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EDITORIAL

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By the time you receive this, hopefully the Village Centre will be in use again after a burst pipe flooded it. I expect that everyone will be thankful if the cold spells we have suffered this winter have now ended.

The first two weeks in March are Barnardo's fortnight, so, once again I shall be collecting for this most deserving of charities. Like last year may I ask that if I have not managed to find you in, could you please drop your envelope, with your donation, through my letterbox, (5 The Hythe), by 19th March.

Thanks this month to Janet Biggs for another of her cross-worls; to Iris Morris for our new cover design, and to Bill Estall for his poem about Reach. He also wrote the poem in last months issue, I apologise for the fact that his name was left off last month.

We extend sympathy to the family of Mr. Robert Wood of Burwell Road, who recently died. Also best wishes for a speedy recovery to Mrs. Joan Cole who is at present convalescing after a recent operation.

Kay Poto

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Council have had a quotation for £300 for cleaning and repairing the War Memorial. The council would ask people to support any function put on to raise the money and would also be grateful for any donations given.

The land up for tender at Green Lane has had to be withdrawn for the moment due to Legal complications.

Funeral and Burial Fees have now been revised with respect from 1st January 1985, as follows:-

Funeral Service in Church £10.50

Burial in Churchyard ofter service in Church £18.00

Burial in Churchyard on separate occasion £24.00

The Parish Council is well aware of the state of the roads in the village, caused by mud being dumped, and is taking every possible step to rectify this matter, up to and including putting the matter into the hands of the Police.

A leaflet is to be left at the Post Office showing the workings and usages of the Association of Local Councils.

Perhaps more prople in the village could attend the Parish Council Meetings held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.30p.m. in The Village Centre. These meetings are to sort out problems in the village and to help it run and work smoothly.

The District Council has recently agreed its budget for the year 1985-6. It is in accordance with its approved financial strategy of keeping the rate levy as low as possible, consistent with maintaining its services and financing its capital programme.

An increase of 1.5p, making a rate levy of 9.5p in the £, is the consequence of a significant reduction in the Government rate support grant (equivalent to a 2p rate), and the need to service the capital programme with its emphasis on creating industrial growth and consequent improvement in job prospects.

An average increase of 60p (4.5%) in Council rents, is in line with inflation and approximately equal to the 'notional' regional average rent; thus the Council will hope to avoid Government grant penalty.

Although the future can only be uncertain, the Council believes its financial policy is sound, bearing in mind the peremeters laid down by Government policy. Its new rate levy will be the lowest of any district in the County, and one of the lowest in the Country as a whole.

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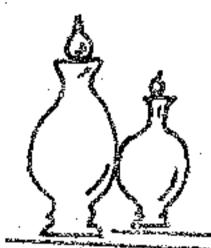
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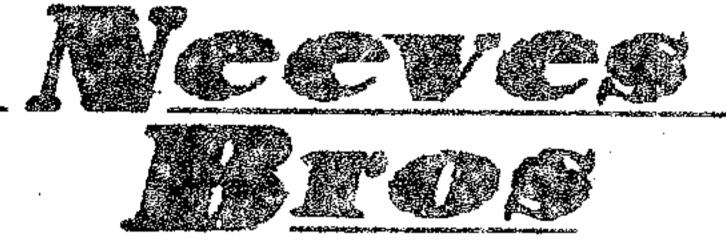
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FROM THE VICAR

Worship at Reach has lately fallen on bad days, the average weekly congregation now being only three or four. Hitherto there has been provision for Holy Communion each Sunday on the ground that, this being the central act of worship of our religion, it should take precedence over all others, time for Matins or Morning Prayer not being available to someone like myself, responsible for Reach in addition to St. Mary's. Members of the Church Committee, however, have felt it right to ask for the provision of Matins in place of the Eucharist once a month, and this I propose to do on the third Sunday in the normal course of things, for the special benefit of those not yet confirmed. The time will be 11.00a.m. as before.

LENT APPEAL

The Committee has also decided that the proceeds of our annual Lenten appeal should be given to the new Sue Ryder Home, soon to be opened in the Old Bishop's Palace in Ely, almost opposite the west door of the cathedral. Envelopes for the purpose should have been delivered to each house by Ash Wednesday. Would you please roturn them to Mrs. Joyce Harrison, to Mrs. Anne Fuller, or to Miss Maisie Whitehead at Easter time.

REACH QUOTA

Each parish in the diocese has to make a contribution towards the central expenses of the church, the bulk of which, it is embarrassing to have to tell you, is needed for the training of the clergy and maintenance of their families during training; the payment of full-time clergy in the parishes,

From the Vicar, contd...

and their housing; as also the housing of retired clergy, and payment of their pensions. These are costly items, and our Quota this year has jumped slightly to £227, which is a large sum for our tiny congregation. We are therefore holding a Gift Day on 22nd June, when I shall be sitting in St. Etheldreda's from 10.00a.m. till 4.00p.m. to receive any gifts of money you may feel able to afford. We shall be deeply grateful for your help. Meanwhile, the Quota has to be paid on a monthly basis, so any help you can give us before that date will be greatly appreciated. I ought in fairness to tell you also that the Diocese gives us back nearly twenty times what we give them.

LENT

The season of Lent, where it hasn't dropped out of our minds altogether, has become something of a joke these days. 'Why can't I have the organ for my wedding?' a bright young thing once asked a priest I know. 'Because it's Lent', he said. 'Oh really', said she, 'who've you lent it to?'. Most of us aren 't as bad as that, but we confine Lent to giving up chocolates, and think we are doing well.

But Lent is concerned with more than this. It is concerned with revising our priorities and re-canalising our energies, those colossal seething forces that make up our lives and determine their destiny, re-directing these on to the God who alone can carry their weight and make sense of them. The question we need to ask was well put by Robert Browning in Pauline:

'O God, where does this tend - these struggling aims,

What would I have?'-

In the crudest terms, what are we after? We are all after something, and searching for it with the whole force of our being. It is as well to be as clear as we can what it is, since not all the goals we pursue make sense or bring peace, 'Come to me', Jesus said, 'and I will give you rest'.

Yet his invitation only serves to unveil the muddle of the plight of many of us, which is not the comparatively simple one of trying to substitute right aims for false ones so much as being unable to decide which of our many conflicting -'struggling aims', as Browning called them, - are paramount, to use the word that gained a new currency during the Falklands campaign. The deranged man Jesus encountered is a parable of many lives. When Jesus asked his name he replied with devastating candour, 'I'm no one; I'm thousands of demons all tearing me apart'.

From the Churches, contd....

APRIL

4th MAUNDY THURSDAY

> 7.30p.m. Holy Communion (St. Mary's) 8.00-9.00p.m. Vigil

5th GOOD FRIDAY

8.00a.m. Matins & Ante-Communion (St. Mary's)

10.00a.m. Children's Service (St. Mary's)

2.00-3.00p.m. Deanery Devotion (Venue to be announced)

5.00p.m. Evensong (St. Mary's)

6th EASTER EVE

> 7.00p.m. Matins & Ante-Communion (St. Mary's) Renewal of Baptismal Promises.

7th EASTER DAY

8.30a.m. Holy Communion (Reach)

10.00a.m. Parish Communion (St. Mary's)

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

MONDAY IN FASTER WEEK 8th

10.00a.m. Holy Communion (St. Mary's)

9th TUESDAY IN EASTER WELK

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

N.B. Morning Prayer on March 17th will be on the theme of Mothering Sunday. Parents and bhildren will be particularly welcome. There will be no Sunday School on that day.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Burial: 11th February - Robert Bertie Wood, 3 Burwell Rd, Reach. Aged 81.

STAINE HUNDRED

The next meeting of the Staine Hundred Local History Society will be held on the first Wednesday of March (6th) in the Lecture Room at Bottisham Village College at 7.30p.m. Mrs. Beth Davis, who is a well-known speaker on local history topics will be talking and showing slides on "The Timber-Framed Traditional Buildings of East Anglia". Everyone welcome. (Non members 50p)

From the Vicar, contd....

Thinking out who we are and what we are ultimately striving for is usually a testing business, rarely achieved without pain. But we don't do it alone, even though we may imagine we do. The risen Christ is always there in the background coaxing, enabling and testing our choices against the measure of his own endless life, since any goal which ignores or misses this must end in limbo.

The season of Lent, the forty days commemorating Josús' retreat in the desert thinking out his mission and his methods, has been observed by the Church since at least the fourth century. We owe it to ourselves to attempt to get at least an afternoon to ourselves before Easter to ask ourselves what, in the general clatter of our lives, we think we are about, and where we are heading.

J.K.B.

FROM THE CHURCHES

Worship in March: St. Mary's & Reach

1st Women's World Day of Prayer: Reach 2.15p.m.

3rd LENT II

8.00a.m. Holy Communion (Reach)

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

6.30p.m. Evensong (Reach)

10th LENT III

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

11.00a.m. Family Communion (Reach)

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

17th LENT IV: St. Patrick; Mothering Sunday

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

11.00a.m. Matins (Reach)

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

24th PASSION SUNDAY; LENT V

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

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

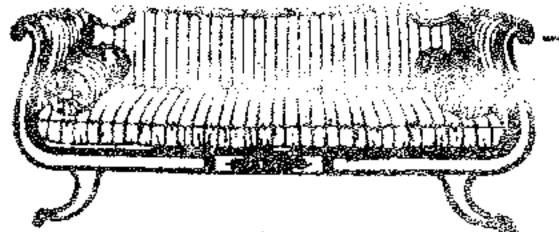
6.30p.m. Evensong (St. Mary's)

31st PALM SUNDAY

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

11.00a.m. Family Communion (Reach)

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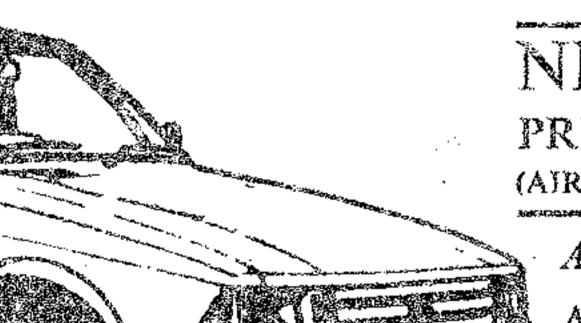
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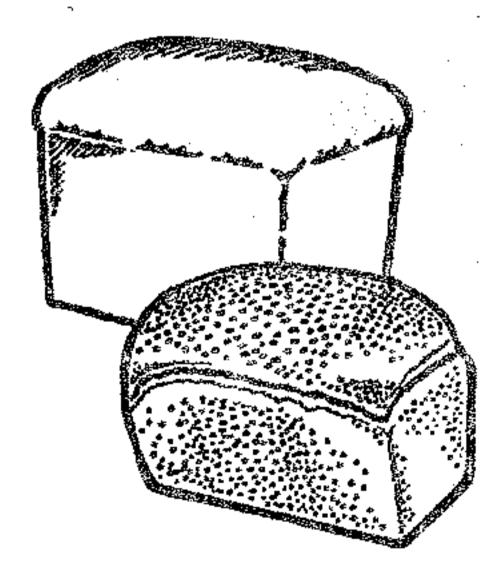
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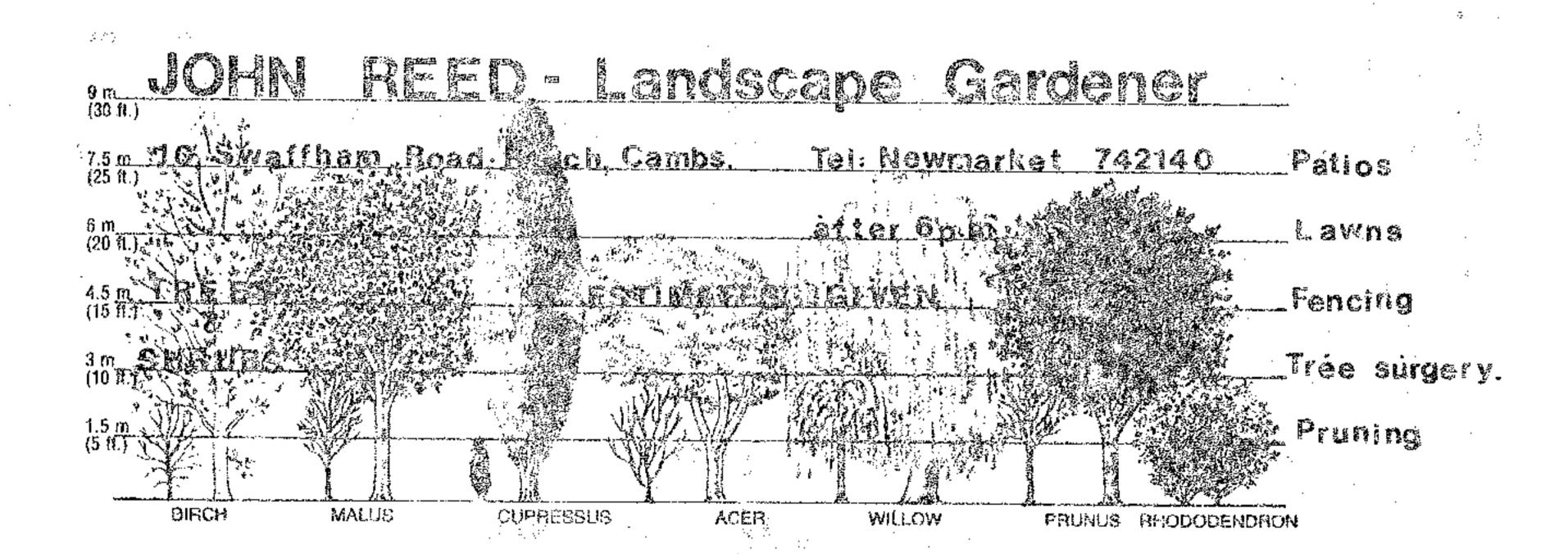
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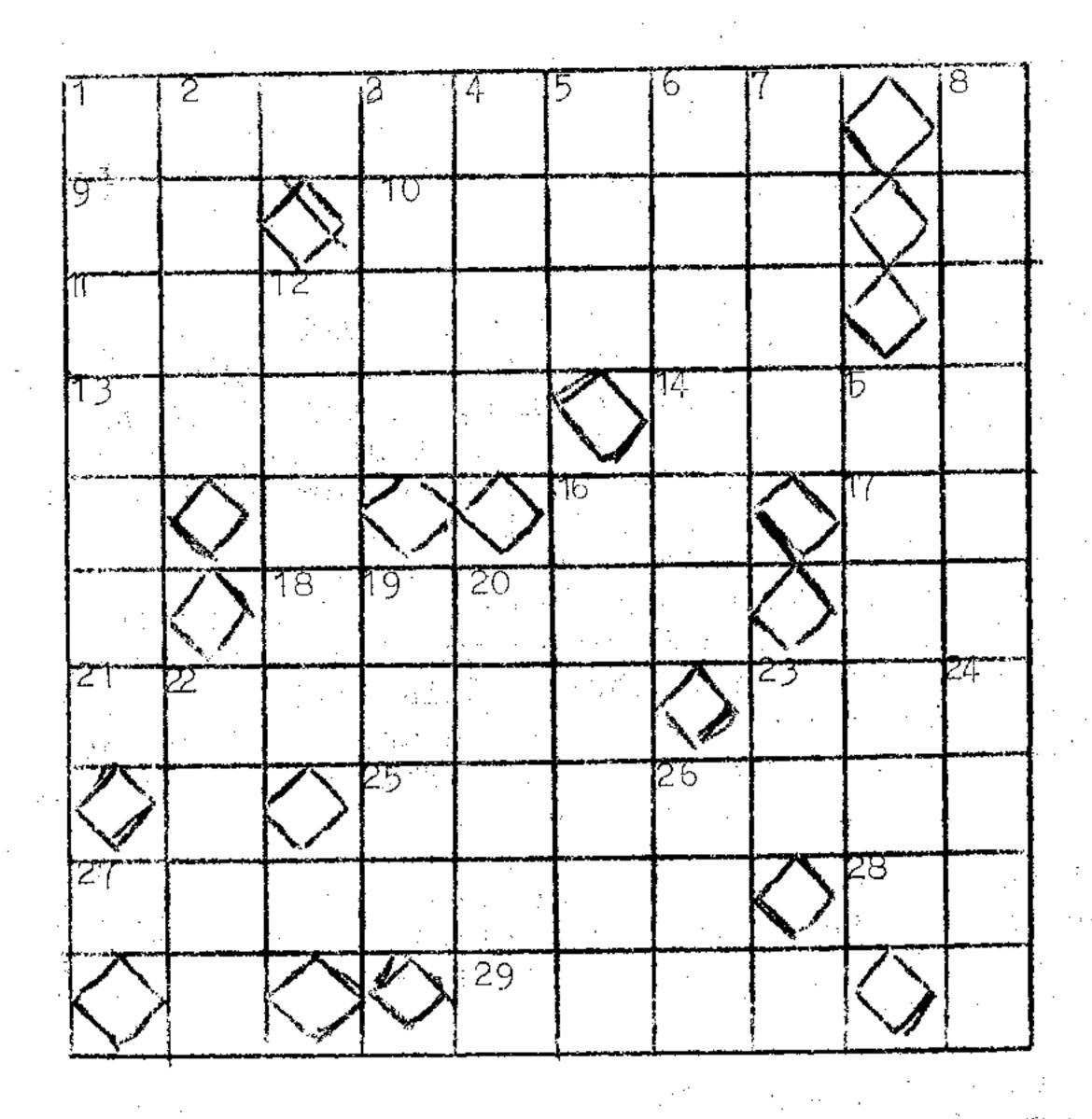
Our most successful pairs were Bob Smith and Bob Sheldrick together with Roland Polkes and John Dolphin who won all three of their initial matches, closely followed by Dick and Martin Mead who won two and lost one, but qualified for the last sixteen by virtue of some very high scoring. Roland Folkes and John Dolphin together with the Meads went out in their next match, but Bob Smith and Bob Sheldrick went on to win their next match, but lost in the quarter final to a pair from Babraham who incidentally went on to win the Championship. During this last match photographs of our pair in action were taken and one I understand appeared in the Cambridge Evening News. This match also received mention on Radio Cambridgeshire.

Incidentally apart from teams from all over Cambridgeshire there were pairs from as far afield as Sunderland, Glinton, Howden, Bowburn, Crook and Darlington. Altogether a very enjoyable day.

We have since played two more matches, one against Romsey on January 30th, which we won by 3 games to one thus acquiring 6 points. The other match against Rampton on February 14th, when the match was helved at two games each, each side taking 4 points. Our points total in the County League now amounts to 34 and as far as our position is concerned the last table issued at the end of December when we had 24 points showed us at the top with a lead of 5 points over our nearest rival.

One point of much interest to us is the fact that both Burwell and Soham have now obtained carpot bowls mats and equipment and it is hoped to arrange friendly matches with them during the rest of the present season, also as possible opponents in the County League during the 1985/86 season.

Bob Laws



Across: -

- 1. & 1.dn, Seasonable dog 1. see 1 ac.
- 9. 3 1/7 approximately. 2. Yearn for a tree
- 10. Cooked or berry?
 - 11. State
 - 13. Approaches
 - 14. These on might win
 - 16. Half an heir

 - 17. Is (Fr.) 18. Smallest
 - 21. To be learned
 - 23. Container
 - 25. Opening piece 19. See...
 - 27. A night as well?(1,3,3) 20. Major blood vessel
 - 28. These without the outside 22. Objects
 - 29. Unknown

Down:

- 3. Borodin's prince
- 4. We (Fr.)
 5. Tipped up drink
 6. Accompanist of sorts
 - 7. Waterside plant 8. Gather many

 - 12. Fixes
 - 15. Make choice 16. Is not fluorescent (2,4)

 - 23. But curtailed
 - 24. Cosy home
 - 26. Card game

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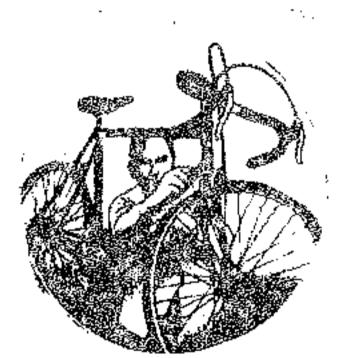
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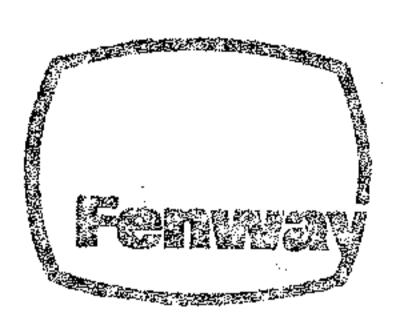
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King John granted us a charter to hold a great fair, So merchants and traders could ply their fine ware, In rows the stalls stood and overed the greens, With fine satin and silk to Indian bamboo soreens.

Horses would be tethered awaiting the Sales,
The grooms busy combing and plaiting their tails,
But alas and alack these times have now gone,
So we leave the Fair behind and travel along.

To the Inns that we had and we boasted many,
When a drink of fine ale cost less than a penny,
Where the travellers would rest after a long dusty ride,
And partake of the fine food that was ready inside.

Cheese made of milk and home made hot bread,

A flaggon of best beer and a place to rest the head,

This village has had its time of very bad crime,

When fire nearly distroyed it, the work of a twisted mind.

But it was built again, on sites and foundation new, Where some are still standing alas but a few, Chalk was cut from the very large seams, And carted country wide by horses in teams.

To build up great barns to store the farmers corn, This industry in Reach was thankfully born, Now we come to the part we cannot relate, The great ditch before us its age we cannot date.

It runs across land where Romans once trod,
And hides its secrets under each grassy sod,
I close this small lesson, facts perhaps it lack,
So maybe its a good thing.we can't turn the clock back.

W. Estall

THIS MONTH'S RECIPE

APP LE BATTER PUDDING

14lb apples - 11b when peeled 4 ox. castor sugar 1/8 tsp. nutmeg

4 tsp. allspice

4 oz. castor suger

Batter:

1 oz. lard

1 beaten egg

4 oz. plain flour

2 rsp baking powder

t tsp salt

½ tsp vanilla essence

4 fl. oz. milk

Light oven, 175°C.

Grease a 9" deep bowl.

Peel apples and mix with nutmeg, allspice and castor sugar.

Place in the greased bowl.

Cream sugar and lard together

Add beaten egg.

Sift together flour, baking powder and salt.

Add flour, etc. and milk a little at a time to make batter.

Add vanilla essence.

10) Pour on top of apples.

11) Cook for approx. 1 hour.

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD

Across: 1. Springer(Spaniel); 9. Pi; 10. Goose; 11. Announce;

13. Nears; 14. Odds; 16. ir; 17. es; 18. Least; 21. Lesson; 23. Bin; 25. Prolude; 27. a day too;

28. es; 29. anon.

Down:

1. Spaniel; 2. Pine; 3. Igor; 4. Nous; 5. gon(nog);

6. Escort; 7. need; 8. Amass; 12. Nails; 15. Decide; 16. Is neon; 19. Espy; 20. Aorta; 22. Ends; 23. Bu;

24. Nest; 26. Loo.

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