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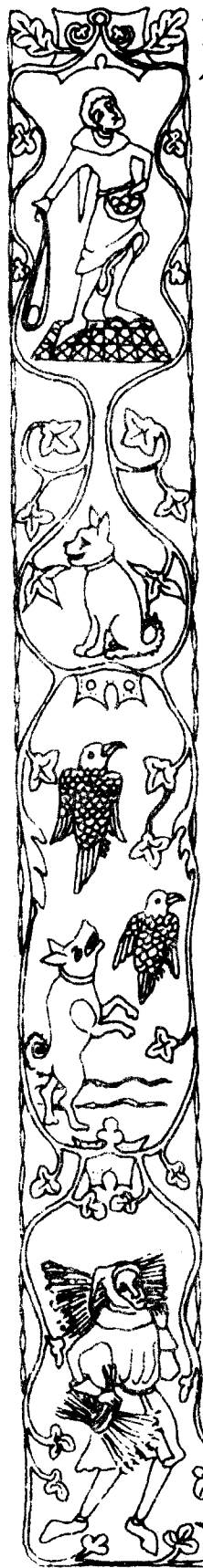
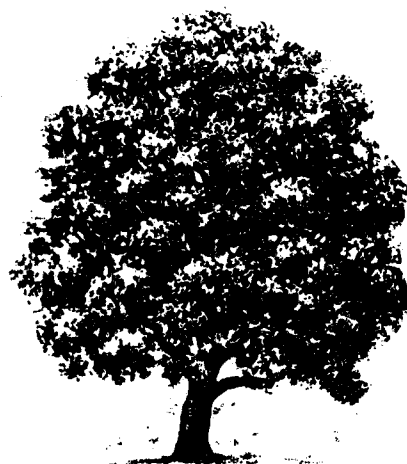
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# Editorial

In a month that has seen the return of Mr O'Booze it was my intention to wax lyrical about the courage and integrity of our leading reporter. However pride of place must go to the following letter I received this week:

20 The Green  
Aston Abbotts

Dear Mr Parker

re: THE TUESDAY CLUB

We hope you will accept the enclosed £5 as a donation to the running expenses of 'The Chronicle'.

We feel at the Tuesday Club that the magazine plays an important part in village life, and that we who use it, should support it.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Chesher  
Treasurer

My inadequate thanks.

Could I also thank everyone for the excellent support of the Annual Parish Meeting which proved to be a very enjoyable and constructive evening, enlivened as it was by a few "cups of coffee" in the Bull and Butcher afterwards.

Included with this issue is a copy of the Conservation proposals that are to be discussed at the next Parish Council Meeting. Your comments, to members of the Parish Council or The Chronicle would be very welcome.

*Graham Parker.*

## NOTE TO CORRESPONDENTS

### MAY ISSUE

Could correspondents please deliver copies in the usual way. The May issue will be a little late I'm afraid as I do not arrive back from America until the 30th.

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# NOTICEBOARD

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION held its meeting at the Bull and Butcher on the 20th. March. After the meeting supper was served by Mr. and Mrs. Naylor. The next meeting will be on TUESDAY 1st. MAY at 8.00p.m. in the BULL & BUTCHER. Anyone wishing to become a member would be very welcome.

## EVENTS

"COFFEE MORNING" at No. 4 CHURCH ROW on THURSDAY 5th. APRIL 10.30a.m. 'till NOON. in aid of The Flower Festival. Everybody welcome - come along and have a chat - snap up bargains at the Sale Table and take part in the hunt for the Aston Abbotts GOLDEN EASTER EGG. Entrance only 20p.

THURSDAY 5th. & 19th. APRIL : WHIST DRIVE at 7.30p.m. in the CHURCH ROOM.

THURSDAY 12th. APRIL : BINGO at 8.00p.m. in the CHURCH ROOM.

SUNDAY 15th. APRIL : FOOTPATH WALK - MEET AT THE GREEN AT 2.00p.m.

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.

## THANKS

BETTY BENNETT would like to thank all friends who helped and so kindly gave to the Coffee Party held on the 22nd. March. A cheque for £61.30 has been sent to Mr. Coleman, representative of the Bucks Blind.

## WITH THANKS

The Aston Abbotts population explosion continues. A Whitehall official announced that scientists would investigate the water supply to check its potency. An unofficial source has also leaked news to THE CHRONICLE (will the P.M. order an investigation) that Lord White-law has been appointed Minister of Slip Ups.... Yes, Les and Val Smith have produced another offspring - can they possibly have as many children as the Waltons? Nonetheless, they would like to thank all those people in the village for their kind thoughts at the birth of LYDIA JANE on March 15th. Many thanks,

LES SMITH

## SUNDAY PAPERS

As most people are probably aware the Sunday papers have changed hands. Diana, with a little help from Margaret, has given up the round after seven years of loyal service, and they have now both been put out to pasture - they need a lie in now, poor things! So, after several seconds of arm twisting, we have taken them over. If anyone should wish to order a Sunday paper, or have any queries regarding them, give us a ring on Aston Abbotts 425, or pop round to 12, Bricstock (outside licensing hours).

CHRIS BRANDON.

## BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

Just a reminder that we will again be entering the Best Kept Village Competition which we came so close to winning last year. Could this be our year?

# CLUB NEWS

## Ladies' Club

On March 1st. we had a most interesting talk by Mrs. Montague, who works with the Adventure Playground at Stoke Mandeville. Our social evening on March 14th. was a great success. We could have accommodated some more people but those who were there enjoyed the buffet supper laid on by members and the singing and story telling of Rod Puddifoot, who courageously came on his own after his accompanist was prevented from coming at the last minute.

This month we begin by having a Bazaar in the Church Room on the 7th. April. We shall have one stall ourselves - bric-a-brac mostly and possibly some home-made cakes. Other organisations in the village and in Cublington have been invited to take a stall and we hope it will be a fund raising effort all round.

The meeting on the 12th. is an open meeting, entrance 20p. Mr. Ward, who at one time ran the Hayward Gallery in London is coming to talk to us about famous paintings. Those of us who heard him last year will know how interesting his talks are. Do come along at 7.45p.m.

On the 26th. Mr. Lamb is coming from the Aylesbury Museum to talk to us about costume through the ages.

Mrs. Newell presided at last Thursday's meeting of the Aston Abbots and Cublington Ladies' Club held in the Church Room, Aston Abbots.

Arrangements were discussed for a spring social evening.

The speaker was Mrs. Maureen Montague, the leader of the Opportunity Playgroup for Handicapped Children in Aylesbury. After the talk members were shown a short video film by Mr. Talbot of the Manpower Services Commission showing how the public can help deaf people. Mr. Talbot answered members' questions afterwards. Tea hostesses were Mrs. Hawkins and Mrs. Little. The raffle prize was won by Mrs. G. Fox.

Aston Abbots Ladies' Club held a Spring social evening in the Church room last week when a buffet supper was prepared by members.

Entertainment was provided by Mr. Rodney Puddifoot, from Aldbury who sang unaccompanied songs as the two musicians in his group were unable to be present.

Over £52 was made for club funds.

Extracts below

from the

"Bucks Herald"

**THERE was a good attendance for a Ladies' Club meeting held in the Church Room, Aston Abbots last week when Mrs. Newell presided.**

After the business meeting Mrs. J. Montague gave a demonstration of dried flower arranging.

She described the best materials to use and the most suitable times for gathering flowers and foliage to be treated. She also had with her pictures and cards made of pressed flowers and passed on many tips to her audience and questions were invited.

Mrs. Montague, who donated six prizes for the raffle was thanked by Mrs. Newell.

## TUESDAY CLUB

Our fitness was put to the test at the March meeting of the Tuesday Club when Mrs. Robinson of the Health Education Council brought paler shades of the Green Goddess to Aston Abbots, and we found that exercise was fun.

We were delighted that so many villagers were able to come to the coffee morning and Fashion Party at Pat Sims home on March 14th. The commission received will help to boost Club funds. We are also holding a 'Tupperware Party' at the home of Pam Dixon, 5 Lines Hill, at 8.00p.m. on March 27th. Everyone will be very welcome to come to this and refreshments will be served.

Our next meeting on April 10th. at 8.00p.m. in the Church Room will be a talk and display of gemstones and jewellery by Mr. Lewitt.

May's meeting on the 8th. will be a talk on dog training and "Canine Etiquette" by Mr. Roy Moore from Aylesbury Canine Training Club. He will be pleased to give advice on any "doggy problem".

# BUCKET O'BOOZE RETURNS

TO REPORT ON A

## CRUSHING LOSS

Despite several attempts to silence me with threats of legal action following my last report on the Aston Abbotts Christmas Show, your champion of the truth has decided to make a return. This time I have been following up on reports that have reached me concerning the behaviour of members of the Aston Abbotts 5 - a - side football team.

Disguised as a football, I made my way to Mandeville School on a recent Sunday night to be greeted by scenes beyond belief.

The worst offender was one Stephen Kent, who ended up being booked by the referee for dissent, having refused the refs invitation to go off.

When I confronted Mr. Kent after the match and asked him what had led up to his booking, he said he had only asked the referee to reconsider his decision. A word with the referee revealed he had placed a different interpretation on Mr. Kent's outburst.

This first close look at the team led me to examine in detail the method of team selection. Certain rumours of money changing hands had reached me and seemed to require the application of my investigatory instincts.

The proof that I needed became obvious as I watched the detail of the game unfold. The team seemed to consist of the older element of the village and some of the performances on view confirmed that several of the team members must be paying vast amounts of money to get selected.

Playing up front were John Whyte and Tony Hinds, with Stephen Kent and Lawrence Hinds at the back. The goalkeeper was Les Smith and the sub Mike Cox.

At half time Cox replaced Whyte. It had been fairly obvious that Mr. Whyte was running out of steam when he was overtaken by the referee walking to the far end of the gym.

A quick calculation gave the average age of the team as 47 - this excluded Mike Cox, who would have taken the average to well over 50!

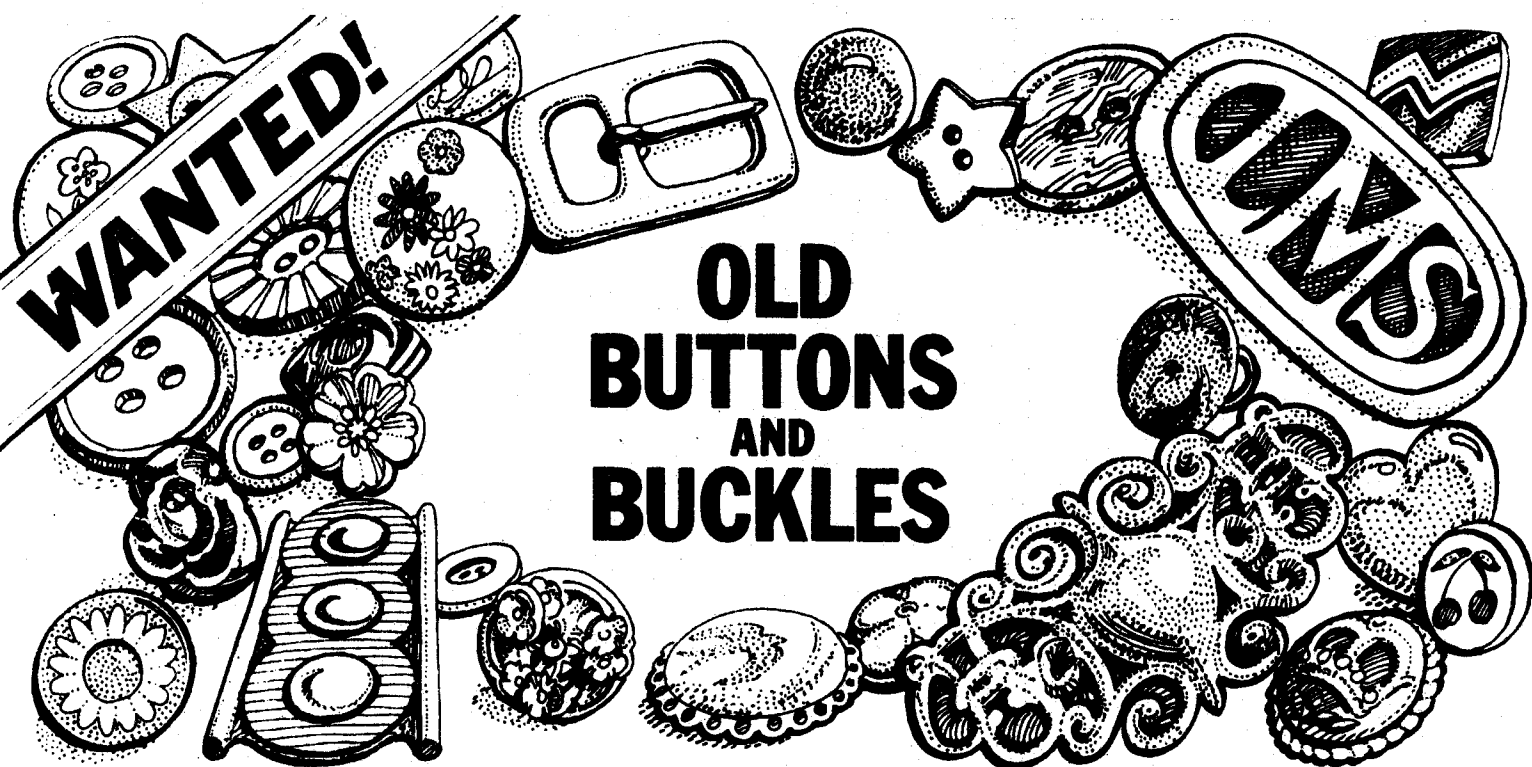
At the end of the game I could have sworn I saw money passed to the referee and it may be that this was the reason Mr. Kent got away with a written warning for the offence mentioned earlier rather than a fine. I shall be looking for a statement in next months CHRONICLE from Lawrence "Banker" Hinds, the team manager, explaining the events I saw on this particular Sunday night.

The result, by the way, was THERMO 4 ASTON ABBOTTS 0.



## 'use it or lose it'

The Children's Society  
Old Town Hall,  
Kennington Road,  
London SE11 4QD.



Anything pre-1939 has a value and is popular with collectors. Ask your friends to give you their old button or sewing box or tin; *why not make an appeal in the Parish?* We will sort, price and sell.

1881 — 103 Years of Caring — 1984

## Why not arrange a Parish "COLLECTABLES" Appeal?

# Peter Arnold



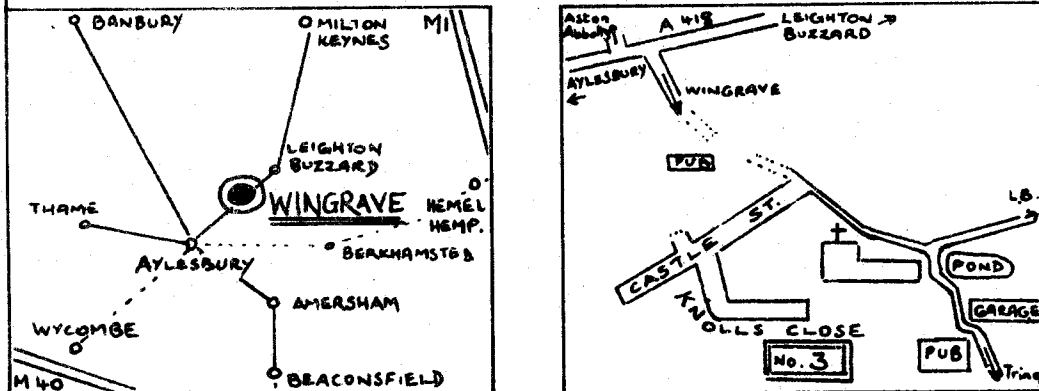
## Spring Exhibition of English Watercolours

Sunday, 1st. April to Saturday, 7th. April, 1984.

(11.00 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. daily)

3 Knolls Close, Wingrave, Aylesbury, Bucks.

(Telephone: Aston Abbots (029676) 568.)



If you can possibly find the time please visit Peter Arnolds Spring Exhibition. You do not have to be an art connoisseur, just someone who enjoys looking at beautiful things. You are not expected to buy, just view - so, please do support someone who has so generously supported THE CHRONICLE.

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(11.00 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. daily)



*'2 Birds Buildings, Islington'*  
Frederick Napoleon Shepherd (1819-78)  
Signed, inscribed, dated 1842. 6½in. x 8in.



*'On the Thames - Bisham and Marlow churches'*  
William Eden (exhib. 1866-1906)  
Signed, dated 1869, inscribed v. 9in. x 13in.



*'Winchester'* Francis P. Barraud (1824-1901)  
Signed, inscribed, 4in. x 7in.



*'Villa Lante, Bagnaia'*  
Ernest Arthur Rowe (1862-1922)  
Signed. 13½in. x 9½in.  
Exhibited R.I. 1898 - No. 280.



*'Folding the Flock'*  
William Tatton Winter R.B.A. (1855-1928)  
Signed, dated '19, inscribed verso.  
17in. x 13½in.



# UPDATE

OUR REGULAR FEATURE ON PARISH COUNCIL ACTIVITIES.

Many of the topics discussed are outlined in the Bucks Herald article on the previous page. Other topics not included in that report were:

Bricstock light - the quote for an additional light was over £500 - far beyond the means of the Parish Council. The Clerk was instructed to seek advice from the County Lighting Engineer; ask him to respond to the Electricity Boards proposal; was the type of lighting suitable and could the County Council be of any help. Meanwhile John Whyte agreed to look into alternatives to the Boards proposals.

A quote was still awaited for the planned additional light on the Green (between the shop and Bricstock).

Verges and Grass Cutting - in return for maintaining our verges the Council had agreed to supply the weed killer but the Parish Council instructed the Clerk to request an additional token payment. The Clerk was also asked to see if he could obtain, for the Parish Council, the contract for cutting grass owned by the District Council.

The meeting also agreed to look into the cost of kerbing the grass areas on the Green which were becoming eroded. This might be a project for which we could seek MSC help. Reg Keen offered to see if he could find out what happened to 'old kerb stones', and if any were available and suitable for our use.

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## ASTON ABBOTTS

### CONSERVATION AREA

With this issue all households should have a copy of the conservation proposals. Parishioners are asked to forward any observations, either verbally or in writing to any member of the Parish Council, before the Councils next meeting on:

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

At this meeting the Parish Council will decide whether or not to forward the proposals to the County Council, and if any alterations are necessary.

YOUR VIEWS - IN AGREEMENT OR DISAGREEMENT - ARE SOUGHT

The members of the Parish Council are:

John Whyte, 23 The Green (Chairman 1984-5);  
Peter Dines, 87 The Green;  
Colin Higgs, 6 Wingrave Road;  
Graham Parker, The Cloisters, Church Row;  
Les Smith, Gatesgarth, Lines Hill; with  
David Watts of White Wheels, Wingrave Road as the Clerk.

You could of course express your views through THE CHRONICLE. Whatever you do please make your views known.



# ASTON ABBOTTS COOKBOOK

This month's recipe is taken from Part 4 of *The Observer Guide to Food in Britain*, by Jane Grigson. This particular section deals with some of the traditional recipes that are often overlooked from THE MIDLANDS; such as Smothered Rabbit, Shrewsbury Cakes and ? our choice for this month - the more local Banbury Cakes.

## BANBURY CAKES

We often assume a local speciality is ancient because the name occurs over centuries, but this can be a trap. Shrewsbury cakes for instance are much the same as they were in the 18th century. Banbury cakes are quite different from the way they began. They were described in 1615 as being a spiced fruit cake raised with yeast; but before the fruit was added, enough dough was set aside to wrap the fruited mixture in for baking. It sounds similar to Scotland's black bun.

Exactly when the change occurred is difficult to establish, but in the 1822 edition of 'The Cook's Oracle', Dr Kitchener describes Banbury cakes as being small and enclosed in puff pastry, as they are today, but the filling is the old spiced fruity

dough with yeast. By 1845, judging by Eliza Acton's 'Modern Cookery', the yeast cake had been replaced by crushed macaroons or ratafias, and suet was added.

(MAKES 6)

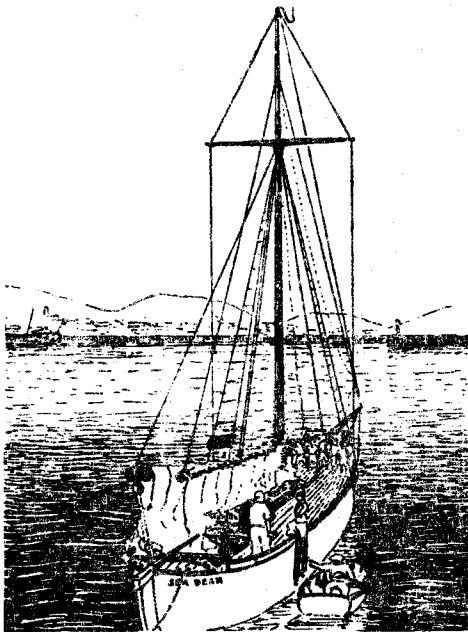
500 g (lb) puff pastry  
125 g (4 oz) currants  
30 g (oz) chopped candied peel  
½ teaspoon each allspice and nutmeg  
¼ teaspoon cinnamon  
60 g (2 oz) butter, melted but cool  
60 g (2 oz) sugar  
tablespoon rum

### GLAZE:

1 beaten egg white and 3 level tablespoons sugar

Preheat the oven to gas 7, 220°C (425°F). Roll the pastry out thinly. Cut into 6 circles of about 15 cm (6 in.) across. Mix filling ingredients and put some on each pastry circle, in a band down the centre. Brush pastry edges with egg white from glaze ingredients. Fold pastry over the filling and close, cutting away surplus dough. Turn over and roll lightly to flatten, but not enough to amalgamate pastry and filling. Make three slashes in the centre. Brush with egg white, sprinkle with sugar and bake for 20 minutes or a little longer. Check after 10 minutes and turn the heat down if necessary: Banbury cakes are on the pale side, but with a crisp sugar coating.

## Book of the Month



The first book I remember reading was 'Swallowdale', the second of Arthur Ransome's children's adventure yarns set in the Lake District. The books were illustrated by Ransome's own idiosyncratic drawings (see left), which were to me an added pleasure.

It was these glorious memories that drew me to this book, the first full biography of a man who began his working life as a publishers' office boy in London, with lodgings in Chelsea.

This delightful book brings the young Ransome vividly to life, tells us of his Bohemian existence in Edwardian London; of his disastrous first marriage and the years he then spent in Russia.

For 10 years, off and on, Ransome was a foreign correspondent in Russia. He gave a vivid, if romanticised, account of the Revolution. He knew Lenin and in Petrograd he met 'a tall, jolly girl', Evgenia Shelepina, who later became his second wife. She was Trotsky's secretary .....

What more needs to be said to whet your appetite ?

# **FOUL**

A word heard often enough on a Saturday afternoon at football grounds throughout the country. How do people react when a foul is committed? They throw up their arms in disgust, and would lynch the offender if they could get their hands on him. Just when things were going well, when a goal was in sight, everything stops because of a foul. Someone has broken a rule. They needn't have done, they could have played clean, and everyone would have enjoyed the game that much more.

Take now the Recreation Ground. For that we also have a goal in sight. We are aiming to make it a very pleasant place to play games in, and hopefully, a credit to the village. Unfortunately there seems to be more than a fair share of fouling going on there as well. It is, of course, the dogs that are fouling, but the humans that are leading them must be held responsible. We all know its a health hazard, and not very pleasant when you bring it home on your shoes either, so please keep our rec. clean.

Recreation Ground Committee Member.

## **IN BRIEF**

### **GRUNTS AND GROANS**

"ERNIE" ORCHARD, Walton Place, Weston Turville, Aylesbury, Bucks, writes:

**S**TORIES about Sir Atholl Oakley, British Heavy-weight Wrestling Champion, brought back many fond memories from years past. He started a training camp at a small village, Cublington, Bucks, when I lodged at the "Bull and Butcher," at nearby Aston Abbotts.

"Tommy" Humphreys was the landlord, an ex-long distance champion runner, and the lodgers included "Wild Boar" Wilkie, "Chopington Chicken," and "Jumbo" Giles.

With trainer "Dick" Wills we used to play football in plimsolls using a soaked leather ball, not this "patball" plastic used today.

I can still see the looks on the faces of the villagers when Atholl drove his car through the village with "Carver Doone," (Jack Baltus), seven foot tall, weighing 26 stone 7lbs, sitting in the dickey seat.

★ The whole village must have fallen, submitted and been k.o'd in one, "Ernie."

Jack Baltus must have got the name "Carver Doone" from his friend, opponent and promoter, Sir Atholl, who is also an expert on the origins of R. D. Blackmore's classic, "Lorna Doone," and her real life family.

## **Gardening**

This is a nice time of the year, a tidy up now will see us into our first show of flowers. Prune any roses according to type, bush or climbing. Tidy any shrubs that may have been broken this winter.

A lawn is recognised as an essential feature of any garden but a lot of work must be done to achieve the best result. A good raking and brush will do a lot of good at this time of the year. Lawn sand is a mixture of sulphate of ammonia and sulphate of iron mixed with sharp sand. It is used to control moss, pearlwort and other broadleaved weeds (daisies, plantains and dandelions) with the sulphates present also acting as fertilizers. It is best used in showery weather. Do not weaken your grass by too much short cutting as this will encourage moss and other weeds to develop quickly in the summer.

**IMPORTANT** - read the instructions in full on all fertilizers and sprays before use and follow them carefully so avoiding damage and disappointment.

AMATEUR GARDENER.

FRIDAY 9th. MARCH 1984.

The report from the Bucks Herald bears testimony to another fine attendance and, thankfully, did not mention the Clerk's embarrassment at having to admit that due to his lassitude no progress had been made with the village conservation proposals. This has now been put right and details appear elsewhere in this issue.

## Tankard gift for caretaker

THERE was a large attendance for the annual Aston Abbots parish meeting held on Friday evening with Cllr. C. Higgs presiding.

The election of the 1984 festival committee was held with Mrs. B. Roff resigning and Mr. V. Scott elected in her place.

Others elected were Mr. C. Brandon and Cllr. J. Whyte.

The committee agreed this year's festival money be shared between St. James Church, the Methodist Chapel, the Church Room and the fund for a new parish mower.

Mr. Graham Parker was thanked for his work on the "Chronicle" and at the close the Rev. J. Heffer, chairman of the Church Room committee, thanked Cllr. C. Higgs for his work as caretaker of the Church Room and presented him with an engraved tankard.

At the parish council meeting which followed, Cllr. John Whyte reported

the fuel gauges on the Bristock old people's bungalows did not work correctly, and the type of gauge did not show how much fuel was used. Tenants had to climb to the top of the tanks to dip them, he said. The clerk was asked to write to Aylesbury Vale District Council for immediate action.

Cllr. P. Dines asked if the parish council could perhaps have more say in the allocation of housing in the village as some recent allocations had caused concern. This matter will be brought up at the next Wing Association of Parish Councils.

Cllr. Higgs expressed concern at the slow progress on road improvement in Moat Lane and Wingrave Road, and the dangerous pot holes in various parts of the village especially the Grove area.

He was also concerned with the state of the road surface on Lines Hill with the pipeline traffic, and Wingrave Road. The contractors should be told the road must be cleared daily to avoid accidents, he said.

It was agreed to add the repair of the Church Row pump to the manpower list of jobs for the village.

### ELECTIONS

The main business of the meeting was to elect the new Festival Committee and the Church Room Management Committee. The results were:

### THE 1984 FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

Chairman: to be elected at the first meeting.

Secretary: Les Smith.

Treasurer: David Watts.

Other Members: Pat Sims; Richard Plested; Michael Cox; Graham Parker; Shirley Ford; Margaret Kent; Peter Dines; Chris Brandon; John Whyte and Victor Scott.

The date of the first meeting was set for Friday 23rd. March. The next meeting of the committee will be on FRIDAY 27th. APRIL at 8.00 p.m. in the METHODIST SCHOOL ROOM.

### THE CHURCH ROOM MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Chairman: Fr. John Heffer.

Other Members: Chris Brandon; Doris Scutchings; Les Smith; Ivy Brandon; John Ford; Don Waite; David Watts; John Whyte; Michael Cox; Betty Bennett; Margaret Kent; Owen McManus; Brenda Roff and Graham Parker.

Following this formal part of the meeting Fr. John Heffer thanked Colin Higgs for the enormous commitment, both of time and effort, that he had given to the Church Room in recent years. The interim management committee had felt that such a commitment should not go unrecognised and he was pleased to present to Colin an engraved glass tankard as an inadequate token of everyone's appreciation. The presentation was followed by a prolonged round of applause.

April 1984

THE RECTOR'S MESSAGE

Tel. A.A. 623

I do not hold a special brief for Arthur Scargill and his blustering ways, but I am shattered by what is happening to the coal industry in our country. And not because I am particularly against the present government in this instance, but simply because 'king arthur's' original prophesy is coming true - pits are being closed; the mines are being used less and less as a source of fuel.

Why is this? Not just as a result of sudden advances in modern technology, BUT very largely because of the headlong rush down the dangerous steep towards the doubtful benefits of nuclear energy.

It is true: smoke fumes do pollute the atmosphere, and gas and oil consumption don't make the situation any better. Yet we could all live with that! Sensible environmentalists know, however, that the reckless use of nuclear power is threatening genocide to the human race, if not by holocaust, then to our children by the menace of contamination. We should call a halt to the destruction of God's world in these mindless attempts to use energy about which we know so little and about which we suspect the worst. Until we can find a way of neutralising the waste from nuclear fuels we should concentrate much more on the use of of power about which we do at least have a working knowledge.

The mines and the miners' jobs are in jeopardy as the coal dust gradually disappears and the dark, sinister, satanic clouds of nuclear ignorance loom threateningly on the horizon; and - as far as Greenham Common, Windscale, Sizewell, and Elstow are concerned - in our back yard!

God has graciously allowed us to discover new wonders in his cosmos, together with fresh powers to be creative. We just seem hell-bent on using them for universal destruction.

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Good Friday is not "Bad" Friday. It is a day to be taken seriously, not morbidly. The opportunities to 'celebrate' the day are listed overleaf. Unfortunately, it's become the hottest shopping-day since the mad pre-Christmas scramble!

What perturbs me is the way this day of all days is used. For, when I suggested in a previous parish that we should avoid shopping on Good Friday, I received a number of letters - mainly from shopkeepers in the area pointing me to the error of my ways. There was one anonymous letter which included a unique description of how to silence myself in matters that didn't concern me...

But, you know, it wasn't the sellers but, us, the buyers I was gently prodding: and still do! If shoppers made a conscious decision not to shop, then those who have to man the stores would be free.

The day is "Good" Friday. It's a HOLY day, not a holiday (in the accepted sense of that word). Those who are grateful to God that the death of Jesus Christ 'unlocks the gate of heaven to let us in' will want to 'celebrate' the fact on this day - and, above all, in WORSHIP, thankfulness and, maybe, by eating (why not?) the hot CROSS bun.

It is not a day for visiting friends before we have paid a visit to the truest FRIEND of them all...in the church...on this day... with his people.

Yours sincerely,

FR. JOHN HEFFER

## SERVICES AND EVENTS: PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE

PALM SUNDAY(15th April) Distribution of palm crosses at all Services.

MAUNDAY THURSDAY(19th April) 'Stations of the Cross' at 12 Noon in Wingrave Parish Church, followed by a Commemoration of the Last Supper: the Holy Eucharist celebrated at the Nave Altar, with the solemn stripping of the Altars. No evening Service that day.

GOOD FRIDAY(20th April)

Aston Abbots Parish Church at 11 a.m. Family Service for parents and children (all others welcome!) followed by refreshments including the HOT Cross Bun.

Cublington Parish Church at 12 Noon: "A Devotion for Good Friday"  
Wingrave Parish Church at 2 o'clock: "A Devotion for Good Friday"

Both these Services will include the 'Story of the Cross' with readings from Scripture and hymns of the Passion.

EASTER DAY(22nd April)

The Parish Communion at the usual times: Cublington, 8.45a.m., Wingrave, 10.00 a.m., and Aston Abbots, 11.15 a.m.

EVENSONG FOR THE THREE PARISHES IN WINGRAVE PARISH CHURCH AT SIX O'CLOCK with singing led by the Wingrave Singers (Preacher: The Rector)

LENT BOXES There is still time to take one. The money collected will go to the Muheza Hospital in E. Africa. Please return your box as soon after Easter Sunday as possible.

SUNDAY LESSONS (ASB Year 2)

29th April	Easter 1	1 Cor. 15(53-58)	&	John 6(32-40)
6th May	Easter 2	1 Peter 5(1-11)	&	John 10(7-16)
13th May	Easter 3	1 Kings 17(17-24)	&	John 11(17-27)
20th May	Easter 4	Proverbs 4(10-19)	&	John 14(1-11)

HOLY BAPTISM

At the Family Service in Cublington Parish Church, 4th March:  
JAMES CHARLES, son of John and Suzanne LEGGETT

Cublington Parish Church, 25th March:  
STUART ANDREW, son of Douglas and Julia MERRIMAN

FUNERALS

James Jamieson CURRIE - after a Service in the Methodist Church, 5th March; interment on Sunday, 11th March in Wingrave Churchyard.

William Daniel BEASLEY - Cublington Church on 8th March.

Our prayers for those who have recently been bereaved, and for the souls of the departed to 'rest in peace'.

DEANERY YOUTH WEEKEND 4th to 7th May. Details on Church Notice Boards.

FUTURE MEETINGS 8th May, Wingrave P.C.C.; 17th May, Cublington P.C.C.; 21st May, Aston P.C.C.; 22nd May, Cublington United Churches Meeting; 29th April, Aston Church Room Committee at 3.30 p.m.; 5th June, Rural Ministry representatives meet at the Rectory.

O-FIVES meet on the second and fourth Thursday of each month in Wingrave Parish Church at 2 o'clock. Even if you live in one of the other parishes, and can get transport, it's worth taking this opportunity of bringing your under fives into a warm and friendly atmosphere, not only for the children but for the mums as well! Date Check: April 12, 26, May 10 and 24.

PATRONAL & DEDICATION FESTIVALS

CUBLINGTON (S.Nicholas) - June 3rd - Preacher at the Ecumenical Evening Service: The Venerable J. Bone (Archdeacon of Buckingham)  
WINGRAVE (SS. Peter and Paul) - July 1st - Preacher at the Choral Evensong: The Revd. A.F.Meynell (Vicar of Wendover)  
ASTON ABBOTTS (S.James) - July 22nd - Preacher at the Evening 'Songs of Praise': The Revd. T.M.Thorpe (Vicar of Whitchurch)

# CHURCH NEWS

By the time this is printed Aston Abbotts will have been invaded by Christians! At least we will be surprised if the influx of cars bringing worshippers from all over the deanery, to our Lent Service on March 26th. has gone unnoticed. Lent is a time to tighten up our discipline. Might we suggest that for those who find the weekly service does not fit their routine that regular attendance at the family service on the first Sunday in the month might be appropriate? Many people have remarked on what a good service it is.

In April, because of Easter, we are having an extra Family Service on Good Friday with hot cross buns! If this seems strange remember it is Good Friday.

Before then our normal Family Service falls on Mothering Sunday and we intend to revive an old custom by giving posies to all the children during the service. We look forward to having good congregations at both services.



## SERVICES FOR APRIL

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| 1st.  | 11.15a.m. | Family Service followed by Holy Communion |
| 2nd.  | 8.00p.m.  | Lent Service at Little Horwood.           |
| 8th.  | 11.15a.m. | Holy Communion.                           |
| 9th.  | 8.00p.m.  | Lent Service at Stoke Hammond.            |
| 15th. | 11.15a.m. | Holy Communion                            |
| 20th. | 11.00a.m. | GOOD FRIDAY FAMILY SERVICE                |
| 22nd. | 11.15a.m. | EASTER DAY HOLY COMMUNION                 |
| 29th. | 11.15a.m. | Holy Communion.                           |

## Sidesmen

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| Miss G. Ford.  |
| Mr. C. Higgs.  |
| Mr. C. Spike.  |
| Churchwardens. |
| Churchwardens. |
| Mr. J. Ford.   |

## SERVICE FOR FIRST SUNDAY IN MAY

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| 6th. | 11.15a.m. | Family Service followed by Holy Communion. |
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Miss G. Ford.

## EDITORS NOTE

The Womens World Day of Prayer was held last month and I noticed that the speaker at the Aston Abbotts service was Jane Barff from Oving. As a result I thought readers might be interested in the extract (right) from the March issue of "YES" the Church Missionary Society magazine. The magazine also included a photograph of Jane's son and his family but unfortunately this could not be reproduced satisfactorily.

The parish of Compton Greenfield and Pilning in the diocese of Bristol is the new home of **John and Deborah Barff**. John is now priest-in-charge there.

John and Deborah, who is a doctor, went to Omdurman in Sudan in 1975. John was Principal of the Omdurman Bible Training Institute, a centre for the training of church workers in the diocese of Khartoum. Since 1976 the institute has been developing a form of theological education by extension to make training available to people in the

places where they live and work. John studied for a degree in classics at Cambridge before going to Kenya with CMS Youth Service Abroad Scheme as a teacher. He trained for the ministry on his return in 1967 and served his first curacy at St Mary's, West Kensington. He married Deborah in 1971, and after their marriage she worked as a part-time medical officer.

We pray that God will encourage and bless them and their three daughters as they adapt to their new life in Pilning.

# Peter Arnold



'A Cricket Match' James Prinsep (c. 1796-c. 1850)  
Signed with initials, dated 18th May 1816, inscribed "In"  
and "Quo gemitu conversi animi! - Virgil" 7in. x 8½in.



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