

The Chronicle

Parish Magazine for Aston Abbotts



We wish
all our readers a happy
and peaceful New Year

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Editorial

This edition has been printed just before Christmas and thus may be missing a few regular features.

My thanks to the P.C.C. for their donation of £10 to the Chronicle and to the Christmas Show gang who have presented the magazine with £50. As you will see from the financial statement elsewhere in this edition, the cost per issue went up sharply in the spring. This has meant that despite increased revenue we continue to run at a loss - a manageable loss, but a loss never the less. Income should be swelled by counting up how much Doris has collected in the Chronicle jar in the Post Office, and by the contributions from the Youth Club's carol singing and our annual deficit reduced to something close to the one hundred mark. More advertising would help - what is really needed is for some well established company (local or national) to write off £50 a year for a quite useless half page ad. in this prestigious magazine !

Well, I am off to Lancaster in early January but hope to return most weekends. This will mean that deadline dates for contributions will be all the more important !

To everyone - a very happy New Year.

Graham Parker.

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THE CHRISTMAS SHOW.

The Recreation Ground Committee would like to thank all involved with the Christmas Show for their time effort or money. A quick count shows the profit at approximately £220 plus some additional income, yet to be calculated, from the bar. Of the total it has been agreed that £50 will be donated to the Chronicle [for which, many thanks.Ed.].

Everyone involved seemed to enjoy themselves, particularly the many children who took part in the main sketch and I think they deserve a special mention for all getting down to it and learning their lines so thoroughly.

A vote of thanks is also offered to the Royal Oak for providing the bar and to all those who gave raffle prizes. Several people give prizes year after year and don't attend the show so miss out on the mention of their generosity always made on the last night. I won't give their names and embarrass them but they know who they are and so do we - so thanks again.

I would also like to mention those who, having paid for a ticket, suddenly find themselves actively taking part in the show. They all showed great spirit and it is thanks to their good nature that the events in which they found themselves proved to be a success.

Bingo night at Aston

ANOTHER Good Samaritans' bingo evening was held in the Church Room, at Aston Abbotts, when Mr L. Scutchings was the caller and Mrs Scutchings the door steward. The committee served refreshments in the interval.

Prizes were won by the following: Lines — Mrs M. Bowell, Mrs W. Evans, Mr D. Waite, Mr C. Higgs, Mrs Angryk, Mr Luxemburg. Houses — Mrs D. Martin, Mrs M. Bowell, Mrs Brown, Mr C. Higgs, Mrs Evans, Mrs M. Coleman. Special — 1 Mr D. Waite, 2 Mrs Evans. Raffle — 1 Mrs Martin, 2 and 4 Mrs Cross, 3 Mr P. Waite. Football Pontoon — Mrs P. Rickard. The snowball was unmelted.

THE LADIES CLUB

On December 5th. Dorothy Eyres was unfortunately unable to come and talk to us but Miss Alderson from Haddenham came to our rescue and showed us some very interesting slides of Aylesbury Vale, some taken recently and others were photographs taken at the beginning of the century.

At the time of writing our carol service is still to come on the 19th. in the church. We shall repair to the Church Room afterwards for tea.

The New Year will begin for us on January 16th. when Mrs. Webster will tell us what it was like to be a magistrate and on the 30th. we have a representative from Waitrose to talk on the history of John Lewis's.

THANKS

We would like to thank Nick Murray for his kind donation of a Stereo Tape deck and a Stereo Record deck to the village facilities it was used in the Christmas Show.

SCROUNGING

To go with the equipment given by Nick we now need an amplifier and a set of speakers. Do you have any lying around in your loft or garage which you had been hanging onto when you upgraded but couldn't bear to throw out. If so, and you feel in a similar generous spirit, give me a ring on 681201. It will all be available for use in the Church Room and will be eventually put in a locked cabinet.

NEIL CHESHER.

A SHAGGY DOG STORY CONTINUED

Letter to the Editor.

Dear Editor,

I would like to complain on behalf of the Garden Gnomes of Aston Abbotts about the activities of a black dog called RA-D-AR. It really is Gno fun when we are sat in our gardens with our fishing rods in hand, quietly contented with another good days work done to find the sun blocked out and an unexpected shower of rain. That shower of rain turns out to be that dog that writes to the Chronicle, Ra-d-ar.

I would really like to know what his owner feeds him on because what ever it is it is very corrosive and rips right through our paint.

But it's not only him, it's his mate called Prince who cannot lift his leg too high due to Artritus Arthur arferits he's stiff .. and he always manages to knock our hats off. We call him Prince Andrew

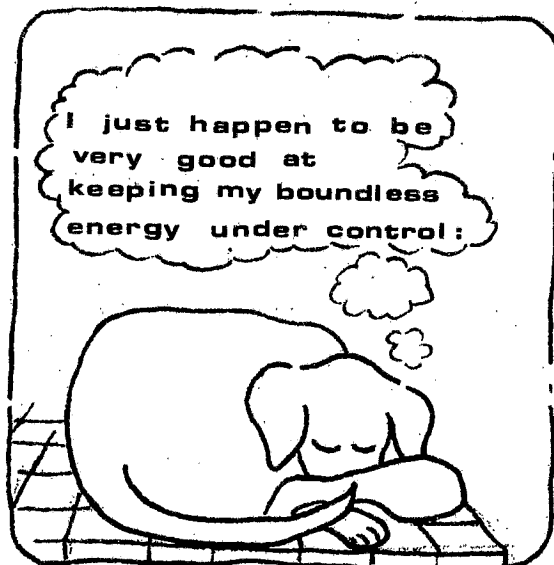
because he's responsible for the Royal Flush.

So, please protect Garden Gnomes from the onslaught of maniacal and leaky dogs buy your Gnome a Brolly today.

Yours soakingly,

Gnasty Gnasher,

Gnome Sweet Gnome,
Aston Abbotts.



People

OUR MONTHLY COLUMN ABOUT VILLAGE PEOPLE AND EVENTS.

Edited by Bridget Brandon.

BIRTHDAYS.

Jane and Sarah Plested on January 7th.

James Clarke (14th.) on January 10th.

Anstice Murray (5th.) on January 22nd.

Andrew Plested on January 29th.

A GET WELL SOON MESSAGE TO

Mrs. Bob Higgs after her spell in hospital.

OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO AARON KAPUI FOR HIS
MAGNIFICENT FUND RAISING EFFORT.

CONGRATULATIONS - mixed with a good deal of
envy - to Terry Doel who has won the annual
lucky dip and will be taking part in the 1986
LONDON MARATHON.

Saw comet in 1910

A BRILLIANT star with a long tail curled up at the end is how Mrs. Gladys Hook remembers Halley's Comet which she saw in 1910, the last time it was visible from Earth.

Now 86-years-old, Mrs. Hook, of 32 The Green, Aston Abbots, was living above The Swan public house in Swanbourne when she saw the comet.

SPECTACLE

Her father, publican Mr. Ernest Laker, took three of his children outside to see the comet, after he was called out of the bar to see the spectacle.

"I never saw such a wonderful sight. You know

what a spring or summer sky is like — it was like that then, almost dark blue and the stars were so brilliant.

"It was over my left shoulder, and was like the brightest star, but with a long tail that curled up at the end.

DONKEY

"I remember my sister saying 'Oh, it's like a shepherd's crook isn't it?'" said Mrs. Hook.

Mrs. Hook said her father was one for telling tales, and told them that they would probably only see the comet once in their lifetime, but when they did it meant that a donkey would die.

The young girl did not believe him, but the next day there was a stir in the village as the donkey of a

well-known old man, Amos Alderman, had died, and he would no longer be able to go into Aylesbury to get provisions.

"For a long time I thought it was the comet that had killed it, something like being struck by lightning," said Mrs. Hook.

She will be recounting the tale, filmed at The Swan at Swanbourne, on TV AM on Friday morning.

LUCKY

Luckily for the local donkeys, Mrs. Hook has not yet seen the comet this time round.

But she hopes to be one of the few people lucky enough to get a second look at the bright star with the long tail.

Six miles on stilts



A SIX-mile walk is enough to tire out most people, but on Sunday Aaron Kapui made life harder for himself and walked six miles — on stilts!

It was all in aid of charity, Aston Abbots, was not alone on the walk, which took him from Manor House, to Bedgrove, Broughton, Bierton and back to the hospital. With him were charge nurse Gerry Fitzpatrick, who pushed himself in a wheelchair, and Gerry's wife Tricia. Three Manor House residents also joined the charity walk.

Aaron, who lives at

The Chronicle:

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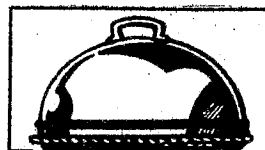
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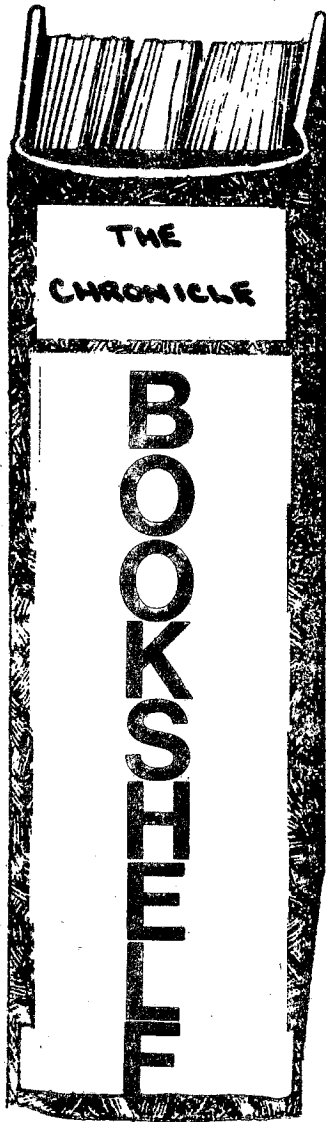
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The bear facts



Rupert Bear was sixty five last November and this notable achievement has been celebrated by a series of books about the redoubtable hero. If you did not give or receive them for Christmas perhaps you could spend the book token Grandma gave you on:

RUPERT: The 50th. Daily Express Annual (£2.75)

RUPERT: The 1936 Facsimile Edition (£4.95)

Rupert, who began life in 1920 as the Daily Express's answer to the Teddy Tail strip in the Daily Mail, was the creation of Mary Tourtel, a well known illustrator and wife of an Express sub-editor. The checked scarf and trousers have changed little over



The first picture, by Mary Tourtel (1920)

the years and Rupert himself has remained a charming, considerate and well mannered bear - an upholder of traditional standards through era after era of changing values. Others, of course, might call Rupert a sycophantic little creep!

By the way, if you have any old Rupert annuals in good condition, hang on to them, their value increases every year.



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CARING FOR A PERSON WITH DEMENTIA

Bill Bartlett of the Relatives' Support Group at Tindal Hospital in Aylesbury explains dementia and the work of the Support Group.

Do you know that one in ten persons over the age of 60, and one in five over the age of 80, has a disease called Dementia.

Dementia is a progressive decline in the ability to remember, think, or reason. This occurs more often in older persons, but can affect younger people also.

The cause of dementia is a mystery, and there is no known cure. One thing is certain, it is not caused by old age.

Persons suffering from dementia differ in the problems they have, and the speed in which they become worse. Deterioration and variation are certainties, as are their dependency on the carer.

Dementia does not simply affect the patient. It profoundly changes the lives of those closest to the patient. Someone they have loved or cared for gradually disintegrates as a person, the whole relationship changes and now, unexpected demands are placed on the carer. The carers' life also changes.

Carers of persons suffering from dementia need help and support, and to this end a Relatives' Support Group was formed three years ago at the Department of Mental Health of the Elderly, Tindal Hospital. This consists of carers and ex-carers, professionals (doctors, nurses and social workers) associated with dementia patients. A meeting is held once a month where carers can talk about their own problems, exchange tips for dealing with situations, learn about allowances and services available. Information about Nursing Aids and adaptations are also available. At most meetings a Professional will talk about a subject relating to the elderly.

The Group also aims to provide a "sitting-in" services, shopping and other services. In addition they have social events, and raise funds for equipment and amenities for the Elderly Mentally Ill at Tindal Hospital, Aylesbury, the hospital to which most of these patients are referred. A monthly news letter is issued.

Do you care for a person suffering from dementia? If so, why not obtain the support of the Group. There is no membership fee, and no obligation to attend meetings. Ring Mr. W. Bartlett, Aylesbury 83346, for details. We are waiting to help.

If you would like to speak to someone closer to home then please have a word with Shirley Ford who is a member of the group.

QUIZ

Bored with "Trivial Pursuits" ? Why not through in a new category, using this months
PRIZE QUIZ : EUROPEAN CITIES

Here are forty seven clues to forty seven European cities. Admittedly some of the clues could suggest more than one city, but the fact that the answers must give you a list of 47 cities that are in alphabetical order should prevent any confusion!

Entries to the Editor before January 20th. Prize - unspecified, but certainly not totally meaningless - at least £5, unless we come up with something better!

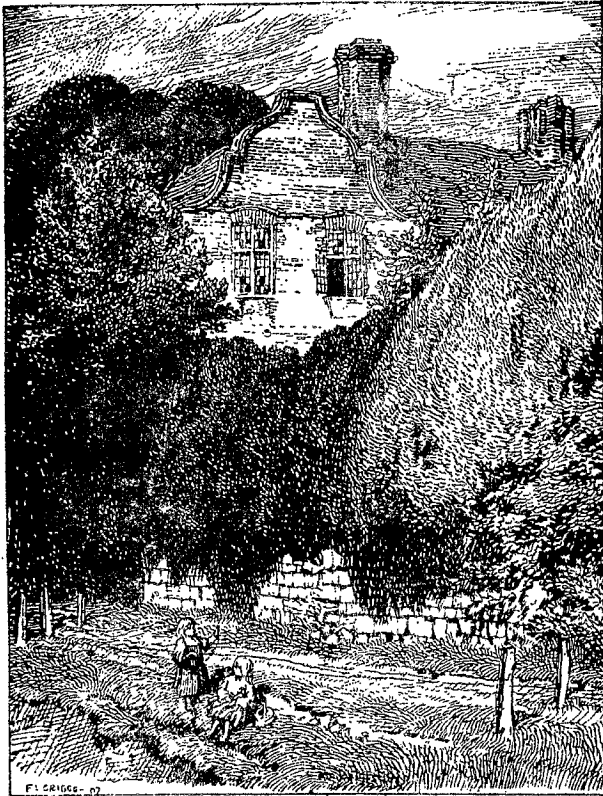
Answers and prizewinners in February issue.

Canals, Acropolis, Gaudí, Morgestraich, Bobjednik, Grand' Place, Open-Air Museum, sobbing violins, Eau de Cologne, mermaid, Bloomsday, Jan Wellem, Book Fair, Jet d'eau, San Lorenzo, harbour, trade fair, Nurmi, Golden Horn, Bruckner, Tower of Belêm, Madame Tussaud, Velazquez, dessert wine, United, bouillabaisse, Scala, Red Square, Hofbräuhaus, Promenade des Anglais, Dürer, Portwine, long boats, palms, Eiffel Tower, Hradschin, dolce vita, festival, Mausoleum, Nobel prize, TV tower, Ouzo, Pétanque, Beethoven, Lazienki Palace, St. Stephen's, Bahnhofstrasse.

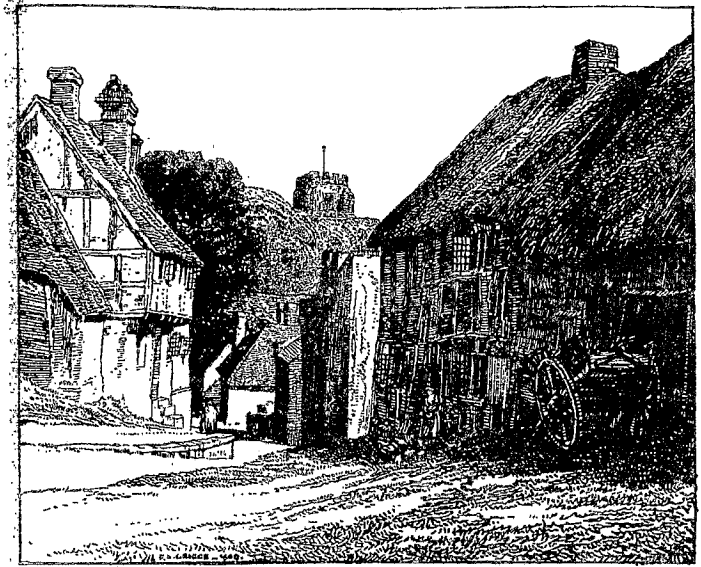
Answers to the December Quiz

Translations are available for last months quiz [ENGLISH IN THE RAW] but the company have asked that these are not generally distributed as it may result in all sorts of southerners being mistaken for the real thing. Can I ask you therefore to contact the company direct (address in last months issue) if you wish to have an accurate translation.

Portraits of Buckinghamshire



At Whitchurch.



Whitchurch.

NO. 10 WHITCHURCH.

Sketches by Frederick Griggs.

Extract, below, from Clement Shorter's

"Highways & Byways of Buckinghamshire".

Five miles from Aylesbury we come to Whitchurch, where we note on the right a pleasing old seventeenth-century building, which must have looked down upon the Civil War. The church, a little to the right of the high road, is an impressive structure approached through a fine gateway. There are here tablets recording the vicars from 1326 to 1906. Most of the monuments have no particular interest for us. Chief Justice Sir John Smythe was buried here in 1682; and John Westcar, who died in 1833, has a mural tablet with an ox and sheep modelled upon it and the inscription:—

Unblemished let me live, or die unknown :
Oh, grant an honest fame, or grant me none.

Westcar was a grazier, celebrated in his day for the fine cattle he reared on the famous Creslow Pastures near by. One of his prize oxen was exhibited at Smithfield Show in 1799, and sold for £100. This was before the days of illustrated journalism, but an engraving of the ox was published. Creslow, before becoming a hamlet of Whitchurch, was a substantial village, but its church has now disappeared, as has also Bolebec Castle—all but the earthworks. One of the Bolebec family came over with the Conqueror. Tradition credits his son with building a castle which stood on Castle Hill on the west side of the village. This castle after falling into a ruinous state, was finally demolished in the Civil War of the seventeenth century.

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A LETTER FROM WING.

A LETTER FROM WING COUNTY SECONDARY SCHOOL

On behalf of the Modern Languages Department at Wing Secondary School, I am writing to you following in the footsteps of my Headmaster, Mr. I. Andrew, who already had called on you, or rather requested urgently your involvement in life at our school within the framework of the 1986 Year of Industry.

Why do the Modern Languages need YOU (i.e. parents, pensioners, young adults)? Every year in September our new entrants from Middle Schools arrive clean and polished and eager to learn anything we can offer and with great enthusiasm they embark on learning French (German, unfortunately, one year later) and, since we have started to teach to new exam specifications, i.e. little to write and much to speak and understand the foreign language with as much cultural information as we can pack into the 'learning parcel'. Their enthusiasm lasts well into the 3rd Year and beyond BUT: four years at School is a very very long time for young people until they eventually, at the end of the 5th Year, can fly out into real life. They therefore experience that what they have learnt in their little isolated world at Wing School actually had a purpose and actually can be useful in either searching for a job or in looking for promotion.

The World of Modern Languages is perhaps the most abstract of all subjects and as time goes by and work at school becomes more and more of a burden for the pupils, they ask themselves and us: "Why do we need to learn a foreign language when the whole world speaks English?" This is true, of course, and if we tell them that the main language is that of the client, that Germany, for example, is the largest market for almost everything, that access to markets in Europe is only through expensive consultancy unless there is a linguist in the company, that even on holiday abroad one is safer and feels more welcome and respected if one speaks the language of the country visited, that they (the pupils) might finish up one day living in another country through marriage, etc. and might have to earn their living there, then all this means so little to our pupils because so far their contact in school with reality, the outside world, is little and so very far away. And don't you remember the old boring teacher at school who always told you how you should be because it might be to your advantage one day? I do and my colleagues do and that's why we NEED you. If you could come along and break up our pupils' routine in bringing in 'some fresh wind and the smells' from the outside world you would be of enormous benefit to the motivation of our pupils. The teacher is with them all the time and respected in the way a bit like mum is at home, for reminding them here and feeding them non-stop. YOU would be the occasional visitor, who would have something to tell them beyond the morals and advice they get in assemblies and lessons.

How could you enlighten them? You could tell them:

- How any foreign language is appreciated and used in your company.
- How much benefit a foreign language has been to you as an extra in the job you are doing.
- How time consuming it is to learn a foreign language in Evening Classes and why you learn it at night.

- For enjoyment? To show yourself polite towards friends abroad? Because you need it for your job?
- How your long or short-term stay abroad has been of social/cultural benefit to you.
- About your personal experience with the French/Germans/Italians/Spaniards, etc.
- Are they so different from us? How do these people enjoy life as compared to us?

There are so many issues which would be of interest to our pupils and every single volunteer from YOU would be an asset to our teaching.

Our pupils are a nice bunch of youngsters and only a few play up occasionally because nothing new happens, no more or less than we played up when we were fed up and frustrated from being kept in for the best part of the day. THEY need YOU and we, the TEACHERS need YOU, just as much as we all, once upon a time, needed THEM (those who never came - because they were not invited or couldn't be bothered, I expect). Discussions could take place in small groups, so don't be afraid of masses.

If you are willing to co-operate and there must be many of you who could, please contact me, Mr. Cooper or Mr. Andrew at Wing School (Aylesbury 688264).

King regards.

INGRID BARBOUR (Modern Languages Department)

WING COUNTY SECONDARY SCHOOL

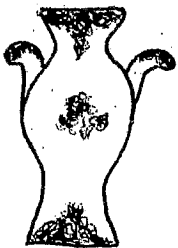
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THE RECTOR'S MESSAGE

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I never wanted to be a train driver when I was little; always a bus driver. And a parson as well, of course. So someone smiled on me, and I became both. Well, not all at once!

It was all to do with encouragement, really. Lots of people encouraged me to be ordained. Then, in 1977 I felt I needed more experience of a different side of life. So I left my parish. Turned my dog-collar round to fit a neck-tie, and applied to the United Counties Bus Company in Luton.

"You're not as young as some", the inspector said, as he stared doubtfully at my receding hair-line, "but sometimes older men make the best drivers." I was encouraged by that. On the first works test, after the instructor had heard my crunching crash-gear changes, he said: "I suppose if you've never driven one of these double-deckers before, you're not too bad." Praise indeed from a professional; I found that encouraging.

When, after two nail-biting weeks, I passed the Public Service Vehicle test, the official did not, thankfully, refer to my age. He just gently chided me for causing him to involuntarily change seats as I swerved to avoid a jay-walker on the Northampton test course. His forgiving attitude gave me much encouragement. After all, he could have been quite upset...

Isn't it great when someone says, Well Done! after we have successfully completed a job. Yes, but wait a minute: what about our encouragement of others? S. Paul once wrote to some of his friends who were feeling a bit depressed, "Encourage one another, and build each other up." He believed in the importance of words.

You might think it strange that a preacher would need to become a bus driver to learn about the significance of words. I guess I learned more about listening than speaking. When to keep quiet. How to commit myself in words - not just to preach at people in a pulpit, as they say: "Six Feet Above Contradiction!" At least, I hope I learned that.

Words really are important, you know. They can have tremendous power. Oh, I'm sure that a bunch of flowers or a box of chocolates - not to speak of the odd necklace or diamond ring now and again - can be a significant expression of regard. But it takes a lot to beat the powerful sentiment, the meaningful sincerity, behind the sound of words.

"Words don't come easy to me," sang F.R. David in the pop song. But whenever I hear that I want to say: "Friend, if words don't come easy to you, then you'd better quickly develop the art if you want to be really happy." Many a marriage fails at this very point. For, when I hear a wife or husband say, "We're not speaking at the moment", a chill strikes my heart.

If you ever travel on a bus, you will know that as the vehicle draws near to the stop, passengers will often advance towards the driver to indicate that they wish to alight. As I was driving through Dunstable on one occasion, a youth stood beside me and whispered in my ear, "I'm going to buy a Valentine card for my girl friend." "Good", I replied, "I hope you can find the right words, it's not always easy." "Well", he said thoughtfully, "I'm going to choose some words that are ardent, but...er'..... non-committal!" As he got off the bus I wished him all the luck, yet, secretly gave small chance for the future of that relationship.

Popular in the 60's was another song: "Tell him that you'll always love him, tell him - tell him - tell him RIGHT NOW."

I pray this may be an encouraging year for you. However, don't forget: there will be many who will need to hear encouraging words from YOU. What a resolution... Maybe, when you've read this, you'll need to tell 'em, tell 'em right now. Perhaps, even sooner

Yours sincerely,

FR. JOHN HEEFER

SPECIAL SERVICES AND EVENTS - PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

CHRISTMAS GIFTS "Scenes of the Nativity" in Wingrave Parish Church and the Carol Service at Cublington produced toys and parcels for the MacIntyre School, were much appreciated. Also, the Church of England Children's Society received £141 from the "Christingle" Carol Service, December 15th, and £86.70 from a sponsored Knit-in organised for their Christmas gifts in October.

ASH WEDNESDAY is 12th February so that the 1986 Easter Day (30th March) is VERY early this year. We shall need to think about Lent in good time.

ASTON ABBOTTS PARISH CHURCH host the Ash Wednesday Eucharist this year at 7.30 p.m., with the imposition of ashes as is our custom.

A LENT SERVICE (replacing 'Stations of the Cross') will be held for five weeks in Lent, beginning WEDNESDAY, 19TH FEBRUARY at 2.00 P.M. Each Service will last forty minutes, consisting of hymns, readings, prayers, and a short meditation on a special theme. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS These begin with the election of Churchwardens and conclude with a short meeting of the newly elected Church Council, to appoint officers and to deal with any urgent matters.

CUBLINGTON.....Sunday, 9th February at 3 p.m.

ASTON ABBOTTS.....Monday, 10th February at 7.30 p.m.

WINGRAVE.....Sunday, 2nd March at 3 p.m.

CONFIRMATION 1986 Increasingly people want to know about Christianity and the Church, and this could be - you. Next May we have our own Confirmation Service for our three parishes. The Rector will come to each parish Church on Saturday, 1st March, at the times listed below, to meet you if you would like to be prepared for Confirmation, or would like to investigate the possibilities, or (if you were Confirmed ages ago) would like to take part in a refresher course.

Saturday, March 1st:

Cublington: 10.00 a.m. Aston Abbots: 10.30 a.m. Wingrave: 11.00 a.m.

SUNDAY LESSONS

(ASB)

26th January	9th before	Easter (486) "Christ the Teacher"
		1 Corinthians 2(1-10) Luke 8(4-15)
2nd February	Candlemas	(757) "Presentation of Christ in the Temple"
		Malachi 3(1-5) Luke 2(22-35)
9th February	7th before	Easter (495) "Christ the Friend of Sinners"
		Colossians 1(18-23) John 8(2-11)
16th February	1st Sunday	in Lent(503) "The King & the Kingdom: Temptation"
		Hebrews 4(12-16) Luke 4(1-13)
23rd February	2nd Sunday	in Lent(508) "The King & the Kingdom: Conflict"
		Genesis 7(17-24) Matthew 12(22-32)

FUNERAL

After a Service in Wingrave Parish Church, interment in the Churchyard: May BIGNELL 4th December 1985

"JESUS" A film that has broken box office records at some British cinemas is coming to the Odeon, Aylesbury from the 28th February. This two hour film is so realistic that it is said that it will give you the feeling of standing in the presence of the Saviour as he walked on this earth. "Jesus" is the first time that a major film of the life of Christ has been filmed entirely in Israel. The entire text from the Good News Bible — the Gospel according to S. Luke. A £4 million undertaking.

CHURCH NEWS

This is written just after the Carol Service which was splendid. The Church looked particularly beautiful, the readings were excellent and the carols were apt and included some which we know but do not sing often enough. Above all the congregation was 84, fifteen more than last year. It occurred to me that a photograph would have given an excellent record of Aston Abbots 1985, perhaps we can arrange for Victor to take one next year. There is no doubt that the mincepies and cup of tea gives everyone a chance to meet old friends and make new ones.

Turning to our January services; our Family Service will be on the first Sunday in the month and will not be followed by a Communion Service. The P.C.C.'s intention is for one Sunday each month to concentrate on the family in church and we look forward to seeing even more families coming along to worship and praise the Lord. At its last meeting the P.C.C. made two particularly important decisions. The first was to give £300, roughly 10% of our gross income, to various worthy causes:

- £100 to the new Aylesbury Hospice fund.
- £100 to Muheza Hospital in Tanzania.
- £40 to V.S.O. (which with various grants they can multiply by twenty)
- £25 to St. Luke's Hospital (where the Rector was).
- £25 to Bucks Historic Churches Fund.
- £10 to the Chronicle.

Of course it is only because so many in the village give generously directly or indirectly to the church that we can do this. So we thank you all and like to think that we have the support of the whole village in this.

The second important decision was to give the church a new set of Hymn books. These will include not only all the old favourites but some of the newer ones. The print is exceptionally clear and we hope to use hymns, particularly at the Family service, which the children know from school.

So we go forward into 1986 in faith and in the knowledge that our congregation is growing and our support is growing which puts us in good heart.



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DETAILS OF SERVICES FOR JANUARY ARE ON THE NEXT PAGE.

CHURCH SERVICES FOR JANUARY.

5th. January : Family Service 11.15 a.m.	<u>Sidesman</u>
Readings: Isaiah 60(1-6); Matthew 2(1-12).	Mr. C. Spike.
12th. January : Holy Communion 11.15 a.m.	Mr. J. Ford.
Readings: Ephesians 2(1-10); John 1(29-34).	
19th. January : Holy Communion 11.15 a.m.	Mr. C. Higgs.
Readings: Galations 1(11-24); John 1(35-51).	
26th. January : Holy Communion 11.15 a.m.	Miss G. Ford.
Readings: See Rector's notes.	

THE CHRONICLE
FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1985

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
Individual donations	£ 7.40	Deficit carried forward	£160.40
Festival Committee (Jan.)	£ 25.00	from 1984 - and written off !	
Festival Committee (Aug.)	£ 85.00	Photographs (cricket team & school)	£ 58.95
P.C.C.	£ 10.00	Cost of production:	
Mary-Helen Crafts	£ 10.00	Jan - April (£20.40 x 4)	£ 81.60
Christmas Show	£ <u>50.00</u>	May - Dec. (£44.00 x 8)	<u>£352.00</u>
	<u>£187.40</u>		<u>£492.55</u>
Advertisements	£ 94.00	DEFICIT FOR 1985 : £ <u>186.15.</u>	
Prize from Village Ventures	£ <u>25.00</u>		
	<u>£306.40</u>		

You may think this presents a problem - and you would be right ! The comforting fact is that despite increased cost this year our deficit has remained fairly close to last year. I am not unduly worried but it would be nice to slip our benefactors a few quid in the new year !

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INSIDE THE BACK PAGE

A BIT OF THIS AND A BIT OF THAT
A few thoughts, stories, observations about nothing in particular.

LEG PULL

An Irish Story: Eoin Hand, former manager of Ireland's football team, was the target of much criticism because of his partiality for the player Mick McCarthy. One Irish journalist informed Hand that McCarthy was so slow that he, the journalist, could beat him in a running race. A bet was struck for twenty pounds. McCarthy won the race but in doing so he pulled a hamstring and was unable to play in a match against Denmark, which turned out to be Hand's last match in charge.

Some for the office noticeboard:

The world is full of willing people, some willing to work, and others willing to let them.

I know you believe you understand what you think I said. But I am not sure you realise that what you heard is not what I meant.

We the willing, led by the unknowing, are doing the impossible for the ungrateful. We have done so much for so long with so little we now qualify to do anything with nothing.

MORE MURPHY'S

A few more worldly wise sayings to add to last months article on Murphy's Law:

To err is human, but to really foul things up requires a computer.

Boren's Guide for Bureaucrats: When in charge, ponder. When in trouble, delegate. When in doubt, mumble.

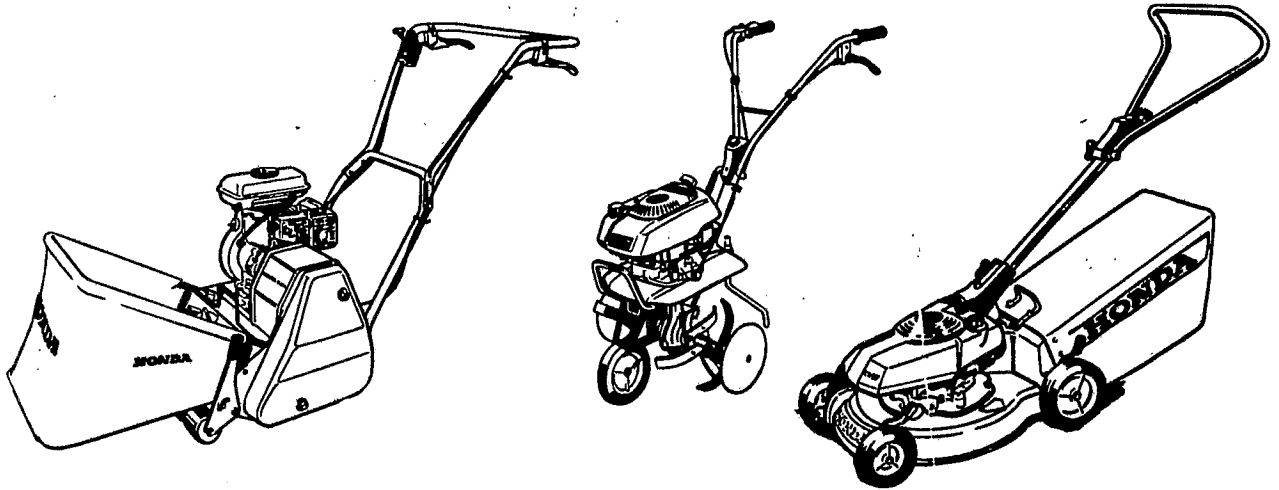
Rules for Economic Forecasting:

1. It is impossible to forecast accurately especially about the future.
2. The moment you forecast you know you are going to be wrong - you just don't know when and in what direction.
3. If you ever get it right, never let them forget it.



Cartoons are a passion of mine and the one above from the Washington Post is cruelly accurate. According to White House sources the last words the high ranking KGB official Vitaly Yurchenko said to his CIA security officer in the 'Au Pied de Cochon' restaurant in the fashionable Washington suburb of Georgetown were "If I leave will you shoot me?". When the officer said he would not, Yurchenko said "If I'm not back in fifteen minutes, don't blame yourself."

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