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Aston Abbott's Parish Magazine

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Editorial

My thanks as usual to all contributors and for the support given to the Chronicle at the Annual Parish Meeting and by the Friends of the Chronicle. Such moves have really ensured the financial future of the magazine. Having thus established ourselves now might be the time to look for a new Editor. As some of you may know there is a possibility that I will be changing my workplace. This may of course not happen - there is a good chance that I am unemployable outside my present position - but it might be as well to consider who would take over the Chronicle should I leave. If anyone, or group, would like to discuss the mechanics behind the production of the magazine before committing themselves I would be more than willing to explain!

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NOTICEBOARD

WANTED: Someone occasionally willing to play the organ or the piano at the Methodist Chapel. Offers to ROFF on 681413.

THE SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND HOUSE-TO-HOUSE COLLECTION

Many thanks to everyone who contributed so generously to the collection in Aston Abbotts during February. The total collected was £54.

FOUND/LOST : One MEDICO PIPE, found on the Wingrave Road. Ring 681778 Trish Webb.

FOR SALE : ISEKI AC2 ROTIVATOR - needs some attention - any reasonable offer accepted - apply Mr. Fox, Church Row.

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VACANCY

There is a vacancy at Wingrave Combined School for a Mid-Day Meal Supervisor. The hours of work are from 11.45 a.m. until 1 p.m. on weekdays during term time only. The rate of pay is £2.1185 per hour and a free school meal is provided daily. Applicants should call at school for an application form.

CONCESSIONARY FARES

You may now obtain your concessionary fare tickets from Aylesbury Vale District Council offices in The Mall, Friars Square. If you are getting these for the first time, ensure you take your pension book.

APRIL BUS TRIP

£2.30 EXPLORER.

- 8.19 Aston Abbotts - L/Buzzard.
- 9.06 L/Buzzard - Luton.
- 2.35 Luton - Aylesbury.
- 5.05 Luton - L/Buzzard.
- 6.00 L/Buzzard - Aston Abbotts.
- 4.10 Or 5.10 Aylesbury - Aston Abbotts.
- 7.55 Aston Abbotts - Aylesbury.
- 8.35 Aylesbury - Oxford (Rtn. 2,5.35)
- 4.10 Or 5.10 Aylesbury - Aston Abbotts.

WHAT'S ON

THURSDAYS 3rd. & 17th. WHIST DRIVE CHURCH ROOM 7.30 p.m.

THURSDAYS 10th. & 24th. BINGO CHURCH ROOM 8.00 p.m.

SUNDAY 13th. FOOTPATH WALK - MEET THE GREEN 2.00 p.m.

ASTON ABBOTTS YOUTH CLUB

Youth Club will start again after the Easter break on Friday 18th. April, hopefully with a demonstration on hairdressing. The next meeting on April 25th. will be just a general one.

LADIES CLUB

The lunch we held on 13th. March was a great success. Everyone who came thoroughly enjoyed it all. Mr. Doggett entertained us afterwards on the piano and we all sang 'Happy Birthday' to Mrs. Umpleby, who we were all pleased to see.

Our next meeting will be on 10th. April, when Mrs. Roberts from Wendover is coming to tell us about a walk from Bucks to Cornwall and after that on the 24th. April Miss Love will talk to us about "Life with the Rothschilds".

£44 for blind

A bingo evening held in the Church Room, Aston Abbotts, last Thursday was in aid of the Bucks Fund for the Blind.

The caller was Mr. C. Higgs, and the door steward was Mrs. L. Scutchings.

Prizewinners were: Lines, Mrs. Hoggston, Mrs. Higgs, Mrs. S. Wiggitt, Miss Hayward, Mr. Hoggston, Mrs. Cenamo, Mrs. M. Coleman and Mrs. Hayward; Houses, Mrs. Hoggston, Mrs. Cenamo and Miss Hayward. Special, Mrs. Angryk and Master M. Hayward; Raffle, Mr. M. Luxemburg, Mrs. Bellingham, Mrs. P. Humphreys, Mrs. Ceramo, Mrs. E. Allen, Mrs. G. Brandon.

As a result of the evening £44.15 was raised for the fund.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Graham,

Aston Abbotts will be entering the 'Best Kept Village' competition again this year. As you will remember we lost by only a couple of points last year. It would be good to win again this year.

One thing that everyone can help with and that is LITTER. Can we all resolve to pick up any we see and put it in a litter bin? If, of course, it wasn't dropped in the first place there would be none to pick up! Let us all, young and old, have a good try anyway, first not to drop it and second to pick up any dropped by someone else. Then we can all say with proper pride when people ask why Aston Abbotts looks so nice and clean 'there is no litter here because we don't like it and pick up any which we see'.

Incidentally I do want to thank Don Waite not only for cutting the Green, at his own expense, but especially for tidying up the ravages left by the kerbers. I have no doubt it will soon look better than ever. We had arranged for the piece outside Mr. & Mrs. Rumens to be kerbed so we must chase that up because it has been badly rutted again by some heavy lorry.

Yours sincerely,

Peter.

Chairman, Parish Council.

THE VIEW FROM THE CORNER OF THE BAR

I can see why Perce has that seat. You know the one, the one at the corner of the bar. It's not often that I have sat in it 'cos Perce is there mostly ! But, when I have got it there is a most remarkable view.

From that chair you can see the whole world going by. You can see all the changes that are happening in the village.

So I thought that if I was sneaky enough to get to the chair once in a while that I could report to you all the things that are happening in the village.

First thing you note is that the Bull has changed ! Hardly recognisable from what it was. They've knocked the wall down you know, and I get this terrible draft that gives me a crick in the neck.

Then the people have changed. At one time there wasn't a ~~sole~~ in the bar, now you can hardly move for bodies. Cor blimey the other day they had a Tarts and Vicars do there... what a sight... what a noise ! (I'm getting worried about Lol dressing like that !) Then they hold this meat raffle on a Sunday... but its fixed! Ginger keeps winning the steaks (Did you know his real name was David ?)

The gnomes seem to have left Radar alone at long last. Poor dog, keeps looking for a proper home to go to!

Have you heard the bells on Sunday ? I've only just found out that they've been teaching the kids to do it. That explains the din!

Hello, Perce is back... time to go !

People

OUR MONTHLY COLUMN ABOUT VILLAGE PEOPLE

Edited by Bridget Brandon.

BIRTHDAYS

7th. April Karen Brandon.
25th. April Marc Brandon.
25th. April Barry Sykes.

DEATHS

Mrs. Bowells 2, Bricstock.
Jim Bierton of New Zealand Cottages.

BEST WISHES

Mrs Umbleby (not sure of spelling) who has been ill, and belated 93rd birthday wishes.

THANK YOU

Don Waite who has cleared up the mess on the Green after the kerbing.

MARSHALLE & TRISH would like to thank everybody for their good wishes on the birth of Iain, who is growing fast.

MARGARET & RITA would like to thank everyone who supported the 'PREVIEW PARTY' fashion show. Many thanks also to the ladies who modelled the various outfits. A profit of £50 was made, which will be divided between 'The Chronicle' and Aston Abbots Youth Club.

FRIENDS OF THE CHRONICLE

The small band of People who have volunteered to be a Friend of the Chronicle need to be larger. The main reason is that to keep the operation going and Graham out of Debtors Prison the magazine needs an injection of Funds.

We have collected voluntary donations from some of the Friends and we have promises of money from the other Friends. However that is only a start.

If you enjoy the Chronicle, if you admire the one man effort put into it by Graham and if you want to help to keep it going then please volunteer to be a Friend.

Volunteer to give a little money

Please ring or stop us in the village and we will make sure that the money gets to Graham

ANDY BYSTRA 681690
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GRATEFUL THANKS

to the CASTELLANE FLOOD RELIEF team, the Sims family, Margaret and Barry. We are drying out now!

Molly & Fred.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Diana on April 28th. and congratulations to Kim & Diana who are expecting their first baby in October. Best wishes Mum & Dad.

RADAR would like to thank the sender of the unsigned postcard he received from Chattanooga and wishes people could have seen the look on the postmans face when told it was for a dog.

VILLAGE FETE - STALLS

I committed the sin of being away when the Fete Committee was elected. I found out that I was on it and given the nefarious job of 'COORDINATOR OF STALLS' - whatever that means.

Whilst we have some stalls sorted others such as the plant stall, need volunteers. Volunteers to man it and also to grow goodies to sell on it. So when you are planting, plant some extra for the Village Fete.

Any volunteers please ring me on 681201
.... if you don't I will ring you !

Neil Chesher.

RADAR REPLIES AGAIN ...

My flabber is gasted ! Since the March cartoon I have been hounded by people wanting to shake my leg and asking for my pawtograph. My master says he got another version of the cartoon which was a bit rude and certainly couldn't be put on general release, but if anyone would like to see it, they can, providing they put fifty pence into the Chronicle funds. We don't know who was responsible for this other version but we have a few clues to go on as I have a beagle eyed friend who spotted the person responsible during the hours of darkness neil down and'y popped it through my letterbox. Lots of people said the sketch of me didn't really do me any justice, so i've been sifting



through my hundreds of photos and found some real crackers to show you. The one on the left you will probably recognise because of the location. It is of course on the Isle of Dogs at last years London Marathon. In the centre photo, I have to admit I was a bit worse for drink, but it had been a great day at the Gnome Soaking Festival. The third one, yes I know, it looks as though I'm in a wind tunnel, which is hardly surprising as its one of me and my mate Prince, on our holidays, on top of Snowden (Mount not Lord). I'm off on my holidays again now to get away from all the attention.

See you soon,

RADAR.

TWINNING NEWS

May Weekend In La Bouxière Some of you will not yet know that the weekend has had to be changed. We shall now be going to La Bouxière from Thursday 29 May till Sunday 1 June. Crossings will be via Portsmouth-Cherbourg. There are in fact still some free places on the coach, so please consider joining us for what is sure to be a happy springtime family weekend, with a wonderful welcome and hospitality. Price: £25 for children, £35-£40 for adults. Bookings to Julian Humphrey, tel. 681341.

Easter Invasion! 34 young people from La Bouxière will be in Wingrave, Aston Abbotts and Cublington during the Easter holidays. Some of them are on an exchange visit and some belong to Junior Football teams who will play our Under 12s and Under 14s on Sunday 6 April. Spectators will be most welcome at this second international. Both matches are on Wingrave School field, the Under 12s at 10.30 am, the Under 14s at 3 pm.

French Quiz Evening Wendover Twinning Committee challenged our Twinning Committee to a quiz on France on 27 February. The teams turned out to be so evenly matched that a tie-breaker was necessary at the end, which WE won!

Jean Keighley

UPDATE

NOTES ON THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 14th.MARCH 1986.

Festival Committee for 1986 : Chris Brandon; Neil Chesher; John Ford; Shirley Ford; Brigitte Gutierrez; David Watts; Ruth Watts; Tricia Webb; John Whyte.

David continues as Treasurer, John Whyte was elected Chairman and Tricia Webb the Secretary at the committees first meeting.

Distribution of Fete proceeds for 1986 : St.James Church 20% ; Methodist Church 20%; Church Room 25%; The Chronicle 25%; Recreation Ground 10%.

There is approximately £300 in the Festival Committee's funds, of which part is required for contingencies and pre-fete expenses, but at least half is available for assistance to village organisations if required. Any village organisation in need of financial assistance for the benefit of the village is invited to apply to the committee.

Church Room Committee for 1986/7 : Fr. John Heffer (Chairman); Chris Brandon; Ivy Brandon; Margaret Chesher; Michael Cox; John Ford; Brenda Roff; Doris Scutchings; David Watts and John Whyte.

Church Room Projects : Plans are being considered for extension and improvements to the toilet facilities at the Church Room, and there is a possibility that grant aid may be available in 1987/8. Two fund raising events are to be arranged in 1986 - a car boot sale (jointly with the Chronicle), probably in June, and a 50/50 auction in the autumn.

NOTES ON THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE ABOVE.

Planning : It was reported that an outline application for two dwellings at Longmoor Farm, to which the Parish Council had objected, had been refused by the planning authorities. Plans for extensions at 'Gatesgarth', Lines Hill, were approved by the Parish Council.

Kerbing at the Green : It was noted that kerbing had been carried out, although not exactly in line with the arrangements originally made with the County Highways Dept. Thanks are due to Don Waite, who has since back filled with soil behind the new kerbs - a considerable improvement.

Wingrave cross roads : Following a recent fatal accident at the crossroads, renewed attempts are to be made to urge improvements. A meeting has been arranged between representatives of Aston Abbots, Cublington, and Wingrave Parish Councils, County Councillor Reg Keen and District Councillor Bryan Round to consider how most effectively to bring pressure to bear on the authorities. Councillor John Whyte represents Aston Abbots. It was generally agreed that the minimum requirements to reduce the dangers significantly are overhead lighting and illuminated bollards on the A 418.

Best Kept Village Competition : Our entry will shortly be submitted for the 1986 Best Kept Village Competition, and the Parish Council urges all residents to make a little extra effort to ensure that the village looks its best this summer, particularly in the first two weeks of June, when the preliminary judging takes place. Marks are lost for litter, untidy verges and overgrown hedges - if these are put right and kept tidy, we can win.

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Rector proposes lay-down protest

A LOCAL vicar is planning a sit-down protest at an accident blackspot as part of a campaign to get the junction lay-out changed.

The Rev John Heffer, Rector of Wingrave, is currently drumming up support among villagers in Aston Abbots and Wingrave, and if enough people are willing to join him he says he will sit down in the middle of the Wingrave crossroads on the A418 and block the traffic.

He says it's time Bucks County Highways Department took action to make the junction safe, following several accidents.

The most recent incident was in January, when Wingrave resident David Gaskell collided with two cars as he was cycling home from work. He received serious injuries and later died in hospital.

Mr Heffer, along with Aston Abbots and Wingrave parish councils has often called for changes to be made to the junction, but he claims Bucks County Council has never acted on the suggestions.

The Rector would like to see a roundabout built at the

crossroads to help slow down fast-moving traffic using the A418. And he does not accept the highway authority's claim that there is no room available for one to be introduced.

It is necessary for land to be found to halt the loss of life, and he added: "You can find the room if you really want to."

A temporary measure would involve altering the white lines on the road, which Mr Heffer described as "dangerous."

And he did not like the idea of installing traffic signals.

"Traffic lights would hold up the traffic on a very busy main road. We do not want to halt the traffic, just slow it down," he said.

Mr Heffer organised a similar sit-down protest, when he was vicar of Eaton Socon, on a road used regularly by heavy lorries. With the help of villagers he held up traffic for 20 minutes and generated a lot of publicity, some years later a by-pass was opened.

He hopes the Wingrave protest will have an effect too. "Such a demonstration could, perhaps, bring this matter to the mind of those who have the power to do

**By STEPHEN
FINCH and
JOHN CAMP**

something about it," he said.

But he says he needs as much support as possible, and is particularly keen to hear how much help the village parish councils would be prepared to give him.

Already some residents of Aston Abbots have rung him to offer their support after reading about his campaign in the village magazine.

People who would like to help Mr Heffer can contact him on Aylesbury 681623.

A spokesman for Bucks council commented: "The county council is of course very concerned that there

was a fatal accident at the junction recently. But, in fact, the accident record for this junction notified to us by the police shows that in the three-year period up to the end of 1985 there was only one accident involving personal injury."

He said that compared with some junctions in the county, Wingrave crossroads had a relatively good safety record. "And at a time when money is short, resources are having to be spent on priority cases, where there is a greater risk of accidents.

He added that the council had recently put up a new direction signs giving a clearer picture of the layout of the junction and had improved the white lines on the road in an attempt to make it safer for cars turning.

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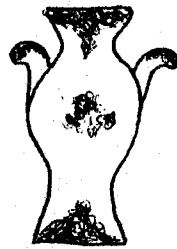
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This year there are two major changes affecting school curriculum. In this item I will briefly outline the new C.P.V.E. course and later I will write about the G.C.S.E.

The C.P.V.E. course is aimed at young people over 16 who wish to study a broad range of vocational areas for one year. It will usually be organised on a consortium basis which means that a number of schools and colleges will group themselves together so that maximum use can be made of the facilities available. All students on the C.P.V.E. course have Core Studies in ten areas which include Personal and Career Development, Communications, Numeracy, Science and Technology, Creative Development and Problem Solving. They also go on Work Experience and have many opportunities to develop their skills and discuss how they can best use them beyond school. At Wing we believe that using a problem solving method to develop independent learning skills does benefit the pupils. We have also attempted to include as much residential experience as possible because in living together as a group away from home the young people are able to develop parts of the personality and character which would otherwise remain undeveloped.

On the Vocational side the students follow an Induction Course where they "taste" various courses and then they choose which to concentrate on. These Vocational areas include Services to People, Technical Services, Production (including Craft, Design, Technology, Agriculture) plus Business Services and can be followed through three levels depending upon the interests and ability of the young people. Many of these courses are organised by the local Colleges and, therefore, a genuine link is created between school and College and the young people are able to make a larger circle of friends.

The Certificate obtained at the end of the course can be considered by the Colleges as part or all of their entry requirements to further training. This C.P.V.E. Course is ideal for young people who want to pursue vocationally based rather than academically based training but are still undecided about the exact nature of the vocational interest.

For further information contact Mrs. Pepper at Wing School.

WALLS SPORTS TOKENS

The Walls Company are issuing tokens with the products and schools can exchange these for Sports Equipment. If you obtain any of these tokens in your purchases over the next few months I would be delighted if you could send them into school. Most of you will know one pupil who will bring them or I can arrange for them to be collected if you ring.

YOUR HELP WILL BE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.

IVAN ANDREW - 12.02.86

A RETURN OF THE COOKBOOK ? I HOPE SO . IF YOU HAVE ANY CONTRIBUTIONS THEY WOULD BE GRATEFULLY RECEIVED MY THANKS THIS MONTH TO JOANNA PERKINS.

PAN HAGGERTY

A Northumbrian dish, best made in a large shallow dish rather than a deep small one:

4 large spuds, peeled and sliced
 2 onions, chopped finely
 ½ lb bacon, not smoked
 ½ lb sausages
 seasoning
 stock

Quantities given are for a small family of 3 or 4.

Chop bacon and sausage into bite size pieces, arrange alternate layers of potato, onion, sausage and bacon ending with layer of sliced potato. Season and pour stock half way up dish.

Cover and cook at about 180°C until nearly cooked, take off lid and cook until potato brown and crisp. (if potato doesn't crisp put under grill).

Hav a reel guid suppa! or as they
 say down here, enjoy your supper!

IT ALL STARTED. . .

It all started two Easters ago. A visit one beautiful sunny day and we saw the Old School House. This was the home and business we wanted! Sold up, bought a caravan with the hope that only a few months would elapse before moving in! Unfortunately the wheels of 'business' move very slowly so not until 4th. December 1984 did we finally move. It was beginning to get cold and damp up on the campsite. Work on the alterations started immediately, no time to lose but a very cold spell delayed us by three weeks. We were still camping but at least we were in a house - it was quite good fun.

We set a date to open - 21st. March. The first day of spring and our wedding anniversary. Things not quite ready - it will be Friday 29th. March. Finish work - rush home - open up - 5.30 and tables still stacked in the centre of the restaurant - cutlery not yet unpacked, bar stock not yet fully priced - Juan looking worried - children hungry.

Anyway with a very quick burst of activity all was just about ready. Time to open. Friends came on that first night to help us find our feet. Our chef then, was Rodney and his wife was expecting a baby any minute. The evening went well, I think - I can't really remember as everthing was a blurr. Phone call at approx. 10.30 for Rodney! Little Amy was on the way. Last guests still in the restaurant - everthing seems to have been O.K.

On March the 29th. we were one year on. Rodney has gone and Kevin is our new chef. Things are just beginning to settle down - still a lot of work to be done - particularly to our sign!

Double ticket £40.

Contact

Mr M. Webb

Appl. 281778.



Grand Masked Ball

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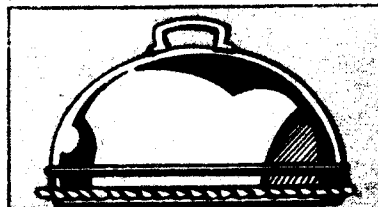
Buffet 8.45 p.m.

Dress: Black Tie

A Literary Quiz

Answers

1. Samuel Beckett's *Waiting for Godot* (1952)
2. They are all unfinished novels by Jane Austen
3. The first was the author of the *Peter Rabbit* books for children. The second is better known by her married name, Beatrice Webb; she and her husband were leading Fabians and joint authors of numerous works on social history
4. H. G. Wells's *The War of the Worlds* (1898)
5. The Empress of Blandings in several novels by P. G. Wodehouse
6. Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*, Goldsmith's *She Stoops to Conquer*, and Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest*
7. They include *Happy Valley*, *The Living and the Dead*, *The Aunt's Story*, *The Tree of Man*, *Voss*, *Riders in the Chariot*, *The Solid Mandala*, *The Vivisector*, *The Eye of the Storm*, *The Fringe of Leaves*, *The Twyborn Affair*, *Flaws in the Glass*
8. P. C. Wren: *Beau Geste*, *Beau Sabreur*, *Beau Ideal*, etc.
9. The Warden in Trollope's novel of that name
10. Xanadu in Coleridge's poem 'Kubla Khan'
11. Ben Jonson's *Bartholomew Fair*
12. Characters in novels with these titles by Sheridan le Fanu and George Eliot respectively
13. The hero of two of Trollope's Palliser novels, *Phineas Finn* and *Phineas Redux*; the hero of Jules Verne's *Round the World in Eighty Days*
14. Cleopatra in *Antony and Cleopatra* and Caliban in *The Tempest*
15. A day in Dublin (16 June 1904) of which the events provide the subject for James Joyce's novel *Ulysses*
16. Dylan Thomas, Thomas Hardy, Malcolm Lowry, Joseph Conrad
17. Sir Thomas More. It means 'no place'
18. All real animals: Robert Louis Stevenson's donkey, Elizabeth Barrett Browning's spaniel, and Dr Johnson's cat
19. All fictional animals: Barnaby Rudge's raven, Don Quixote's horse, and Launce's dog in *Two Gentlemen of Verona*
20. Christopher Isherwood's *Mr Norris Changes Trains*, H. G. Wells's *The History of Mr Polly*, Virginia Woolf's *Mrs Dalloway*
21. George Orwell's *Nineteen Eighty-Four*
22. Rudyard Kipling in 1907. William Golding in 1983
23. Jim Hawkins. Lucy Snowe. Philip Pirrip, known as Pip
24. In *Love's Labour's Lost* he is Armado's page; in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* he is one of the fairies
25. Captain Cuttle in Dickens's *Dombey and Son*
26. They are all what are called campus novels, with university settings
27. Beelzebub in the Old Testament; the Hebrew word means literally fly-lord
28. Francis Bacon in 1621
29. Shelley and his friend T. J. Hogg
30. Benjamin Disraeli, who wrote 14 novels as well as being Prime Minister



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CHURCH NEWS

In the event the ladies managed somehow to make lovely posies for Mothering Sunday which were much enjoyed I'm sure. We had a splendid congregation of 62, exactly the same number as last year, but no christening because I got it wrong! It is in fact to be at the April Family Service on April 6th so come along and welcome the newest recruit! Before then, of course, we will have celebrated Easter when we proclaim Christ defying all that man tried to do to shut Him up and stop His triumphant message. What a dramatic failure of physical oppression the cross enshrines. Instead of an instrument of torture it has become the symbol of hope and faith in all that is good. I mean just that, everything, but everything, that is good demonstrates the love of God. Good food, good wine, family life, the countryside, sunshine, rain an endless list and if only we concentrated as St. Paul puts it on 'whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report' we and the world would be better people in a better place. Christ came that we might have life and have it more abundantly' what a splendid message for these days.



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April 6th:	FAMILY SERVICE 11.15a.m. * 1 Corinthians 15(53-58) John 6(32-40).	Miss A.Hewitt.
April 13th:	HOLY COMMUNION 11.15a.m. * 1 Peter 5(1-11) John 10(7-16).	Mr. C.Higgs.
April 20th:	HOLY COMMUNION 11.15a.m. * 1 Kings 17(17-24) John 11(17-27).	Mr. A.Hewitt.
April 27th:	HOLY COMMUNION 11.15a.m. * 2 Corinthians 4(13)-5(5) John 14(1-11).	Miss G.Ford.



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THE RECTOR'S MESSAGE

Aylesbury 681623

At a dinner party some years ago Harold Macmillan said to a young guest: "You must be fed up, as a good Churchman like myself, with the boring services these days. It used to be the Church Year with Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent and so on. Now, it's all Africa, Freedom Fighters and Racism. Just one GUERILLA Sunday after another."

That may be true if we attend Church where the theme of each service is politically motivated. It really can be too much if every sermon and every prayer reminds us of Carol Barnes reading the international news! I know that it should lead us to pray, but it often makes us feel pretty hopeless and helpless.

On the other hand, if the Gospel has nothing to say about poverty and privilege, rights and duties, wickedness in high as well as low places, then it has nothing to say to living people. If, as a Christian leader, I hold my tongue when I see the increasing misery caused by unemployment in our country, then, shame on me. Yet, I do not necessarily believe that the pulpit is the place to say it. Here would be more appropriate... Oh for a government of compassion!

Anyway, Advent pin-points God's judgement on society, when the "sheep" who care about human need - and the "goats" who don't - are going to be 'sorted'.

Christmas, at Bethlehem, describes the Divine willingness to share man's squalor so that such conditions no longer exist.

Epiphany makes nonsense of racial prejudice - Christ's kingdom is for every man and every woman, where everyone has equal opportunities, regardless of nationality, creed or colour.

Lent leads to the excruciating pain of Good Friday. And no one, just no one who accepts the example of the non-violent Saviour can deliberately take another human life - for whatever reason.

You see, the cycle of the Church Year is not meant to prescribe pain-killing injections to dull the heart-ache of living. Nor is it advocating rewards for the "holy" after death: 'pie in the sky when you die'. The rhythm of the seasons exposes Truth, which challenges us to fight against every obscenity that breeds human misery.

Yet, such action is fired by inspiration. And the zeal and the ability to do the Lord's will cannot be snatched out of thin air. The Church's worship, however, guarantees - yes, guarantees - that inspiration to those who really want to respond. Whether it's GUERILLA SUNDAY or not!

I conclude my letter to you now with further words from ex-premier Macmillan, now a much loved member of the House of Lords. When Lord Home once asked him to put his finger on the point in time when the slide in values in Britain began to set in, he answered without hesitation: "The day," he said, "when the people stopped going to Church regularly on Sunday morning."

Yours sincerely,

FR. JOHN HEFFER

P.S. The fantastic and overwhelming response to my concern last month about the 'Black Spot' at the Cross Roads leads me to be absolutely confident that a demonstration would be well supported. The pathetic response of the Bucks C.C. has made me realise that the people must speak with their feet. We will - watch this and other spaces...

SERVICES AND EVENTS.....PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE

CONFIRMATION 1986 (21st May - 7.30 p.m.) As we go to print there are some eighteen candidates preparing for this important event in their lives. And, true to what we have been saying in recent times, 50% are adults. The Bishop of Buckingham, who will confirm them in Wingrave Parish Church on that day, told the Mursley Deanery Synod recently that the number of adults coming forward in this way will be the backbone of the future Church. Please pray for them; you might like to use the prayer that they are using, which is part of the Confirmation service:

Defend, O Lord, this your servant
with your heavenly grace,
that they may continue yours for
ever, and daily increase in
your Holy Spirit more and more
until they come to your
everlasting kingdom. Amen.

FAMILY SERVICES Are usually held in Aston Abbots and Cublington Parish churches on the first Sunday of each month at 11.15 a.m. and 10.00 a.m. respectively. Please check the Notice Boards, however, in case there is a change.

WIVES GROUP in Wingrave has now become the "WEDNESDAY GROUP", but the Church still retains its interest in its progress. The Wingrave monthly Communique has the details, but it is open to all ladies from the parishes. Further information can be obtained from the joint Co-ordinators - Mrs. Sarah Kennedy (681749) and Mrs. Pat Johnson (681389).

THE REVD. PETER BINNS is a teacher who has recently come to live in Aylesbury, and has kindly offered his services to us when he is free. He has been welcomed at Aston Abbots and is coming to Cublington, Sunday 13th April. On the Festival of SS. Peter and Paul (29th June) he will join us at the Parish Communion and at the 6 o'clock Evensong. He is very busy helping in other parishes as well, but such willing assistance is much appreciated by the rector and by the congregations.

<u>SUNDAY LESSONS</u>	(ASB)	
4th May 5th after Easter Romans 8(28-39)	(622)	"Going to the Father" John 16(12-24)
11th May Sunday after Ascension Ephesians 4(1-13)	(629)	"Ascension of Christ" Luke 24(45-53)
18th May Pentecost(Whitsunday) Acts 2(1-21)	(634)	"Coming of the Holy Spirit" John 20(19-23)
25th May Trinity Sunday Isaiah 6(1-8)	(640)	"Father, Son, & Holy Spirit" John 14(8-17)

DEANERY YOUTH WEEKEND This is for young people of 13 years and upwards. 2nd to 6th May. Camping in the grounds of Linlade Old church. Details from the rector.

BELL RINGERS AREA SERVICE Wingrave Parish Church, Saturday 10th May.

FUNERALS

Monday 10th March at Cublington Parish Church:
Arthur Ernest MALES

Tuesday 11th March at Amersham Crematorium:
Arthur Ernest BIERTON (of Aston Abbots)

Friday 14th March at Amersham Crematorium:
Mary BOWELL (of Aston Abbots)

"May they rest in peace"

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LETTER FROM LANCASTER

The long journey up to Lancaster is now taken almost without thought, it seems a perfectly natural thing to be doing. Much of the journey is unimpressive, the view from the motorway is either obscured by embankments, paralleled by the ugly tangle of metal and cable that powers the Glasgow bound inter-city or takes us through the blighted urban landscape to the north of Birmingham. But once north of Manchester the land is gradually squeezed by the sea and the Pennines, until at Lancaster they all but meet.

The town looks dour and dowdy in winter, the dull stonework seeming stark and spartan, but when the cutting westerly wind blowing in off Morecambe Bay takes pause for breath and the skies brighten you can see why Lancaster, with its castle, priory church and Georgian streets can claim to be the most consistently beautiful of all Lancashires towns. Even the modern buildings of the University, a mile or so south of the town, are improved by sunlight - but then what isn't!

The Ashton Memorial, with its green dome overlooks the town from Williamson Park, and its upper galleries give spectacular views across Morecambe Bay to the Lake District hills and the Lune valley and estuary.

The students continual quest for knowledge has caused us to explore many a by-road in search of the perfect hostelry. Learning is a thirsty business. One recent late afternoon saw us crossing the River Lune and tentatively edging our way down the northern shore of the estuary. The road was not marked on our map and at intervals along its course we were warned that high tide could leave us stranded. We noted the 'Golden Ball' public house standing on a raised bank to our right and resolved to return when the sun set or the tide turned.

The Lune, after its modest fifty mile journey southwards from the high Pennines beyond Sedburgh, surrenders itself to the sea at Sunderland Point in a mixture of salting and sandbars and sunsets of surpassing beauty. Here estuary becomes open water and neither modern lighthouses nor seawall can lessen the domination of sea and sky.

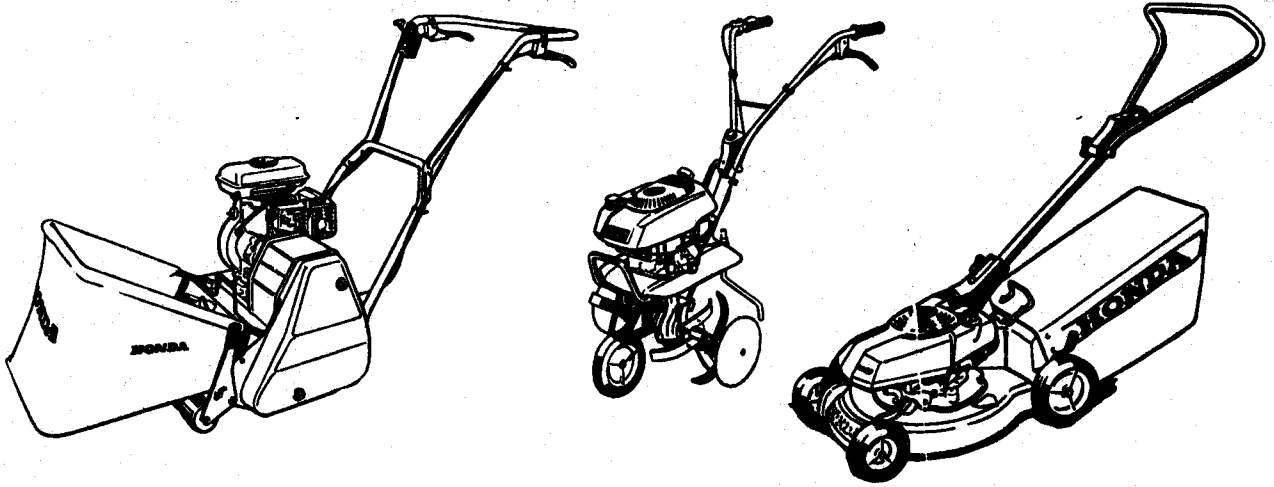
The rivers shallow approaches presented a growing problem as ships became larger in the eighteenth century. The difficulty of reaching the quays at Lancaster was solved, albeit partially, by the unloading of cargoes at Sunderland in the mouth of the river. Mahogany, rum, tobacco, spices and wine were discharged and stored in warehouses then moved by road or river to Lancaster. A Quaker merchant Robert Lawson, who developed an extensive trade with Africa and the West Indies, was responsible for much of the success of Sunderland. It is said that here in the early eighteenth century an unfamiliar cargo lay for many months awaiting a speculative buyer - Lancashire's first import of cotton!

Today, Sunderland Point is reachable only at low tide so as the sun set and the tide appeared to be turning we retreated to the Golden Ball to be regaled with stories of pirates and plunder of centuries past. A pleasanter afternoon and evening it would be difficult to imagine.

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