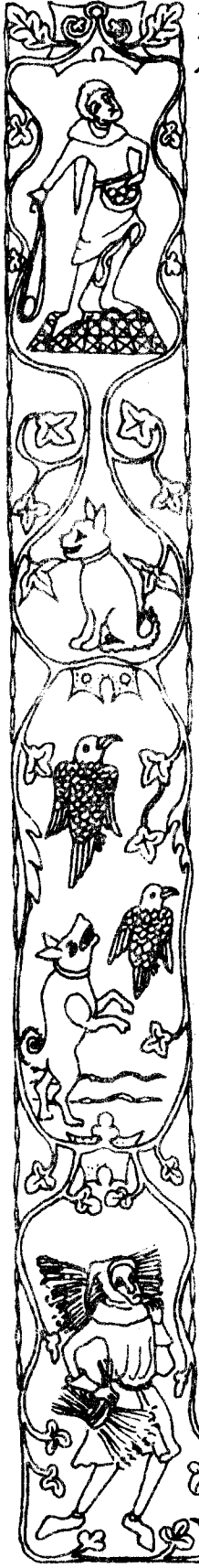


# The Chronicle

Parish Magazine for Aston Abbotts



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# Editorial

Again my thanks to everyone for the comments and suggestions about THE CHRONICLE. Please keep the articles coming, particularly any contributions you might have for our Estone Chronicles feature.

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The question of funding THE CHRONICLE will shortly have to be faced. At present rates the annual cost will be in the region of £150. This could be found from the monies raised at our annual festival; directly from the Parish Council or from advertising. My view would favour advertising, with local businesses paying £5 or £10 for a block advert that would then appear in each of the twelve issues. Would this be supported? I would appreciate any thoughts or comments readers might have.

*Graham Parker.*

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

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2. A note through his door - The Cloisters, Church Row.
3. Use the box in the Village Shop.

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## Delivery

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# WHAT'S ON

THURSDAYS 10th. and 24th. BINGO in THE CHURCH ROOM at 8.00 p.m.  
THURSDAYS 3rd. and 17th. WHIST in THE CHURCH ROOM at 7.30 p.m.  
SUNDAY 20th. FOOTPATH WALK - MEET at THE GREEN at 2.00 p.m.

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## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

A BINGO EVENING will be held in the COMMUNITY HALL, WINGRAVE on  
23rd. NOVEMBER at 8.00 p.m.  
in aid of the Poppy Appeal for Wingrave, Long Marston, Aston Abbotts  
and Rowsham Branch. Any donations to: Mr. Waite, Aston Abbotts or  
Mr. Rawlings, Wingrave.

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## METHODIST CHURCH

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR in THE CHURCH ROOM on SATURDAY 26th. NOVEMBER at 2.30 p.m.  
Stalls include 'Fancy Goods': 'Home Produce': 'Handicrafts' and the  
Special Childrens Stall.

Proceeds from the Children's Stall will be donated to a charity chosen  
by the children. Please come along; refreshments will be available.

If you cannot come on the day why not give something for the Childrens  
Stall ... any donations would be gratefully accepted by Karen and Mark  
Brandon.

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## WINGRAVE SCHOOL

Friday 4th. November: BARN DANCE 8.00 p.m. 'til late; Bar available.  
Tickets £2.50 including Supper, from Val Smith (368).

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

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# LADIES !!

Following the successful meeting on 11th. October it was decided to start  
an informal "TUESDAY CLUB". A committee of three was elected:

Pam Dixon Aston Abbotts 626  
Jane Plested Aston Abbotts 740  
Margaret Chesher Aston Abbotts 201,

with three volunteer helpers on a monthly rota basis to help with the  
organisation. This month they are: Bridget Brandon; Christine Fox and  
Diana Fullerton.

The next meeting will be on NOVEMBER 8th. at 8.00 p.m. in the Church Room.  
Ruth and Helen Watts will be giving a demonstration of Christmas Crafts.

There will be refreshments and a raffle ... admittance 50p.

EVERYONE WELCOME.

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## FOR SALE

Meat Slicer £3 ..... Two Crash Helmets £10 o.n.o. .... Three piece  
suite (black P.V.C.) £5.  
Contact Aston Abbotts 200 - being sold on behalf of a Senior Citizen.

## NOVEMBER'S GARDENING TIPS.

I suppose we have all started to tidy up - we hope for the last time this year. Remove old bedding plants, plant bulbs and spring flowering plants. lots of shrubs need pruning back and retying to save breakages this winter. Also remove any long growth on roses and now is the time to plant new ones.

Do not forget your dahlia tubers. As soon as they die back bring them in out of the frost.

Amateur Gardener.

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## THE ASTON ABBOTTS COOKBOOK.

More recipes please! Last months 'Potato Galette' was consumer tested by students at Sir Henry Floyd School and by your dutiful Editor, and all were suitably impressed. This months recipe is for a traditional Christmas Cake and our thanks to Mrs. Tuplin of Bricstock for the details.

### CHRISTMAS (OR SHERRY) CAKE

Ingredients: 1 lb. Mixed Fruit                      6 oz. S.R. Flour  
                  2 oz. Cherries                                2 Oz. Plain Flour  
                  3 oz. Peel    3 Eggs.  
                   $\frac{1}{4}$  pint Sherry                                   Pinch Salt  
                  6 oz. Butter                                        Pinch Spice  
                  6 oz. Soft Brown Sugar                        2 oz. Ground Almonds  
                  Grated rind and juice of one lemon.

Method : Soak fruit in sherry for a week, stirring daily.  
          Cream butter and sugar; add eggs and flour gradually; add all other ingredients and mix well.  
          Prepare an 8 inch round or a 7 inch square cake tin; cover with foil and cook ; 1 hour at 325;  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hours at 300.

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## UPDATE

### THE CHURCH ROOM

The Public Meeting held on 21st. October unfortunately did not finally resolve the future administration of the Church Room - more details next month when your reporter (who was unable to attend the meeting) has had the opportunity to talk to those involved.

The Editor has also been asked to place the following notice in this months newsletter:

It has been brought to the notice of members of the Parish Council that cars are being parked on footpaths and at Bus Stops. Remember this is an offence, and if reported could end with a fine. Please do not park on the footpaths or at bus stops.

THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE IN THE CHURCH ROOM ON

FRIDAY 18th. NOVEMBER AT 8.00 p.m.

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## **Priority plea for path**

AT Friday's meeting of Aston Abbotts Parish Council Cllr Les Smith urged that Bucks County Council be pressed to give more urgent priority to the provision of a footpath for Mootlane and the extension of the speed limit signs.

The chairman, Cllr. Colin Higgs said that work on the footpath extension in Wingrave Road should be carried out, roadside storm drains and gulleys attended to and hazardous pot holes filled in before the winter weather set in.

# The Estone Chronicles

## "ASTON ABBOTTS MEMORABILIA"

This page is reserved for memorabilia, things worth remembering, about Aston Abbots. If you have stories from yesteryear; of life in Aston when the Abbey flourished; any childhood memories or old newspaper cuttings; tales of village characters or an old unresolved mystery, we would be happy to print them as part of THE ESTONE CHRONICLES.

We began the series with an article by Ruth and David Watts in our first edition, this month they have unearthed events of fifty years ago as recorded in the Bucks Herald of 17th. November 1933.

## ASTON ABBOTTS NOVEMBER 1933.

### LANTERN LECTURE.

On Friday evening a lantern lecture was given in the Church Room by the Rev. A.J.Moxom (Vicar of Fenny Stratford) on "Germany of Today". Mr.Moxom, who has spent considerable time in Germany, gave a most interesting, instructive and entertaining lecture. The lantern was operated by Mr.Philip Clark. A collection was taken at Mr.Moxom's request for the Church Room.

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### MISCELLANY.

The Cost of Living!

Man's overcoat 40/-  
Ladies perm 15/-  
2lb. marmalade 6d.  
A bottle of port 5/-  
The Bucks Herald 2d.  
Sirloin beef 9½d. per lb.  
Return rail ticket from Aylesbury to London 4/9.

And Noel Coward's "Bitter Sweet" with Anna Neagle was showing at the cinema.

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### REMEMBRANCE.

A Service of Remembrance was held at the Parish Church on Sunday morning, when there was a full church, including a large number of members of the British Legion. The form of service used was that authorised by the Archbishops, during which the Vicar (the Rev.J.E.Pugh) read the names of the twelve parishioners who gave their lives during the War. Among the hymns sung was the "Supreme Sacrifice". The Vicar preached from the text "Where there is no Vision the people perish". At the conclusion of the service in Church, according to custom, the people walked in procession to the War Memorial at the entrance to the Churchyard, singing the hymn "O God our Help in Ages Past". The choir was led by the Churchwardens, bearing their wands of office, Mr.C.Brown and Mr.Will Humphreys, the latter deputising for Captain H.T.Morton, who was away. The choir, in their robes, was led by Mr.George Simmons, the members of the congregation following in the rear. At the memorial, Bugler Fred Hinds sounded the "Last Post" and "Reveille". The service was concluded by the singing of the National Anthem, and the Vicar pronouncing the Blessing. Messrs.J.Edwards and A. Paxton undertook the duties at the organ. A large number of people returned to the Church for the Communion Service of Remembrance. The offertory was for Earl Haig's Fund.

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## LADIES CLUB NEWS

Dates this month are the 10th. and 24th.

On the 10th. it will be our Annual General Meeting, combined with a Bring and Buy Sale at 2.45 p.m. in the Church Room as usual.

On the 24th. we are having our annual shopping trip, this year to Oxford. The coach will leave The Green at 9.30 a.m.

## CHURCH NOTES

### **Bishop dedicated chalice**

THE parish church of St. James at Aston Abbots was full on Sunday morning when the Bishop of Buckingham visited the village. Parishioners from Wingrave and Cublington joined members of the parish church as well as friends from the Chapel for the united benefice Eucharist.

The bishop was welcomed by the Vicar, the Rev. J. Heffer.

Lessons were read by the churchwardens of Aston Abbots, Mr. P. Dines and Mr. L. Scutchings, and Mr. Tunnycliffe from Wingrave. Mrs. Scutchings was the organist.

A silver communion chalice was dedicated by the Bishop in memory of former churchwarden Mr. W. Humphreys and Mrs. Olive Humphreys.

After the service coffee was served in the church, giving everyone an opportunity to meet the bishop.

First of all a big thank-you to everyone who supported our Harvest Service and Sale at the Royal Oak last month. Special thanks to Billy and Jack Howe who not only gave us the space but encouraged all their customers to join in. Thanks too, to Ray Wilkinson who made a most successful auctioneer.

The financial result was a record £111.64 for Church funds, but it was also a very happy occasion in its own right.

This month we have the more solemn Remembrance Day Service at Wingrave on November 13th. at 10.45 a.m.

The time has also come to renew the electoral roll. Any parishioners who would like to be on the electoral roll should see Mrs. S. Ford or one of the Churchwardens.



Altar Flowers for the month: Mrs J.Loader.

Whist Drives on the 3rd. and 17th. at 7.30 p.m. in the Church Room.

Report on the visit of the Bishop of Buckingham taken from The Bucks Herald, 27 October 1983.

## SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER

		<u>Sidesman</u>
6th.	11.15 a.m. Family Service followed by Holy Communion	Mr. C. Higgs.
13th.	No Services. Remembrance Day Service at Wingrave 10.45 a.m.	
20th.	11.15 a.m. Holy Communion	Mr. C. Spike.
27th.	11.15 a.m. Holy Communion	Mr. J. Ford.

THE CHURCHES IN WINGRAVE WITH ROWSHAM, ASTON ABBOTTS AND CUBLINGTON

November 1983

A MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

Tel. A.A. 623

If you ever visit Hampton Court, don't miss the Maze. Some years ago it had to be replanted when it was realised that feet could be seen through the gaps! Having been there myself I can affirm how confusing it is. I was so worn out in the end - it was a very hot day - that I wondered if my own feet belonged to me.

Since the Maze was planted in 1768, many young and young-in-heart have been intrigued by its perplexing lanes, which twist and turn in an endeavour to fool the participant in the game: to tease him into believing that he is going in the right direction. Of course, the trick is to get to the centre and then return. Looks simple.

As I purchased my ticket, I heard someone say that all you have to do is to follow the hedge on the right when you go in, and the left when you want to come out. I saw that someone twenty minutes later standing on his friend's shoulders, peering over the top in an effort to discover the exit! Some years ago, an elderly aunt of mine gave a boy scout half-a-crown to lead her out. She noticed he was doing good business.

Someone has recounted a terrifying experience she had when lost in a maze at evening time. At last, in the darkness when she had given up hope, she heard a call. It was bitterly cold, and by now she was almost too frozen to answer. Her rescuer came towards her with a lantern and she heard him say: "We watch; we counts 'em in and we counts 'em out. That's as 'ow we knows you was in 'ere".

That reminds me of the workings of God. He is the constant Watchman. He 'preserves our going out and our coming in'. Himself unseen, but eager to help in all the perplexing twists of life and the mystery of mortality. A disciple writes: "We are perplexed but not in despair... knowing that he who raised up the Lord Jesus will...bring us into his presence" (2 Corinthians 4.)

The poet, John Greenleaf Whittier expresses his faith:

Here in the maddening maze of things...  
To one fixed ground my spirit clings;  
I know that God is good!

Just living, sometimes, can be like walking in a maze. There are many know-alls to tell us which direction to take. Too often their advice is misleading, because it has nothing to do with Christianity, the Church, or with God.

Incidentally, you must know by now that I finally escaped from the Hampton Court Maze. I really don't know how. Yet, I was heartened to look back and catch a glimpse through the yew trees of the platform, towering above the Maze - where the watchman stands!

Yours sincerely,

FR. JOHN HEFFER

FAMILY SERVICES

Aston Abbots Parish Church, Sunday November 6th at 11.15 a.m. Special preacher: Mr. David Morton from the Leighton Buzzard Methodist Circuit.

Cublington Parish Church, Sunday 27th November at 10.30 a.m. conducted by the Rector.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY (13TH NOVEMBER)

WINGRAVE

The Parish Communion (Prayers of Remembrance) 9.45 a.m.

10.45 a.m. Parade and Assembly at the War Memorial followed by a Service of Remembrance in the Parish Church.

CUBLINGTON

The Parish Communion (Wreath Ceremony) 8.45 a.m.

10.40 a.m. Parade and Service of Remembrance in the Parish Church of Oving.

ASTON ABBOTTS

10.45 a.m. Parade and Assembly at the Wingrave War Memorial followed by a Service of Remembrance in Wingrave Parish Church.

No other Services.

NOTE

All uniformed organisations within the District of Wingrave Royal British Legion are encouraged to attend the Remembrance Service at Wingrave Parish Church this year. This is true for Cublinton with their arrangements at Oving. It is important that the young as well as the old are given the opportunity to commemorate the 'fallen' at a properly organised Service of Respect. Naturally, those who put the Holy Communion first will make that their priority. Those who are accustomed to lay their wreaths on a Memorial where the main Service of Remembrance is not taking place should take the usual opportunity to do so before they come to the Service, or at some other convenient time.

ALL SAINTS/ALL SOULS 1st November, 8.00 p.m. Wingrave Parish Church. Holy Communion to give thanks for all God's Saints and to pray for the departed. If you wish for names to be mentioned at the altar please contact the Rector.

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE Sunday, 20th November in Wingrave P.C., 6.00 p.m. The Service will include the Advent hymns and music led by the Wingrave Singers.

CONFIRMATION 1983 The Bishop of Buckingham will hold the Deanery Confirmation at S. Barnabas, Linslade on Wednesday, 30th November, 7.30 p.m. Some eight candidates are being prepared from our parishes. Please remember them in your prayers.

CHRISTMAS SCENES Members of the Junior Church in Wingrave will be telling the story of the Nativity in their own way, taking the place of the Liturgy of the Word, at the Parish Communion on Sunday, 18th December.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICES on Sunday, 18th December:

Cublinton Parish Church 3.00p.m.  
Aston Abbotts Par. Church 3.00 p.m.  
Wingrave Parish Church 6.00 p.m. (attended by Wingrave School taking part in the Christingle).

HOLY BAPTISM in Wingrave Parish Church on Sunday, 2nd October at the Parish Communion:

AMY CLAIRE, daughter of Alan and Sally Higgs.

SUNDAY LESSONS

27th November	Advent Sunday	Isaiah 51(4-11)	Matthew 25(31-46)
4th December	2nd in Advent	Isaiah 64(1-7)	Luke 4(14-21)
11th December	3rd in Advent	Malachi 3(1-5)	Matthew 11(2-15)
18th December	4th in Advent	Zechariah 1(18-21)	Matthew 1(18-23)
24th December	Midnight Mass	Isaiah 9(2, 6&7)	Luke 2(1-14)
25th December	Chrms. Morning	Hebrews 1(1-5)	John 1(1-14)

CIBORIUM We gratefully acknowledge the gift of a Ciborium, given to Aston Abbotts Parish Church by Mrs. Doris Scutchings, in memory of her father and mother, William and Olive Humphreys. This was dedicated by the Bishop of Buckingham during the United Benefice Eucharist on Sunday, 23rd October 1983.