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REACH COMMUNITY MAGAZINE

EDITORIAL

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I am very pleased that we have an interesting article this month - the first one for some time. Once again many thanks are due to our regular anonymous contributor. I am amazed at the amount of information about our village that he manages to unearth. The latest chapter in Reach's history concerns one Robert Spark who was apparently one of the famous Lollards in the fifteenth century. He was tried as a heretic and duly punished for opposing the doctrines and practices of the Catholic Church, which was of course eventually to lead to the Reformation and the establishment of the Church of England. Thanks also to Janet Biggs for another of her crosswords.

I have now found out that Iris Morris is responsible for our delightful new cover designs. She has done four of them so the magazine will have a facelift for some time to come. Many thanks to Iris!

Not much seems to be happening in the village this coming month, except that there will be a committee meeting on Wednesday 31st October at 8 p.m. I will mention a couple of November events in advance though. On November 5th we will have our now established fireworks display for Bonfire Night. The last two years have been most successful. We would be grateful for any donations of wood - could you please leave these on the Hythe. Also of course we need donations towards the high costs of the fireworks. Once again Committee members will be making a door-to-door

collection, so please give as generously as you can.
The Guy Competition this year has a 'Punk' theme - plenty
of scope for the imagination!

On Tuesday 20th November we are having a home produce stall
on Newmarket Market in aid of village funds. We will be
most grateful for as many donations of cakes and home produce
as possible. These can be given to any Village Hall Committee
member.

The magazine duplicating team inform me that they would
appreciate some more people to help them, so if
anyone would like to help with the duplicating please
let me know. Also we would like a kitchen wall cupboard
for the Village Centre if anyone has one that they no
longer need.

Kay Pote

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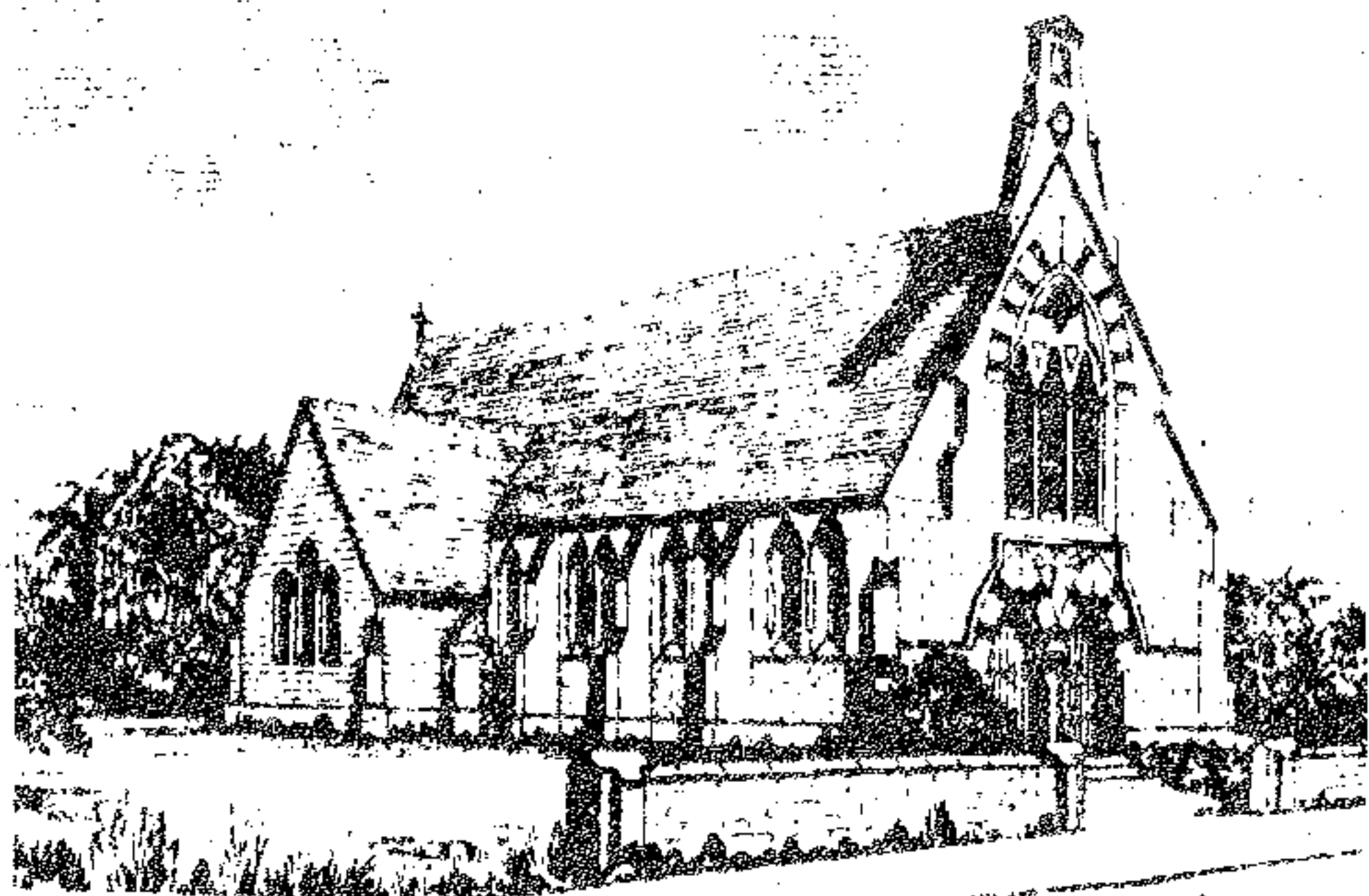
Due to the recent resignation of our caretaker
Ray Folkes, after many years of immeasurable
help; we now seek someone to take over the
responsibility.

The job involves a few hours per week, depending
on the events or functions scheduled, and will
receive full backing from the village hall centre.

Anyone at all interested please contact either
Steve Neeves - 742519 or Anita Folkes - 741414

A suggestion has been made for a Christmas review
in the village centre. Anyone willing to help out
in a musical, theatrical or any way please contact
Steve Neeves - 742519. If you know of anyone with
a talent suitable, we would be pleased to know.

P.S. to Editorial Mrs Nixon would like to thank all
the people in the village who signed the petition
for the release of her daughter. Happily she has now
been released.



St. Etheldreda and the Holy Trinity

Reach

FROM THE VICAR

(A sermon preached in St Mary's on Sunday, 2nd September)

The fact that we are now to be treated to nearly a week of music in St Cyriac's made me think that perhaps I ought to try to say a word, - a very amateur word, I'm afraid, - about the whole question of music and religion, and more particularly music in religion, i.e. in public worship.

First, then, this more general question of music and religion. Why should a parish priest like myself devote a good deal of time and trouble helping a distinguished pianist like Martin Hughes to put on a week of music in our redundant church? In the first place, simply because I was asked if I would co-operate. That's just the silly, obvious answer.

But there is a much deeper reason. I believe it is part of the business of a Christian priest to help develop whatever is capable of growth and development, wherever he happens to be. So that if, quite out of the blue, someone has got to hear of our redundant church, and asks if it is possible to put on a week of art and music in it, then it seems a matter of necessity to say Yes.

To put it at its lowest, here in our midst, we have a perfect and perfectly empty building waiting to be used. Why not use it? But why not use it in such a way that its usefulness comes to be recognised widely in the County? After all, it costs the Redundant Churches Commission (which now owns St Cyriac's) about £2600 a year to keep it in repair. Here commonsense suggests it should be used, not merely maintained as an empty shell

remarkable as it is merely at that low level.

I was impressed the other day when I heard a thoughtful person say that the real test of the impact of the Christian Gospel was the quality of the secular life in any given place; the extent to which the outgoing care of Christ has reached out, not simply to men's souls, but through them to the way they conduct their life together on the most secular level.

After all, it was Jesus himself who said he came that we might have life, and have it more abundantly; and the evidence is that he saw this abundance not as limited to his intimate talks with his disciples, marvellous as these were, but flowing out beyond them into all the nooks and crannies of our lives: our wedding receptions, our fishing expeditions, our often so fateful dinner-parties, and so on. Wherever he went, and he went to some strange places, he immeasurably enriched the quality of the life he found there. So there seems to me no problem at all about Christians doing all they can to enrich the life of the village, or whatever community they belong to.

But what about the more limited question of music in public worship? If you put that question to a Jew, ancient or modern, he would hardly know what you meant. Music is natural to a Jew, and nowhere more than in worship. Worship is the offering of life and human nature to God. For most people musicality is part of that nature; hence music must be deeply embedded in worship, though of course in ways most natural to the worshipper. Hymns Ancient and Modern in the middle of the African bush are no more natural than tambourines in Swaffham Prior.

But what in fact do we mean by 'natural'? Surely, we mean a natural language. Music can say what nothing else can, though precisely why this is so remains one of the deepest mysteries of our nature. And thank heaven it does, and resists all attempts at explanation. The fact is, though we may not know why, an organ voluntary can kindle the heart, and the mind, too, just as only the hymn tune can get the words airborne. A modern historian put it well when he said 'music unites the contrary attributes of being both intelligible and untranslatable'. That is why people troop out of concerts in a deeply satisfied mood, as also indeed out of worship where music has been an important element. The music has been intelligible, yet what precisely it has said not even the best commentators can quite put over in words. It is its own language and its own interpretation.

So maybe we shall have to sit down one day and re-think our whole attitude to the music in our own worship here, and what we do about important events like our annual Carol Service. We have two capable organists and an expert little choir. I sometimes wonder whether we use them to the best advantage.

So let me end by reminding you of wht that great man, Luther, said, Luther who, despite his modesty, made such an enormous impact not only on the worship but on the congregational music of his time, and for so long after:

'Music is a fair and lovely gift of God which has often wakened and moved me to the joy of preaching... I have no use for cranks who despise music, because it is a gift of God. Music drives away the devil and makes people gay; they forget thereby all wrath, unchastity, arrogance, and the like. Next after theology I give music the highest place and the greatest honour. I would not exchange what little I know of music for something great. Experience proves that next to the word of God only music deserves to be extolled as the mistress and governess of the feelings of the human heart...My heart bubbles up and overflows in response to music, which has so often refreshed me and delivered me from the plague'.

J.K.B.

P.S. With reference to my letter last month: you may wish to know that St Mary's P.C.C. decided not to accept the offer of a grant from the Historic Buildings Commission, but to continue with repair work already begun as long as funds are available.

From the Registers:

Baptisms:

29th July: Oliver Andrew, James Ian, and Robert Andrew, sons of Andrew Leonard and Yvonne Irene Previtt, of Apple Tree Cottage, Great Lane, Reach.
(Apologies for the omission of these last month)

FROM THE CHURCHES

Worship in October: St Mary's and Reach

7th TRINITY XVI

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

14th TRINITY XVII

9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (St Mary's)
No celebration at Reach
11.00 a.m. Deanery Eucharist: Fordham
6.30 p.m. Evensong (St Mary's)

(It is hoped that all who can will attend the
Deanery Eucharist at Fordham)

18th St LUKE, Evangelist

7.30 p.m. Holy Communion

21st TRINITY XVIII

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

28th SS. SIMON & JUDE, Apostles: TRINITY XIX

9.30 a.m. Children's Eucharist (St Mary's)
11.00 - 5.00 p.m. Westly House Quiet Day: (St Mary's)
11.00 a.m. Children's Eucharist (Reach)
6.30 p.m. Evensong (St Mary's)

Parish Council News

Residents of the Hythe and the Parish Council held a meeting to discuss the new planning application to turn Hythe House into holiday cottages. A letter has been sent to the Planning Office putting forward the Council's objections, and residents will also write to E.C.D.C. The Council did not have any objections to the transfer of the licence for a Public House, to the new owners.

A tent will be erected on the Green on Sunday Oct 27th as a check point for the Anglian Walkers Association. A new minute book is to be purchased by the parish council. The present one has been in use since the inaugural ceremony of Reach Parish Council on 2nd April 1954.



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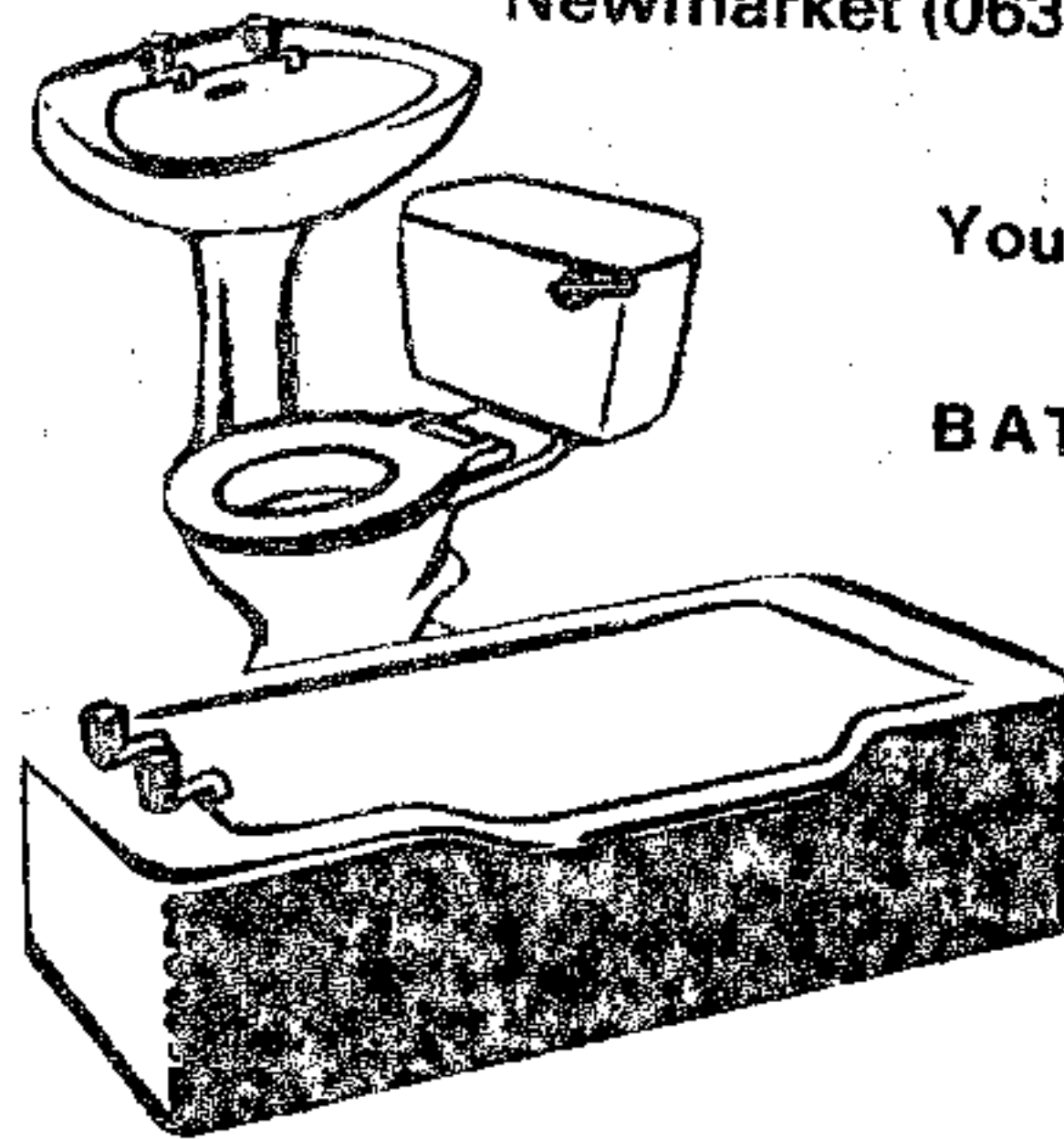
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ROBERT SPARK of RECHE

in the Parish of Swaffham St. Mary,

Lollard 1457

Cambridge University and the County have always been the home of advanced thinkers in politics and the Church. One such was Robert Spark of this village.

Ever since the advent of the Norman clerics, with the Conqueror the Celtic and Anglo-saxon elements in the Church in Britain had pressed for reform of the many clerical abuses in the Feudal Church. John Wycliffe, Master of Balliol College, Oxford in 1360. wrote and preached in the cause of an indigenous church, and to this end made the first translation of the Scriptures into English. For the next two hundred years opinion grew, and prepared the people for the reformation. Followers of religious reform were known as Lollards (from the Dutch) and often subjected to prosecution by the Catholic Church for heresy. There was, however, a spirit of reform and toleration among many of the higher clergy, which is well illustrated in the history of the Spark affair.

Spark was brought before the Courts of the Bishop of Ely, with two of his friends from Cambridge and Chesterton, and charged as a heretic. The records of the allegations, and trial in 1457 still exist. He was indicted under 13 counts of believing, and teaching certain specified heretical doctrines. It would seem a reasonable assumption, that he may have been the curate of the now vanished chapel of St Ethelreda at Reach, and maybe he lived in the house now known as "White Roses", which was owned by the church and housed a curate until a few years ago?

Robert Spark, and his friends Brud & Baile, it was alleged objected to the veneration of crosses and images in churches. They considered pilgrimages a waste of time and money. Children of baptised parents, they said, should be baptised, but later on life if they wished it. Laymen, especially working men should not be bound to fast as clerics were. Elaborate sculptured monuments to the dead cost money, which could be better spent on charity. Priests had not the power to change the physical substance of bread and wine. Confession need not be to a priest. Mental prayer said anywhere was just as good as vocal prayer in a church. Marriage was a matter of consent between a man and a woman, and should not need fees paid to a priest to make it a contract. The extreme unction was of no avail for salvation of the wicked. The Pope of those times was Anti-Christ. and many of his priests avaricious, & "devils incarnate". These Lollards believed firmly, that each and every man was the Church of God. So,

that if brought before an ecclesiastical court or inquisition for heresy and asked the Question, "Do you believe in the Church?" they could answer "Yes", secure in their own belief "In man is the Temple of God".

On examination by the Court all three were found guilty, and most of the charges proven. They submitted to the Bishop, and his mercy, admitting to the errors of their ways. He ordered them, on the Vigil of Pentecost, bare-foot, in trousers and shirts only, carrying a large faggot each on their backs, and a penny candle in their hands, to parade and do penance, around the market places of Ely and Cambridge and their own parish churches.

One must compare this merciful penalty with those metted out by the Spanish Inquisition in the same period, and later in England itself. For almost a hundred years after there were no more cases of heresy in this Bishopric. But the pressure for reform continued to grow from within the Church, in the Universities and among the people culminating as it did in the English Reformation and the establishment of the Anglican Church with its Prayer Book in English.

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Here are 2 further dates for your diary

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and

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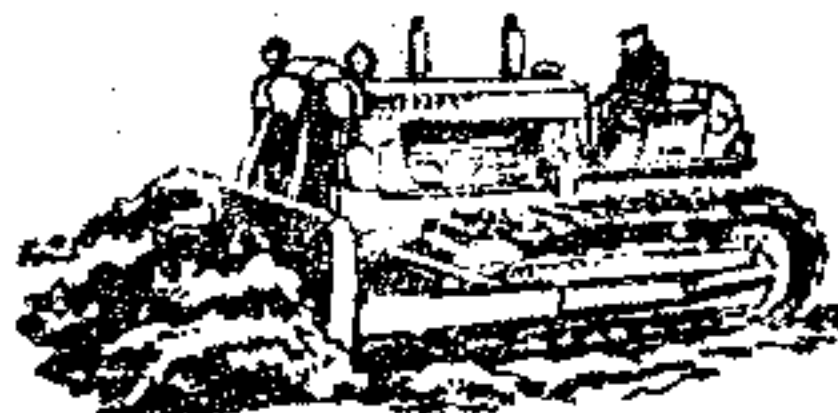
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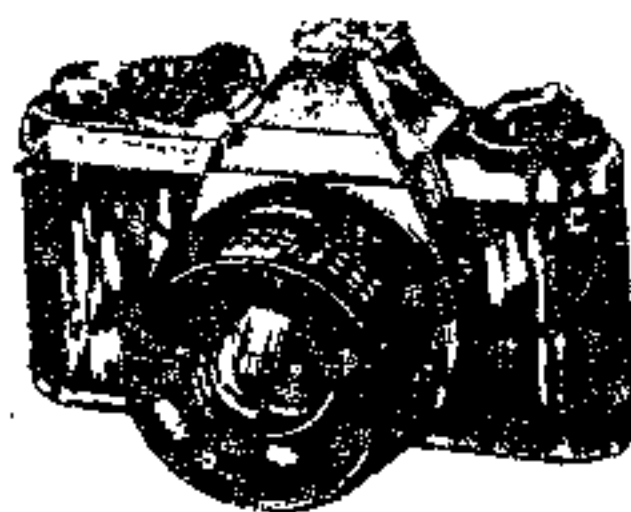
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PRIORY YOUTH CLUB JUNIOR SECTION

We now have most of the money from our 'Sponsored mini marathon' and I am very pleased to say the balance to date is £97.58p. We have bought a much needed cassette recorder, so the Junior members can now bring along their own cassettes to play.

On Friday 14th September we held our annual bar - b - q and disco where despite the weather 44 junior members had a very enjoyable time dancing to 'Shadow Road Show' in between eating hot dogs and beefburgers. Entrance for the junior members was free due to money raised at the mini-marathon. I would like to thank Sandra Butcher for the loan of her bar-b-q, also for her help on the night, also many thanks to Jacki Gould and Jayne Prentise for their help on the night.

We are holding a jumble sale in the village hall, Swaffham Prior, on Saturday 6th October at 2.30 p.m. Any jumble you have please to: Mary Cook, Marion Herring, Mervyn Woolnough or myself. If you have any items you would like collected please phone Mary Cook New 742945 or myself on New 742322. Please come to support us.

For any new-comers to the village 'Priory Youth Club' is held on Tuesdays in the Village Hall, Swaffham Prior, Juniors 7-11 years 6.13 - 7.30 p.m. and Seniors 11+ years 7.30 - 10.00 p.m.

Carol Taylor

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A free Coffee Evening will be held at the Village Hall
Swaffham Prior. Thursday 4th October
The Society's film at 8 p.m.
TOMORROW'S PARENTS BRING AND BUY
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will be shown.

FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL

At the 1st meeting of Monday 10th September Mr D. Gent, Senior Area Community Education Officer spoke of the responsibilities of a Community School and of the opportunities within a village for it to become a focal point in the educational, cultural and social life of the community. Mrs Smith is developing the use of the facilities at the school for use by the community at large and is only too enthusiastic to meet the needs of a club or group who wish to use the premises. Clubs both during and after school hours have begun again, some new clubs include a family games evening, a guitar club and arts and crafts. If children within the community who do not attend the school would like to join they would be made very welcome. It would provide an opportunity for children whose school friends live outside the area to meet and get to know more children of their own age within Swaffham Prior.

We also discussed the possible purchase of a photo copier and a cover for the pool. We feel rather at the mercy of any sales patter in these decisions and would welcome advice from anyone who has knowledge or experience in the use of either product.

Mrs Jackie Gould expressed a concern on the part of the group who organise the library for the almost total lack of interest in the facility and it is a case now of 'Use it or lose it' as it is disheartening for the volunteers to give up their time to sit in a library almost no-one visits.

The Harvest Festival of the School will be held in St Mary's on October 8th, starting at 9.30. The children will be bringing their gifts which will be sent to an Old Peoples's Home and the Church will be decorated as it is the day after St Mary's celebrates Harvest Thanksgiving. All are welcome to share this very lovely celebration with the children.

Finally some dates for your diary

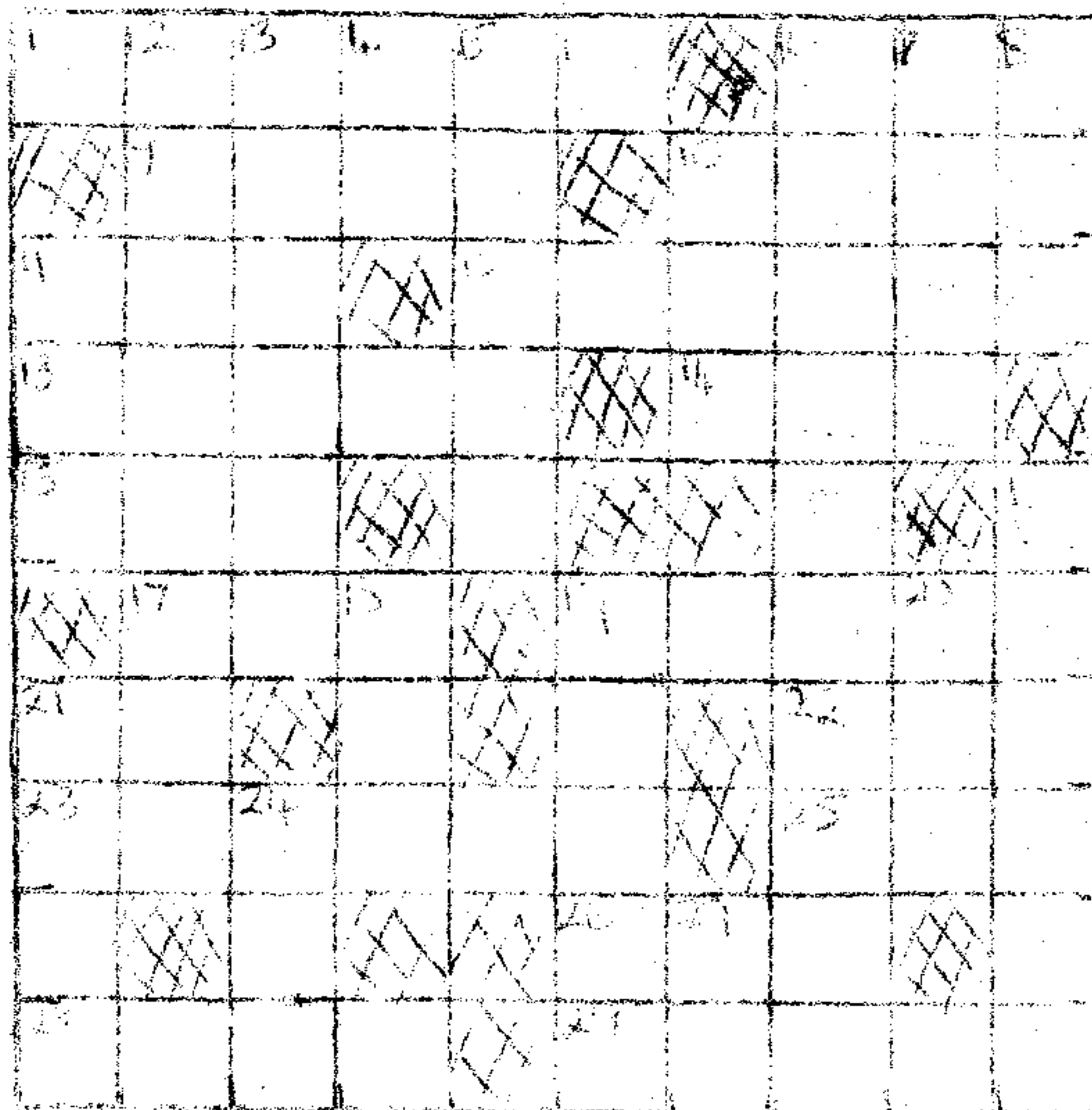
Harvest Festival Mon 8th Oct 9.30 a.m.

Parents & Friends of
the school, Committee meeting Wed 17th Oct 7.30 p.m.

Half Term Friday 19th Oct to Monday 29th Oct

Bonfire Night Festivities Friday 2nd November
at Swaffham Prior

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Clues Across

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| 1. System | 22. Melody |
| 2. Insect | 23. Shellfish |
| 3. Outlook | 25. Not this evening's letters |
| 10. Italian River | 26. Air Container |
| 11. Jewel | 28. Fenland waterway |
| 12. Not outdoors | 29. They make no odds |
| 13. Of a town | |
| 14. Initially a novelist | |
| 15. Liquid soap | |
| 17. Thirsty | |
| 19. Leaving | |

Clues Down

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|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 2. Common | 11. Pull upwards |
| 3. Wood | 16. Nasty great woman! |
| 4. Ambassador | 18. Still - |
| 5. Unpaid | 19. Prickly shrub |
| 6. Radiance | 20. Can upset |
| 7. Objects | 21. Dish |
| 8. Errors and omissions excepted | 24. Result of 15 across perhaps |
| 10. A southern line, maybe | 27. Biblical issue |

STAINED HUNDRED

The next meeting of the Stained Hundred Local History Society will be held on Wednesday, October 10th at 7.30 p.m. in the Lecture Room at Bottisham Village College.

There will be a short Annual General Meeting, followed at approx 7.45 p.m. by a talk by Mr Steve Gott on "The United States Airforce in Bottisham during the Second World War."

Non-members welcome (50p)

INDOOR CARPET BOWLING

Our opening meeting of the 1984/85 season took place on September 11th. with a gratifying attendance - so much so that with a few more newcomers we could emulate Hardwick and run two teams.

During the course of the evening we held our first Annual General meeting at which a committee was elected comprising Geoff Lewis (Chairman) Bob Sheldrick (Treasurer) myself as ~~Ex~~ Secretary with John Dolphin and Hean Lewis as Committee members.

The full fixture list for the County League as far as our Group is concerned is:-

1984			
October 16th	Wilburton	Home	
" 30th	Romsey	Away	(Provisional)
November 13th	Rampton	Home	
December 2nd	Hardwick 'Y'	Away	
" 9th	Hardwick 'X'	Away	
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January 15th	Wilburton	Away	
" 29th	Romsey	Home	
February 14th	Rampton	Away	
March 12th	Hardwick 'Y'	Home	
April 9th	Hardwick 'X'	Home	

In addition to the above it is hoped to arrange some friendly matches with other clubs outside our particular group.

We meet every Tuesday evening at 7.30 p.m. in the school Community Room. Incidentally we do have the use of the room from 4.30 p.m. so that if sufficient support were forthcoming it would be possible to revive the late afternoon session.

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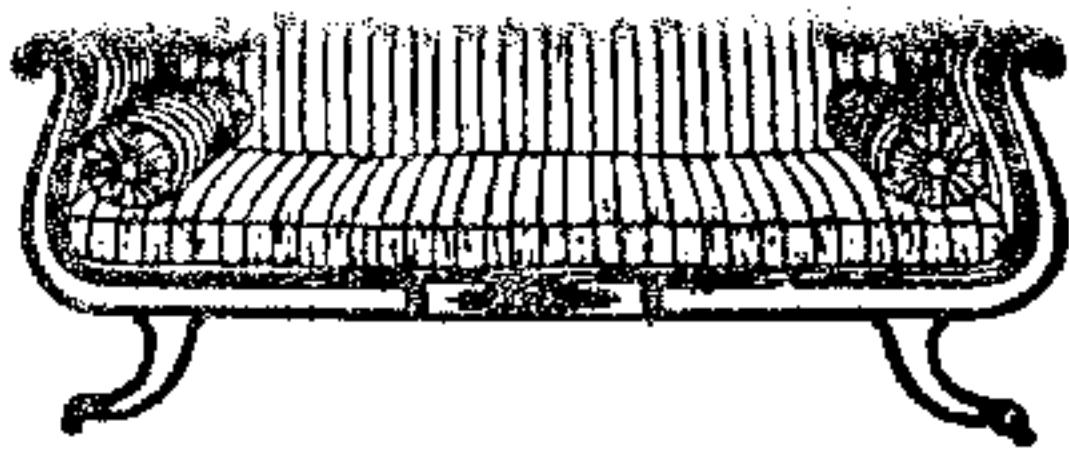
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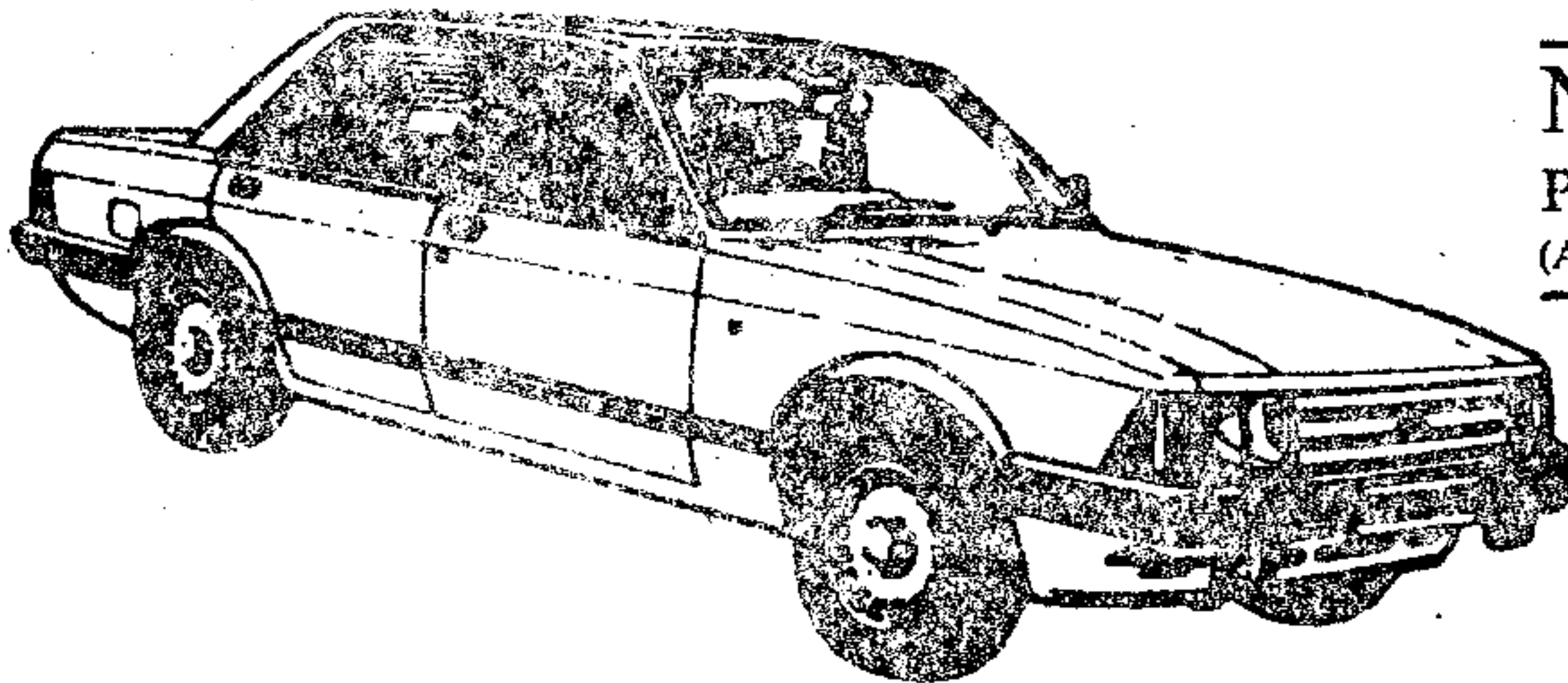


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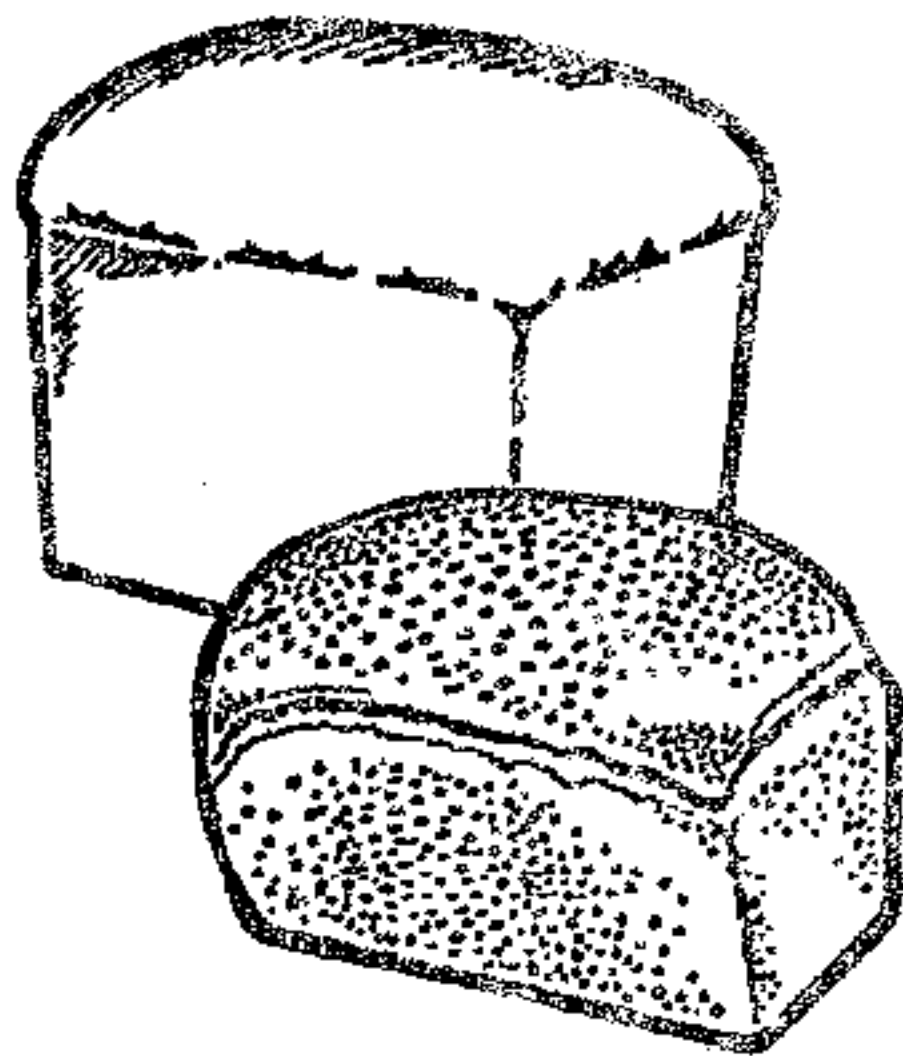
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Juice of 1 lemon
 $\frac{1}{2}$ pint water
Sugar

Put blackberries, apples, lemon juice & water into a pan. Bring to the boil and simmer until soft. Sieve the pulp and weigh it. Add an equal weight in sugar. Return mixture to the pan. Stir over a gentle heat until sugar dissolves and mixture is very thick. The spoon should make a definite impression. Put into pots and cover. Makes about 3 lbs.

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Further information from Andy Hanson New 741106

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Across 1. System, ~~is~~

9. View

11. Gem

13. Urban

15. Lye

19. going

22. air

25. NTE

28. lode

6. bee

10. Arno

12. Inside

14. R.L.S.

17. dry

21. B.A.

23. oyster

26. sac

29. evens

Down

2. everyday

4. H.E.

6. brilliance

8. E.O.E.

11. gul (lug)

18. yet

20. nit(tin)

24. sud

3. timber

5. owing

7. ends

10. A.S.R.

16. ogress

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