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EDITORIAL

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September 1985

At the time of writing I am still hoping that we may have an Indian summer during the next two months. I imagine that everyone holidaying in this country this summer has had their holiday ruined by rain. We were flooded out of our tent which was not much fun!

There have been two weddings in the village recently. Andrew Fuller married Paula Newman and Debra Bell married Michael Monaghan. Congratulations to both couples. Congratulations also to Glyn and Janet Newman on the birth of their son David Aran. Bill Pedley has been in hospital for an operation and Mrs. Harling of Ditchfields is at present in hospital. We wish them both a speedy recovery. You will be sorry to hear that Mrs. Nixon of Swaffham Road has died after a short illness. Sympathy is extended to her daughters and families who live in the area.

Welcome to the village to Mr and Mrs A. Porter who have recently moved to 29 Burwell Road. Finally, there will be another home produce stall at Newmarket Market on Tuesday 17th September. All contributions such as cakes, jams, knitwear, plants or any saleable items will be gratefully received by Joyce Harrison or Sue Summers.

Kay Pote

Windmill Cottage
Swaffham Prior
Cambridge.

Dear Editor,

May I through your magazine, thank all the people of Reach who so kindly and generously contributed to my retirement gift. I shall always value the kindness and friendship shown to me as village postman during the past eight years.

Yours sincerely,

Walter W. Bradley.

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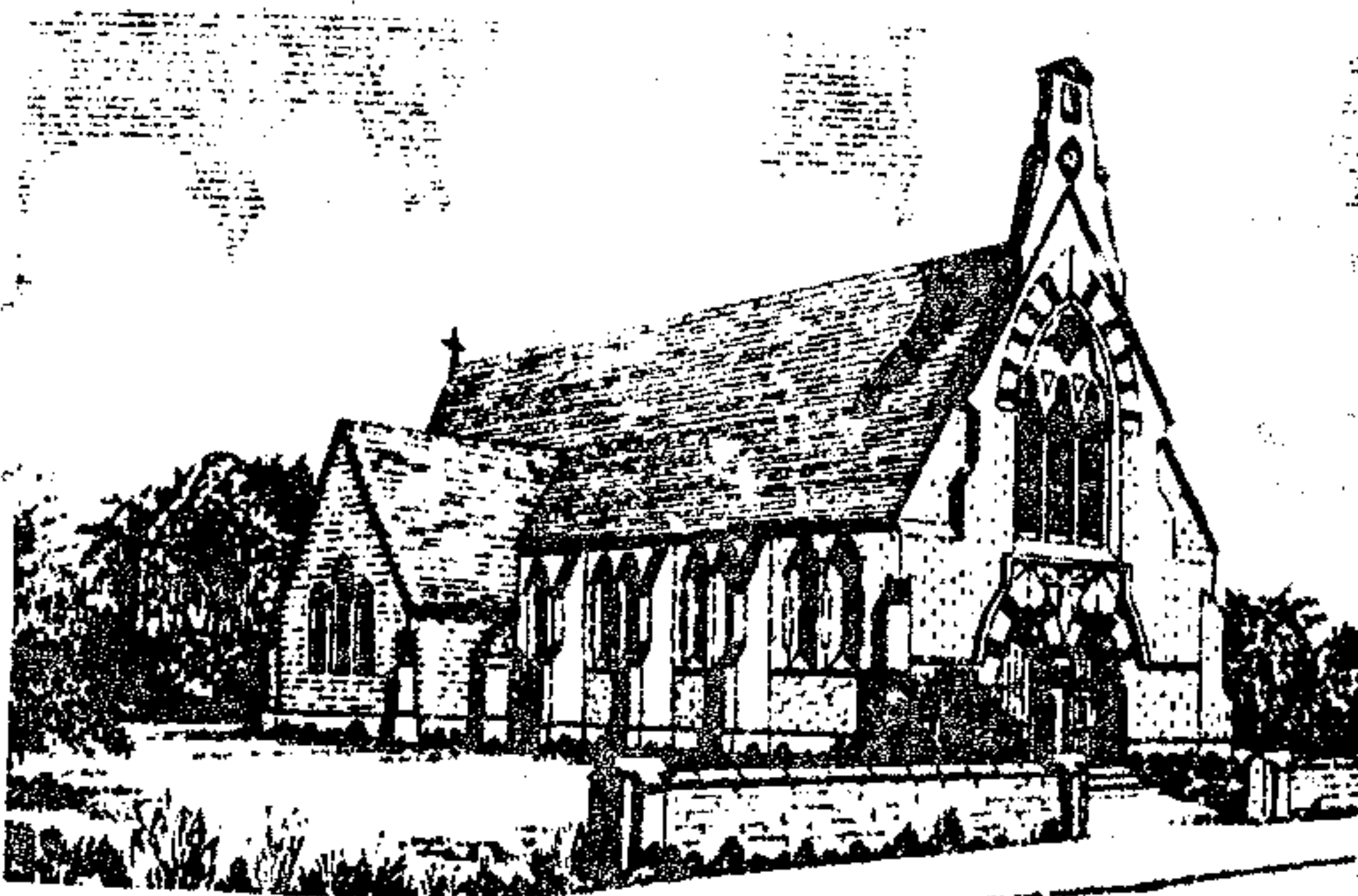
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FROM THE VICAR

One of the curiosities of human experience is the way we all tend to oscillate between the humdrum and the exalted. A face we had seen many times, perhaps, is suddenly transformed to become a revelation of beauty and meaning, transforming our lives in turn. Music we had taken for granted gradually or suddenly reveals new depths and opens new windows into the meaning of existence; countryside we had barely troubled to notice, given the right mood and light, makes us catch our breath as we sense

A presence that disturbs (us) with the joy
Of elevated thoughts; a sense sublime
Of something far more deeply interfused.

Something of the kind once happened to three disciples towards the end of Jesus' ministry. He invited Peter, James and John to accompany him on a walk up a mountain for a spell of prayer. Reaching a favourite spot, he withdrew while they apparently dozed. But something disturbed them; and looking up, they saw Jesus as they had never seen him before, in a totally new light, indeed as a vision of light, as we sometimes see our friends' eyes, as they reveal truth.

Beside him they sensed the presence of Moses and Elijah, representing Jewish Law and Jewish Prophecy, and both hinting at the departure, i.e. the death he was about to embrace at Jerusalem. In those few instants every significant word of their scriptures that had ever bitten into their minds came alive, like a neon sign igniting, as they finally understood their hidden reference to Jesus and his work in the world. At the same moment the whole experience took on the character of the eerie as a cloud, the symbol of divine glory, silently enveloped them, and they heard a voice within it, clinching the vision: 'this is my beloved Son; listen to him'.

This is the incident we usually call the Transfiguration, traditionally remembered by the church on August 6th. It stands, from the human angle, as a parable of every Christian Life: fitful, broken insights, gradually or suddenly fusing together to give us an understanding of Jesus as the Lord of existence and the meaning of its riddles. But the incident, which made such a profound impression on Peter, carries with it two implications: the vision is always a gift; yet though a gift, its imparting depends on our willingness to search, first in the way of practical obedience, - discipleship

as we call it, - and secondly, in that way of daily yearning whose most natural expression is prayer. Jesus was transfigured as he prayed, absorbing and transmitting the glory of God. The disciples saw that glory when they were fully awake, and we are most fully awake when we attend to our prayers; for, as an old writer put it, 'when we are upon our knees, we are upon the utmost heights of human greatness'.

J.K.B.

From the Registers:

Marriages:

3rd August Michael John Monaghan and Debra Louise Bell

17th August Andrew Grant Fuller and Paula Amanda Newman

Cremation:

8th August Elsie Nixon, 36 Swaffham Road, aged 75

FROM THE CHURCHES

Worship at St Mary's and Reach: September

1st TRINITY XIII

8.00a.m. Holy Communion (Reach)

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

6.30p.m. Evensong (Reach)

8th TRINITY XIV: Nativity of the B.V. Mary

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

11.00a.m. Family Communion (Reach)

6.30p.m. Evensong (St Mary's)

15th TRINITY XV

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

11.00a.m. Matins (Reach)

6.30p.m. Evensong (St Mary's)

21st St MATTHEW

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

22nd TRINITY XVI

9.30a.m. Children's Eucharist (St Mary's)

11.00a.m. Children's Eucharist (Reach)

6.30p.m. Evensong (St Mary's)

29th St MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS TRINITY XVII

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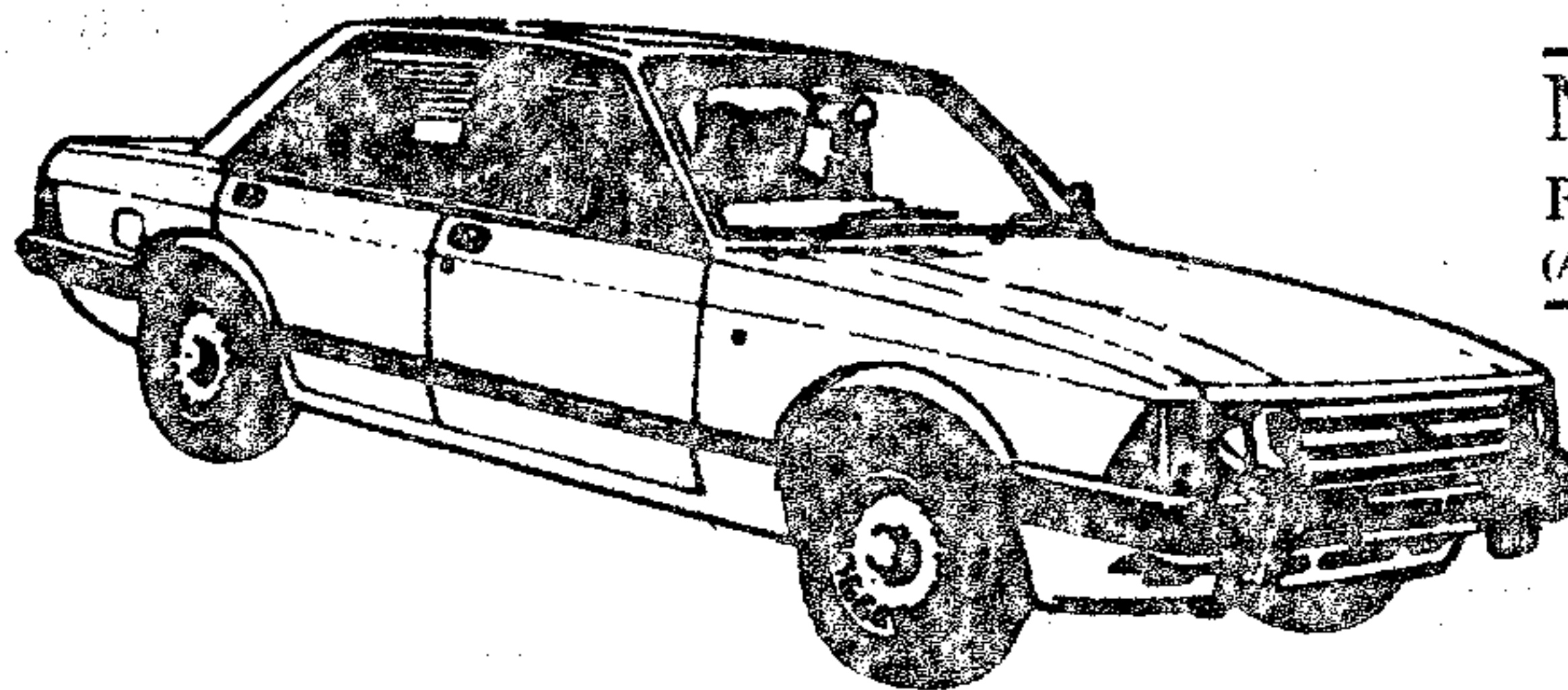
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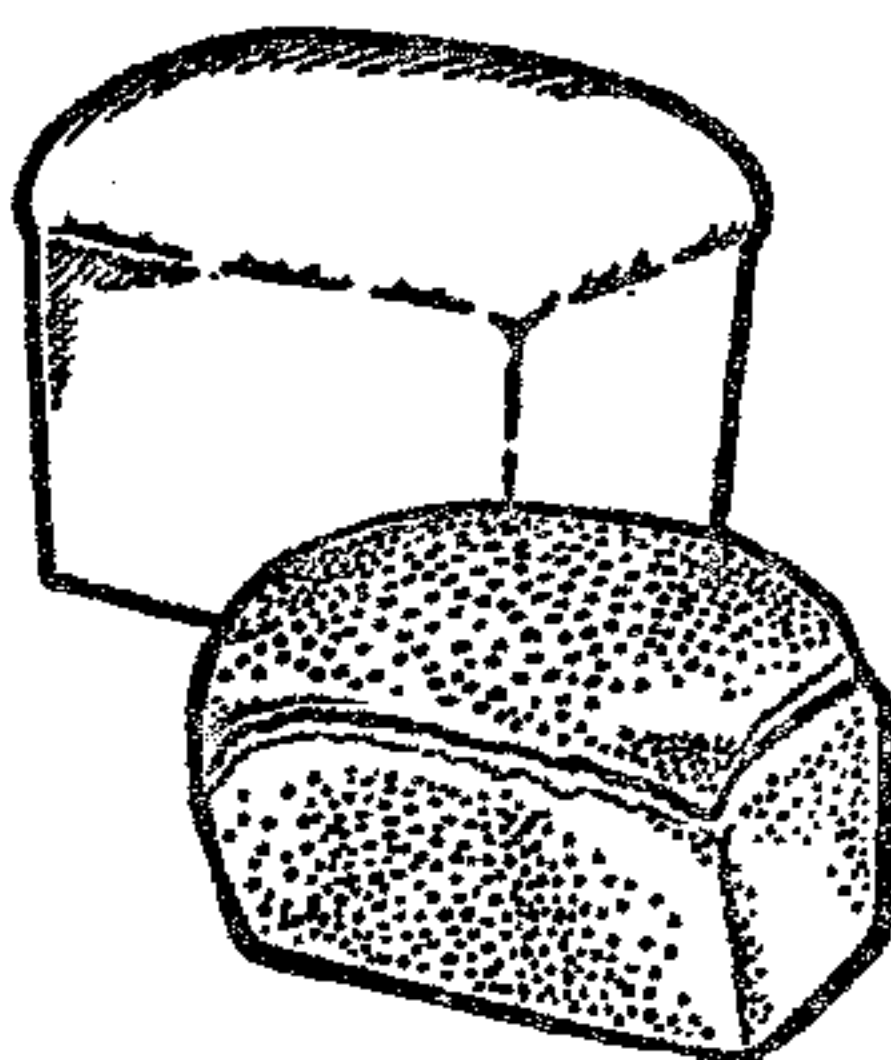
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Not much of a summer so far to early August, but for those with holidays before them, here's hoping! We're off to Normandy and Brittany for a week and will visit our Orsay Twin family in their summer house at Quiberon on the Bay of Biscay; sounds nice if the weather holds.

The County Council follows the example of Parliament and goes into recess at the end of July. On the other hand it comes back to public life much sooner - in early September we start the round of Committees again. In the interval I hope to catch up with some of the mass of reading that poor Terry Bard, the postman, has to deliver daily.

The climax of the summer quarter is the July full Council Meeting. Would you believe that it lasted for eleven and a half hours, with barely an hour and a half in two breaks for lunch and tea? Much of the time was taken up with somewhat artificial party politicking, a democratic right undoubtedly, but not to my taste.

The function of the full Council at Shire Hall is, firstly, to confirm decisions already taken in Committee and to debate and decide on those Committees major policy recommendations. Secondly, there is a short period for questions of the moment. Thirdly, we debate half a dozen selected motions. The motions tend to be controversial and lead to lengthy and sometimes heated debate. They are thus newsworthy to newspapers, TV and Radio and you may have seen or heard about them already.

I understand the nuclear debate comes up every six months or so. Labour is bent on forcing through a Nuclear Free Zone Designation for the County and raised it again on this occasion. The motion was lost by 8 votes. I view the prospect of nuclear war with horror but believe that declaring a NFZ is an empty and unenforceable gesture. On the other hand I did vote for an Alliance amendment calling on the Government to refrain from positioning cruise missiles within Cambridgeshire. Both the other parties voted against, so it was defeated.

The other motion likely to concern you was a Labour bid to force through totally free travel on buses (after the purchase of a bus pass) for pensioners and the handicapped. I sympathise and agree with making life easier for pensioners and handicapped, and you may know they already enjoy some concessions on fares but we must be financially responsible. The County budget for this year is totally taken up, with only a tiny contingency fund of a few thousand pounds. Labour's motion would have involved the County in an open-ended commitment of maybe several million pounds (16% of Cambs. population is pensioners). Also we are not entirely our own masters on this matter - the six Districts would be financially involved and would not take kindly to being rushed into such a scheme. Therefore the Alliance put forward an amendment calling for a review of the existing scheme to seek for improvements. Unfortunately, we were defeated, as was the original Labour motion.

Life is not simple in a three-way balanced Council. We shall just have to strive to do our best for you all, seeking support from one side or the other for common sense schemes.

James Fitch, County Councillor Burwell Ward.

A WEEK IN THE LIFE OF YOUR COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Every now and then I meet someone who says "How's it going?" I tend to reply "Fine, interesting but very busy. Busier than I had anticipated". Now I don't know what your standards are, but the fact that I am writing this at just before midnight says something. Looking back over the last ten days from July 1st I recall that I spent Monday morning at an appeals Committee in Shire Hall dealing with an appeal against dismissal, instantly followed by a personal instruction course on Disciplinary procedures including dismissals or warnings. After a hurried evening meal my next port of call was Bottisham Parish Council.

The following day I managed a morning's work in Hertfordshire, the afternoon at Ely for the District Finance and Policy Committee, and the evening at Swaffham Bulbeck Parish Council.

On Wednesday morning I met half a dozen other members of all three parties at Shire Hall to shortlist a senior officer. From there a talk with officers about the future of the Parsonage School in Burwell and then in the evening on to Reach Parish Council. A morning's normal work on Thursday and then Shire Hall for an induction seminar on Financial Management within Cambridgeshire. Then, glory be! an evening at home.

Friday morning, a business visit to FBC at Hauxton followed by a bit of shopping before making for Impington Village College to attend a four hour meeting to select an Alliance candidate to fight Francis Pym at the next Parliamentary election. The result of that will be known within a few days.

And so at last to the weekend and unwinding among the grass and hedge clippings. Roll on retirement in December.

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The governors have asked me to form a small working group to advise them how this occasion might be celebrated in appropriate style. They are proud, and I think justifiably proud, of what has been achieved, with community help, during this 50 year period.

The college has always had strong community links with its catchment villages, and each parish council is represented on the governing body. I am hoping that this note will be published in all the village magazines in the area. We would like to hear from pupils and former pupils, from parents and former parents, and from any of the many people who have been connected with the college, such as adult students, social members, staff or as governors with any ideas you may have about Jubilee Year 1987.

Please write either to the Warden at the Village College or to me at this address, with any ideas, suggestions or offers of help. I would particularly like to hear from anyone who was a pupil when the College first opened in 1937.

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In addition to the League matches we shall be holding our own internal singles, pairs and fours competitions after which the winners of the singles and pairs will go on to compete in a final series under the auspices of the County Association.

Our second Annual General Meeting will be held during the course of the opening meeting and all existing members are particularly requested to attend. With the programme outlined above we have scope to take in a few new members and if you are interested why not turn up at the first (or for that matter any subsequent meeting) when you will be very welcome. We meet every Tuesday and Friday throughout the season in the School Community Room at 7.30p.m.

Bob Laws

BOTTISHAM VILLAGE COLLEGE MUSIC SOCIETY

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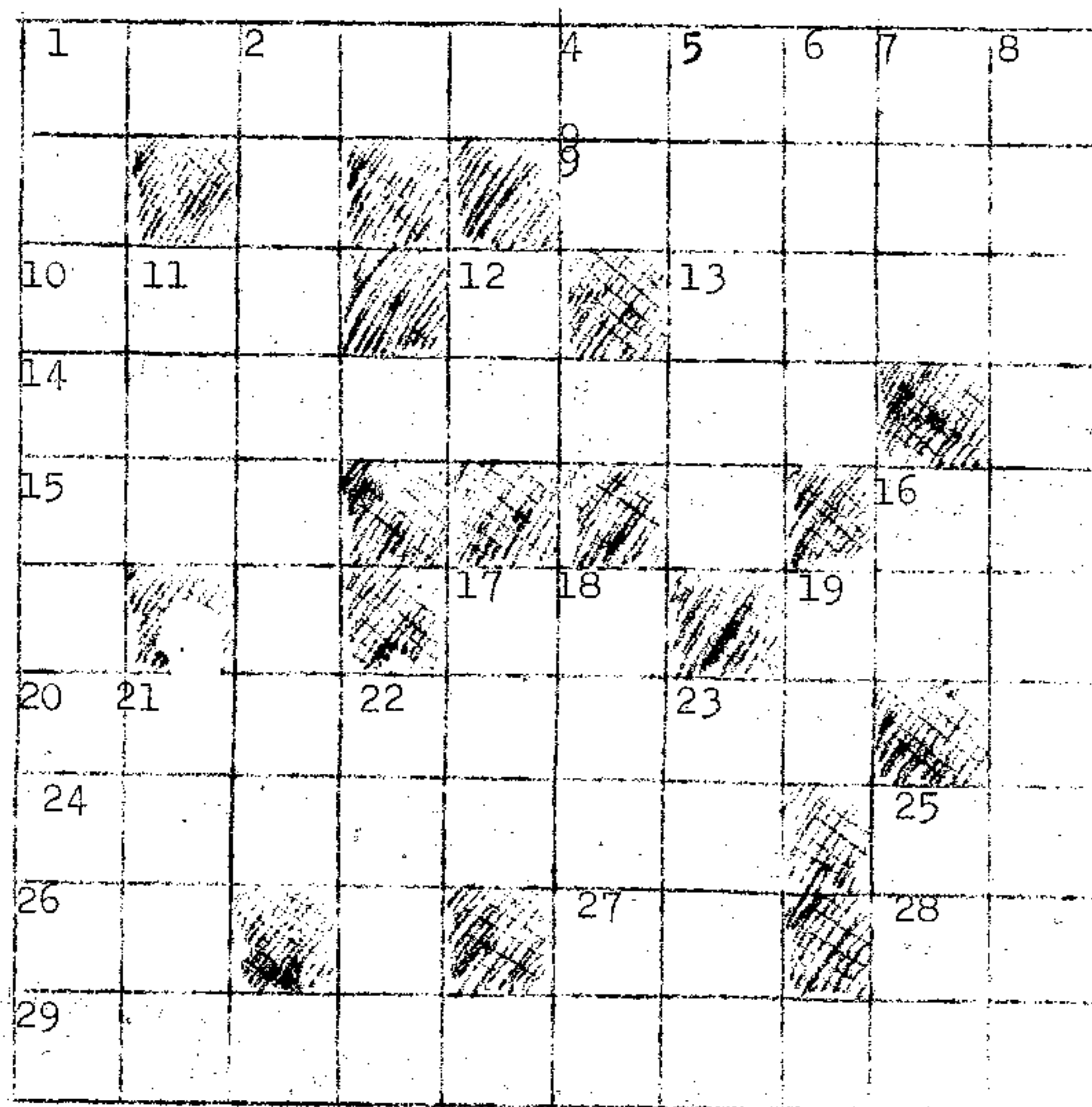
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9. Doone, naturally
10. Very warm
13. Trio (anag.)
14. Discourages
15. Put spider's work back
16. Thus
17. London area
19. Small nail
20. Shy stoop (anag.)
24. Type of lifeboat
25. The beginning and the end
26. Cockney 10 across
27. Note
28. Proceed
29. Puzzled

DOWN

1. Show
2. Tracks, sometimes
4. Not half slow!
5. All these are sweet
6. Flag down this girl
7. Certainly not (1,2)
8. Being of state
11. Unit
12. Type of lead
16. Yes (It.)
17. Pop group, eh?
18. Mediterranean island
19. The bit added?
21. Found in front of me?
22. Not a hard one, I hope
23. Grown sweetly in the garden
25. Period of time

ANSWERS ON BACK PAGE

THIS MONTH'S RECIPE

Two recipes for blackberries:

BLACKBERRY AND APPLE DUMPLINGS

Core one apple per person and hollow out the hole. Roll some blackberries in castor sugar and fill the hole with them, pressing the berries down well. Put a knob of butter on the top and encase the apple in a square of shortcrust pastry, rolled out thinly. Seal the edges carefully with water to make a parcel and decorate if liked. Brush with beaten egg and cook at 375°F, 190°C or Gas Mark 5 for 35 to 40 minutes until golden. Sprinkle with castor sugar and serve hot with cream or custard.

BRAMBLE DROP SCONES

8oz plain flour
½ tsp. salt
2 tps. cream of tartar
1 tsp. bicarbonate of soda
1oz castor sugar
2 eggs
1 tbs. golden syrup
8 fl. oz. milk
6oz ripe blackberries

Sift flour, salt and raising agents and add the sugar. Beat the eggs and add to the milk and the warmed syrup. Make a well in the middle of the flour and pour it in with the berries. Mix to a batter. Put a tablespoon of the mixture on to a hot, well greased frying pan or griddle and cook until golden on both sides and cooked through. Serve hot with butter.

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1. Expression; 9. Lorna; 10. hot; 13. riot; 14. inhibits; 14. Bew; 16. so; 17. WC; 19. pin; 20. toyshops; 24. inshore; 25. AO; 26. 'ot; 27. Fa; 28. go; 29. nonplussed.

DOWN

1. Exhibition; 2. pathways; 4. sl; 5. sorts; 6. Iris; 7. O no; 8. nationhood; 11. one; 12. HB; 16. si; 17. Who; 18. Corfu; 19. P.S.; 21. onto; 22. ship; 23. peas; 25. age.
