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EDITORIAL

MARCH 1984

Well what a furore that anonymous letter has caused! I was most amused by Alan Kersey's comments in the "Cambridge Evening News", and at least it gave the magazine a bit of publicity and proves that it is read outside of Reach! Another side effect is that there are three letters for the letter page this month. The controversy has prompted some people to write who might not otherwise have put pen to paper, and any interest is healthy. The writers of all three letters seem to feel that I should not have published the anonymous letter, but it was obviously intended for publication and it is my job to include anyones point of view whether I agree with it or not. I did ask Joyce her opinion beforehand and she agreed with me.

We are once again getting underway with preparations for this year's fair. It has been decided by the members of the Committee to dispense with the funfair brought by Mr Harris. Over the years many people have complained about the poor quality and size of his fair, so we are trying to produce a bigger attraction this year. The Lord General of the English Civil War Society is bringing his armies to stage various events including a mock battle, drill displays, exhibitions and displays of traditional crafts and weaponry. There will also be boat rides, probably pony rides and all the usual side shows and regular attractions. We are trying to obtain a roundabout for the younger children. The next fair meeting will be on Wednesday 7th March at 8.30 in the Village Centre. This is not only for Committee Members but for anyone who has any ideas for the fair, or would like to offer help or make comments on what we are proposing to do.

Barnado's fortnight is from 5th - 17th March so I will be round again to collect your envelopes some time between these dates. I hope you will feel able to give generously again to this most deserving cause.

This month we have a new typist, Sarah Aldred of Burwell Road, to replace Tricia Robertson who is leaving the typists circle. Congratulations to Dee and Dick Tammage on the birth of their daughter Elizabeth. All good wishes to two young girls Sarah Robertson and Paula Curtis, both of who have spent spells in hospital recently.

Kay Pote

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

10 Ditchfield
Reach,

Dear Sir or Madam,

Ref: To your annoymous letter in the "Out of Reach" No. 87
issue.

Though we doubt very much that Joyce Harrison is expecting a medal for all her good work concerning the over 60's Dinner, the least she can expect however is common courtesy.

We would'nt be able to give the writer of the letter a medal, even if he or she deserved it, not knowing who they are.

As regards the idea of a food parcel instead of the Dinner, ever tried talking to a food parcel?

We who attend the Dinner, look forward to meeting up with the villages, to catch up on the news and views ect, over the past year and a very enjoyable evening we all have.

Don't let us forget all the other helpers, who make the Dinner possible and all worth while. We would like to send to them a very Big Thankyou.

Mr & Mrs Hyde

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In reply to last months annoymous letter in the Our of Reach. I feel that most people, especially the people who attend the over sixties party are very disturbed and upset by it.

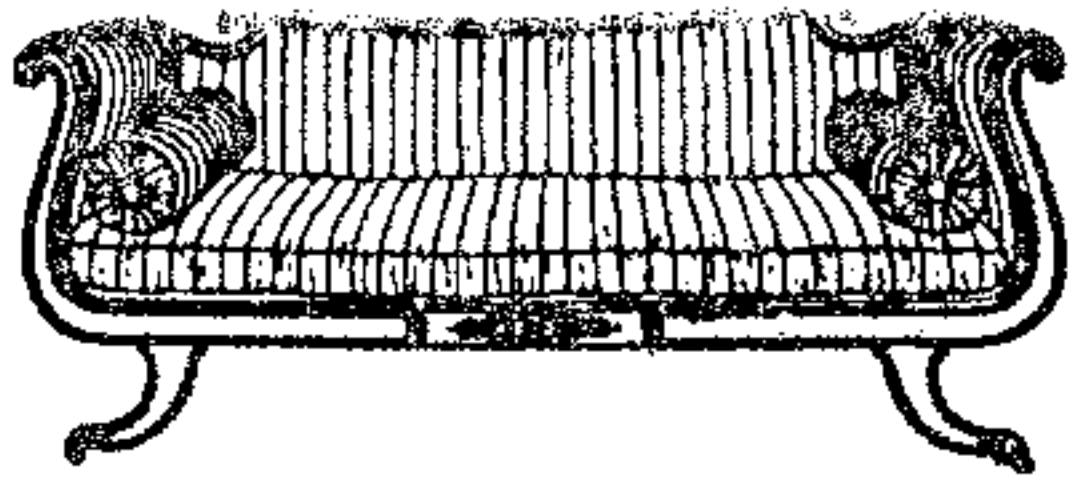
They didn't even have the decency to put their name, these letters which cause a lot of unpleasentness in a small village and someone gets branded who didn't do it should'nt be published if the people haven't the guts to put their name.

Well in case your wondering who I am, I'm Joyce Harrison's daughter, I've been and helped at an over sixties party and you have no idea how much these people enjoy themselves, they look forward to it. They just like to sit and talk to someone who they haven't seen from the previous year.

Sandra Harrison

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I am writing about the annoymous letter in the Jan. Out of Reach. I think anyone writing a letter and dose'nt put their name on it, the letter should not be printed. Reach is a very small village where an annoymous letter causes a lot of ill feeling and the wrong person being blamed. I am sorry to say I was one who did not reply to the invitation. For this I am very sorry.
Phyllis Webb.



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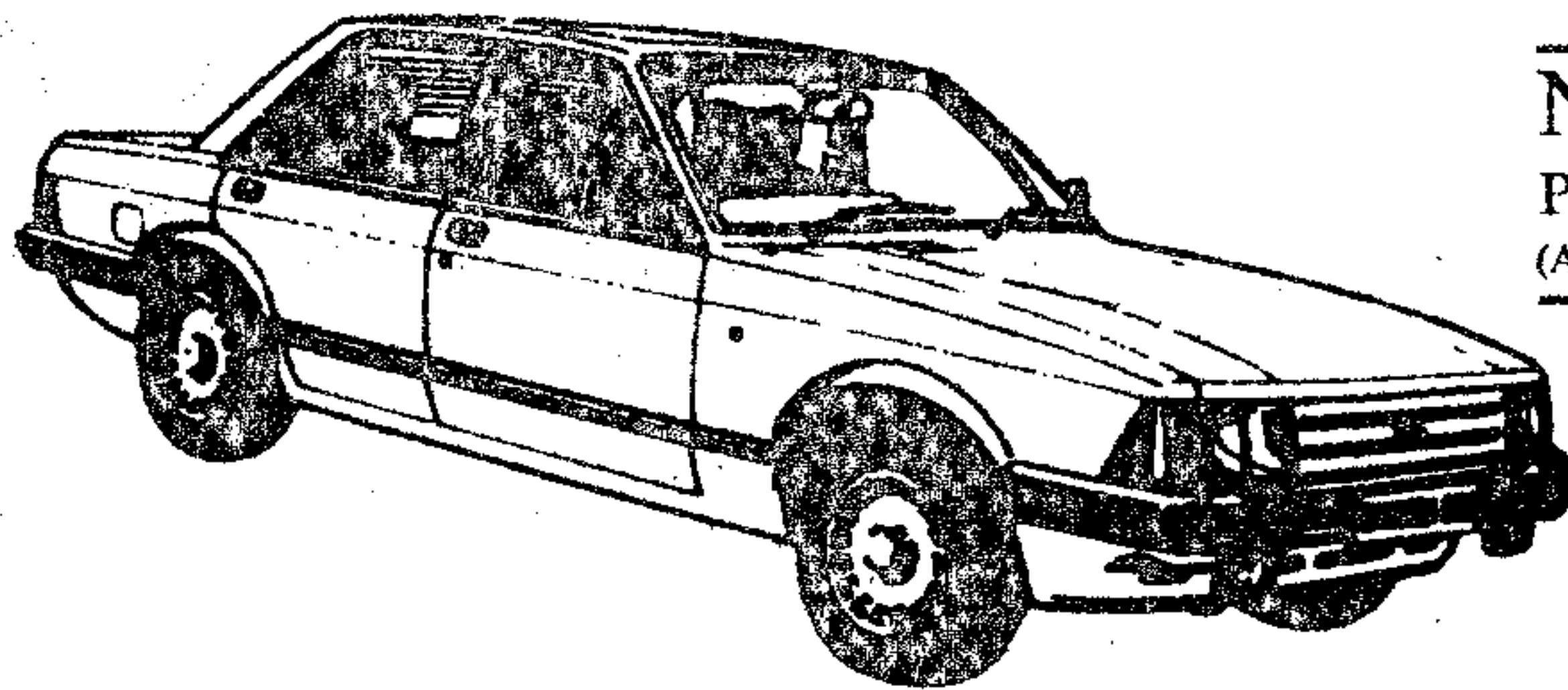
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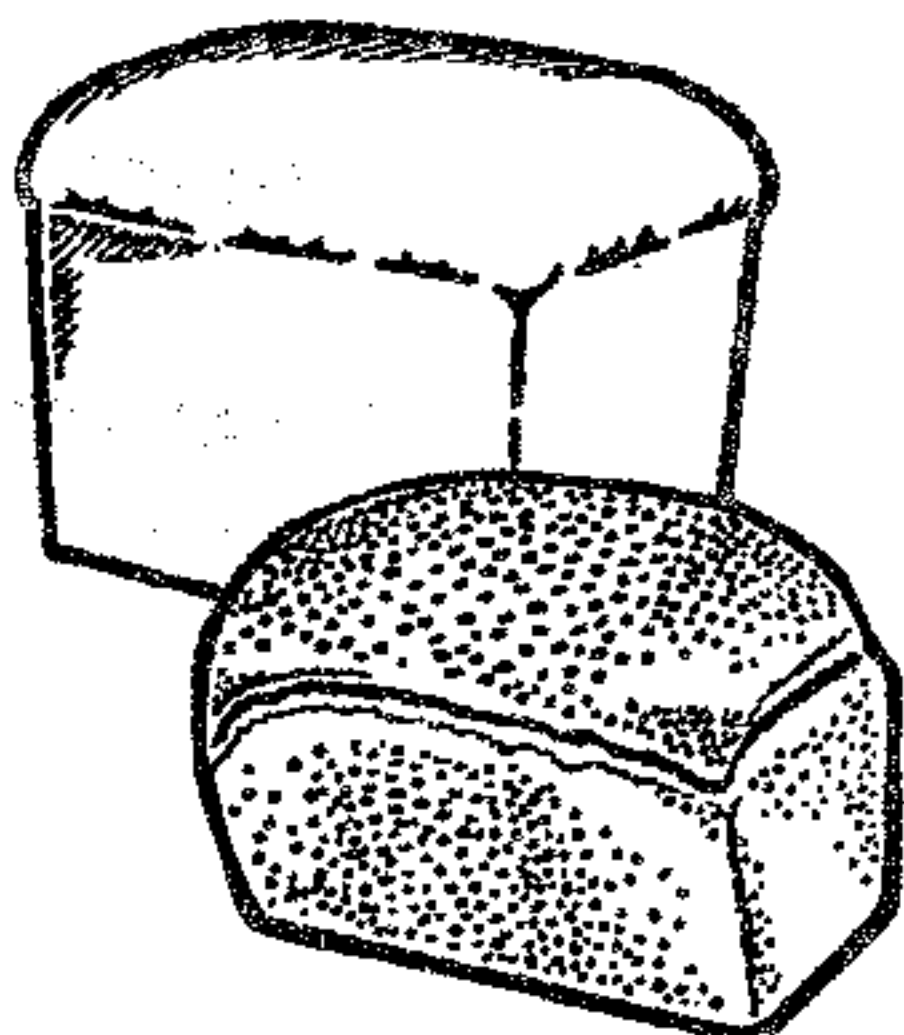
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FROM THE VICAR

On February 2nd the Christian Church kept the feast of Candlemas, which used to have great significance in the country, tho, alas, not being a genuine countryman, most of it is unknown to me. But at least I know it was regarded as the first big landmark in the farming year: a sign of lengthening days, and the point by which all good farmers had to be sure to have done most of their ploughing and drilling for the first main crops. Any farmer who had'nt was marked and wondered about.

But it is something still more basic I wanted to talk about, namely the event commemorated by Candlemas. It was the presentation to God of the child Jesus in the temple at Jerusalem 40 days after his birth, in accordance with the law of Moses. Nothing very significant, you might think; and in most cases it was fairly routine, perhaps like many baptisms to-day. But on this occasion things occurred which transformed it into an unforgettable moment, and deepened still further the strange sense of destiny already beginning to build up in men's minds about this child.

Modern cathedrals attract queer folk: vagrants, ultra-holy women, dreamers, romantics, who have to be watched and gently kept in order by vergers. Imagine the consternation provoked by one such habitue suddenly appearing from nowhere, seizing a baby just arrived for baptism, and then in the clearest and quite irresistible tones announcing to the assembled company a universal destiny for this very child, a working-class child at that. It would have required the Dean himself, plus at least two vergers, and possibly the odd canon in residence, to quell the ensuing commotion.

Yet something very like this happened when an old man by the name of Simeon, just such an habitue in the great temple at Jerusalem, prompted by a deep spiritual hunch, seized the child Jesus, and announced his coming destiny: 'this child', he said, 'is destined to be a sign which men rejected Many in Israel will stand or fall because of him, and the secret thoughts of many will be laid bare'. (The name Candlemas derives, of course, from those other words of Simeon, which we now know as the Nunc Dimittis, in honour of which candles were carried in procession from at least the 7th century: 'Lord, now let thy servant depart in peace, for my eyes have seen thy salvation ... a light that will be a revelation to the heathen').

But the heart of Candlemas lies in the presentation itself, the setting of the child in a Godward direction from the outset. Freud has given us the word libido, which is latin for desire, eagerness, longing, inclination; and each man (and woman's) history is written in terms of what they do with that longing. The point, for us, is that no object on which we set our desire is capable of finally satisfying but Jesus, the light of the Gentiles and the glory of Israel. Only he can bear the whole weight of the heart's trust, echoed in that staggering claim, 'Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest'. Libido must go somewhere: it cannot simply be suppressed. That was Freud's discovery, or re-discovery. What he missed was the secret known to the meek and lowly of heart, that Christ is not a phantasy but a fact, and the ultimate source of light and rest.

J.K.B.

CHRISTIAN HERITAGE

Starting with a service in Westminster Abbey on May 9th the churches of the U.K. and Ireland are invited to make the ensuing year, till May 1985, one of celebration for their Christian heritage. The intention is to remind the public of men and women of faith who have profoundly shaped our culture and influenced our history by transforming faith into energy, the energy of public work of one kind or another. It is hoped that their example will also be an inspiration for the future; and we are being asked to re-dedicate ourselves to work for a more just and compassionate society in the light of our Christian discipleship.

Our main contribution to this in Swaffham Prior will, I think, have to be the Edwin Muir Festival on 12 May, details of which are printed overleaf.

J. K. B.

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Worship in March:

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

7th ASH WEDNESDAY

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

11th & 18th: 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)

25th LENT III. THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE B.V. MARY

- 9.30 a.m. Children's Eucharist (St Mary's)
 11.00 a.m. Children's Eucharist (Reach)
 6.30 p.m. Evensong (St Mary's)

From the Registers:

Holy Baptism:

Ella Rose, daughter of Malcolm Rowland and Susan Ann
 Daines-Smith, of 9, Burwell Road, Reach.

Reach Church Lenten Offerings

Our offerings during lent this year will be given to the Kidney Dialysis Unit at Addenbrookes. An envelope should reach you in the course of March, and we hope you will be able to give generously. Please return your envelopes at Eastertime.

COUNTY COUNCILLORS NOTES FOR FEBRUARY 1984

One day last week I had a really good lunch of roast pork with two vegetables, followed by a delicious Eccles cake with custard. There was a choice of alternatives and the cost was only £1. The place was Bottisham Primary School and this is the standard charge for a visitor. That day I was the visiting governor. The children at Bottisham and at most of the local schools paid only 60p for the same meal, and can do so every day.

I draw attention to this because I had just left a meeting at Shire Hall with representatives of the County's Headteachers discussing some of their problems. During the winding-up discussion the councillor who is chairman of the Schools Catering Working Party, herself a caterer, took the opportunity to raise one of her problems - insufficient customers. She said how reluctant we were to follow some other counties in closing down the schools meals service, and pointed out that if every school could sell a dozen or so more cooked meals, to replace packed lunches, the service would be able to survive.

Most parents are now aware that the old school dinner days are gone, and the service is now 'customer oriented' ! Very sensibly at Bottisham the teachers ensure that choices by the young customers are kept within reasonable limits, and the Head assured me that everyone has a main course and at least one vegetable before hitting the high spots with the remaining pennies.

The basic charge of 60p has been held down for another year in the hope of attracting new customers. If this fails the price will have to rise. This could give rise to fewer buyers, and so on and so on. Then the Authority will have to decide between increasing the already large school meals subsidy, or abandoning the service and spending the money on teachers, support staff and books etc.

It is boring, but true, to remind ourselves that if we fail to make use of local services, such as the village shop, the local 'bus', the local post office, etc. they will wither away. It is just as true about school meals. And it really was a very good lunch!

John Brooks, County Councillor

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DISTRICT COUNCIL NEWS

A Housing Service for the Elderly.

The District Council has recently issued a major policy document concerning a housing service for the elderly. It comes at a time when the main thrust of government thinking is towards "Care in the Community", and away from institutionalised care, and when the role of District Councils as Housing authorities, in helping to satisfy the housing requirements of the elderly and disabled, has at last been recognised by allowing them a share in joint finance together with the health authorities and Social Services.

The main proposals include the establishment of an advice service for the elderly to include a full-time professional advisor to work in the Housing & Health departments. There are so many ways in which elderly persons can be helped to remain in their own homes for as long as possible that careful advice is essential. It is hoped too, to increase the amount of capital it is possible to spend on adaptations to disabled tenants' Council dwellings, and also to consider ways of increasing home-care for the elderly, jointly with the County's Social Services department.

It is proposed to set up two pilot schemes linking grouped dwellings, and other elderly tenants houses with a central control room to establish a 24 hour cover for old people to summon help in an emergency: the Housing Manager and I have already visited the headquarters of the Cambridge Medical Answering Service, and consultations are continuing. This will, of course, mean an enlargement of the role of the Warden from the current "good neighbour" one, to something more specialist, so it is proposed to introduce a training scheme for wardens.

Other proposals are being considered, and the entire policy document is to be discussed with Parish Councils, Social Services and the Health Authorities, before firm decisions are made by the Council. If the proposals are accepted and implemented, it will mean a radical change in future housing for the elderly and disabled in East Cambridgeshire.

Margaret Cook
Councillor

REACH PARISH COUNCIL

The Council has received several complaints regarding the fouling of footpaths by dogs. Perhaps dog owners could make sure that their dogs do not roam free around the village. Reach is surrounded by plenty of open fields and walks, so there is no excuse for allowing dogs to foul the footpaths and also the Green.

The Council hope to purchase some toddler seats for the swings in the near future.

Some cars are being parked in dangerous positions within the village, causing overtaking cars to mount footpaths. Could car owners make sure their cars are not obstructing drivers oncoming views. We do not want any accidents in Reach.

STAINED HUNDRED

The next meeting of the Stained Hundred - the local history society will be held on Wednesday 14th March at 7.30 p.m. in the Lecture Room at Bottisham Village College. The speaker will be Dr Paul Middleton of the W.E.A. whose talk "A Desperate Design" will deal with the drainage of the fens and its effect on fenland communities.

There is a one-day school in Cambridge on Saturday 24th March, organized by the Cambridge Antiquarian Society on The Making of Cambridge. This should be an interesting conference with eight different speakers. For further details and application forms please contact Ann Darvall (Tel: 811762, evenings) by 9th March at latest.

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Do come along.

Also this month best wishes for a speedy recovery to John Blocksage, who is at present in hospital.

Kay Pote

1984 REACH VILLAGE FAIR

The organisers of the Reach village fair are looking for stalls and exhibits for Fair Day, 7th May 1984. Would anyone interested please contact:

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Those who do not know exactly what happens at Queens Court might find it interesting to here a description of the work done there.

They have places for forty residents, thirty-five permanent places and five for temporary residents. When the necessity arises for residential care local people are given priority, this includes those from the area covered by their Day Centre.

The temporary places are for people living alone to give them a rest and change, or if living with relatives to give the relations a chance for a holiday or just a rest from their responsibilities. This often obviates the need for complete residential care. The forty places are always filled.

Queens Court is run on the group system which gives a much more intimate and friendly atmosphere than the larger old fashioned Homes. There are five sections of eight people

each having its own sitting room and facilities, and each resident has a bedroom to him or herself but there is a double room in each section so husbands and wives are not separated as they were in the past. There is a large hall used for the Day Centre and available to the residents if they choose. There are practically no rules and no restrictions on visiting, the idea being that the place is home for the residents not a Home. Independence is encouraged although there are hard-working care staff on night and day, not to mention all the other staff necessary to run a large establishment. Certainly the residents would agree that a more dedicated and caring group of people all working in together would be difficult to find.

Meals on Wheels for the Bottisham area are cooked in the kitchen, and the Day Centre caters for a large clientele. There is also an arrangement with the District Council whereby the 23 bungalows in Downing Close are connected to Queens Court by inter-comm and if the tenants need help it is available to them at any time.

Several people who began with Meals on Wheels and then came to the Day Centre have become residents in the home they know.

This then is our home for the elderly. The County Council provide all the necessities but there are many other things, extras for the home, outings, concerts, Xmas presents, parties etc that make life more interesting and worthwhile and it is those things that the home must provide for itself. With the increasing frailty of the residents the staff are now so busy it is difficult to spare the time to organise money raising events, and that is why we are trying to get together a group of "Friends of Queens Court" to do this for them. Not only to raise money but to befriend the home, to visit the residents perhaps or remember them on their birthdays or help in many other small ways, if a good number of us join together it should not be a very onerous task. Remember it is OUR home serving the elderly of OUR parishes.

We are thinking of charging a membership fee of £1 a year so even your name on the list will help. We shall be sending round forms asking you all to fill them in, please consider it seriously. Ideas and organising ability are also badly needed.

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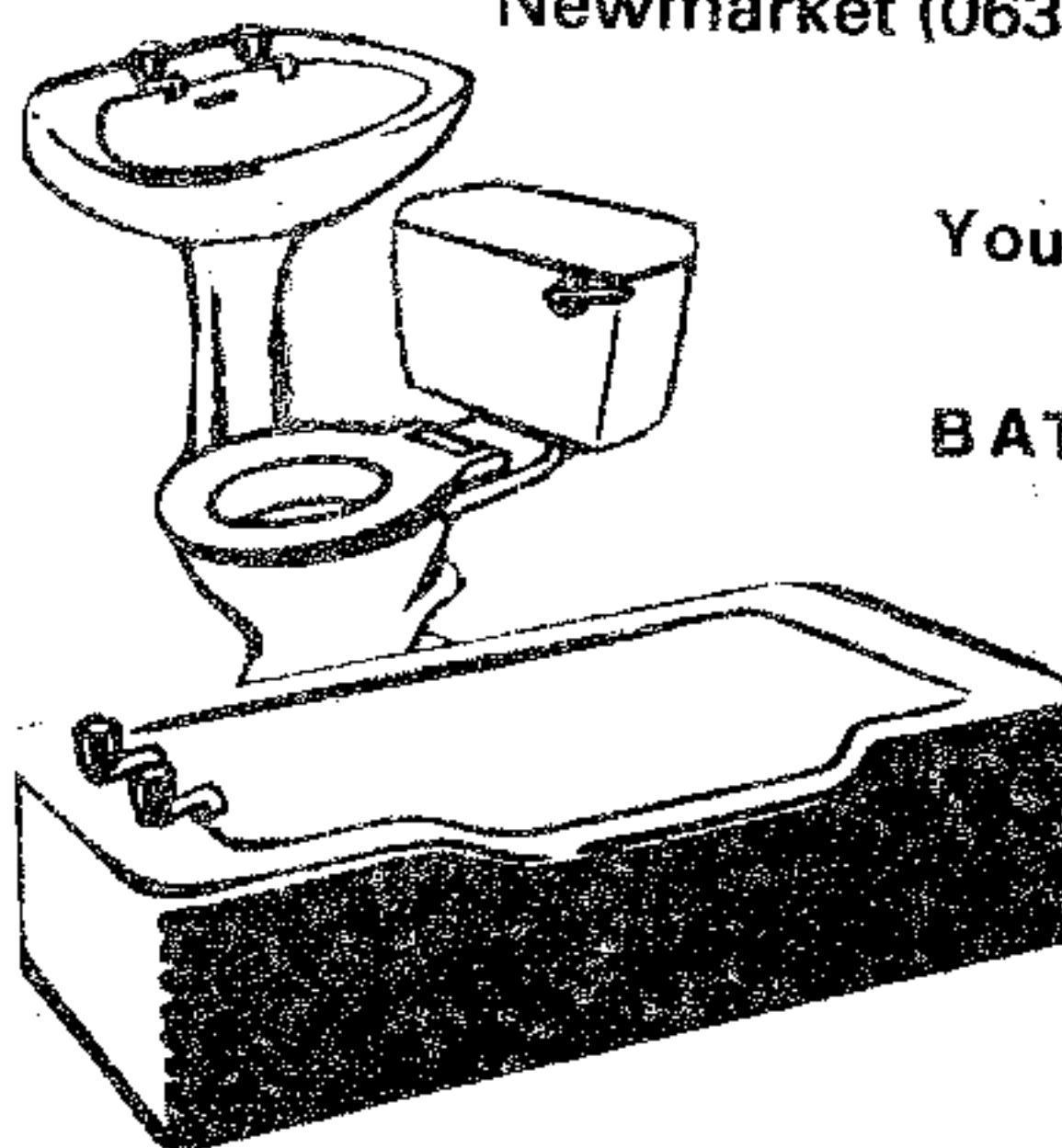
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Additional information next concert, Hertfordshire Chamber Orchestra, Saturday 7th April.

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PRIORY Y.C.

If anyone was listening to Radio Cambridgeshire on Monday 16th January they might have heard the club mentioned and the fact that we needed a television. One person who was listening was Mrs Simpson from Bottisham, with the result that the club now has a television!

One thing we shall need in the new hut will be a means of heating, and we are very grateful to R. Dunnett from Reach for his donation of a super ser. gas heater.

If anyone heard the church bells making unusual noises on Wednesday 25th January, you may be glad to know that it was the senior Y.C. and not Mr Sheldrick and his colleagues. This was a most interesting evening and we should like to thank Mr Sheldrick for showing us around.

On Tuesday 14th February we had ice skating at the village hall on a very cold and foggy night, but h those inside kept themselves warm, particularly the younger members.

Jayne Palfrey
(Club Secretary)

PRIORY YOUTH CLUB JUNIOR SECTION

On Sunday 12th February, we had another trip to Roller-Bury, where 14 children had a very enjoyable morning roller skating with three boys doing very well in learning the art of standing on eight wheels. These trips are arranged for Sundays as it is a family morning and not too many groups of teenagers get there. We hope to arrange more for the future. Once again many thanks to Jeff for driving the minibus and Julie for her help.

For those unable to come to Rollerbury there was a chance for everyone to show their skill at ice skating on synthetic ice on Tuesday 14th February. Once again everyone seemed to have a most enjoyable time.

Carol Taylor.

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FROM THE PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL

The events for March at the School will be the Easter Egg Bingo on April 6th at 7.15 and a Beetle Drive on March 16th, likewise at 7.15. There will be a second hand childrens clothing stall on Tuesday 13th March at 3 p.m. and in future months it will also be held on every second Tuesday. The Committee meeting for the Parents and Friends will be held on March 5th. The bowling club is extending its activities to an afternoon session at 4.30 as well as the usual evening session.

Looking ahead at a Farewell Supper Party for Mrs Booton and Mr Mills is planned for April 7th, Penny and Ray Hill have kindly volunteered their home as the venue for the evening, and a limited number of tickets will be for sale. More precise details will be circulated later. The School Play will take place on April 11th and term will end on April 13th at 3 p.m.. There will be an Assembly at 2.30, to which all are welcome.

100 CLUB WINNERS

Week	4	57	G Chapman	£20
	5	75	Ken (The Postman)	£10
	6	19	R Casey	£10

Ann Cotton

THIS MONTH'S RECIPE

SAVOURY CORN PIE

4 oz polyunsaturated margarine
4 oz plain flour
4 oz wholemeal flour
1 - 1½ tablespoons cold water
1 onion
12 oz can sweetcorn, drained
7 oz carton Quark cheese
2 eggs, beaten
dash skimmed milk
pepper

Make pastry by putting margarine, flour and water into a bowl. Stir to form a dough. Knead on lightly floured surface, roll out. Line a 7 inch flan tin, and bake blind for 10 - 15 minutes at Mark 6, 400 deg. F, 200 Deg. C. Mixed finely chopped onion with sweetcorn, quark, eggs & skimmed milk, season with pepper. Pour into pastry case and bake at Mark 6, 400 deg F. 200 deg. C. for 40 - 45 minutes.

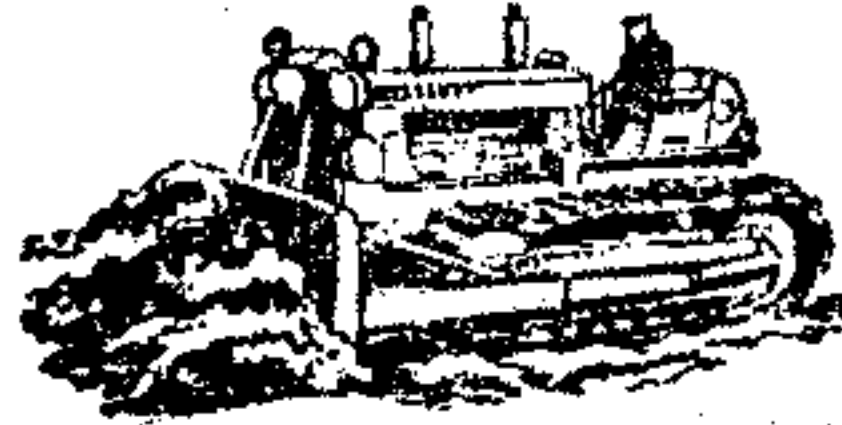
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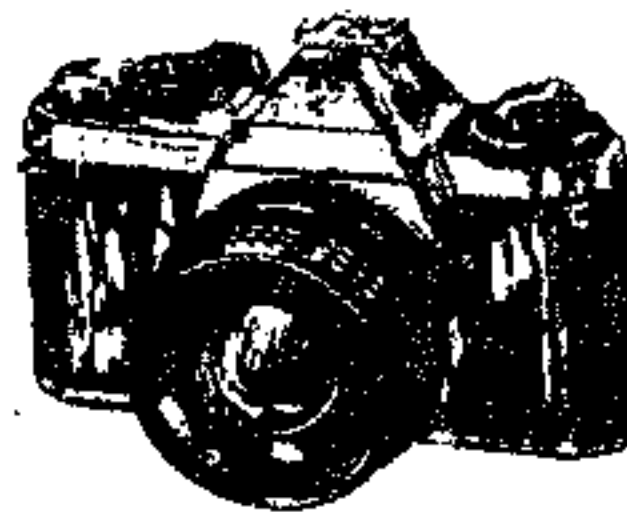
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