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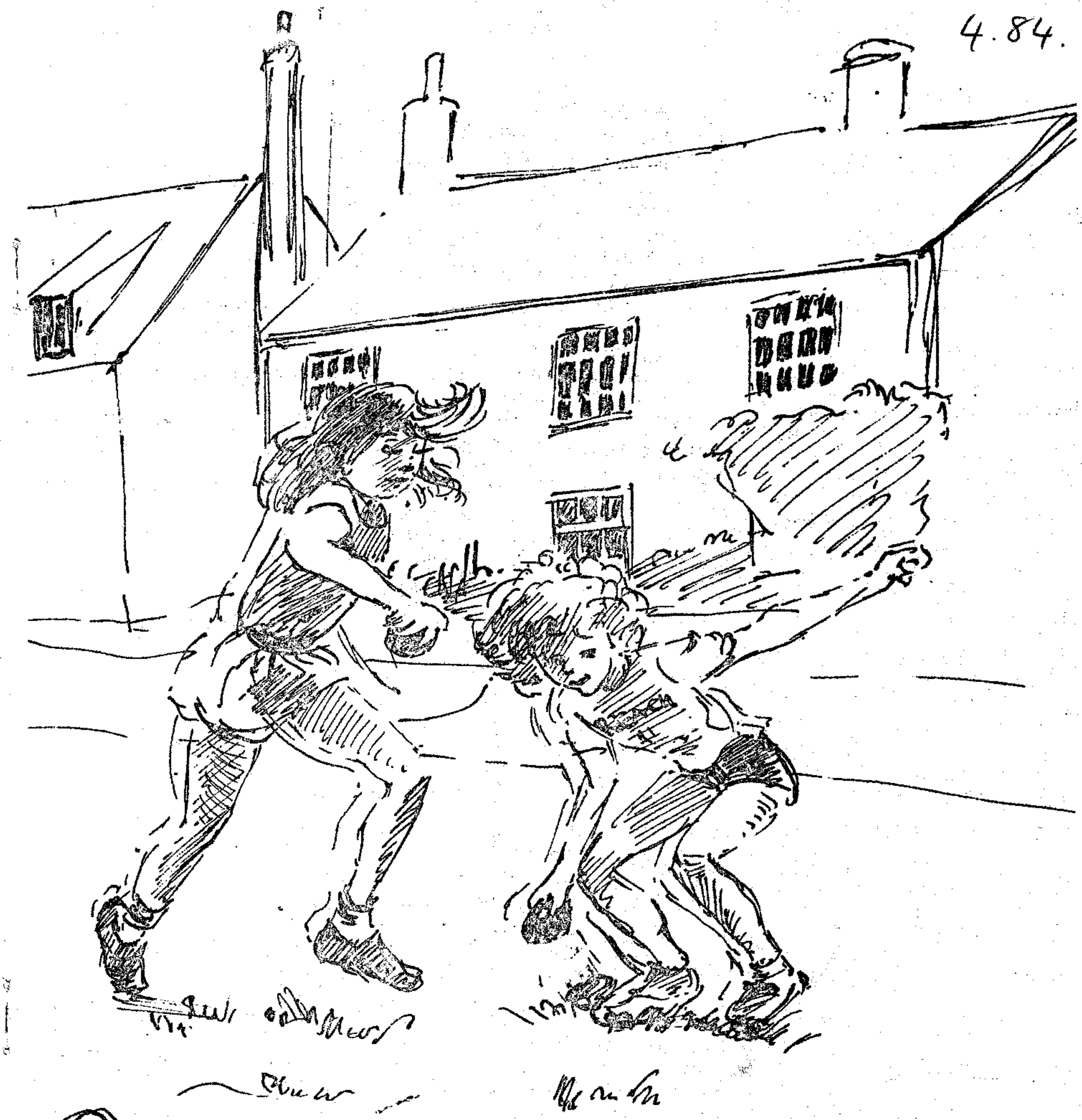

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E D I T O R I A L

I am pleased to report that the Barnardo's door-to-door collection this year raised the splendid amount of £50. Many thanks to all those who gave so generously. I hope that most people managed to hear "On Your Doorstep" on Radio Cambridgeshire last Sunday, which featured Reach. We seem to be getting a fair share of publicity in the village recently.

Thank you to Bill Estell this month for the latest of his poems which gives us hope that winter is nearly over.

There will be a Jumble Sale at the Village Centre on Saturday 14th April at 3.00 p.m. It is in aid of Church funds, and the organisers would be grateful if any Jumble that you may have could be handed in on Friday 13th at the Centre from 7.00 p.m. onwards.

Good wishes for a speedy recovery go to Anthony Dudley and Tim Clutton Brock this month, after their recent spells in Hospital.

I wonder if you have read recent reports in the "Evening News" about sightings of an unknown large cat, possibly a puma, in the area? It has allegedly been sighted as near as Lode, so who knows, it could make its way across the fens to Reach. While it is unlikely that anyone would be fortunate (or unfortunate!) enough to see the creature, it being of a cautious nature, it can be identified either by its footprints or its droppings. If anyone walking near the lode spots unusual footprints, it might be a good idea to photograph them before they become obliterated. Or if anyone comes across unusual droppings these could be carefully scooped into a polythene bag. (Their appearance is of a shiny black colour about the size of a dessertspoon). Tim Clutton Brock, our local expert on animals, says that he will be willing to help identify any photographs or droppings that are left with him. As several cats in the village have gone missing lately, it would be a good idea to keep an eye on them.

Kay Pote

THREE CHEERS FOR 'REACH ROVERS'

As a few of you may have read in the Newmarket Journal, a team of local footballers recently won the fourth Five-a-Side Football League Tournament at the Newmarket Sports Centre. The team comprised of:-

Malcolm Daines-Smith of Reach,
David Almond of Swaffham Prior Fen,
Paul Cole, ex-resident of Reach,
Steve Hockley and Kelvin Belmonte,
who play for two Burwell football clubs.

The Tournament was played over a period of 7 weeks, and having entered under the name of 'Reach Rovers' started the contest as the 'joke' team (country bumpkins, etc. etc.!). The team had the last laugh when they took the honours after winning their final match in true style. One of the organisers commented that they added class to the whole Tournament!

Well done to our victorious Reach Rovers!

Sue Daines-Smith

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STAINE HUNDRED

The next meeting of the Staine Hundred will be on Wednesday, 11th April at 7.30 p.m. in the Lecture Room of Bottisham Village College. The speaker will be Mrs Dorothy Owen who is the Archivist in charge of the Ely Records at the University Library. Her subject will be The Development of the Medieval City of Ely. All welcome. Non-members 50p.

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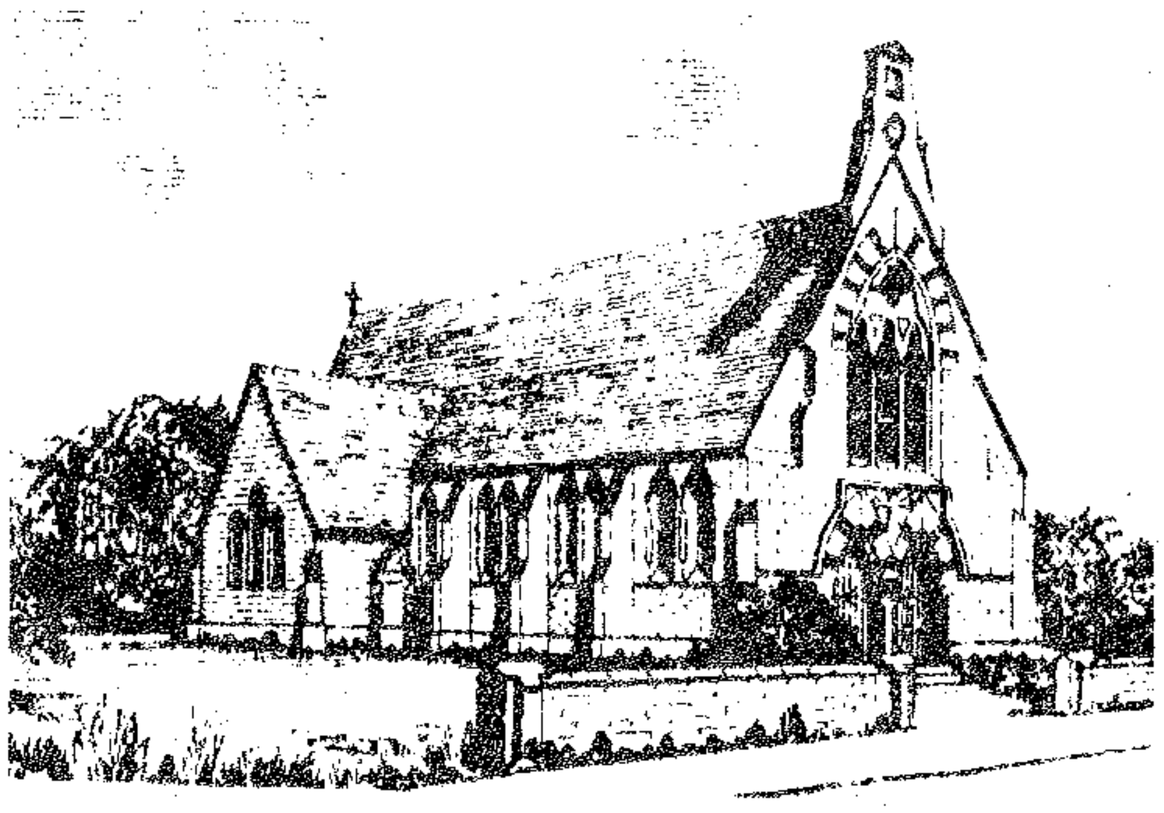
BOTTISHAM VILLAGE COLLEGE MUSIC SOCIETY

A concert will be given in the hall at Bottisham Village College by THE HERTS CHAMBER ORCHESTRA on Saturday 7th April at 7.30 p.m. The programme will include works by HAYDN, DONIZETTI and BEETHOVEN.

Admission will be by programme at the door. Tickets priced £2.50 and £1.75 are available from URWIN, 811525 or CLEMENSON, 811095.



St. Etheldreda and the Holy Trinity Reach

FROM THE VICAR

The living heart of a tiny community like our own is its school; and lucky indeed are those large and thriving enough to have retained their's intact. No one adult at the time will ever forget the sense of total, inexpressible, loss when the school at Aberfan was wiped out in two minutes one morning by an avalanche of slag. The sense of death was still there years afterwards. There are very urgent reasons for closing schools too small to be economically viable. Nevertheless, from the child's point of view, the experience of learning and growing up in a school which is part of its normal surroundings, the place where it lives, is strangely different from that of learning elsewhere. 'We are tied to places', a great man said 40 years ago. So that a curious cleavage is built into a child who, from its earliest years, is educated outside its home background. It still loves its home and the home's environment, both natural and human. But its formative emotional development is largely taking place elsewhere. That development may well be rich, indeed as good as possible. Nevertheless, it still finds it has to marry up that very personal development with the more general instinctive part of its nature which is being fed at a deep level by the familiar surroundings, both human and physical, of its home. And the process can be both perplexing and mentally dislocating, delaying by many years its sense of belonging to its original community, as indeed its capac r really to belong to any community.

So to return to our starting point, we are indeed fortunate, blessed, to be able to retain a school in our midst, where the whole rich amalgam of young life can begin to form and grow, and so provide the sanity, the stability, and the sense of belonging, for the next generation of life in our community.

It is only stating the obvious, of course, to say that, however much children may form each other, that growth depends critically on the quality of the staff who teach them; and we are extremely lucky to have had a staff so completely dedicated to their job. So we say a grateful Goodbye at the end of this term to Mrs Booton for all she has achieved over the past eight years as headmistress, not forgetting the

notable contribution of Mr Nigel Mills, her Deputy.

Mrs Booton's place will be taken by Mrs Lynda Smith, who for the past 18 months has been the Deputy Head of Park Street Church of England Primary School in Cambridge. Though young in years, Mrs Smith has already successfully weathered a prolonged crisis of re-building and extension in her present school, when she was Acting Head, and will have no serious difficulties in coping with a small school like our's, - nor even with the very active Friends of the School who will all naturally be anxious to explain to her how things ought to be done (!). Joking apart, she is particularly anxious to explore all the possibilities for our life together involved in the fact that our school is officially designated a Community School.

Arriving with her, as Deputy Head, will be Mr Clive Sedgewick, even younger in years, who trained at Loughborough and Homerton, and who for the past 18 months has been on the staff of Melbourn County Primary School. We wish both him and Mrs Smith, together with the remaining staff, all good in this new chapter of our life.

J.K.B.

FROM THE CHURCHES

Worship in St Mary's and Reach

April

1st — LENT IV: Mothering Sunday
- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Reach)
- 9.30 a.m. Children's Eucharist (St Mary's)
- 6.30 p.m. Evensong (Reach)

The Annual General Meeting will follow the Children's Eucharist in St Mary's at approx. 10.30 a.m.

8th — LENT V: PASSION SUNDAY
- 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (St Mary's)
- 11.00 a.m. Family Communion (Reach)
- 6.30 p.m. Evensong (St Mary's)

12th — 8.00 p.m. Reach Annual General Meeting, in church.

14th — 3.00 p.m. Jumble Sale: Reach Village Centre, in aid of Reach Church Funds.

15th — PALM SUNDAY
- 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (St Mary's)
- 11.00 a.m. Family Communion (Reach)
- 6.30 p.m. Evensong (St Mary's)

19th — MAUNDY THURSDAY
- 7.30 p.m. Holy Communion, and Vigil before the Blessed Sacrament. (St Mary's)

20th — GOOD FRIDAY
- 8.00 a.m. Matins and Ante-Communion (St Mary's)
- 9.30 a.m. Children's Service (St Mary's)
- 5.00 p.m. Evensong (St Mary's)

Continued...

21st EASTER EVE

8.00 a.m. Matins and Ante-Communion (St Mary's)
7.00 p.m. Renewal of Baptismal Promises (St Mary's)

22nd EASTER DAY

8.30 a.m. Holy Communion (Reach)
10.00 a.m. Children's Eucharist (St Mary's)
6.30 p.m. Evensong (St Mary's)

23rd MONDAY IN EASTER WEEK

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

29th EASTER I

9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (St Mary's)
11.00 a.m. Family Communion (Reach)
6.30 p.m. Evensong (St Mary's)

Help with the decoration of St Mary's and Reach will be much appreciated on Easter Eve.

BAPTISM

3rd March

Richard Joseph Michael, son of Joseph Edward Samuel and Anita Evelyn Joan Young, 35 Northfield Park, Soham.

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Indoor Carpet Bowling at Swaffham Prior

Since the last issue of the magazine we have played two more matches, the first against Wilburton on March 6th which we won by 3 games with 1 game drawn giving us 7 points against Wilburton's 1, and the second against Rampton on March 13th when we won all four games giving us a further 8 points.

We have now amassed a total of 20 points with one more match to play. This should be sufficient to win our group although it is technically possible to gain a total of 21 points but to do so they must get maximum points from their remaining two fixtures and we must loose all four games in our remaining fixture with them. This has been arranged for Wednesday April 11th at Wilburton.

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ENROLMENT FOR SWIMMING LESSONS AT BOTTISHAM POOL

will be on SATURDAY 5th MAY at 10.00 a.m.

at the College.

For details of Public Sessions please call for a leaflet at the Pool Kiosk.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S NOTES - MARCH 1984

Careful County caught in Budget Trap

The above caption is taken from a heading in the Guardian newspaper above a recent article on the dilemma faced by the County Council at its meeting on February 28th.

To cut ruthlessly or to face the penalty. That was the question. To sack, for example over 200 teachers and 100 other staff such as policemen, firemen, etc., or to raise the rates.

The decision is now history and rate demands will fall heavily onto our doormats this year. It is unfortunate locally that, at the same time, the low East Cambs rate has gone up by 2p and some parish rates have risen to add to the 13p county increase.

If it were not for the crude and unfair "target" system being applied by Whitehall the county rate would have gone up only by enough to cover inflation. It is not that Cambridgeshire has been spendthrift like some of the councils which the target system is intended to control. The trouble starts with the Government's choice of 1978/79, the last year of the old council, as foundation "target" year. For various reasons, partly coincidence and partly good housekeeping, this was an artificially low-spending year. From this base the council has been expected to make major economies. When the problem is compounded by reduction in normal government grant and by no allowance being made for Cambridgeshire being one of the fastest growing counties in the country, the size of the dilemma can, I hope, be fully appreciated. So, the county is going to pay the fine.

The only consolation, if it is one, is a promise in Parliament that low-spending authorities (and Cambridgeshire is spending no more real money than last year) will be rewarded in 1985. If not, and if the same peculiar system is continued we shall be paying another 40p in the pound within 2 years just to pay back government grant, without a penny more being spent on services within the County. It is all so absurd, and so many influential people have now been made to see the absurdity that I, myself, am cautiously optimistic ... about next year, not this one !!!!

John Brooks
County Councillor

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BURWELL C E FIRST SCHOOL P T A

C A R B O O T S A L E

Saturday 7th April 9.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.

Ness Road, Burwell, Cambs.

Pitches: £2.00 in advance
£3.00 on the day

Tel: Newmarket 741926
(evenings)

This event is being well advertised

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EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

The District Rate

The total rate poundage for County and District services in East Cambridgeshire for the year 1984/5 will stand at 150p. Of this, 142p will go towards County Services, and 8p to the District - this is an increase of 2p on last year's rate which at 6p was the second lowest in the country. Even at 8p it will be amongst the lowest. So far, the District Council has been able to keep within all government spending targets, and it is interesting to reflect that our actual expenditure is far below that which the "experts" in London calculate it should cost to run the District's services!

This year's rise in the District's rate levy is wholly attributable to meeting the revenue effects of the Council's capital spending programme which at £3¼ million is at its highest ever level, and provides for spending on major industrial developments, (in line with our policy of trying to maximise employment prospects in the District), improvement grants, sheltered housing, first-time sewerage and recreational projects. This means that, through improved efficiency, the Council has been able to absorb the cut back in Government grant, the effects of inflation and a reduced transfer of surplus from its housing to its General Rate Fund.

The rise in Council rents by an average of 65p per week, is entirely due to Government policy, and although lower than the Government figure of 75p, is still anticipated to result in a further significant surplus in the housing account. Every effort is being made to improve the standards of housing maintenance and a major review of that service has already started, as part of the Council's continuing search for value for money.

May I remind readers of "Out of Reach", that full details of the Council's budget and capital programme are available on request from the Council Offices in Ely, also Parish Clerks are sent copies, which I am sure could be borrowed locally.

Margaret Cook
Councillor

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COOKERY HINT

To fill a large piping bag easily for meringues, or piped mashed potato, stand the bag upright in a large instant coffe jar. You will then have both hands free to spoon the icing or potato from the bowl into the bag.

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LATE WINTER

How cold and damp is this February morn
The dew hangs cold on the Winter corn
A breeze whistles chilled through the barren trees
and a hawk hangs silent above a clump of weeds
Seagulls swoop, twist and turn in the sky
A gaggle of geese honk loudly as they fly by
The sparrows sit huddled on a nearby house
and the cat stalks carefully the unwary mouse
The air is silent no bird sings it's song.

Only the howling of the wind as it hurries along
The blackbird search to find a bush that is best
and also a mate so they can build a mud nest.
The gardens lay bare cold and so damp
Our doormouse is still sleeping in the hedgerow bank
but each day that passes and changes they bring
as the world all around awaits for the Spring.
When the flowers lift their faces to be kissed by the sun
Then we will know that this Winter is done.

W Estell

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THIS MONTH'S RECIPE

Simnel Cake

Simnel cakes were originally made for Mothering Sunday. This was a holiday for all servant girls, when they were allowed to bake a cake to take home for their mothers.

1¼ lb marzipan
6 oz butter or margarine
6 oz castor sugar
3 eggs, beaten
10 oz currants
6 oz sultanas
3 oz mixed peel
8 oz plain flour
pinch salt
1 level teaspoon ground nutmeg
1 level teaspoon cinnamon
milk to mix.

Line a 7 inch cake tine. Roll out two-thirds of the marzipan to two 7 inch rounds. Cream the fat and sugar. Beat in eggs, a little at a time, then stir in dried fruit. Sift flour, salt and spices and fold into mixture, add milk if too stiff. Put half the mixture into the cake tin, cover with a round of marzipan and put remaining mixture on top.

Bake at Mark 3, 325° F., 160° C., for one hour, then reduce heat to Mark 2, 300° F., 150° C., and bake for a further 2 - 2½ hours. Allow to cool in the tin. Top with second marzipan round and decorate with marzipan balls, stuck on with jam or egg white. Put cake under grill to brown balls for 1 - 2 minutes.

Traditionally there should be 11 marzipan balls around the top of a Simnel cake to represent the apostles, Judas being the traitor is deliberately omitted!