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REACH COMMUNITY MAGAZINE

EDITORIAL

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June 1984

I am hastily writing this while literally in the throes of moving so I will have to make it short. I was delighted that for once we had such a lovely day for the fair. I hope you all came along and enjoyed yourselves. You will see enclosed a nice letter from Margaret Cook saying how much she enjoyed it - how pleasant it is to get praise. Also to get some praise for the magazine from the Parish Council.

The next big event in the village is our Sports Day which is being held this year on Sunday June 3rd at 1.30 - 2 p.m. Note that it has been moved from the Bank Holiday Monday, hopefully to suit more people.

In this month's issue is a letter from Les Woodland of Radio Cambridgeshire. He broadcasts on Village News Spot three times every morning. Unfortunately, much as I would like to, I am unable to listen as I go to work, but I would be grateful if anyone who does listen could let me know if we do get a mention.

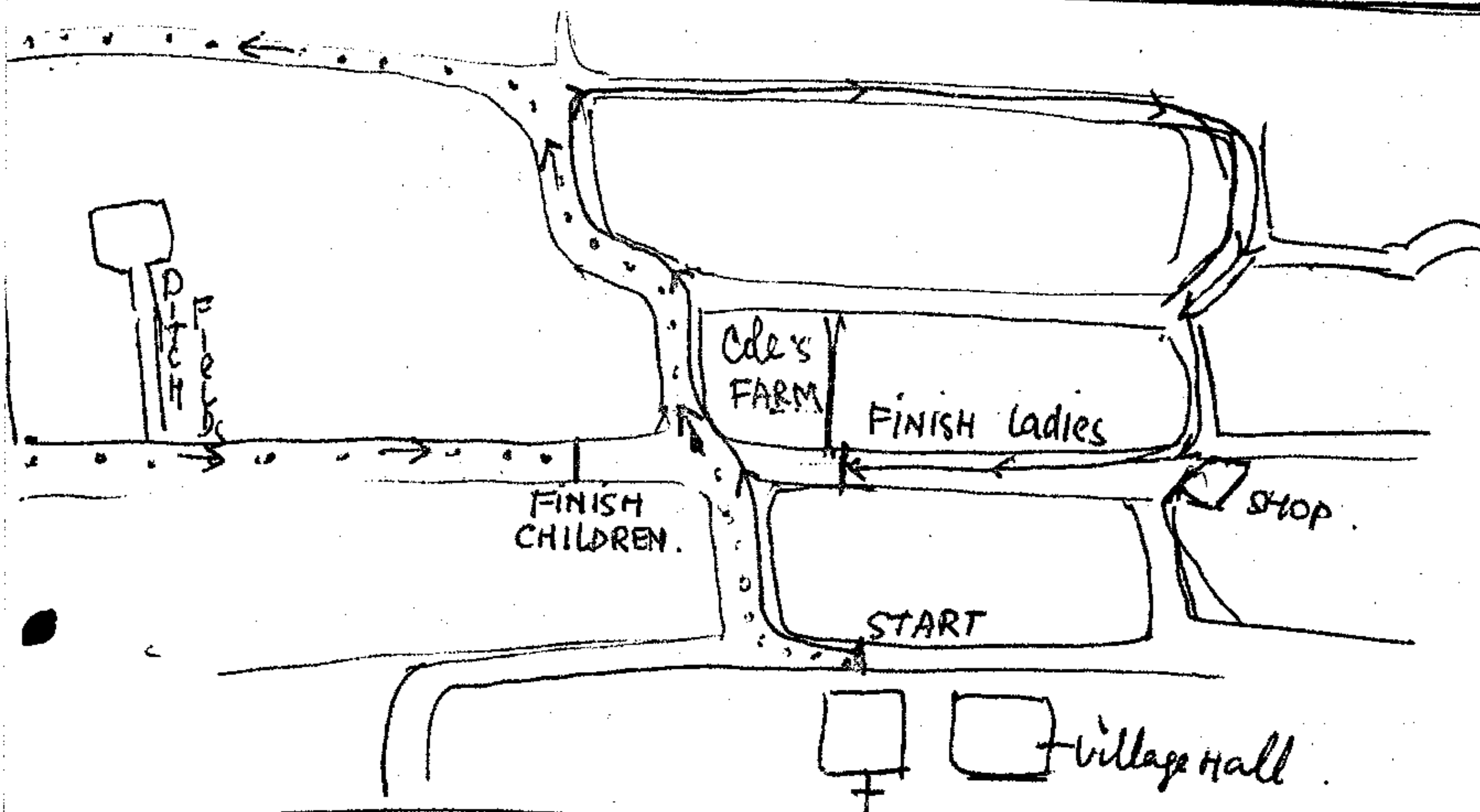
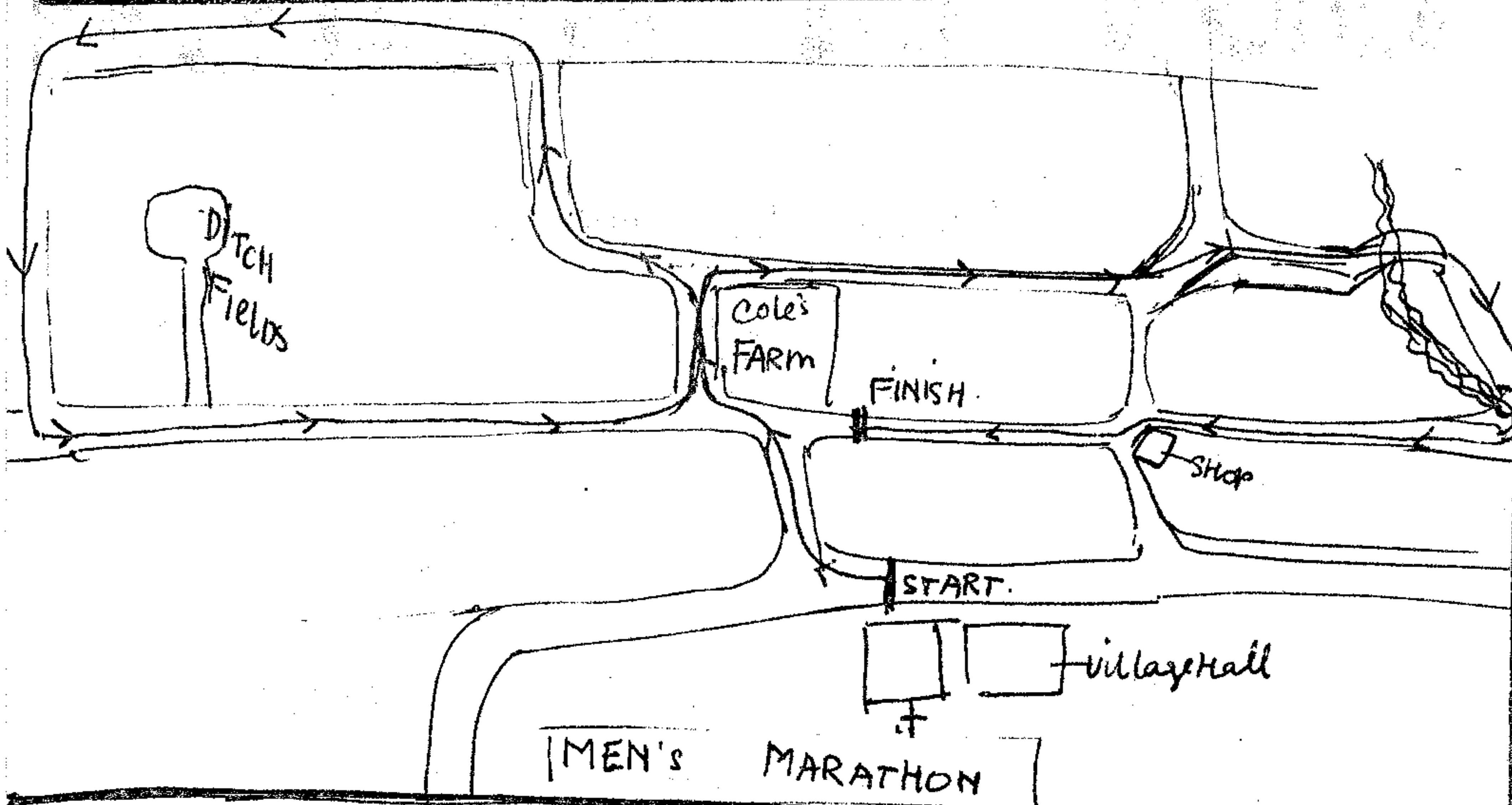
Best wishes this month to John Blocksage and Ken Pritchard, and Dick Whitehead who have had spells in hospital lately.

Could all magazine material in future be left at Hythe Cottage (number 5).

Kay Pote

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FROM THE VICAR

(Part of a sermon preached on Palm Sunday, 15th April, 1984)

It isn't often the preacher is handed a sermon on a plate; but such is definitely the case this week. I refer, of course, to the much advertised TV programme a week ago, 'Jesus; the evidence', which set out to prove not only that the resurrection is a myth, but that Jesus never existed at all.

But first, just two considerations of a general nature. First, taken as a whole, that programme was rather poor stuff. The criticisms it produced, so far from being the world-shaking revelations they were dressed up to look like, are in fact the run of the mill difficulties every student of theology has to cope with while preparing for ordination. And as for the solemn voice that read these devastating revelations, it reminded me of one of those horror films that go wrong, and end up by being merely farcical.

Secondly, we Christians have to have the nerve to remember that the truth is very well able to look after itself, as it has been doing quite successfully for a very long time. The last century and a half or so is littered with such apparently lethal criticisms of the Christian Gospel, which have each in turn proved hopelessly wide of the mark, and their authors equally discredited.

Thirdly, since mere rebuttal or rudeness on my part gets us nowhere, you may wish to know that if you are seriously interested in these problems, there is a superb book, by one of the greatest of living scholars, Bishop Stephen Neill, *The Interpretation of the New Testament 1861-1961*, which is still available.

First, then, this old question of whether Jesus ever existed at all. We went into this briefly a fortnight ago, when I mentioned the references to him in quite unbiased Roman and Jewish historians outside the New Testament. So if you were absent that Sunday, Lent III, you are welcome to pick up a copy of the sermon from the pews in the North aisle of St Mary's.

However, there is rather more to be said about the matter than I said then, in view of the rather strange case put forward by a London professor towards the end of the programme. The main plank in his argument was that St Paul apparently knew nothing of Jesus' earthly life and ministry: therefore the whole of his, St Paul's, teaching is based on a fabrication. This totally ignores three important indications to the contrary. First, St Paul was not ignorant of Jesus' earthly existence, though, for reasons I shall explain in a moment, he was extremely economical in his references. 'When the fulness of time was come', he says, 'God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law' (Galatians 4.4). That covers his birth: it roots Jesus firmly in this world, and that is very important to St Paul. He admittedly says nothing of his ministry, in the sense that he mentions no specific incident in it beyond the Transfiguration (2 Corinthians 7 end). But he does say something about it which goes to the root of the Gospel, and incidentally covers all its incidents by implication: he says his life was one of 'obedience': 'as by one man's (Adam's) disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one man (Jesus) many shall be made righteous' (Romans 5.19). And of course he places enormous emphasis on Jesus' death, not as an isolated event, but as the climax of such obedience, by which he straightened out our twisted nature. It is only in this sense that his death is a saving death.

Secondly, to make good his credentials as a Christian teacher, Paul goes out of his way to explain (Gal. 1.18-19) that he had taken the trouble to spend a fortnight with Peter gathering the basic facts of the tradition about Jesus.

Thirdly, the professor entirely ignored the fact that Paul was fully aware of his own lack of interest in Jesus' earthly ministry, not because he was ignorant of it, but because, for his purposes, it was secondary. i.e. it was Christ risen he was interested in, not the Jesus of Galilee. So he can say (2. Cor. 5.16) 'though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no longer'.

FROM THE CHURCHES

Worship in St Mary's and Reach : June:

3rd SUNDAY after ASCENSION.

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

10th WHITSUNDAY

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

11th S. BARNABAS? APOSTLE

17TH TRINITY 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)

11.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. Quiet Day for Ridley Hall
students in St Mary's

24th TRINITY I: NATIVITY OF JOHN the BAPTIST:

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)

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S NOTES FOR MAY 1984

(a) Trees in the Countryside.

One little-known sideline of County Council activity is the provision of trees and the encouragement of tree planting by farmers, landowners, parish councils and schools. Ten years ago only a few hundred trees were provided to parish councils. Now 70,000 a year are planted by all sections of the rural community, including 4,000 by the Council itself on its own small farm estate.

Although 500,000 trees have been planted in the last 10 years, Peter While, the county officer responsible for countryside activities, as pointed out that still there are one million trees less in Cambridgeshire than there were 5 years ago.

This makes it all the more important that we should all be aware of the need to replant and to maintain the newly planted trees so that they survive and grow well. All too frequently newly planted trees fail to establish

So, with this in mind we come to the problem of the resurrection. I can only tear through it and ask you to think about it at leisure. First, the tomb was found to be empty. But this by itself, of course, no more meant that Jesus had risen from the dead than the empty bunker meant that Hitler had risen from the dead in 1945. It was, however, a complete contradiction of the disciples' expectations. Secondly, the body was never found; and remember that both Roman and Jewish police of the time were very thorough, and the latter must have moved heaven and earth to find it. That would finally have scotched all talk of resurrection.

Thirdly, an extraordinary change is noted in the behaviour of his friends. How do you account for it? And how do you account for the fact that this change of front, this new-found courage, is no flash in the pan, but grew into a settled part of their character? The idea of a conspiracy among the Eleven to fabricate a story of resurrection, and both spend and lose their lives propagating it, simply won't bear examination.

Next, when the first of the four Gospels, Mark's, began to circulate soon after 65AD, there were still plenty alive capable of scotching any story of resurrection had the whole thing been in fact a fabrication.

Lastly, most important, the Church's ongoing experience of Christ risen and powerfully active, in human hearts and in social movements. This is the crux. The existence of the Church now is as little explicable without the resurrection and the ongoing presence of the risen Lord as it was in the first century. As it was then, so it is now: 'we all, reflecting as in a mirror the splendour of the Lord .. are transformed into his likeness from glory to glory, from splendour to splendour: such is the influence of the Lord who is Spirit'.

J.K.B.

The Muir Festival

Though at the moment of writing the Festival has not yet occurred, I would like to offer very grateful thanks to the many people in the parish who have worked so hard to make it possible for it to happen at all, and I hope be a memorable occasion.

J.K.B.

St Mary's Gift Day

This will be on Saturday, 7th July, if you could kindly begin salting away spare cash in the old teapot for it.

J.K.B.

themselves for want of water.

And it looks as if we may be having a dry summer!!!

(b) County Council Finance and Administration

We are generally reluctant to praise our public servants, and it is not well known that the county has one of the, if not the, most progressive and efficient finance departments in the country. For example, the County's report and accounts for 1982/83 has won the C.I.F.F.A. (Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accounting) award for the best public sector accounts, and it was runner-up in more than 200 entries for the National Audit competition which is open to all private business and nationalised industries.

Mr Jack Barton, the Director of Finance and Administration, is justly proud of his department's work and he has commented that the winning of these awards, as well as two others in the accounting field, has never before been achieved by any other organisation.

John Brooks County Councillor

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on 2nd May, 1984.

4 members of the public attended.

The Financial Statement was adopted. The Chairman thanked all council members, the Clerk, District Councillor Mrs Cook and County Councillor Mr Brooks for their help and support. Also Mr. Dudley for cutting the Green, Mr Estell for creosoting the shelters and Mr Greenhill for keeping the cemetery tidy.

Mrs Cook, in her report, noted that East Cambs is 10 years old and that 10 years ago the rate for Reach was 8p in the £ and in 1984 is also 8p in the £. One fifth of council properties have been sold and most money will go towards housing for the elderly.

Mr Brooks said that most major road bypasses had been finished, new schools had been built and older ones improved.

All Council members congratulated the 'Out of Reach' Committee for producing such an excellent magazine.

We are pleased to make the duplicator available to Iris Morris and friends who are producing a magazine called 'Within Reach'. We wish them success with this new publication.

FROM THE SCHOOL

A very warm welcome to Mrs Smith and Mr Sedgewick. We hope they will be very happy in Swaffham Prior and fees sure they will be given lots of support and help by the Parents and Friends.

We enjoyed our informal sherry evening at the school when parents had an opportunity to meet both Mr and Mrs Smith and Mr Sedgewick and his fiancée Miss Helanor.

At the Reach Fair our Maypole dancers attractively began the festivities and featured in the Newmarket Weekly News. They will be performing again at the Swaffham Feast.

On Friday May 11th the children attended performances at Fen Ditton by a travelling troupe from the Spectrum theatre, the infants enjoyed four playlets based on the East and the Juniors were treated to 'The Ogre of Rashamon.'

Events on the school calendar include a swimming gala at Bottisham in which some of the juniors will be participating on Wednesday 6th June and a Netball and Football Tournament on Friday 18th at Lode. The children's book publisher Althea will be bringing a bookshop to the school on June 19th. We wish Mrs Smith and Mr Sedgewick and of course Mrs Rookes and Mrs Hitchcock every success in creating a happy and fulfilling environment for all involved in the life of the school.

Ann Cotton
pp Parents & Friends of
the School

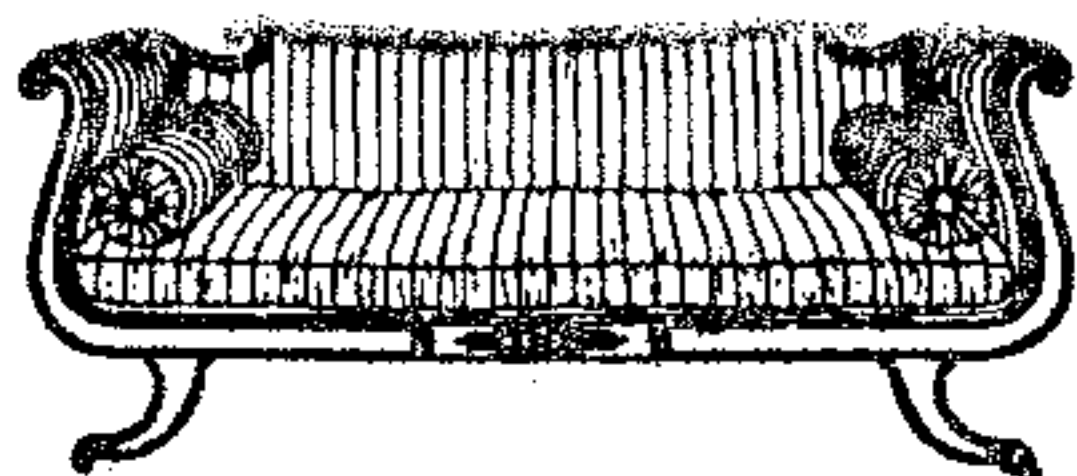
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	15	61	D. Odowd	£10
	16	75	Ken (the postman)	£10
	17	7	R. Stinton	£20
	18	54	M.Cook	£10

REACH FAIR

As yet the revenue of this years annual fair is still being sorted out but we hope to be able to report this in next month's issue. I think it is fair to say that as a result of the fine weather and the support throughout the weekend it can be considered successful.

This success is due to all those who helped and I would like to thank all those, both on and off the committee, who helped in any way, too many to thank individually but who assisted in creating an enjoyable and hopefully fair programme. Steve Neeves



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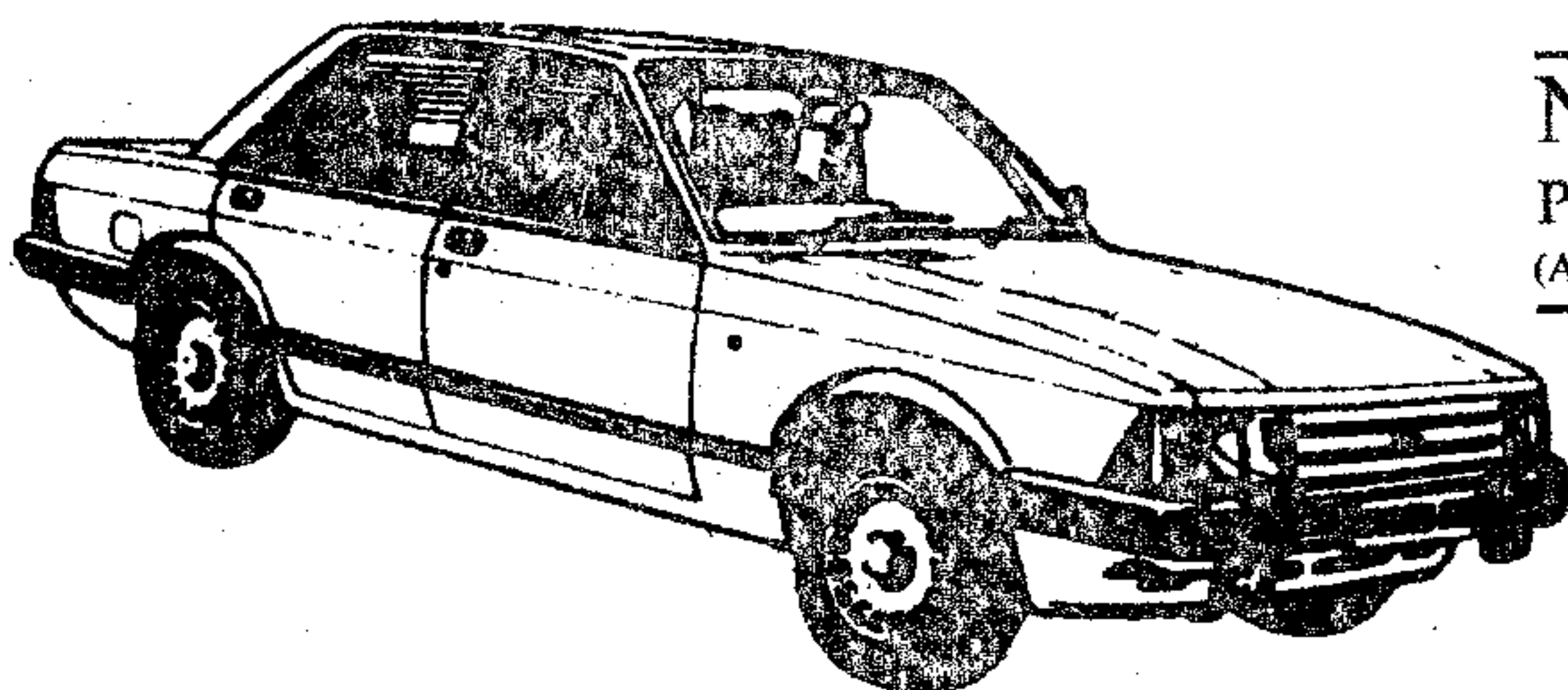
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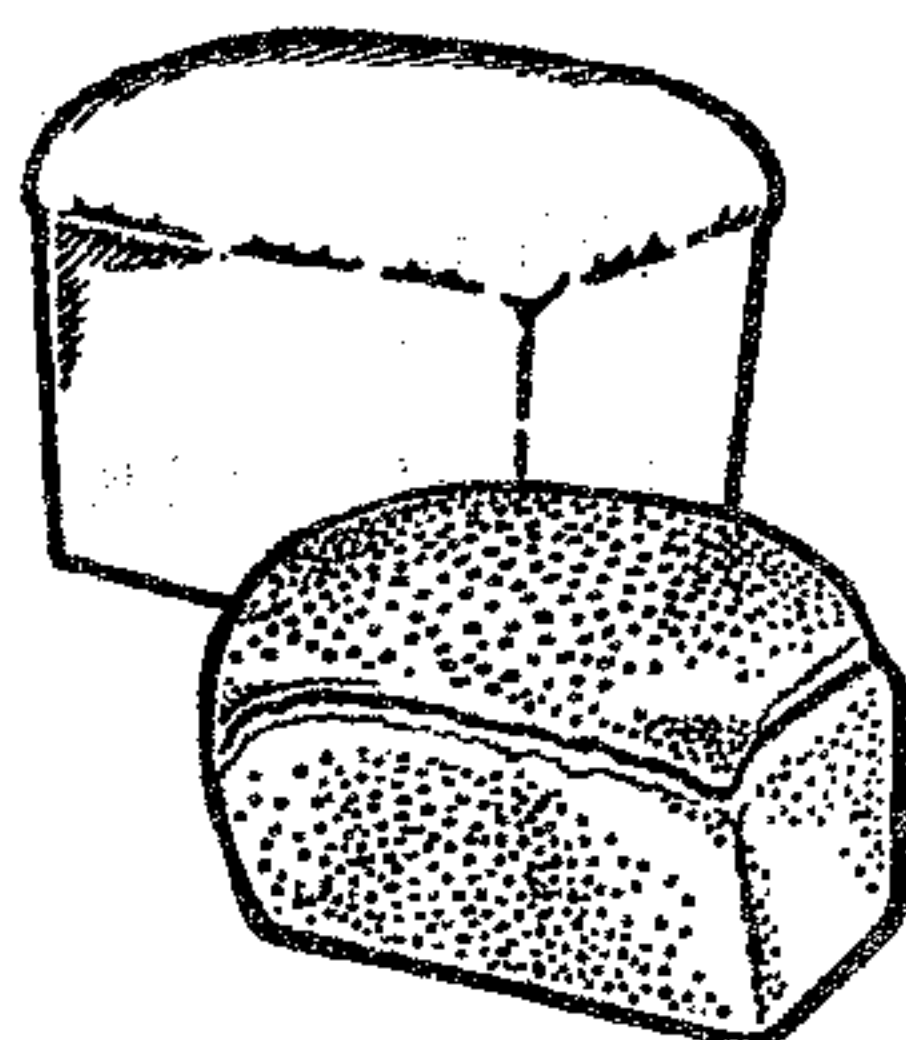
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The festival is to be promoted by the Fengate Music Trust under the artistic direction of the pianist Martin Hughes, who lives in Cambridgeshire. It will be run in conjunction with a Chamber Music Summer School to be held simultaneously in Fen Drayton.

There will be two concerts of chamber music given by young professionals on the course, and a recital by the Hungarian cellist Karoly Botvay (formerly of the Bartok Quartet) who is visiting string coach for the summer school. There will also be an evening of poetry and guitar solos, a recital of early music by the Pavonian Chamber Choir, and a visit by the Highgate Chamber Orchestra, whose programme will include a performance of Mozart's Piano Concerto K 450.

All the events are to be held in St. Cyriac's Church, which will be equipped with carpets and acoustic drapes to make it suitable for concert use. All the concerts are to be digitally recorded by the Tonmeister degree students of Surrey University, and the BBC may record one of the concerts for transmission on Radio 3.

A festival, even of a small scale nature, costs a considerable amount of money to run. There a number of ways in which you can help, either by becoming a friend' or a 'patron', or by helping with Festival administration. A leaflet outlining the financial arrangements is available from St Mary's, with an application form for friends and patrons, and either Canon Byrom or Martin Hughes will be happy to hear from anyone with any queries or suggestions.

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Reach Fair

Congratulations to Reach on a splendid Fair - I think one of the best in recent years, in spite of the bitter wind.

For the first time I received an official invitation to attend, in my capacity as Chairman of the District Council: I had always wanted to throw pennies and be a part of the traditions of the occasion! The posies of flowers were much appreciated, and the Mayor's hospitality at luncheon was exactly suitable. It was quite clear from the speeches that were made afterwards that all the official guests were fully sensitive to the hard work and thought that the people of Reach had given to the Fair Day.

Margaret Cook

REACH SPORTS DAY

Note Sunday 3rd June 1984

Programme of Events

2.00 p.m. Fancy Dress - age groups 1-5 years any
6-8 years theme

2.30p.m. Village Sports on the Green

4.30 p.m. Reach Village Centre, Tea

5.30 p.m. Slow Bicycle Races

5.45 p.m. Village Games

6.15 p.m. Reach Junior Marathon

6.40 p.m. Reach Ladies Marathon

7.00 p.m. Reach Senior Marathon

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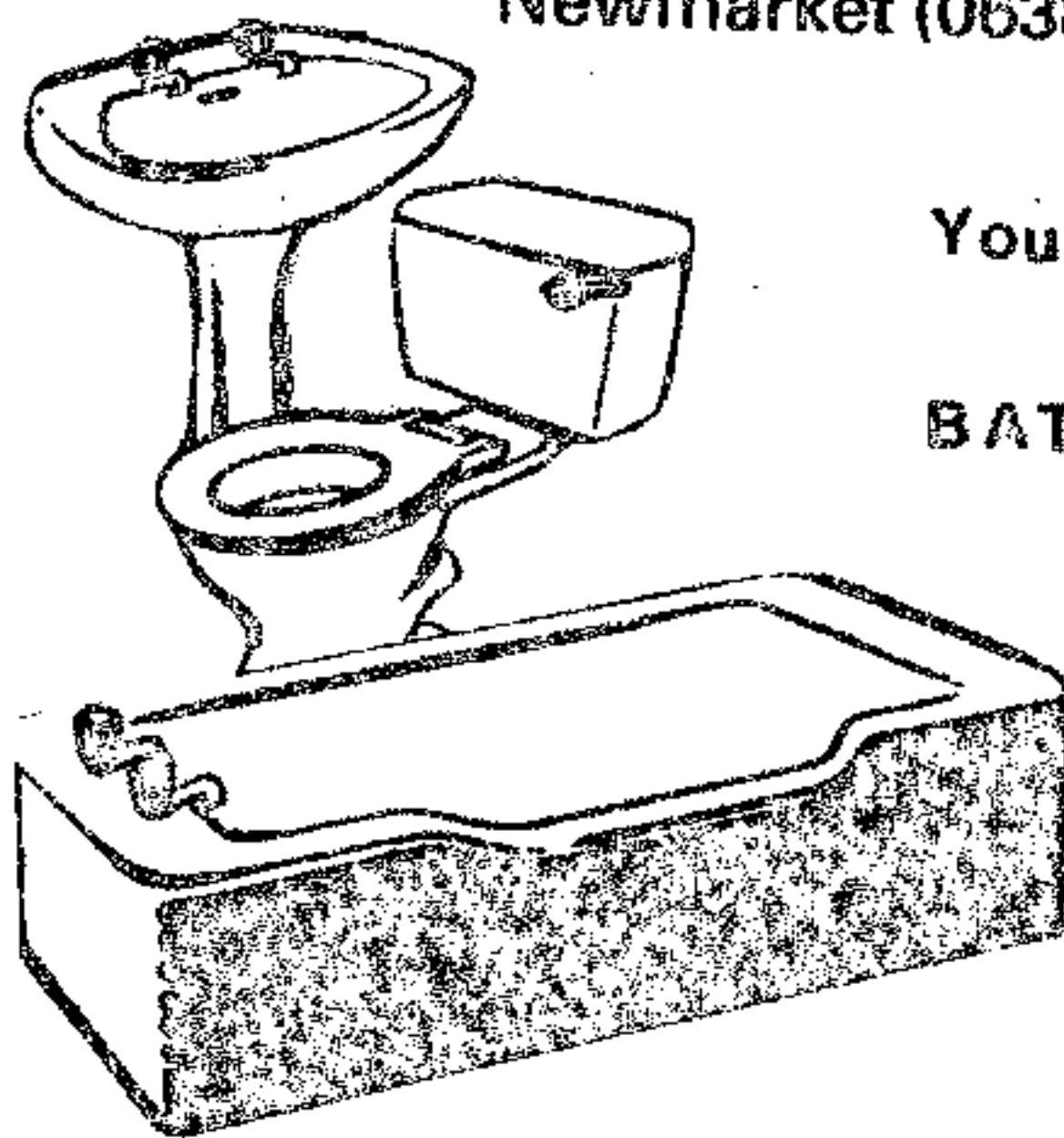
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From Les Woodland of BBC Radio Cambridgeshire

had cousin once who ran a parish magazine. It took over her life.

There were stencils stuck down the side of the settee, all her food had that unmistakeable whiff of correcting fluid, and where you and I have things like cheque books and useful bits of string, she had lots of notes about brownies, the over-sixties' club and the rota for cleaning the church. Many of these had long been discoloured by time.

You may be able to recall the name of the prime minister. I could name the chancellor of the exchequer. But to her, all life beyond the end of the village was a mystery. Politics, world calamities and even the events of neighbouring villages would pass her by, but it never failed to attract her attention if a cub scout won a gold arrow, the women's institute held a competition for a silliest hat, or the rector made some pronouncement, however mild, from the pulpit.

So far as that magazine was concerned, all human life was there. Certainly hers was.

Reading hers, and all the others that end up now on my desk at Radio Cambridgeshire's behest, is like wiping the mist clear on a private window and peering in. Fascinating detail, utterly parochial and all of it the very essence of the countryside. In Farcet, they may not care whether the dogs foul the grass in Coates, but to Coates it's important. If they need a guide leader in Gamlingay, or Somersham or Whittlesford, the world doesn't gasp and scratch its head, but it's important. It is.

Important enough, anyway, for an organisation as large as the BBC to pay me to read every single one - plus a load of parish council minutes as well - and distill them into about a minute and a half three times every morning.

Odd, really, when you think Robin Day and I work for the same organisation - him worrying away at Sir Geoffrey Howe, me trying to get the exact pronunciation of a policeman at Chatteris, or whether it's Thriplow or Triplow.

(Mental note to see whether he's paid Mor'e)

Since I join you every time this magazine comes out, I think it'd be a good idea if you joined me. Be nice

SWAFFHAM PRIOR

Indoor Carpet Bowling

Semi-finals and Final day arrived on Sunday 13th at the Cambridgeshire Indoor Bowling Club, Brooklands Avenue, when in our semi-final found ourselves drawn against Peakirk. After a hard fought battle we ran out winners by 2 games to 1 with 1 drawn.

The other semi-final between Hardwick and Pampissord was won by Pampisford who became our opponents for the final. Here unfortunately Lady Luck deserted us and Pampisford won by 2 games to 1 with again 1 game drawn.

Following the final the winning club were presented with the Sports Council Shield and this was followed by an informal meeting of all the clubs involved in the present competition. The general concensus of opinion was that the competition had been highly successful and there are prospects of many more villages being brought into the scheme for the next season.

After the meeting a series of informal games took place - firstly with the Carpet bowlers playing the Indoor bowlers on our 30ft mats and subsequently the reverse on the full size rink which can be as long as 132ft - quite a difference and using full size bowls which are somewhat larger than those we use. I regret to say I lost count of who beat who but I think everyone who participated thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

In previous reports of our home matches there has been one serious omission in that I have failed to record the sumptuous repasts provided by our Lady members and members wives. Our very best thanks to them all.

We shall be carrying on through the summer and as we have room for some more members why not come along every Tuesday evening from 7.30 p.m. A noticeable feature of some of the other clubs was the number of younger people participating.

Bob Laws

to think you had. You don't have to catch the first village news, just before the seven o'clock news; you could try again shortly before nine, or during Mark Hurrell's show from nine until twelve.

It might be a good idea idea - who knows, tomorrow morning you may be on it. And you'd kick yourself if you missed it.

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STAINED HUNDRED - The Local History Society

Wednesday, June 13th WALKABOUT Houghton-cum-Wyton,
led by Rev Derek Billings
Meet at Bottisham Village with cars at 6.45 p.m.
prompt or make your way direct to Houghton (near St Ives)
for 7.15p.m.
Assembly Point 'The Green' Houghton (Look for village pump
and shelter with clock tower. There is no grass! Space for
car parking). Non-members welcome 50p

From April 1984 issue of 'Biologist' Journal of the
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'Dr T.H.Clutton-Brock has been awarded the Scientific
Medal of the Zoological Society of London in recog-
nition of his scientific merit'

The Society is the premier zoological society in
the world and of course runs the London Zoo, Regents
Park.

The medal is only awarded to persons under 40 years
of age in recognition of their scientific merit
in the field of zoology and kindred sciences and
in very exceptional cases.

Congratulations to Dr Clutton-Brock from all in Reach

Letter to the Editor

To say that I was amazed at reading Canon Byrom's
article in this months copy of 'Out of Reach' was
putting it mildly.

That a man of the cloth who has a moral obligation
to teach and preach right from wrong should condone
an act of treason committed by a self opinionated
young woman is beyond belieg.

He talks of her conscience - surely if she had one
she would not have broken the Official Secrets Act
she signed on becoming employed in a position of trust.
Not being paid for being a traitor is not much of
an excuse for an act of betrayal, although 'rocking
the government' is rather wishful thinking as she
was, luckily for us, such a small tiddler in a large
pond.

Does Canon Byrom forget the message of Easter?
Namely that Christ was betrayed - although his
betrayal was paid 30 pieces of silver he then
regretted his act, so perhaps not being paid makes
it alright!! Are all convicts Holy?

N. Smith

Reach Branch Conservative Association

JUMBLE SALE

SAT JUNE 30th at 2.30 p.m.

IN THE VILLAGE CENTRE

REFRESHMENTS SERVED

THIS MONTH'S RECIPE

FRUIT FLUMMERY

1lb dried fruits - apricots, figs or dried apples or pears
2 oz fine oatmeal
water
1 pint stewed fruit juice
Margarine
Sugar & salt to taste
Nutmeg

Soak dried fruits in warm water overnight. The following day, cut the fruit into pieces & return slices to the water. Mix the oatmeal with about half a cupful of water until it becomes a smooth paste. Add it to the fruit & juice. Add a knob of margarine & pour into a pan. Bring slowly to the boil, stirring all the time. Simmer for 5 or 6 minutes. If necessary add a little more liquid, sugar & salt to taste, & simmer for some minutes more. The consistency of the flummery will thicken as it cools, so add about half a cupful more water but do not cook any longer. Pour into a serving dish - or small dishes and sprinkle with nutmeg, and if you like, sugar. Leave to cool.

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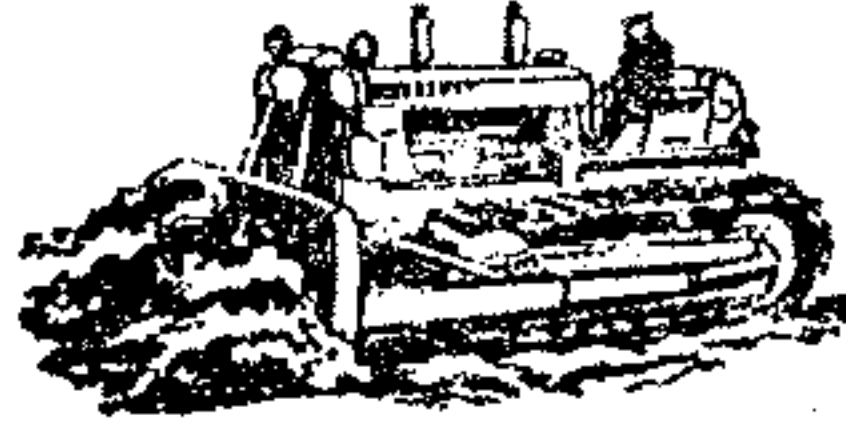
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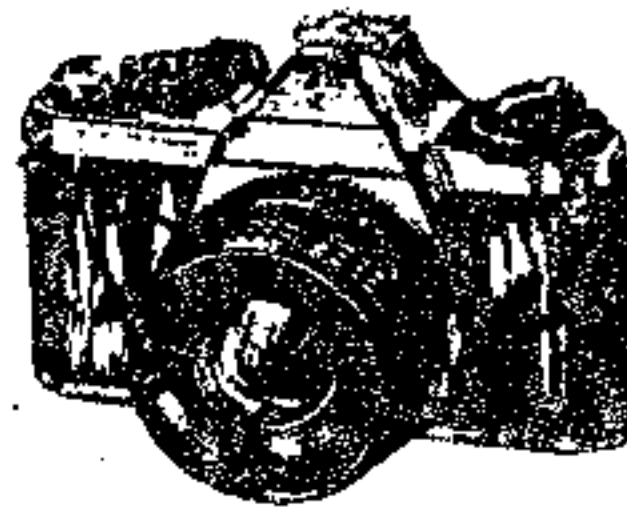
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