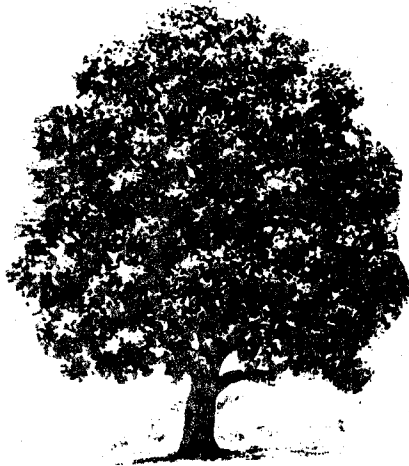


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Editorial

A month in the United States might well sound a very pleasant diversion to the normal work of a teacher; but let me assure you American classrooms are different from those in England. Not only that, it hurt to learn that Aston Abbotts was bathed in sunshine while the Washington area of the east coast was having its coldest spring this century. Rough justice I suppose!

Anyway little seems to have changed, except that every time one returns to the village after a time away you appreciate all the more how fortunate you are to live in such a beautiful environment. Which brings me to the plug I have been asked to make reminding us all that we are in the Best Kept Village Competition again this year (perhaps this suggestion was a gentle hint that my areas of mowing have not been done!), and the only possible weakness we could have is in regard to litter - "if you see some pick it up and either take it home or put it in a bin".

We can pride ourselves on our own tidiness but the village does have a passing "tourist" population who do not realise that a dropped cigarette packet or beer can could cost us victory!

Graham Parker

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1. By telephone to Graham on Aston Abbotts 325
2. By dropping a note through his door - The Cloisters, Church Row.
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Deadline Dates for June issue

If possible by the 19th please as I would like to type up the magazine on the 20th, for printing during the next week. Distribution 29/30th May.

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NOTICEBOARD

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

FRIDAY 11th. MAY 8.00 p.m. CHURCH ROOM

As part of the agenda the meeting will discuss the Conservation proposals that were detailed in the booklet sent to every household last month. If you have any comments please pass them on to a member of the Parish Council, or better still, come along to the meeting.

EVENTS

SATURDAY 5th. MAY at 2.00p.m. an "ATTIC AUCTION"
AT WING SECONDARY SCHOOL. The School will be open
for viewing from 11.00a.m. to 1.00p.m.

THURSDAY 3rd. & 17th. and 31st. MAY : WHIST DRIVE at 7.30p.m.
in the CHURCH ROOM.

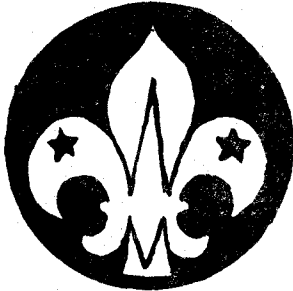
SUNDAY 20th. MAY : FOOTPATH WALK - MEET AT THE GREEN AT 2.00p.m.

THE 1st WINGRAVE SCOUT GROUP

will be holding their

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

on TUESDAY MAY 15th. AT WINGRAVE SCHOOL.



This will be combined with an 'Open Evening' and all parents and friends are invited to this annual event. The evening will commence at 6.30 p.m. with the Open Evening, when the boys will demonstrate their activities. The annual general meeting will begin at 7.15p.m. followed by refreshments. There will also be a raffle.

WITH THANKS

Doris Scutchings, Kath Waite and Colin Higgs would like to thank everyone who gave and attended the Bingo for the Bucks Herald Cervical Cancer Appeal. As a result the sum of £72 was sent to the Bucks Herald.

To all those who helped and supported my Coffee Morning, a very big "thank you". We raised the magnificent sum of £70. Mrs Waite won the Golden Easter Egg. Mrs.N.Little, 4 Church Row.

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CLUB NEWS

Ladies' Club

OUR two April meetings were held at Longmoor Farm by kind invitation from Ruth Bellingham.

Unfortunately Mr. Francis Ward was unable to come on the 12th. owing to illness but Miss Cuthbert from Whitchurch stepped into the breach at the last minute and gave us a very interesting talk on the history of markets.

The bazaar on the 7th. wasn't particularly well attended which was a pity, but there were several other sales on the same day which perhaps kept people away.

This report is being written before the 26th. so the account of that meeting will be in the next issue.

Our May meeting is on the 10th. when Mrs. Rickard is talking about and demonstrating supper dishes - sweet and savoury. That is a meeting we're all looking forward to.

On the 24th. May we have our "Not So Young" outing and tea party so we're hoping for some of the present fine weather then.

Looking forward into June, we have an evening meeting on the 7th. when Neil Gurney is going to demonstrate flower arranging. This is an open meeting - entrance 20p. Do come along and join us.

Our outing (which again is open to non-members) this year is to KEW GARDENS - more about that in the June issue.

TUESDAY CLUB

Mr. Levitt's talk on April 10th. opened our eyes to the beauty of natural gemstones that are to be found throughout the world. He also showed us how to turn the stones into attractive jewellery.

Our next meeting on May 8th. will be a talk and demonstration on how to train your dog and "Canine Etiquette". Mr. Roy Moore will be bringing his obedience champion dog along and will be happy to answer any questions on doggy problems.

Please note that this meeting will commence at 7.30 p.m. in the Church Room. Tea Hostesses for the meeting will be : Bridget Brandon; Molly Poulter and Tina Searle.

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FESTIVAL

What is the link between Rio de Janeiro and Aston Abbotts - yes of course its Festival time again. Our village festival this year happens on July 21st. Along with our usual array of events, we will this year be hosting an inter-village Super Teams competition and a number of surprise exciting events, more of which in the future. What can you be doing now? Firstly we will be holding a number of village competitions -

The best bottle of home made wine.

The best single rose.

The best collection of 6 assorted vegetables.

The best flower arrangement.

The most unusual flower arrangement for Under 12's

We shall also run a book stall, bric-a-brac stall, grocery stall, plant and garden produce stalls.

All these stalls need long-term planning and we would appreciate your help from now in filling the stalls.

If you have any suggestions for this years festival we would welcome them now. Please contact the Editor or the Festival Chairman Mr P Dines.

Gardening

THIS MONTH ITS WORMS

The urge to garden naturally is getting another boost with a compost made by worms, the little red manure worm to be precise.

The worms are put into beds of partially rotted manure their natural food. When they've eaten their way through this and your garden and kitchen waste and the heap is big enough then is the time to remove the worms by putting a mesh frame and new food above the heap. The worms will move in and off you go again!

This compost is best mixed with sowing, cutting or potting compost about 15 per cent by bulk when it seems to increase germination rates.

I have experimented with it myself and it works.

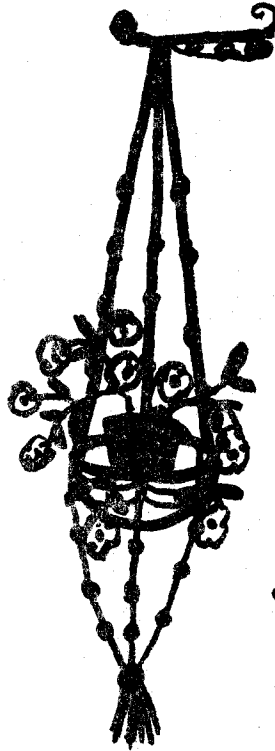
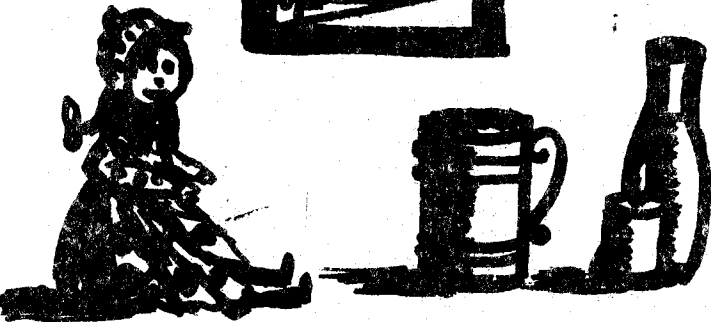
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THE RECTOR'S MESSAGE

Tel. A.A. 623

Easter Day has recently spoken to us about life. Yet, it must be an outrage that more than one hundred thousand children in England and Wales are killed each year: systematically killed, that is. The fact that they are unborn children does not diminish the horror.

Let me make myself clear. Abortion is the wilful destruction of life. That is murder which ever way we look at it. Every boy-child and every girl-child however conceived is part of God's world, and the life of a child begins at conception.

It is specious to arbitrarily try to fix the beginning of life at any particular moment after conception. And, incidentally, the Good Book is crystal clear when it talks of the significance of life before birth. People are called to serve even before they are conceived (Jeremiah 1: 5).

Christianity stands by the sanctity of all human life. Who, then, has the right, the audacity, to 'play God' and pronounce a sentence of death? "God breathed into man the breath of life and he became a living soul." As long as life is present, no one has the right to dispose of it whether in the womb or out of it. And I'm afraid it cannot pass without comment that IUD - commonly known as the 'coil' - is an abortive method of contraception, which makes the random statistics quoted above distressingly worse.

A gynaecologist in the United States presented to a group of medical students the following case for their consideration. "Here is a woman," he told them, "with an infectious bacterial disease in its final stages who is pregnant by a husband partially blind from the symptoms of gonorrhoea." When the students were asked what they would advise, with one voice they opted for an abortion. "Well done," concluded their teacher, "you have just destroyed Beethoven before he was born!"

Those who campaign for abortion on demand also have many emotional arguments to support their claim. These cannot summarily be dismissed, but they can be answered. They must be. For our modern society too readily accepts that no one has a right to live who is not 'normal'. A certain little Austrian corporal had a rather similar nasty notion, I seem to remember...

If we believe that human life comes from God, then he must expect us to utilise all our resources to care for the young and old, the subnormal and the disadvantaged. Not to wipe-them-out just because we see them as a nuisance. Perhaps, in differing ways, we are all guilty at times of wanting to 'sweep under the carpet' anything which does not conform to our standards of healthy minds and healthy bodies.

Good Friday and Easter Sunday may have passed by for this year, but every Friday and every Sunday reminds us of the death of One who was innocent and also of New Life. It is just more than sad that we should belong to a society which is so careless of certain forms of new life and so callous in its slaughter of those who cannot speak for themselves.

Yours sincerely,

FR. JOHN HEFFER

SERVICES AND EVENTS: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

- 10th May School Assembly in Wingrave Parish Church at 9.30 a.m.
22nd May Cublington United Churches Meeting at 7.30 p.m.
31st May ASCENSION DAY - Holy Eucharist with Hymns and Sermon in Wingrave Parish Church at 8.00 p.m.
1st June Induction of the new Rector of the Brickhills (Rev. Rayner Harries)
3rd June DEDICATION AND PATRONAL FESTIVAL OF CUBLINGTON PARISH CHURCH:-
8.45 a.m. The Parish Communion
10.00 a.m. Family Service (Rev. Alan Creeber)
6.00 p.m. United Evening Service (Archdeacon of Buckingham)
3rd June Family Service at Aston Abbots, 11.15 a.m.
5th June Rural Ministry Meeting at the Rectory, 8.00 p.m.
10th June PENTECOST (Whitsunday): Evensong at Wingrave, 6.00 p.m.
14th June Mothers Union Deanery Festival in Aston Abbots Parish Church: Evensong at 7.30 p.m.
17th June Deanery Evensong in Mentmore Parish Church at 6.00 p.m.
21st June New Deanery Synod meets in Wing Parish Church at 8.00 p.m.
Wingrave Festival on Saturday, 30th June and Sunday 1st July.

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HOLY BAPTISM Wingrave Parish Church - 15th April:

WILLIAM ALEXANDER JAMES, son of James and Jennifer HENDERSON
CAROLINE ELIZABETH, daughter of Peter and Sylvia LARGE

MARRIAGE BLESSING Wingrave Parish Church - 16th April:

David Richard DAVIES and Susan Dawn PEARCY

FUNERALS 5th April: Clarence BROCK of Cublington.

Frederick James PARGETER - after a Service in Wingrave Parish Church, interment in the Churchyard on Thursday, 12th April.

1st May: Margaret HINDS of Aston Abbots.

R.I.P. We offer our sympathy and prayers to those who are bereaved.

SUNDAY LESSONS

27th May	Easter 5	Romans 8(28-39)	John 6(12-24)
3rd June	Ascension 1	Eph. 1(15-23)(Year 1)	Luke 24(45-53)
10th June	Pentecost(Whitsunday)	Acts 2(1-11)	John 14(15-26)
17th June	Pentecost 1 (Trinity)	Isaiah 6(1-8)	John 14(8-17)
24th June	Pentecost 2	Acts 2(37-46)	Luke 14(15-24)

SAVE THE CHILDREN The Fund Appeal Day in Wingrave Parish Church on Thursday, 26th April raised £160. Grateful thanks to all.

USPG LENT BOXES The appeal for the Muheza Hospital raised approximately £150, but this could be a higher figure when all the boxes have been returned. Accurate figures will be published next month.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK (14-20th May) There are so many appeals for money for good causes as the above paragraphs show only too well. This one, however, will come to your door. Like all good charities very little is spent on fundraising and publicity, and C.A. supply the figure. For every pound we contribute only 10p has to be used for administrative expenses. So 90p goes to help the world's poor to stand on their own feet and help themselves. The pound in your pocket (as the politicians say) may be decreasing in value to you but it means a lot more to those who are in need.

CHURCH NEWS

Easter, the central festival of the church world wide is now behind us but what a lovely time it was especially the Good Friday Family Service when 82 people, including nearly 20 children, attended a deeply moving service when the Rector as he so often does, 'hit the right note'. After the service everybody stayed for the hot cross buns and coffee.

Earlier in Holy Week a house party had welcomed Dr. Elizabeth Hills, the medical superintendent of Muheza Hospital in Tanzania. She showed us slides of the hospital, its patients and staff and answered many questions. What a constant stream of problems she has to cope with daily ranging from lack of drugs, bandages and even writing paper for medical notes to a water shortage and the breakdown of vital equipment.

The evening was most instructive and reminded us all of the great benefits we have in our own hospital service and for the need to share our good fortune with so many of our fellows so much less fortunate. Our Lent box collection, for the hospital, although amounting to £15, seems so little compared with such needs, however we hope to be able to send more from our general funds later in the year.



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SERVICES FOR MAY

Sidesman

6th.	11.15 a.m.	Family Service followed by Holy Communion	Miss G. Ford.
13th.	11.15 a.m.	Holy Communion	Mr. C. Higgs.
20th.	11.15 a.m.	Holy Communion	Mr. C. Spike.
27th.	11.15 a.m.	Holy Communion	Mr. J. Ford.

ALTAR FLOWERS : Mrs. S. Ford.



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