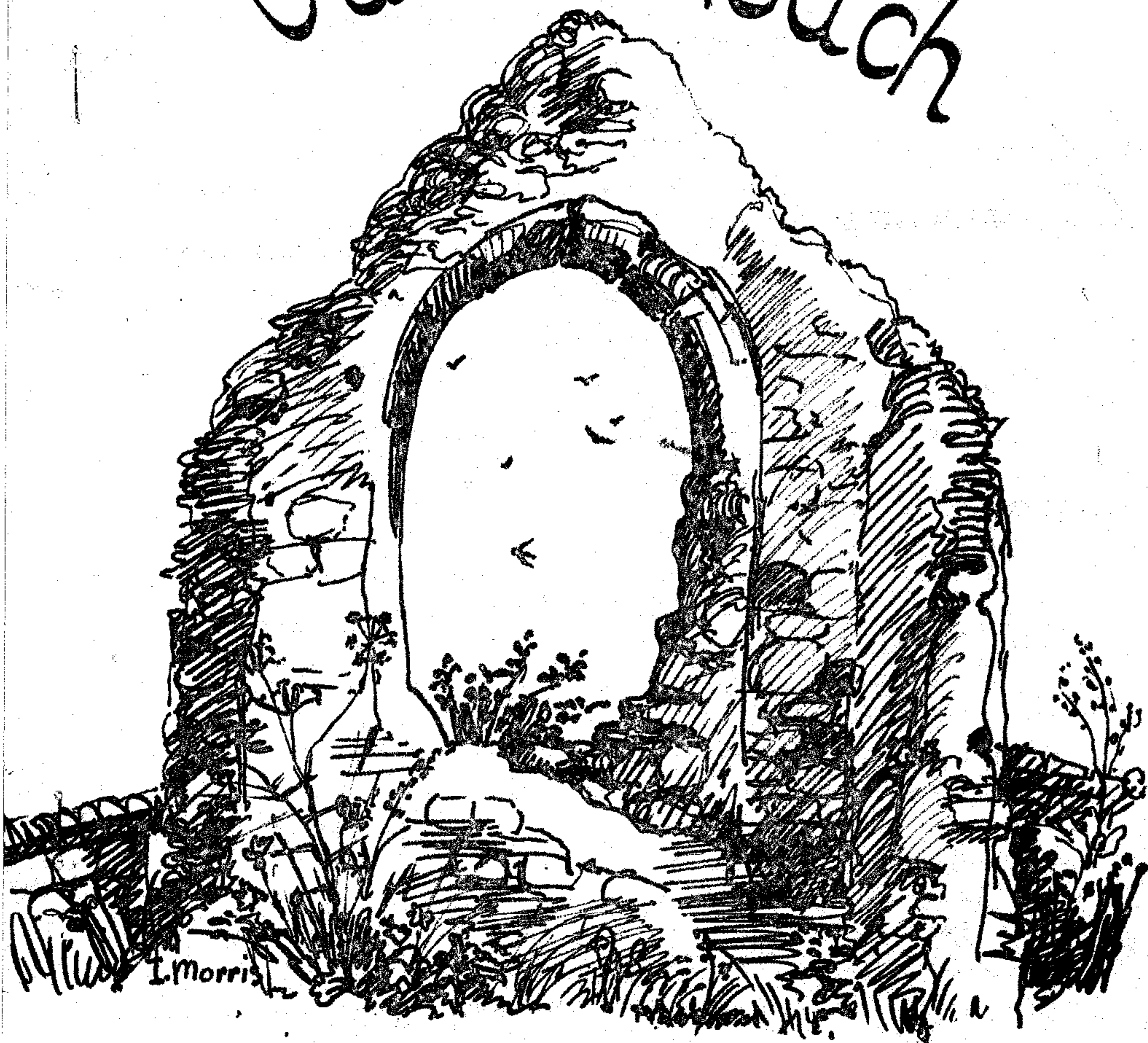


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REACH COMMUNITY MAGAZINE

## EDITORIAL

Issue No. 90

May 1984

It is hard to believe that yet another Reach Fair has come round. At the time of writing I am hoping and praying that the present beautiful weather will last until the big day. We are having a final Fair meeting on Thursday 26th April at 8.00p.m. If you have not yet offered to help on the day and would like to do so, we still need some more helpers for various stalls, barbeque, etc; so please let us know beforehand. At the back of the magazine you will find full information about this year's programme. Don't forget to support the other events during the week too. There is a list of these also in the magazine.

Thank you very much to Major Jones for his interesting contribution of a historian's account of Reach Fair dating from 1768. There are some amusing snippets in it.

Best wishes for speedy recoveries this month go to Mrs. Badcock who is in hospital after a recent fall, and Mr. Perkins who has been ill recently.

Welcome to Miss Roberts who has moved in to Fair Green.

Kay Pote

P.S. Don't forget that Reach Fair week begins with a Songs of Praise at Reach Church on Sunday evening at 6.30p.m. Come along and enjoy your favourite hymns.

P.P.S. Malcolm Hall is looking for extra labour for the Swaffham Prior Youth Club project and would welcome any volunteers. You can contact him on 742845, or Steve Neeves on 742519.



Dear Editor,

My sincere thanks for the support and kindness you have all shown and my very best wishes for the future success and happiness of your school.

Yours sincerely,

Val Booton  
(Mrs. A. V. Booton)

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We are having a children's nearly new clothing and toys stall at the Fair. If anyone has anything for this stall, would they kindly label them with their name and the price wanted and let either Freda Lloyd or Sue Summers have them. The Toddler Group will take 10% of the price on the item.

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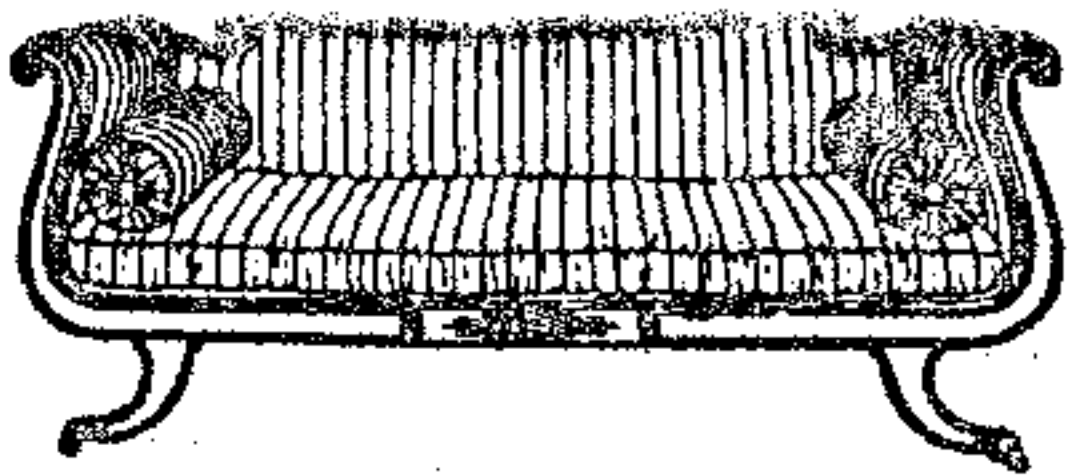
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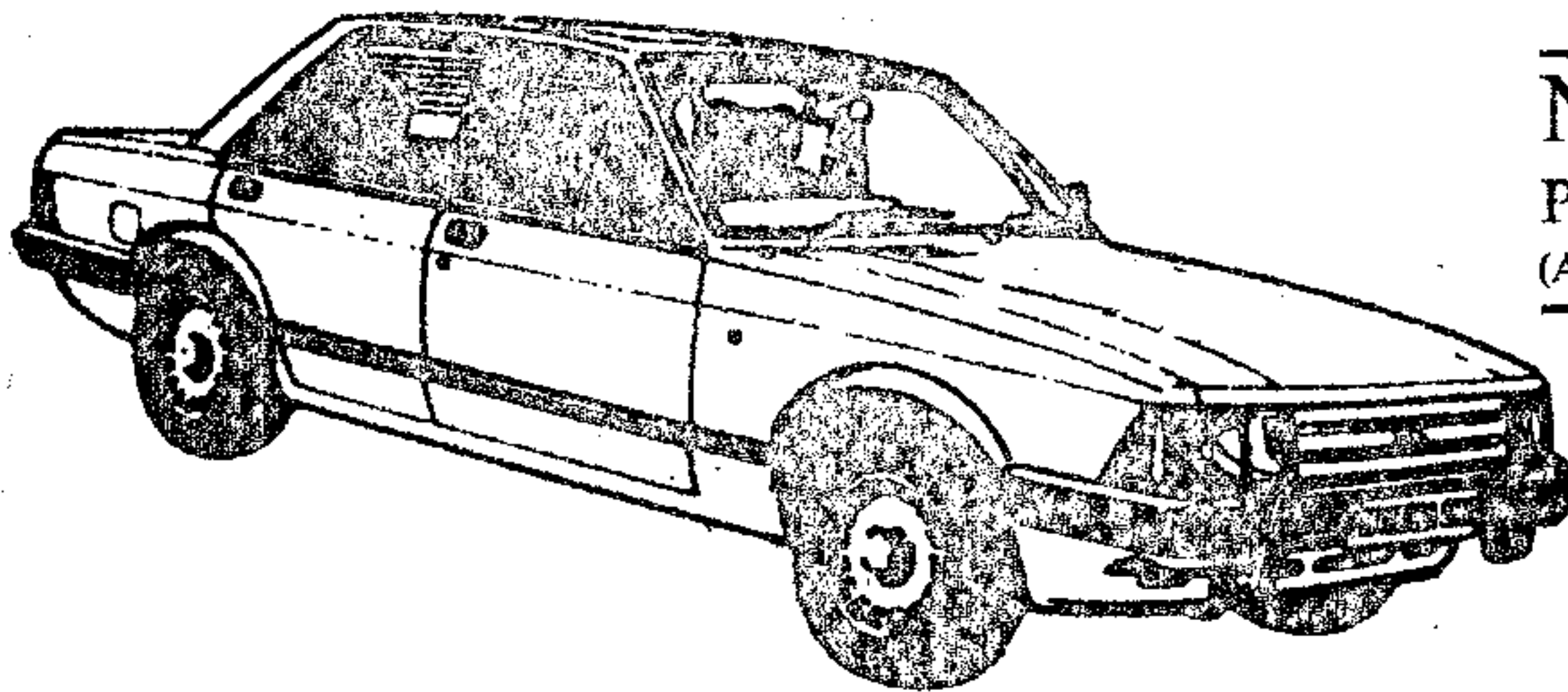
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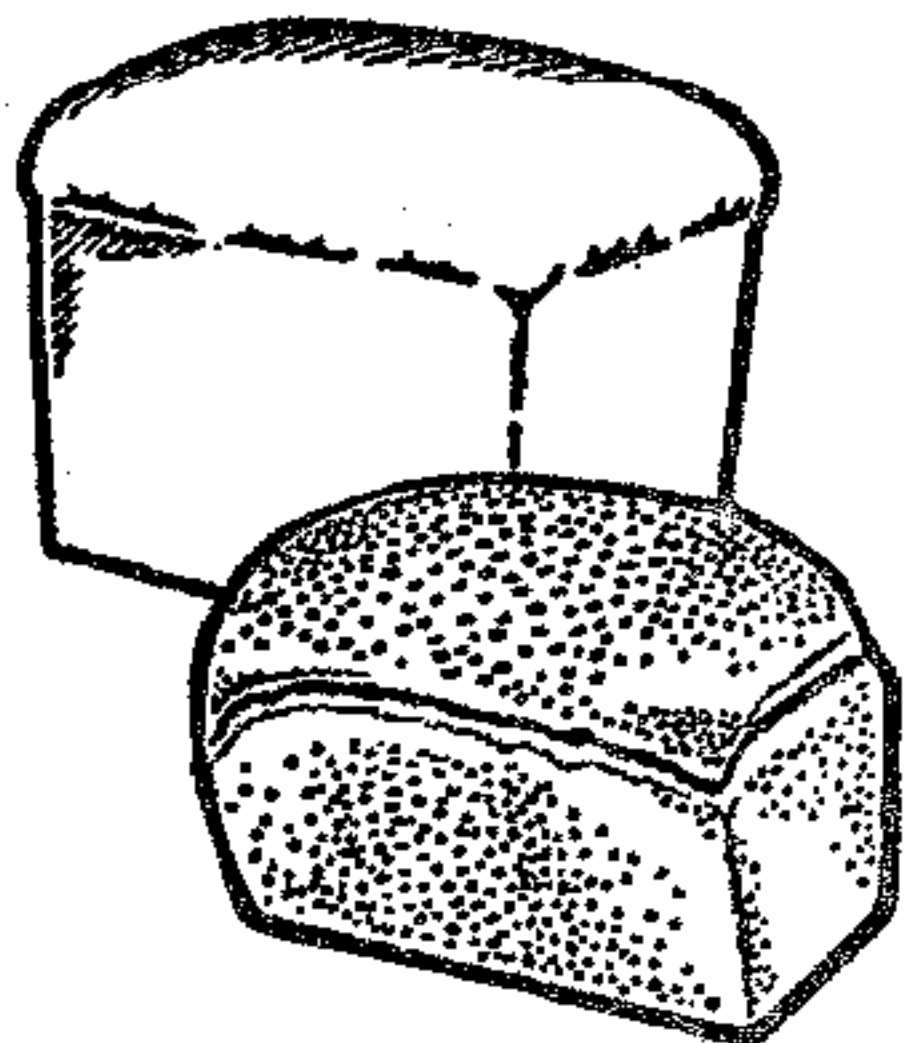
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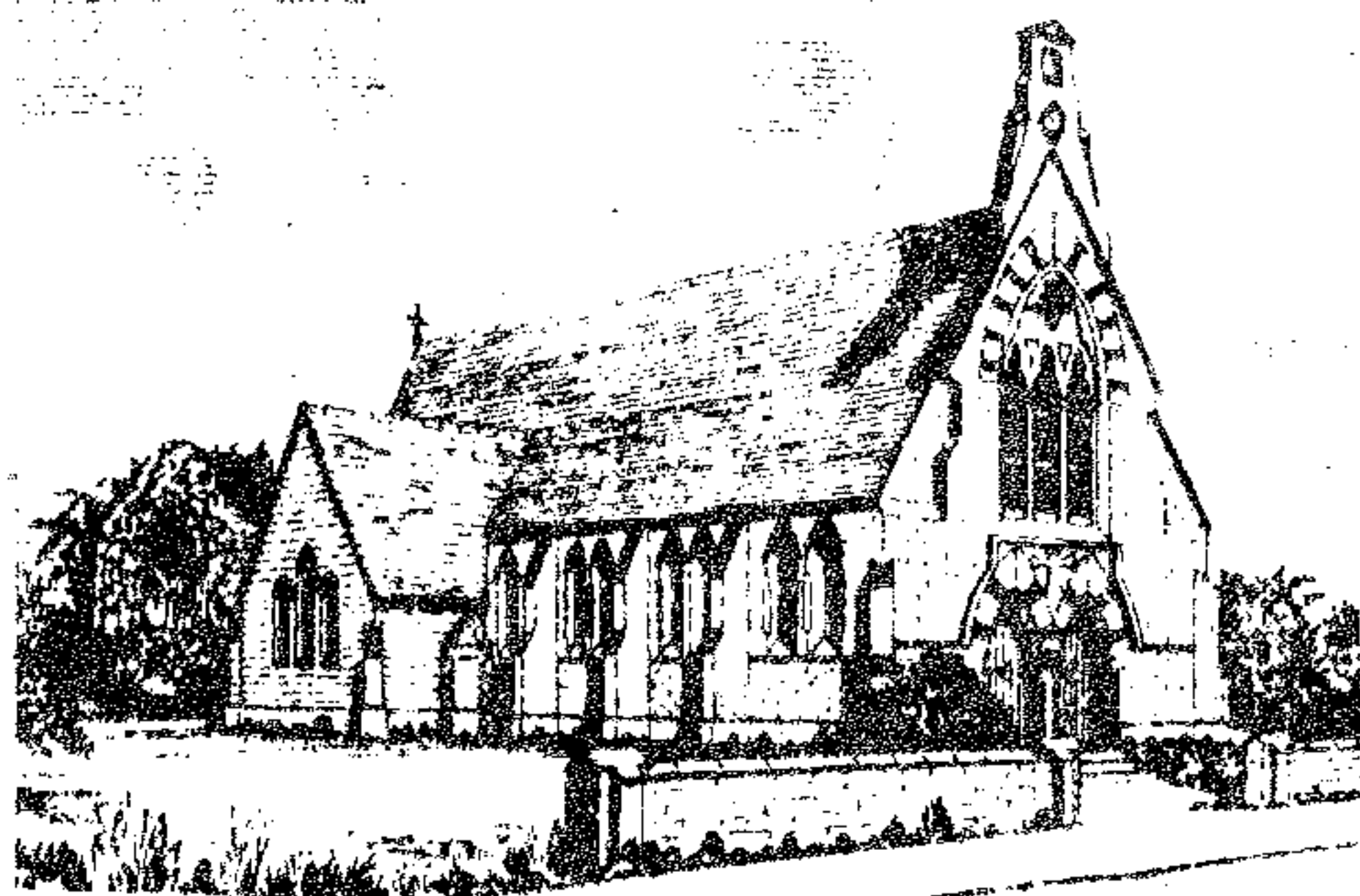
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## FROM THE VICAR

Somehow the feeling grows upon one - I write at the end of March - that the Sarah Tisdall affair represents a turning-point of enormous significance in the course of English politics. We are used to ferment and furore in the press; but somehow one cannot recall a ferment of quite the seriousness following upon her imprisonment, certainly not self-examination of such frankness by the paper most deeply involved. Not all is well in the state of Denmark, and what is not well is slowly coming to light, as truth inevitably will. Opinion is necessarily divided as to the rights and wrongs of Sarah's action. Immeasurably more significant, however, is the staggering fact that, whatever our view of this, the nation as a whole has been rocked by a simple act of conscience on the part of one girl not prepared to go along with the system where she thought it corrupt; and this may well prove the point of slow and painful return from the slope down which we have been silently sliding for too long. Militants are not the only forces liable to undermine the dignity and authority of Parliament. (Incidentally, since as Christians we are warned in the strictest terms in the Gospels to be careful of our speech, one can only express one's admiration for the strenuous and meticulous care with which her parents expressed themselves about the whole affair when interviewed after her sentence.) Bishop Robinson, lately departed, used to talk about "the holy in the common". Sarah Tisdall's action has brought a moment of holiness into the otherwise all too common, and perhaps exalted the obscenely common experience of imprisonment to the level of the holy. Here at least is a piece of costly Easter joy.

J. K. B.

### FROM THE CHURCHES

Worship in May: St. Mary's and Reach

1st SS. PHILIP & JAMES; Apostles  
7.30p.m. Holy Communion (St. Mary's)

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Worship in May: St. Mary's and Reach continued

6th EASTER II

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

7th REACH FAIR

12th EDWIN MUIR FESTIVAL

3.00p.m. Lecture with readings (St. Mary's)  
4.00-6.00 Exhibition of books & manuscripts in St. Cyriac's.  
Tea in Village Hall.  
6.00p.m. Concert in St. Mary's

13th EASTER III

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

20th EASTER IV

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

27th EASTER V

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

31st ASCENSION DAY

7.30p.m. Deanery Eucharist (Swaffham Bulbeck)

From the Registers

BAPTISM - 25th March, SARA ANNE, daughter of Glenn and  
Janet Mary Newman, Bull Cottage, 2 Great Lane, Reach.

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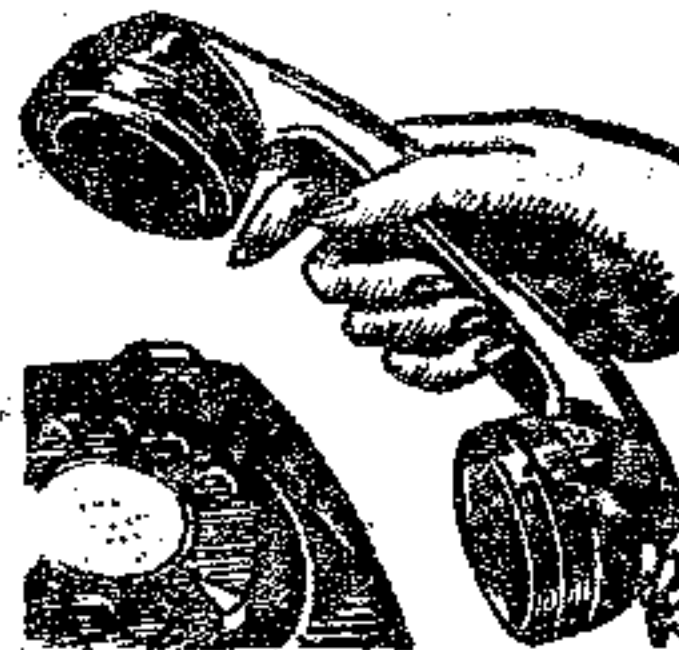
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## COUNTY COUNCILLORS NOTES FOR APRIL 1984

### CONTRACT CLEANING OF SCHOOLS

Although this system is now working effectively at most schools it continues to cause problems for some.

The good thing is that the savings are now being put back into the frontline of educating children. Already £300,000 a year is funding 30 extra teachers, mainly in primary schools to help with large classes. This week the Education Committee has agreed to another £200,000 a year savings being used to increase the schools capitation allowances.

### CAPITATION ALLOWANCES

This is money allocated to head teachers according to the number of children in a school. It is used to buy books and equipment of various kinds. The main part of the extra £200,000 will go to primary schools which, by general agreement, are in the greatest need. In addition to this, and as part of the County's policy of giving greater responsibility for local decisions to school heads and governors, a considerable portion of central capitation funds will, in future, be allocated to individual schools.

For example, funds for telephones, postage, stationery, etc. will be allocated to primary schools in the same way as has been the custom with secondary schools. In future, all schools will get the money now allocated centrally for such things as laundry, toilet items and examination fees, and will spend it as decided locally.

These changes to local administration are not economy measures and the same amount of money will be allocated as in the past, plus the £200,000 extra. It is hoped that local control and decision will result in more sensible use of scarce resources.

### EXAMINATION RESULTS

A summary of 'A' level, 'O' level and C.S.E. results for all the Cambridgeshire schools and colleges has been prepared, and compared with results in other parts of the country they are well above the average and, even when allowance is made for the fact that Cambridgeshire ought to have better results than some other areas, the results still come well up to standard. Although education is about much more than examinations, these results do help with at least one measure of the quality of education in our schools and to confirm the excellent work being done by our teachers.

John Brooks  
County Councillor



## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Annual Parish meeting will be held on Wednesday 2nd May 1984 at 8.00p.m. in the Village Centre. All members of the village are invited to attend.

The Council informed East Cambs. Planning Office about the building on The Hythe house site. They now have the problem in hand.

The brambles alongside the garages on the Burwell Road have now been removed and the area tidied up.

Mr. E. Harrison has kindly offered to take over the job of looking after the burial ground. Our thanks go to Mr. S. Greenhill for looking after it for the past few years.

If any member has any problems within the Council's jurisdiction, the Council meets on the first Wednesday in each month.

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## STAINED HUNDRED

The next meeting of the Stained Hundred will be held on Wednesday 9th May at 7.30p.m. in the Lecture Room, Bottisham Village College. The speaker will be Mr. John Walter of Essex University on the interesting subject of Fenland Riots. Non-members welcome - 50p.

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## Indoor Carpet Bowling at Swaffham Prior

We have now completed all our Group 2 fixtures with a decisive win over Wilburton at Wilburton on Wednesday 11th April, when we won all four games.

These matches consist of two teams of four and two teams of pairs. For the fours Martin Mead, Cyril Thompson, Jean and Geoff Lewis had the tightest game, winning by 6 shots to 5, while Anita Folkes, Bob Smith, Bob Sheldrick and Graham Gillson won by 10 shots to 5. In the pairs games David Folkes and Geoff Lewis won 9-3 and Sue Hardiment and John Dolphin won 9-6.

This latest win makes us undisputed champions of Group 2 and takes us into the semi-finals which are provisionally arranged for Sunday, May 13th, at Cambs. and County I.B.C., Brooklands Avenue, Cambridge. The final will be played later that day.

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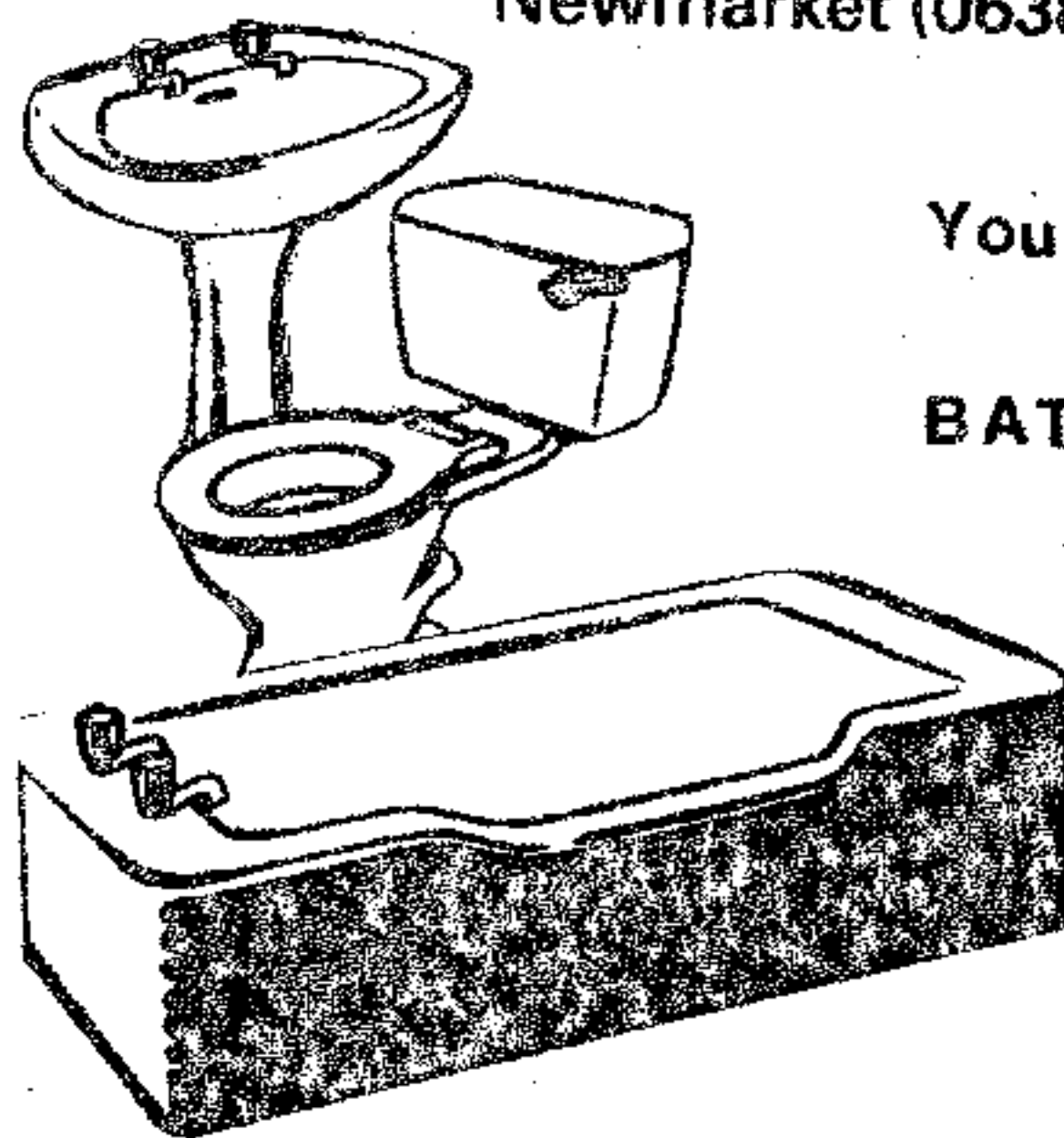
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## 1st Swaffham Prior Cub Scouts

The Pack Meeting of 12th April marked the completion of the first year of our Cub Pack.

It was a year in which we had to make many re-adjustments to our plans, due mainly to losing Akela Zandra Houston after six months. We effectively lost two people as Zandra's husband Matthew helped a great deal in the early stages.

Happily we were able to maintain the boys' interest and there was a good attendance at all Pack Meetings.

The Cubs enthusiasm is proven by the fact that Bronze Arrows have been awarded to Nicky Cook, Jason Casey, Simon Lodziak, Rupert Raby and Adam Newbury. Fifteen Proficiency Badges have been gained in a wide variety of crafts and skills.

Ben Carter and Andrew Frost have recently joined us and are working toward their World Badge and Investiture. We are also pleased to welcome James Whiteley who has transferred from the Bottisham Pack and is an experienced Cub Scout.

Football: We have had a good first season in the Cub Scout League. It was good to have the vocal support of so many parents on the touchline and their practical help with transport and laundry, etc. Thanks to Mr. Casey for the donation of the team's football socks which added the finishing touch to our new strip.

More good news is that Stephen Taylor has applied for a Leader Warrant which will give us a joint Leadership and the necessary cover which is vital to the smooth running of the Pack. Dan Scott's help at Pack Meetings has also been of great value and he had told me he will continue to assist on a regular basis.

I believe we can look forward to an interesting and rewarding second year.

E. Carlton  
Cub Scout Leader.

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Please help the N.S.P.C.C. and join our sponsored "Fun-Ride in the Fens" (Circuit from Swaffham Prior via Reach - 5½ miles), on Sunday 1st July at 2.00p.m. Starting at Town Close, Swaffham Prior (bikes, horses or feet)

Mini Fun-Ride for the under 5s to the Allix Arms and back. Starting at Town Close at 2.30p.m.

Followed by picnic tea for all on Town Close. Sponsor forms available from the shops in Reach or Swaffham Prior. Offers of help with marshalling and/or teas will be gratefully received by Mrs. Harvey (94 742666) or Mrs. Joyce (94 742975)

## REACH FAIR OVER TWO HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Rev. William Cole was Vicar of Milton. An antiquarian, during a long life he visited almost every hamlet and village in the county. He kept careful diaries and records which are now preserved in the British Museum. Twice he visited Reach, in 1743 and 1768.

### QUOTE:

Reach, Rogation Monday 9th May 1768.

"I dined here with the Mayor & Aldermen, on Rogation Monday May 9th, 1768, & observed that only the east wall of the chancel was standing, with a small part of the chancel north and south walls by it; so that the great part of what was standing, when I was here in 1743, is now pulled down. The Corporation went in their formalities, viz scarlet gowns and music. The Mayor, Mr. Bentham with his principal mace went with me in my carriage. He got out about half a mile above the Town, at a break in the Ditch and got on horse-back, with the mace before him, and rode in the bottom of the ditch all the way to the middle of the Town or Market place, where the proclamation was read before the Mayor, Mr. Crisp Molineux, a West Indian, formerly a Fellow Commoner of St. Johns College in Cambridge about 1751, and who married the late Mr. Montgomery of Chippenham, his daughter, dined with us: and with him, one Mr. Freeman, a merchant of Lynn, nephew to Mr. Freeman formerly of Reche. Mr. Molineux was lately, about 6 weeks ago, cast in his selection for the Town of Lynn, against Mr. Walpole & Sir John Turner. The Ditch was made quite to the water-side, where barges come up with merchandise: it seemed to me as if they had lately dug away part of it close to the water side. We drank coffee at one Mr. Peacheys, a merchant at Reche, a little man, young and who lately has had the small pox in a very full manner."

With thanks to the British Museum.

The spellings, syntax, grammer, etc. are exactly as in the original.

H.B.C. Jones

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REACH VILLAGE FAIR - BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 7TH MAY - A CIVIL WAR BATTLE IS THE MAIN ATTRACTION

Reach Village Fair is one of the oldest festivals in England with a recorded history of over 800 years. One document still in existence is a charter dated 1200 AD from King John re-confirming the Fair rights on the Burgesses of Cambridge, and this traditional association with the Corporation of Cambridge continues to this day. At 12 noon on Bank Holiday Monday, 7th May, the Mayor and his entourage will officially open the Fair

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by throwing newly minted coins to the assembled children, before adjourning to a formal junch in the village hall where all those new councillors who have failed to speak in Council in the preceding year, must entertain the company with witty after-dinner speeches!

But 1984 will see a new style of fair designed to significantly widen the appeal of the event and attract a much larger audience. In association with the English Civil War Society, the village will be hosting an authentic Civil War battle which will turn the Upper Green into a fortified Royalist encampment under attack by Parliamentary forces.

Considerable research undertaken by Richard Coxon, the Lord General of the Parliamentary forces and Major Jones, the village historian, has produced a likely scenario for such a confrontation. In 1643, Oliver Cromwell is the governor of the Isle of Ely, and holds the City against the threat of a Royalist uprising in Kings Lynn. Funds to pay the Ely garrison come from the Committee of Safety (who control the Parliamentary war effort) in London. They are brought by horseman to Newmarket Heath, then down to the Port of Reach to travel by river to Ely across the treacherous fenlands. On May 5th a select band of Royalists establishes a fortified encampment in Reach and waylays the paymaster. Cromwell, warned by Parliamentary sympathisers from the fens, sends an armed band to retrieve the monies and dispel the threat to his main line of communications with London. The stage is set for a battle!

The English Civil War Society will be constructing and inhabiting an authentic historical encampment on Reach Village green throughout the bank holiday weekend. This will be open on Fair afternoon for visitors to explore. As well as the battle, the Society will be staging displays of drilling, attacking and defensive formations, musket and cannon loading and firing, and traditional military brass band and folk music, as well as a performance by the "Unfortunati" - a Civil War theatre troupe performing the bawdy slapstick comedy of the period.

Reach Fair will also feature fun-fair attractions, a wide range of craft stalls, a licensed beer tent and plenty to eat, with hotdogs, candy and a do-it-yourself barbecue. The Post Office Barn will contain an Art and Crafts Gallery, displaying pictures, wood carvings and other items made in the village itself, and there will be rubber assault-craft rides on the Lodge.

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## REACH VILLAGE FAIR PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

FRIDAY 4th May    Open Darts Tournament    7.30p.m.    Reach Village Hall

SATURDAY 5th May    Open Clay Pidgeon Shoot - Spring Hall Farm, Reach  
Time to be confirmed.

Family Disco    7.30 - 11.30p.m.    Reach Village Hall

SUNDAY 6th May    Songs of Praise    6.30p.m.

Village Get Together with  
Civil War Society 7.30-11.30p.m.    Village Green Marquee

MONDAY 7th May    Village Fair

SUNDAY 13th May    Reach Village Dog Show - times to be confirmed -  
Village Green    (provisional 1.00-4.00p.m.)

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## THIS MONTH'S RECIPE

### Chick Pea Burgers (or Felafel)

|                             |                                                           |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 lb cooked potatoes        | 8 ozs chick peas (soaked overnight and cooked for 1 hour) |
| 1 onion chopped             | 1 clove garlic, peeled and crushed                        |
| 1-2 teaspoons lemon juice   | 6 tablespoons breadcrumbs                                 |
| 1 teaspoon ground cumin     | 1 tablespoon chopped parsley                              |
| $\frac{1}{2}$ " " coriander | Pinch of baking powder                                    |
| Salt and pepper             |                                                           |
| Oil for frying              |                                                           |

Mix mashed potato with the drained chick peas. Put in bowl and add lemon juice, garlic, herbs and seasoning. Beat until smooth and firm. Chill in fridge for 30 minutes. Add the remaining ingredients (apart from oil). Shape into small flat cakes, using a little flour if needed. Heat oil and fry for 2-3 minutes, until golden brown.

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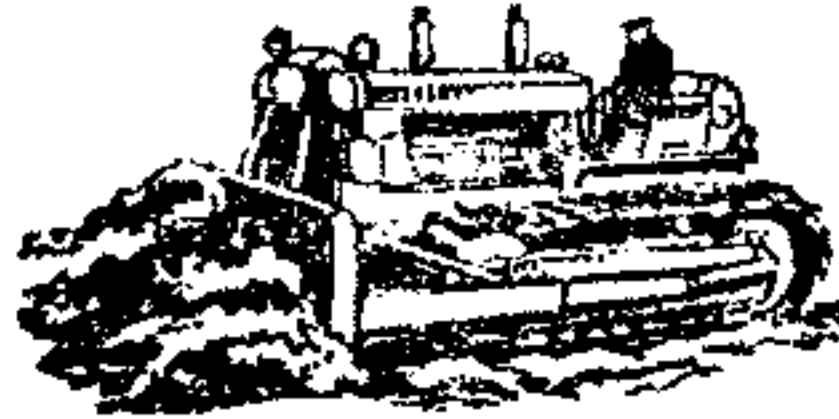
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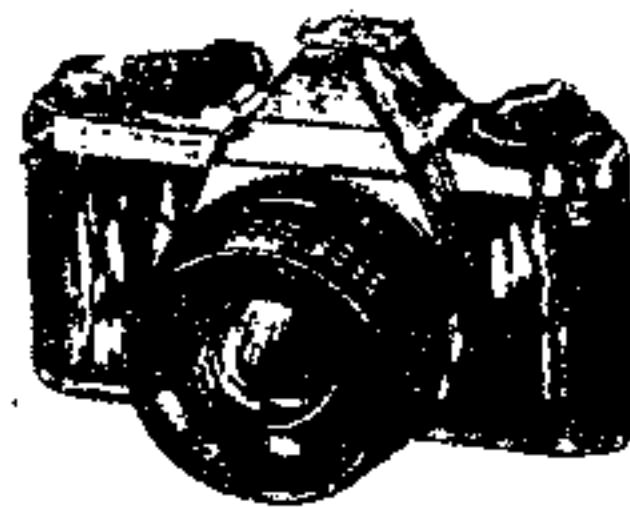
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