior  
Swaffham Bulbeck  
Wicken  
Little Thetford  
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From the Vicar:

May I simply repeat here the remarks I made at the A.G.M. of the P.C.C. on March 29th.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I can't very well stand up, like the Company Chairman, and tell you it has been 'a successful year', if only because no priest is in a position to be judge of such a thing, even if he were certain what the phrase meant in the first place.

Yet I feel I can at least suggest it has been a year of restrained hope, though my grounds for saying so are the very slenderest. What I have called the sinister exodus by members of the congregation to other villages, including one especially which shall be nameless, continues; these departures, despite ceaseless visiting, are rarely replaced: the general indifference of the community as a whole to the claims of worship remains implacable; and our income continues at a level which can only be called frighteningly low.

Yet despite this, I feel it would be untrue, if not unfair, to write off the whole enterprise as dead. Three years ago I suggested our most serious failure was our failure to win the children. So it has been a very special pleasure to see a number of boys and girls recently brought into the choir by the combined influence of Mr. Macdonald, my wife, and latterly Mr. Bovil, and of course through the influence of the children themselves. Not only are the weekly choir practices used as a means of steady instruction in the general ethos of Christian faith and worship, but its members are already supplying confirmation candidates.

And there are other signs of hope: the few who do worship have been very generous in increasing their rate of giving; the community as a whole was immensely kind, lavish in some cases, in its response to our Gift Day Appeal; and the community both here and in Reach, plus the staff and pupils of the Leys School, were equally generous in sponsoring the two-wheeled pilgrimage ingeniously conceived by our Secretary, Dr. Moseley. These two efforts alone brought us over £500; and by these means, and by one or two more seven-year covenants, we have managed to survive, though I must emphasise it has been survival, and no more.

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# REACH VILLAGE CENTRE NEWS

Reach Fair was the main topic of the Committee Meeting held on 20th April.

The programme is as advertised - although the cycle race organisers, to be held on 21st May, have not contacted us as to their needs.

It is hoped that the Morris Dancers are coming to Reach on May Day in addition to the childrens usual May Pole dancing - for the Mayor and his entourage's entertainment. I feel sure that it is a welcome bonus, as this side of the Fair is so depleted.

The entries for the Horse Sale are up over previous years in all sections-horses, ponies and tack, some entries coming as far afield as Epsom and Wellingborough. It looks as though this sale is at last getting off the ground and will go from strength to strength.

For full details see Reach Fair Programme.

Concern was expressed at the meeting about the problems of getting our solicitor to act promptly for us regarding the completion of our lease details, and the registering of the centre as a charity. A motion was passed that we ask another solicitor to act for us in these matters.

The Parish Council have decided to hold another Sports Day - as village opinion was that the Jubilee Sports were a great success. We have made the Village Centre and its facilities available to them on the Spring Bank Holiday - 29th May. In order to help them the Committee agreed to provide a free tea for all the school age and under children of the Parish in the Centre on that day - tea will also be available for adults for a small charge. So gifts of cakes and sandwiches etc. will be most welcome. Please contact Joyce Harrison or Anita Folkes.

During this discussion, comment was made that it is a pity that the old Reach Sports and Social Club has been allowed to lapse - for it ought to be an organisation like this that should organise and run an annual sports day and similar functions - lets hope something can be done.

The Village Centre A.G.M. was fixed for 11th May at 8.00 p.m.

J.O. Robinson.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION --  
REACH FAIR PROGRAMME

Saturday 29th April:

Clay Pigeon Shoot - 2.00 p.m.  
Pork and Punch - Village Centre - 8.00 p.m.  
Enter the Miss Reach contest  
Music, meal and bar

Sunday 30th April: Exhibition of "Past and Present" - in the Church

Open Dog Show - Village Green - 1.30 p.m.  
"Best dog in Reach class"  
Rogation Day Service - 6.30 p.m.  
Burwell Brass Band - Village Centre - Bar-7.30p.m.

Monday 1st May: Exhibition of "Past and Present" - in the Church

OFFICIAL OPENING - Mayor of Cambridge - at NOON  
Village Green  
Maypole Dancing  
Morris Dancing  
Fair - Bar  
Horse & Tack Sale - Village Green 1.00 p.m.  
Family Evening - Village Centre 8.00 p.m.

Tuesday 2nd May:

Bingo Evening - Village Centre - 7.30 p.m.

Wednesday 3rd May:

Table Tennis Competitions - Village Centre-6.45p.m.

Friday 5th May:

Open Darts Match - Village Centre - 7.00 p.m.

Sunday 21st May:

Cycle Race - Village Green - 10.30 a.m.

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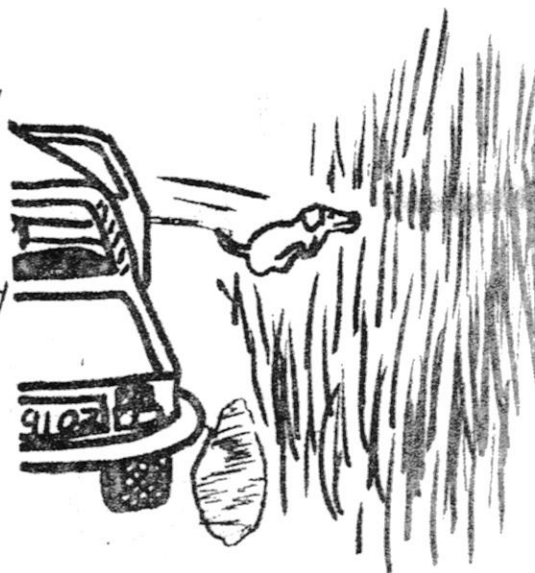
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him  
Dyk.



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and  
somebody  
Threw  
a  
little  
puppy  
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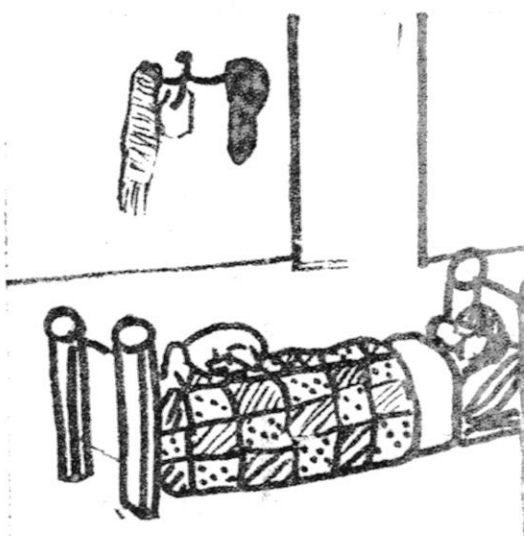
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for walks.  
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called it  
"Fen"



6.  
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kept  
Dyk's  
feet  
warm  
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TO ALL VILLAGERS- WHY NOT COME TO

REACH VILLAGE CENTRE  
(MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE)  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY 11th MAY at 8.00 p.m.

FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL

The Easter Egg Bingo was, by all accounts, a resounding success and grateful thanks are extended from the committee and other Friends to everyone who assisted, especially our Caller 'extraordinaire', Mr. McCauley. Our thanks also to Mrs. Kasberg for the delightful cake.

It is hoped that, by the time this is published, as many of you as can be possibly crammed into the school will have enjoyed the 'Ceilidh' on April 22nd.

Looking forward, there are the following arrangements so far:

Barbeque, June 10th - and here's hoping for fine weather.

School Fair, provisionally June 24th. Any offers of assistance will be gratefully received. It is anticipated that there will be a mass of activities and side shows to surpass even the success of last year's Fair. Look out for further details later.

Sports Afternoon, provisionally July 8th. We know now that no subsidy will be available to heat the swimming pool again this year but our special fund, created by the efforts of the sponsored walkers and their exhausted companions last year will ensure that, at least during term time, the pool will be heated. Further consideration will be given to the holiday period in due course.

Finally, Any one for ROUNDERS? Any interest in organised evening matches during the warmer weather - children and adults - please pass your names to Mrs. Booton.

R.A. Clinch

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING - May 27th at 7.30p.m.

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including a Cake Stall.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN  
AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

has been called for  
THE REACH SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

In the Village Centre - Thursday 11th May  
at 9.00 p.m.

It is very important that you attend.

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X WHIST DRIVE AND GRAND DRAW X  
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X IN AID OF "M.A.G.P.A.S." X  
X COME AND SUPPORT US X  
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SHIRE HALL TITBITS

By the time Out of Reach is published, the Annual Parish Meeting will have taken place with the Agenda including a short report from myself regarding my year's work as your County Councillor and County Council affairs in general.

I always find this occasion very interesting, in that inquests are held on things that went wrong, bouquets are given for a few successes, but in so many instances the problems are perennial, in some cases growing not less but more. One of my particular worries at the moment is that with an ageing population in many of our villages, the need for more help for the elderly is becoming only too apparent. A big step forward will be the opening of the new Home for the Elderly - Queens Court - at Bottisham, but this can only be a temporary palliative, and I am sure we all know of many elderly people who require almost constant attention. Friends, neighbours and relations are still wonderful, however, and I would like to express gratitude to those who provide so much help voluntarily as individuals or through organisations such as the W.R.V.S.

As I write this, I am grappling with another financial problem for the County Council - the decision by the Government to cancel the proposed rise in the school meal prices. We have got to find £435,000 from somewhere to pay for this. I believe the money would have been better spent on books and paper in any case. Do you agree?

Geoffrey Woollard,  
County Councillor.

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THE STAINE HUNDRED

The next meeting of the Staine Hundred - the local history society - will be on Wednesday 10th May, when Stewart Bell will talk about 'Aerial photography and archaeology'. The meeting will be held in the Lecture Room at Bottisham Village College, at 7.30 p.m.

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