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EDITORIAL

Issue No 92

August 1984

By the time that you read this I hope that we will have had an enjoyable Ceilidh and Village Cricket Match. The Village Committee have arranged several events for the summer, the next one being a Raft Race on the Lode on Sunday 5th August from 2.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. (approximate times). At the time of writing I have no more information to give you on this, so watch the shop window for more news. In September we will again be holding a Tug of War Contest and more details will be given in next

We have recently elected a new Committee, with several new faces. The list should be appearing on the cover of "Out of Reach", although I am afraid that some of them are very out of date!

I know that you will be sorry to hear that the Vicar, Mr Byrom, has recently been in hospital for an eye operation. I'm sure that everyone in the Village joins in wishing him a very speedy recovery. Best wishes also ill in hospital at the time of writing. Mr and Mrs H Badcock, of 38 Swaffham Road would like to express their appreciation and thanks to everyone who sent messages, cards and flowers etc. during Mrs Badcock's good wishes.

Finally for this month, congratulations to Mr and Mrs Peter Fisher on the birth recently of their baby son Edward.

Best wishes for happy holidays to those who are going away this

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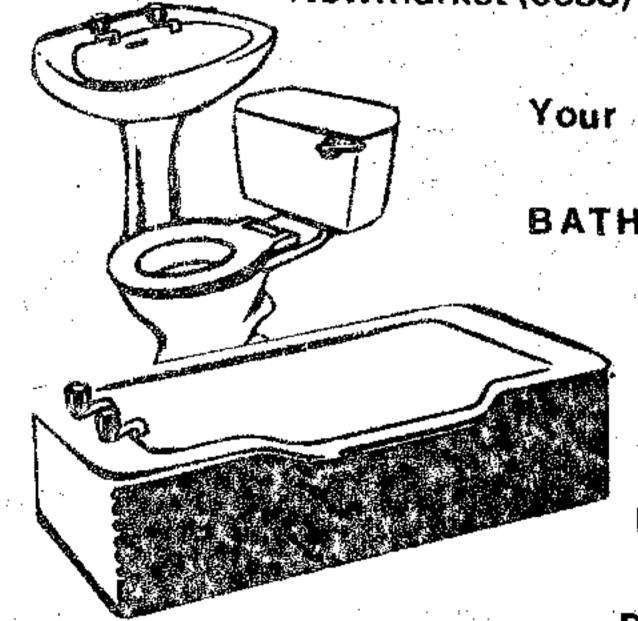
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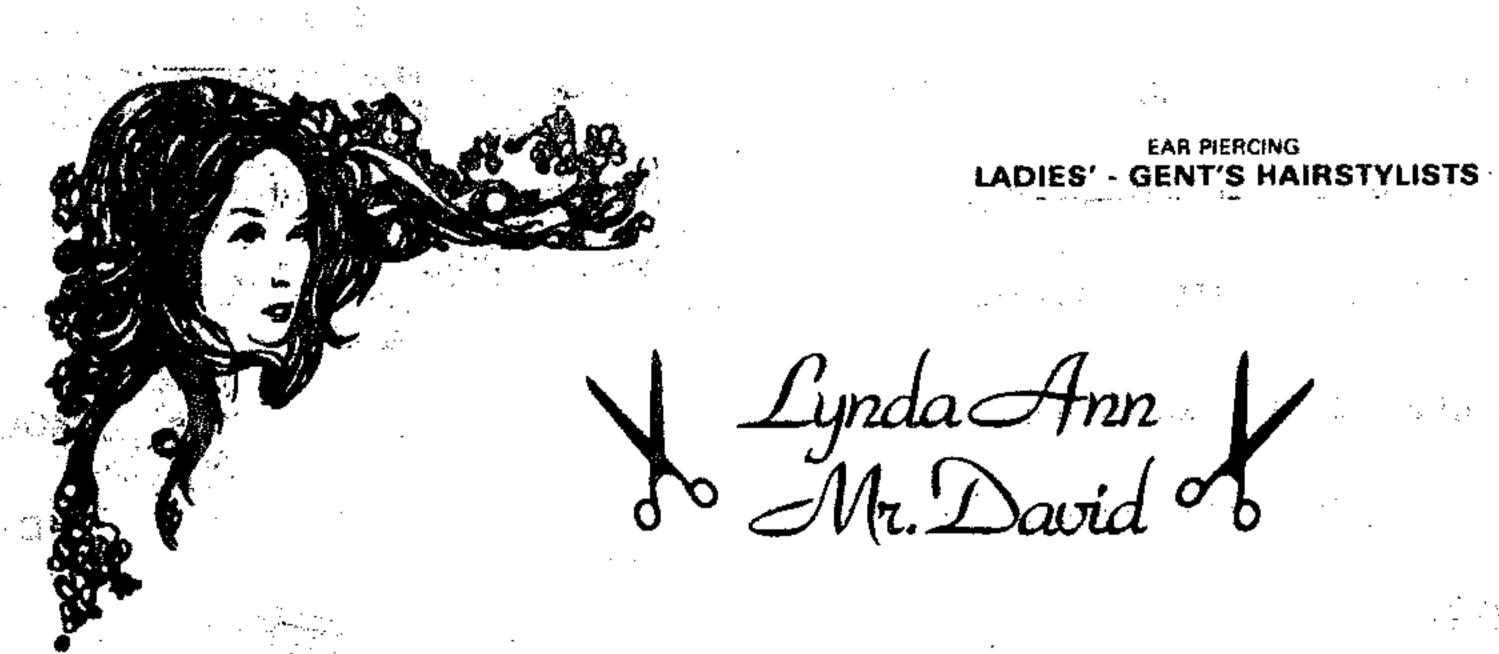
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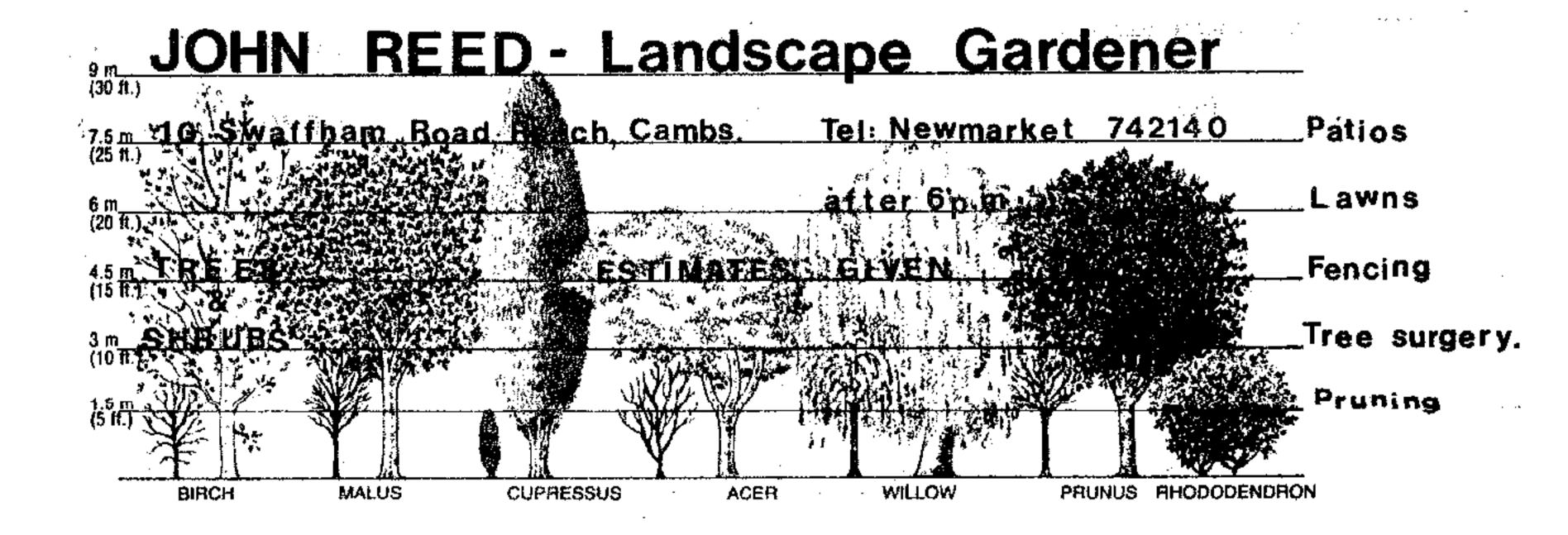
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FROM THE VICAR

I find it hard to resist a feeling of something like excitement at the mere thought of the blessed month of August, when one feels not only that one ought to be able to relax, but that it would be positively indecent for anything to prevent it; when, quite simply, nothing but the basics of existence - food, sleep and prayer, - should occur to divert us from that lovely experience for which all but hopeless activists should naturally yearn.

And yet the business of relaxing is more mysterious than we commonly suppose. The lawyers have a phrase for doing kindnesses for friends: they call it 'working out of time'; and there is a sense in which a genuine holiday is also something 'out of time', though it isn't easy to define quite how. But at least there should be a feeling, as the holiday begins, of switching to a different time-scale, an alternative time continuum, when life is lived and measured no longer simply by the clock, or even by the clock at all, but by the richness of what is going on within one's com scul, heart, mind, spirit, whatever your particular terminology is.

Incidentally, I often feel that, for this reason, good helidays are a tiny foretaste of the existence for which we are created on the far side of death, where the main object is simply to be, not to do, when in fact being oneself, whatever that is, is actually the intensest form of doing. This, indeed, is precisely what we have in mind, though we may not realize it, when we go through the mental process of making up a party: 'we must have this person', we say, 'to balance that one, and so and so to balance someone clse'. Their being is their doing. Together they 'make' the evening.

At anyrate, the holiday won't begin to serve its purpose until we let go, and quietly unhitch ourselves from the tyranny of doing one thing after another under pressure, and let ourselves descend into the infinite depths, and spiritual space, of the present moment, where alone God dwells, and is to be discovered, along with our own identity.

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For the multidudinant experiences that also are way slowly but imperceptibly change us, like the drips that develop the slow growth of the stalagmite; and it is of the first importance that from time to time we should at least attempt to keep apreast of who precisely it is we are growing to be. There was a day when the park-keeper, about to close the park, discovered the German philosopher Schopenhauer still sitting on a seat. When the keeper ventured to ask him who he was, there came the reply, after a tense silence: 'I wish to God I knew'. You recall the answer of that deranged man when Jesus asked his name: 'I'm no one', he said; 'I'm legion; I'm thousands of demons, all tearing me apart'. Well, this is the great question the risen Lord (who breaks the rules and doesn't take holidays) will be gently putting to you as you relax: 'Who precisely are you?'. Who is it you actually are, as opposed to all the people you are pretending to be, or would like to be? And 'where are you going'? Luther once said, 'examine yourself closely when you say your prayers, and you will find out who you are before God'.

But remember Christ will not be putting his question in any hectoring, bullying way, like some prosecuting counsel. When he asks your name, he will do so in the hope of coaxing the sense of your ultimate identity out of you as a kind of happy discovery of your own, that 'new name written on the white stone, which no one knows, save he that receives it', the eternal, strictly unutterable secret between you and Christ; that secret I think St Paul was referring to when he said, almost in the tone of an obstinate schoolboy, 'I am what I am',

But notice he said it was 'by the grace of God' that he was what he was, which is the vital clue that simply being yourself, under God, and for God, is the supreme object of creation as far as you personally are concerned; the final meaning of everything, as also the supreme delight; loving yourself, as St Bernard said, for God's sake, as well as loving him for his own sake; the child's awakening delight in being just its own exquisite self; the lover's amazed delight in discovering identity through another.

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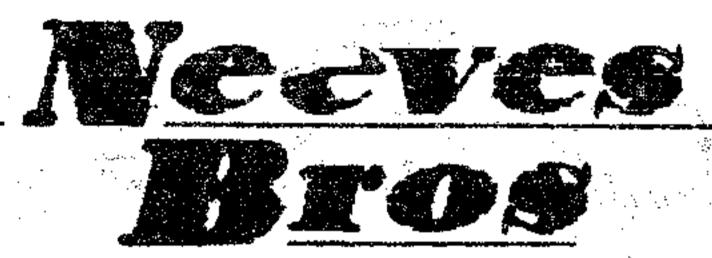
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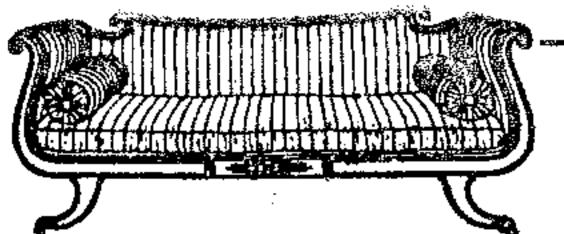
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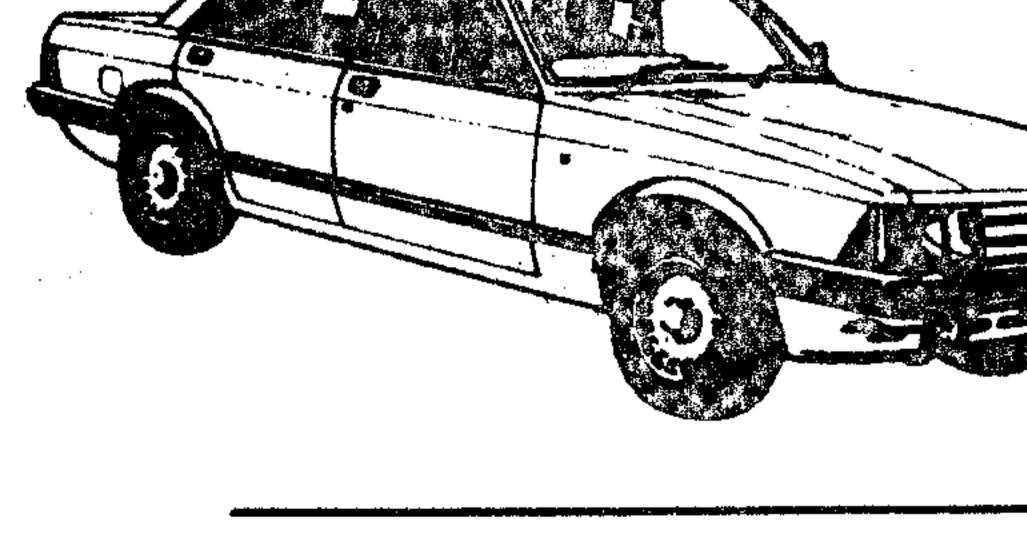
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Worship in August: St Mary's and Reach

5th TRINITY VII

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Reach)

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

6.30 p.m. Evensong (Reach)

12th TRINITY VIII

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 TRINITY IX

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

11.00 a.m. Family Communion (Reach)

6.30 p.m. Evensong (Reach)

24th S BARTHOLOMEW, Apostle

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

26th TRINITY X

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:-

Baptisms:

24 June:

Edward Anthony, son of Anthony Peter and Susan Renee Jordan,

Hobs Dyke End, Reach.

8 July:

Laura Christine, daughter of Christopher and Elizabeth

Bailey, 1 Lythels Cottages, Swaffham Prior Fen.

MUSIC AND ART AT S CYRIAC'S SWAFFHAM PRIOR 1984

Sunday, September 2nd

Renos Loizou exhibition opens

Tuesday, September 4th

Rehearsals

Wednesday, September 5th

Evening concert: KAROLY BOTVAY (cello)

PIERS LANE (piano)

Thursday, September 6th

2.30 p.m. Masterclass (KAROLY BOTVAY)

Evening Concert: Music and Poetry

CATHERINE THOM (guitar)
MORAG MORRIS (reader)

Friday, September 7th

2.30 p.m. Masterclass

Evening Concert: PAVONIAN CHAMBER CHOIR

Saturday, September 8th

10.00 a.m. Masterclass

2.00 p.m. Orchestral rehearsal Evening Concert: HIGHGATE CHAMBER

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Music and Art at S Cyriac's Swaffham Prior 1984 (continued)

Sunday, September 9th

2.00 p.m. Rehearsal Evening Concert: Concert of chamber music by participants on the Fengate Music Trust chamber music week.

INDOOR CARPET BOWLS

The meeting of the County League clubs took place on June 18th at Ely Bowls Club and for the 1984/1985 season we find ourselves in an enlarged Group 2 together with our former opponents of Rampton and Wilburton with the addition of two teams from Hardwick and newcomers Romsey. This gives us 10 matches in all on a home and away basis, our first match on October 16th at home.

We duly sent two teams to Hardwick on July 8th to compete in the "Pairs" competition when once again we fell at the last hurdle and could only finish as runners-up. Our 'A' team (Anita and David Foulks) went out in the first round to Wilburton 'B' by 5 shots to 11 but our 'B' team (Jean and Geoff Lewis) beat Hardwick 'B' by 13 to 5 and then went on to beat Wilburton 'B' 7 - 4 to qualify for the final against Wilburton 'A' which they lost 14 - 4.

After our normal Tuesday meeting on July 17th we shall be closing down for the summer, starting up again in September.

Bob Laws

Parish Council

The Council will be receiving an allocation of 15 trees in the Autumn. Would anybody living in Reach, and requiring a tree, please notify the Council.

The Planning Application for building on the site of Hythe House has been approved, subject to strict conditions.

Re-organisation of school transport has been deferred until January 1985.

Due to the Summer holidays there will be no Parish Meeting in August. The next Meeting will be on September 5th 1984 in the Village Centre.

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From Councillor Mrs Margaret Cook

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If you think you could qualify under this Scheme, because your home needs renovations, improvements or even major structural repairs, you are invited in the first instance to contact either:-

Mrs Skeels, Housing Services Dept: on Ely 5555, Extension 229 or, Mr C Humphries. Manager, Abbey National Building Society on Newmarket 661415.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S NOTES for JULY 1984

Rural hoads to Agricultural Land and Buildings and Isolated Houses

There is a considerable mileage of rural roads in the county, especially in the fens, which serve very few people. Some are maintained by those who use them and some by the public at large, i.e. the ratepayers.

At its last meeting the County Council received a report from the Transportation Committee recommending that consideration should be given to finding some means of taking away responsibility for some of these roads from the public purse. It was agreed that these roads or tracks were not designed for use by heavy farm and commercial vehicles, and that at any rate there was no money available to put them in a suitable condition.

The County Council referred the problem back to Transportation and asked them to think again of all the implications.

The arguments for and against are conflicting. It can be said, and is said, that farm lands and buildings are exempt from rates so why should the ratepayer have to find large sums to maintain roads used largely for agricultural purposes. On the other hand ratepayers want to have access to the countryside, and in some instances these roads serve isolated groups of cottages and houses. The middle ground is that we must, and urgently

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County Composition's Notes for July 1984 (continued)

at that, pay more attention to the network of busy minor roads in town and country which have been neglected because of the priority which has had to be given to main roads.

These busy minor roads are much more important to all of us than the very minor little used roads being discussed.

No major decision is imminent, Even when one is made there would have to be consultation with many organisations as well as tests of the legal position. In the meantime I should welcome views on the subject by letter please and not by telephone. There are sure to be some roads affected in the area covered by my division.

> John Brooks County Councillor

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Filling

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½ pint milk

1 oz castor sugar 2 tablospoons cold water

½ oz gelatine

8 oz cream cheese or fullfat soft cheese

½ teaspoon grated lemon rind

1 tablespoon lemon juice

Topping 1 lb fresh raspberries

1. Line and grease inside of a loose-based 7 inch cake tin.

Mix the crushed biscuits with the melted butter and press evenly over the base of the cake tin. Put in fridge while making the filling.

3. Separate the eggs. Whisk the egg yolks and mix with the milk in a saucepan over a gentle heat. Stir continuously until the mixture thickens. Remove from heat and stir in the sugar.

4. Whisk the egg whites until stiff and put aside.

5. Put the water into a small bowl. Stand the bowl in a pan of very hot water and sprinkle in the gelatine. Stir until gelatine dissolves.

Mash the cheese with a fork to soften it, gradually stir in the gelatine, milk mixture and the lemon rind.

7. Strain the lemon juice and mix in.

Whisk the mixture until it begins to thicken, then fold in the whisked egg whites lightly.

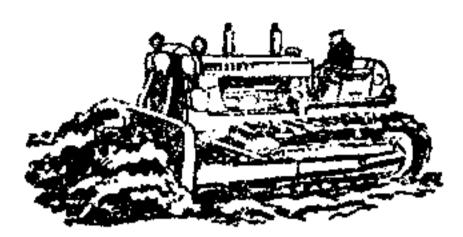
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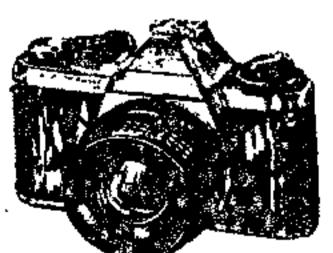
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