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EDITORIAL

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By the time you receive this issue Christmas will be over for another year and we will be entering 1984. I hope it will prove to be a good and peaceful year for everyone.

The village carol singing raised about £20 which will be divided between village funds and a local charity. I hope you liked our Christmassy cover for last month's "Out of Reach", produced courtesy of Joyce Blocksage and Janet Biggs.

Joyce Harrison would like to pass on a message via this column. She thanks the non-members of Reach Village Centre who helped to make the Over Sixties Party a success. Once again she would like to make the point that many people do not bother to let her know if they are coming or not, which leads to unnecessary expense and work. Out of 40 invitations sent out, only 17 people turned up. She adds... "I wonder how they would feel if they had prepared a dinner for eight, and only two turned up?".

The next meeting of the Village Committee will be on Wednesday, January 18th at 8.00p.m. and the next Jazz Ballet session will be on Thursday January 19th.

Kay Pote

At the recent Whist Drive and Christmas Draw, the sum of £225 was raised. This was shared by Addenbrooks Hospital Amenities Fund and Newmarket Journal Hospital Xmas Funds. Joyce Harrison and helpers would like to thank all the people who helped to raise this sum.

Prize winners in The Grand Draw were as follows:-

Christmas Cake

E. Frost, Swaffham Prior

Crackers

R. Dunnet, Reach

Sherry

E. Cole, Reach

Pomagne

L. McKensie, Addenbrookes

Lindt Chocs.

G. Cullem, Addenbrookes

Tea

Mr. Wright, Swaffham Bulbeck

Christmas Pud

J. Stinton, Swaffham Prior

Voucher

L. Freeman, Cambridge

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Biscuits

G. Folkes, Reach

Sherry

G. Farr, Tillotsons

Ass. Chocs

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Sherry

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FROM THE VICAR

The beginning of another year, particularly one with as bad a reputation as 1984, plus the fact that I am now well into the tenth year of my life among you, gives rise to reflection.

It is not difficult to become mesmerised by fear, expecially when we have been treated for two decades and more to the horror stories which the mere thought of 1984 suggests. Fear, unfortunately, has a way of bringing about the very things we dread. So that, if one did nothing but listen to the media, the cataracts of violence they report would suggest we are on a downward slope to catastrophe which no human power can arrest. The foreboding about the end of the world which preceded the approach of the year 100A.D. has striking parallels with our own gloom about 1984.

But there is another side to all this. There is a rising concern for justice all over the world; for children; for education; for world health; for proper food distribution; and for every form of art; and in a curious way these concerns are passionately pursued as if the bomb and its barely thinkable consequences simply didn't exist. So that when 1984's bluff comes to be called on January 1st, its mesmeric power may prove to be no more than that of a mindless grinning idol. When its hours and days actually come to be lived, like those of any other year, they will indeed be found to be like and evil.

So that we do well to consider very closely what precisely is making for the one and the other in the tiny patch of what we call society personally known to ourselves, since society is surely that patch writ large. By good I mean whatever makes for growth, maturity and richness; by evil, whatever distorts, depersonalises and diminishes.

In particular, a priest must constantly be asking himself how the inexhaustible power of the Christian Gospel can be brought to bear on the growing-points of our national, and village, community life. Is there, in fact, any point of contact left; or have we now written off religion as so private a concern that the possibility of influence has all but disappeared?

Though the situation is discouraging, I am not personally quite so despairing. The sacrificial spirit of the risen Christ is carried mainly by those who consciously and continually worship him, though some of these are so affronted by the churches' presentation of him that they will have nothing to do with them. Yet the selfless caring such veneration produces rubs off very powerfully on many of those without such conscious faith. And because Christianity is a religion arising out of disaster and death, its devotecs are not easily discouraged. As Cardinal Newman once said, "the church is always dying", - dying and rising with its Lord. Christians take disaster with a pinch of salt, one might say, knowing that the forces on their side are ultimately undefeatable.

According to St. John, Jesus said he "came that we might have life, and have it more abundantly". The business of Christians, therefore, is to further whatever is capable of growth at every level of society, for the sake of one never despised, never discouraged, and seized hopefully on the tiniest sparks of insight, faith, penitence and love.

So my hope is that you will find 1984 as much under the control of providence, that is, of God our Lord, the Lord of history, as any other year, and find your deepest confidence and happiness in that.

J.K.B.

FROM THE CHURCHES

Worship in January 1984: St. Mary's and Reach

1st SUNDAY after CHRISTMAS - THE NAMING OF JESUS

8.00a.m. Holy Communion (Reach)

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

6th The EPIPHANY of our LORD

6.30p.m. Evensong (Reach)

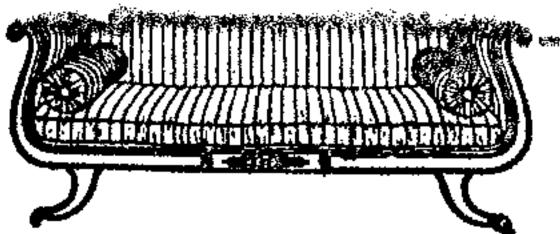
7.30a.m. & p.m. Holy Communion (St. Mary's)

8th & 15th EPIPHANY I & II

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

11.00a.m. Family Communion (Reach)

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



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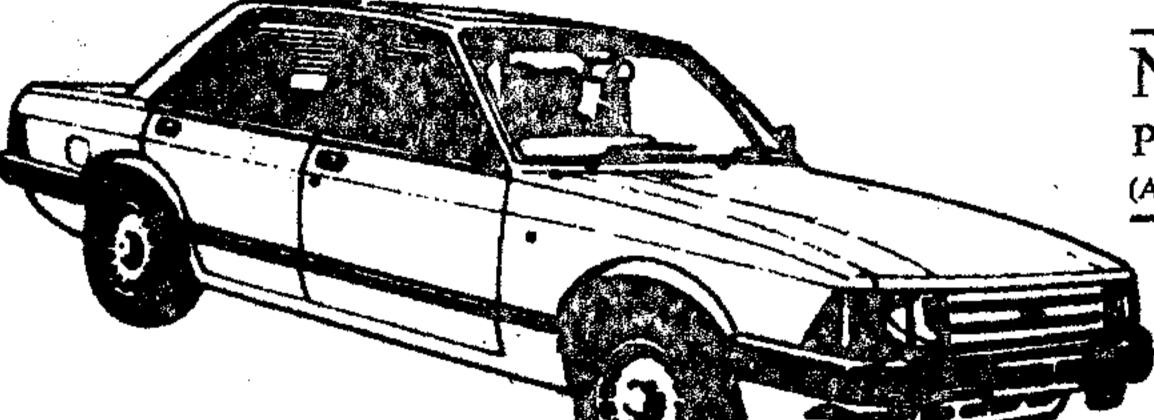
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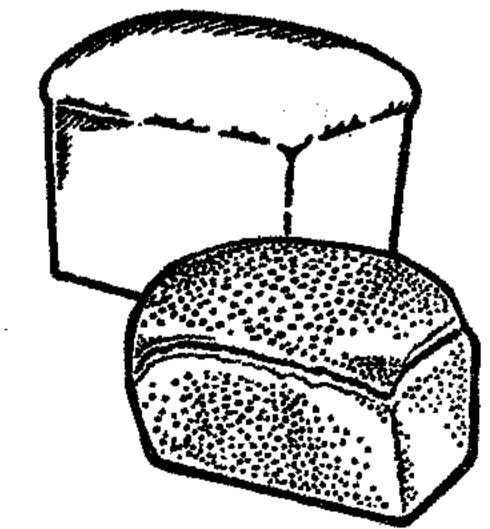
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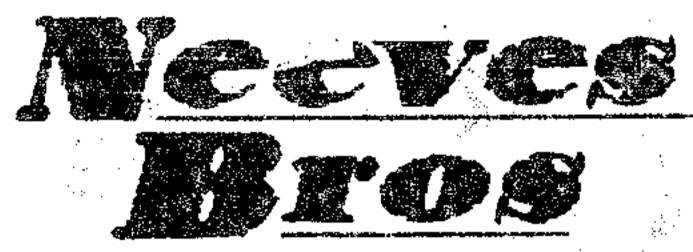
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22nd EPIPHANY III

9.30a.m. Children's Eucharist (St. Mary's)

11.00a.m. Children's Eucharist (Reach)

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

25th CONVERSION OF S. PAUL

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

29th EPIPHANY IV

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

11.00a.m. Family Communion (Reach)

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

PRIORY Y.C.

SENIOR SECTION

There were two outings during November, one was to Parkside Swimming Pool, Cambridge, and the other (where certain members reached new heights!!) was to the Kelsey Kerridge Sports Centre, where a mixture of juniors and seniors tried a session on the trampoline. The instructor was most helpful and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. From the comments since, another session will probably be arranged in the New Year.

Work is progressing steadily with the Y.C. Hut and at the time of writing, the current jobs include insulation and electrical fitments.

The Club's television decided to give up a few weeks ago and we are in desperate need of one for the computer. If, after Father Christmas has visited, anyone has a T.V. surplus to requirements, then we should be pleased to hear from them.

We hope everyone had an enjoyable Christmas and all best wishes for 1984.

Jeff Herring

JUNIOR SECTION

Our trip to Rollerbury in November proved to be a most enjoyable morning for all, Within a very short time all the children were skating with confidence (even the beginners) and all took part in the games. Many thanks to Jeff for driving the minibus and Julie for her help and support. Another trip will be planned for the near future.

We ended 1983 with a Christmas Disco where 36 children had an enjoyable evening with streamers and balloons, and dancing to Shadow Roadshow.

Youth Club re-starts on Tuesday 3rd January 1984.

Carol Taylor

BOTTISHAM VILLAGE COLLEGE SWIMMING POOL ASSOCIATION

Enrolment for Adult and Childrens swimming lessons will take place on Saturday 14th January at 10.00a.m. in the College Drama Studio.

Additional enrolment will be available on: -

Tuesday 17th January (4.45-6.15p.m. & 8.00-9.00p.m.)

Thursday 19th January (4.45-6.15p.m.)

Saturday 21st January (9.15-11.15a.m.)

at the Pool Kiosk.

For details of Public opening times, please call for a leaflet at the Pool Kiosk.

Jennifer Urwin (Publicity)

BOTTISHAM VILLAGE COLLEGE MUSIC SOCIETY

The next concert will be held on Friday 6th January at 8.00p.m. in the Hall at Bottisham Village College.

There will be a very short A.G.M. followed by a selection of music by members, together with a wine and cheese party.

Next concert: 10th February at 8.00p.m.: Clare College Choir

David Urwin (Chairman)

STAINE HUNDRED

The next meeting of the Staine Hundred, the local history society, will be on Wednesday, January 11th at 7.30p.m. in the Lecture Room at Bottisham Village College. The speaker will be Canon May who will be talking about the History of Newmarket. Canon May has recently published a book on the subject. Non-members welcome.







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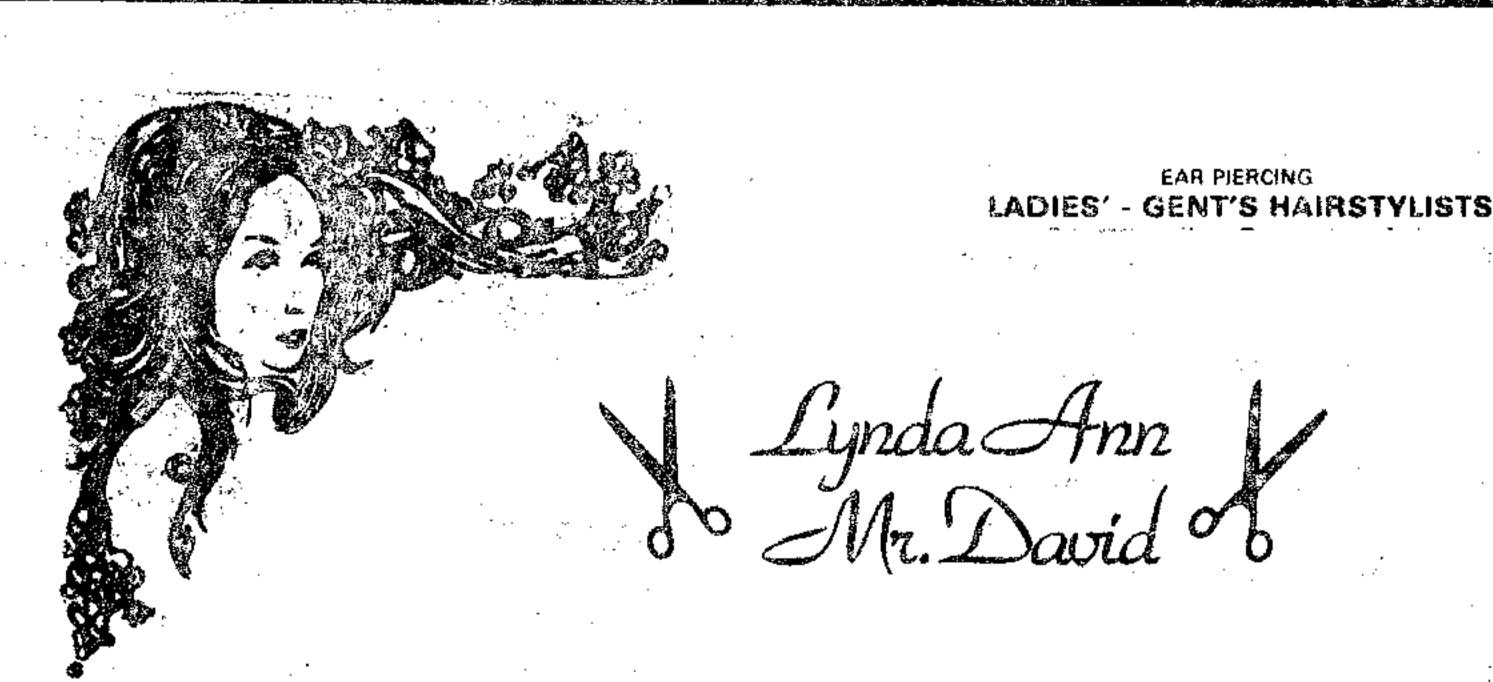
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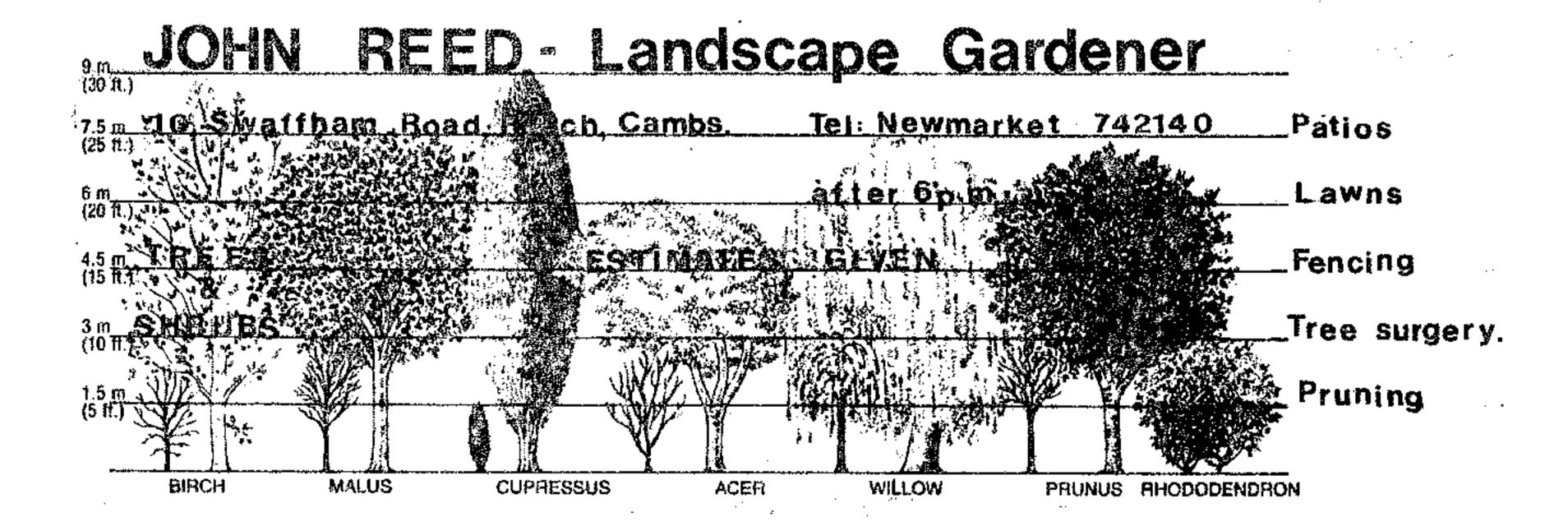
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1st Swaffham Prior Cub Pack

We have had a successful second term in the 1st Swaffham Prior Cub Pack. All boys are now working for Arrows, and it is very noticable that some are taking time and effort at home to prepare scrapbooks, etc. while others look on Cubs as a social evening once a week and are not so keen on the training aspects of Scouting. Adam Newbury of Swaffham Bulbeck has made the most progress towards his Bronze arrow so far.

Two new boys were invested recently, Jamie Cotton and Shaun Wiltshire, Shaun won the trophy this term for the Cub who had made the most enthusiastic progress. He was not invested in the summer as he had not attended sufficiently regularly, but since then he has progressed enormously and is one of the most valuable members of the Pack.

So far we have played 6 football matches in the Newmarket District League and hawve become a team to be proud of. All the boys have turned up regularly and parents who have come along have found themselves caught up in the team's enthusiasm. Some fathers have started taking the boys for regular weekly coaching sessions and the team now plays to a high standard. More matches are planned for next term.

I have now resigned as the Cub Scout Leader because my family are leaving the village. Eric Carlton of Swaffham Bulbeck is taking over the Pack. He has my very best wishes and I do appeal to parents or other people interested in the Scouting movement to get in touch with him if they can offer any help. A new pack of the size of ours needs a great deal of planning and guidance from adults because the boys themselves do not have the tradition of an established pack to base themselves upon. There are 16 boys in the 3 villages who will become 8 years old within the next 6 months - if there is to be a Cub Pack for them to join, there will have to be offers of regular

Our thanks to the Swaffham Prior Parochial Charity for its generous donation to our funds. Also thanks to all those who have helped so far, either with meetings, or on the Committee side with fund raising. Also those who help to make the Pack run smoothly such as Mrs. Day, who clears up after us in School (although in good Cub tradition we try to leave no trace!!), and the groundsman who prepares the football pitch at Swaffham Bulbeck.

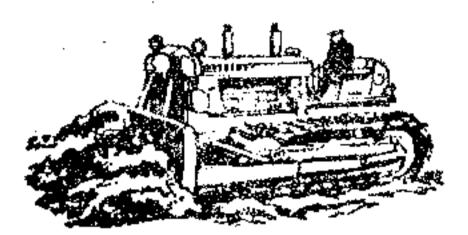
A very happy new year to you all. I shall be with all the Cubs in thought at least over the coming months, and hope that all runs smoothly. I am sure that it will.

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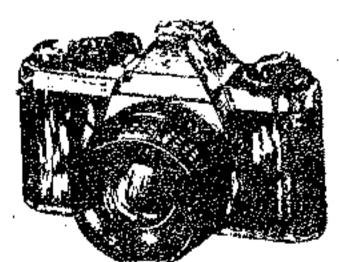
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