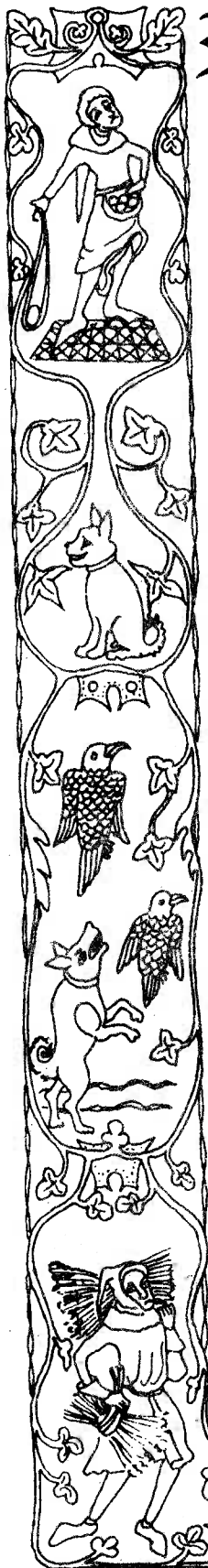


The Chronicle

Parish Magazine for Aston Abbotts



THE CHURCH ROOM

A PUBLIC MEETING WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY 21 OCTOBER AT 8.00 p.m. IN THE CHURCH ROOM TO ELECT A MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

DETAILS INSIDE

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CHILTERN INSPIRATIONS

AND ALL OUR REGULAR FEATURES

OCTOBER '83 No. 2

EDITORIAL

THANK YOU

MANY THANKS for the generous comments many of you have made about THE CHRONICLE, they are much appreciated. Thank you to for the response to last months reply slip and the flood of material for the magazine. Please keep the articles coming, along with any ideas or suggestions you might have.

PUBLIC MEETING

The most important issue of the month (assuming of course that there is peace in the Lebanon, Ireland, Chad, Central America, Afghanistan) is without doubt the Church Room. Following the advice of the Parish Council it has been decided to establish a Management Committee to assume responsibility for the Church Room. This will be elected at a Public Meeting on Friday 21st. October at 8.00p.m. in the Church Room. If you would like to be involved or know of somebody who would like to join that committee please use the nomination reply slip in this newsletter. The hope is to involve all of you who are interested in the future of the Church Room.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

"The trouble with being small is that you always get the skin off the custard".

(The lament of one small lad to his mother - no names!)

Graham Parker.

HOW TO PASS ON ARTICLES/INFORMATION FOR "THE CHRONICLE"

1. By telephone to Graham on Aston Abbots 325.
2. A note through his door - The Cloisters, Church Row.
3. Use the box in the Village Shop.

DATES FOR PRINTING

The 22nd. of each month will be the last day for delivery of material you wish included in the next issue.

DELIVERY

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WHAT'S ON

TUESDAY 4th and 18th. BINGO - CHURCH ROOM 8.00 p.m.
THURSDAY 6th. and 20th. WHIST - CHURCH ROOM 8.00 p.m.
SUNDAY 9th. FOOTPATH WALK - MEET AT THE GREEN 2.00 p.m.

LADIES !!

On October 11th. in the Church Room, at 8.00p.m., we are having a meeting to discuss forming a monthly Ladies Evening. Perhaps you will feel, as we do, that this would be a good opportunity for us all to meet each other, and at the same time to widen our interests.

We are hoping to arrange interesting demonstrations and activities for the future. We will discuss all ideas and suggestions over refreshments and afterwards Mrs. Ford is kindly setting the ball rolling by giving a demonstration on home wine making - with some tasting as well! If you have a bottle of home made wine why not bring it along with the recipe.

If you have the time why not come along and support this new venture.

If you would like any more details please feel free to ring Pam Dixon on Aston Abbots 626.

WHAT'S ON AT WINGRAVE SCHOOL.

FRIDAY 4th. NOVEMBER : BARN DANCE
8.00p.m. 'til late; Bar available.
Tickets £2.50, incl. Supper, from Val Smith (A.A.368)

SATURDAY 12th. November: CRAFT FAIR
10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.
Lunch served 12.00 - 2.00 p.m. Bar available.
Admission 20p. (10p for Children and Senior Citizens)

THE CHRISTMAS SHOW.

The seventh annual Christmas Show will take place in the Church Room on the 2nd. and 3rd. December. Anyone interested in taking part or helping in any way would be most welcome:

Can you play a musical instrument ?

Can you act ?

Can you sing ?

If so you are probably far too good for us but we would love to have you take part! And we are sure the audience would enjoy the novelty of seeing some real talent.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE RING JOHN WHYTE (A.A.685); CHRIS BRANDON (A.A.425) OR LES SMITH (A.A.368).

THE CHRONICLE - SUBSCRIPTION RATES.

FORMER RESIDENTS ? FRIENDS OF THE VILLAGE ?

If there is anyone you think would like a regular copy of "THE CHRONICLE" but lives outside the village then please tell them about our subscription service. Better still why not give a years subscription as a gift to a friend you really want to torment!

FOR £3.00 A YEAR (25p AN ISSUE) WE POST A COPY TO ANY U.K. ADDRESS.

OCTOBER'S GARDENING TIPS.

Thinking about this months garden tip I decided to acknowledge the truth of the old saying "Don't do as I do, do as I say".

This makes it easier to write!

FLOWERS FOR THE FESTIVE SEASON

Plant bulbs now to flower in the festive season. Buy bulbs that have been specially prepared and they will bloom earlier than normal. After planting, store in a cool, dark place for about six weeks then give them a little light, so that the shoots can turn green before putting into full light.

Amateur Gardener.

THE ASTON ABBOTTS COOKBOOK.

To say that we have been swamped by recipes flooding in from the far reaches of the Parish would not be the whole truth so we are especially grateful to Bridget Brandon for this months contribution. If you have a favourite recipe you are willing to share with our readers please send a copy to the Editor.

This month why not try:

POTATO GALETTE

Ingredients: 1½ lbs Potatoes
2 oz Butter
2 Tablespoons Milk
6 oz Cheddar Cheese (grated)
8 oz Onions (finely chopped)
1 egg (beaten)
2 Tomatoes (sliced)
4 oz Streaky Bacon (chopped)
Salt and pepper.

Method : 1. Pre-heat oven - Mark 6 (400F)
2. Boil potatoes in salted water until soft.
3. Beat in 4 Oz. of the grated cheese, onions, beaten egg and pepper. Turn into a shallow 9" ovenproof plate; mould to form base.
4. Top potato mixture with slices of tomatoes, then sprinkle chopped bacon on top. Cover with remaining cheese. Bake for 20 - 30 minutes until base is firm and cheese melted. Serve hot.

Serves 4.

A galette is a large pancake normally served in France. Instant mashed potatoes may be used to save on preparation. Serve with green salad.

NEXT MONTH : SOMETHING FOR CHRISTMAS !

FOR SALE

Mothercare 'Baby Walker' ... as new ... £8. Tel: Aston Abbots 425.

IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SELL WHY NOT ADVERTISE IN THE CHRONICLE ... NO CHARGE!

UPDATE

An Occasional Series on Parish Council Activities.

Among the topics discussed at the Parish Council meeting on the 23rd. September were:

Traffic on Moat Lane and Lines Hill : There had been no response from the County Council to a further protest letter from the Parish Council. The possibility of a footpath appears unlikely as does the creation of a 30m.p.h. limit, but the Parish Council would continue to try and hound the County into some constructive action.

The Future Management of the Church Room : This was the major topic of the evening with the discussion being opened by the Rector. He explained that the P.C.C. was anxious that the Room should become a major village asset and responsibility; but, because of the terms of the original bequest, the Church had to have an oversight of whatever system of management was adopted. After a lengthy debate it was resolved that :

a Management Committee be established to be responsible for the running and maintenance of the Church Room;

the Committee to be elected initially at a special public meeting on 21st. October at 8.00 p.m. in the Church Room, and thereafter elected each year at the Annual Parish Meeting;

the Chairman of the Management Committee will, by constitution, be the Rector of the Parish.

Best Kept Village : How did we loose? A fair question and the Clerk promised to try and obtain the detailed scoring from the organisers so that whatever went wrong can be put right next year.

ASTON ABBOTTS PARISH COUNCIL

Colin Higgs, 6 Wingrave Road (Chairman); John Whyte, 23 The Green (Vice Chairman); Peter Dines, 87 The Green; Graham Parker, The Cloisters, Church Row; Les Smith, Gatesgarth, Lines Hill; with David Watts of White Wheels, Wingrave Road as the Clerk.

One of this 'handsome' group will be responsible for delivery of your Chronicle - if you have any topic you would like discussed by the Council just let one of the Councillors know or better still come along to the next Parish Council Meeting on 18th. November.

DISTRICT COUNCIL : Our representative is Bryan Round who lives at Fernleigh, Nup End Lane, Wingrave (Tel: A.A.621).

COUNTY COUNCIL : Our representative is Reg Keen who lives at 18 Bragenham Side, Stoke Hammond, Milton Keynes (Tel: Winslow 3250)

THE CHRONICLE OF THE VALE.

During October recruitment will begin for volunteers to distribute and collect the questionnaires that are to form the essential detail of this modern 'Domesday Book'. If you are interested please contact David Watts.

A PUBLIC MEETING

TO ELECT THE
CHURCH ROOM MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

TO BE HELD ON
FRIDAY 21st. OCTOBER

8.00 p.m.

IN THE CHURCH ROOM
THE ELECTED COMMITTEE WILL HOLD ITS FIRST
MEETING IMMEDIATELY AFTER
THE ELECTIONS.

CHURCH ROOM - REPLY SLIP

NOMINATIONS:

[PLEASE ENSURE THAT
THE PERSON YOU NOMINATE
KNOWS & AGREES]

IDEAS FOR USE OF ROOM:

RETURN TO: THE CLOISTERS, CHURCH ROW OR LEAVE IN
THE BOX PROVIDED IN THE VILLAGE SHOP.

COUNTRY LIFE

The golden hour of sunrise, creeps into early morn
Darkness becomes light, as another day is born,
As nature's mantle lifts once more, the sun is seen
Shining on a carpet, of fields so green.

Birds awaken with the light to sound nature's reveille,
Animal instincts are alert in the hills and valley,
Drooping heads of flowers arise to greet blue skies on high,
The splendour in their faces, beauty that can never lie.

The almond trees and shooting buds have started life anew,
Where beasts are grazing peacefully, and wandering in the dew,
And skylarks hover in the air, how wonderful they sing
What thoughts of peace and happiness to everyone they bring.

The scented air is filled with lightly humming bees
And as they fly out into space they feel the cool soft breeze,
To toil all day in harmony in blossoms pure and clean
Each bearing gifts of sweetness to their loving queen.

Daffodils poised like trumpets, raised to play a fanfare,
Crocuses blue and yellow tend to make us stare,
Snowdrops small and lovely show their heads above the ground,
Violets blue and white beneath the hedgerows can be found.

The blackbird starts to clear its throat, after winter's rest,
While other birds more eager, start to build a nest,
Engaged in noisy courtship with all its joys to spend,
To procreate the species, as nature did intend.

At the edge of the wood a rabbit does suddenly appear
Its powderpuff tail flashing warning, should an enemy appear,
The hawk has spotted a victim as it hovers in the sky,
With one swift drive it catches it, and in seconds it will die.

Each creature has the knowledge, which it needs to stay alive,
Unhappily something must die so others may survive,
Country life is such a mixture, and nature cannot deceive,
Part of this way of life, is something, I never wish to leave.

Taken from "Chiltern Inspirations", a book of poems by E.A.ROLFE. Ted, a Council maintenance officer and Wing resident, has compiled the book - a lifelong ambition - from thirty five years of writing poems. He has been very pleased to receive encouraging praise from scores of people, including Sir John Betjamen, Sir Bernard Miles and Lady Antonia Fraser. Copies are available - enquiries to Bridget and Chris Brandon.



LADIES CLUB NEWS

Meetings for this month will be on Thursdays - 13th. and 27th. October.
The speakers are Miss Cuthbert (war momentos) on the 13th. and Mrs Kettleborough (Saudi Arabia) on the 27th.

Both meetings will begin as usual at 2.45 p.m. in the Church Room.

CHURCH NOTES

There are two special events in October. The first is our Harvest Festival which begins with the Harvest Sale at the Royal Oak at 8.00 p.m. on Saturday 1st.Oct. Gifts of produce, jams etc. will be gratefully received by Doris Scutchings at the Post Office.

On Sunday, the 2nd., at 11.15 a.m. is our Family Service and at 6.00 p.m. is the Harvest Festival United Service.

The second of the special events is on Sunday 23rd. when at 10.00 a.m. the Bishop of Buckingham will conduct our Holy Communion service and the congregations from Wingrave and Cublington will join us. Coffee will be served after the service.

We do hope as many parishioners as possible will come along to these events.

SERVICES FOR OCTOBER

		<u>Sidesman</u>
2nd.	11.15 a.m. HARVEST FESTIVAL FAMILY SERVICE followed by Holy Communion	Churchwardens.
	6.00p.m. HARVEST FESTIVAL UNITED SERVICE.	
9th.	11.15 a.m. Holy Communion	Mr. C. Spike.
16th.	11.15 a.m. Holy Communion	Mr. J. Ford.
23rd.	<u>10.00 a.m.</u> Holy Communion with Wingrave and Cublington.	Churchwardens.
30th.	11.15 p.m. Holy Communion	Miss G. Ford.

Altar Flowers for the month : Mrs. K. Dines.

Whist Drives on the 6th. and 20th. at 7.30 p.m. in the Church Room.

N.B. OWING TO THE LOW PRICE GIVEN FOR PAPER AT THE MOMENT PAPER COLLECTION
WILL CEASE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.



October 1983

A MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

Tel. A.A. 623

I've come to the conclusion that it is much easier to be a Christian in the town than it is in the country. Villages are often attractive places in which to live, but they can also provide many pitfalls for the unwary resident.

I know from experience that it is much easier to be a parish priest in the town. When he is under pressure, the town priest can hide behind groups and committees. He can lick his wounds in a degree of privacy. His mistakes are covered by the hustle and bustle of urban life. Sadly, however, he is mostly unknown by the majority of his parishioners.

Not so the country parson. Almost everyone knows him, or thinks they do. He is certainly much more accessible, easier to criticise and even attack!

But, anyway, it's true for all of us who live in rural communities - we are under constant scrutiny. We know each others' business without so much as trying. Relationships are more intense. Friends seem to fall out more quickly and enemies are made even more speedily. A high wall round the garden or net curtains at the windows cannot separate us from our neighbours, even if we wanted to.

The consequence of this is that some folk will use their home in the country as a kind of dormitory and, more probably, a weekend retreat. They have romantic ideas of picturesque rural life, but they will spend lots of time trying to get away from the nitty-gritty of that kind of life. Sometimes this is inevitable because work takes them away. Sometimes it's deliberate to avoid involvement.

This is disasterous for village life. For the Christian Churches it can have a distressing result. Particularly is this so when (often) sincere Christians forsake their own village churches for worship centres in the towns.

It is understandable. There is a mini-revival of Churchgoing in many of our towns and cities at this present time. It can be easier to worship there. In a church with lots of people and the emotional thrill of many voices, there is much to excite the worshipper. Whether that kind of excitement and thrill makes worship more valid is an interesting question.

There is also the attraction in large congregations for those who seek anonymity. To enter a village church is usually to find an immediate welcome for the casual worshipper or stranger. Some folk like to creep in and out without being seen!

But whatever the reason for this pilgrimage to the towns it does nothing but harm to the Christian witness, for the real battle for the defence of the Faith can be seen in our village. In small communities we are at the sharp end, for if love is ever needed it is certainly needed here. We are often in the hottest part of the battle against evil, and the wounds can be severe. Because of our closeness to each other, the fight with the devil can be 'hand-to-hand'.... whereas in an urban setting the missiles can be fired at a distance!

No, it's not always easy to be a Christian in a village, especially if you see your vocation clearly in the place where you live, and you don't attempt to contract out. Jealousy, emnity and feuds can be hovering on your doorstep. But if you 'stand in the strength which Christ supplies', therewards are considerable.

Yours sincerely,

FR. JOHN HEFFER

THE BISHOP OF BUCKINGHAM will be coming to Aston Abbots Parish Church for the 10 o'clock Parish Communion on Sunday, 23rd October. There will be no Service in Wingrave or Cublington Parish Churches, for this will be a United Benefice Eucharist when the bishop has expressed the hope that he may be able to use this opportunity to meet us all. Refreshments will be served after the Service.

CONFIRMATION 1983 Wednesday, November 30th in S. Barnabus, Linslade. Would those interested in knowing more about Confirmation and considering joining classes please come to the Rectory on Wednesday, 12th October at 7.30 p.m.

"THE MESSIAH" There will be a performance on Saturday, October 29th in Wingrave Parish Church. Further details may be found in the Wingrave Communique and in the publicity which will soon be available.

HOLY BAPTISM Wingrave Parish Church, 4th September:-
EMMA LOUISE, daughter of Czesiu and Jacqueline Hirsekorn
DANIELLE LOUISE, daughter of Adrian and Lynne Padget

HOLY MATRIMONY Wingrave Parish Church, 17th September:-
Perry Irvin WATKINS and Angela Caroline CAMILLERI

MARRIAGE BLESSING Wingrave Parish Church, 17th September:-
Douglas LOOTENS and Molly WHITE

FUNERAL Wingrave Parish Church:-
22nd September: Leonard WELLS

SUNDAY LESSONS

23rd October:	Genesis 2(4-9, 15-25)	John 3(1-8)
30th October:	Genesis 3(1-15)	John 3(13-21)
6th November:	Genesis 22(1-18)	Luke 20(9-17)
13th November:	Exodus 6(2-8)	Mark 13(5-13)
20th November:	Isaiah 10(20-23)	Mark 13(14-23)

PLEASE KEEP THIS SHEET as some of the readings are one month in advance.

HARVEST EVENTS

1st October: Aston Abbots' Harvest Sale in the Royal Oak, 8 p.m.
2nd October: Aston Abbots' Harvest Family Service at 11.15 a.m. and Special Form of Evening Service at 6 p.m.
9th October: Wingrave Parish Church... Parish Communion at 10 a.m. and Special Form of Evening Service at 6 p.m., followed by Harvest Supper and Sale.
13th October: School Harvest Service in Wingrave Parish Church at 9.30 a.m. All Parents and Visitors welcome.
16th October: Cublington Parish Church... Parish Communion at 8.45 a.m. and 6p.m. Evening Service (Preacher the Revd. Alan Creeber)
22nd October: Cublington Harvest Supper, Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

CUBLINGTON FETE raised £636 and the Organisers would like to thank all who helped to make this such a success; they much appreciated the support from Wingrave and Aston Abbots this year.

FAMILY SERVICE in Cublington Parish Church, 23rd October at 10.30 a.m., conducted by the Methodist Minister (Despite notice at top of this page!)

O-FIVES for all children with their mothers, whatever denomination or none, meet in Wingrave Parish Church every other Thursday at 2.15 p.m.
Date Check: 13th October, 27th October, 10th November, 24th November.



ST. JAMES THE GREAT, ASTON ABBOTS, BUCKS.