



The Chronicle

Aston Abbott's Parish Magazine

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Editorial

My apologies for being so late with this issue but the demand of external examination marking and then a week away in the sun interrupted the normally smooth(?) production programme. To those of you who have had material left out, again sorry, I will include these all in the next issue.

During last month 'The Friends of the Chronicle' met to discuss the financial future of the magazine. We have undoubtedly been taking advantage of the generosity of our printers, but with the economic stranglehold getting ever tighter they are having to be more cost conscious.

The meeting discussed various funding alternatives and the 'Friends' would like to have your views. Should we have central funding from the rates; from the proceeds of the annual fete; from independent fund raising through special events (Aaron your idea has not been forgotten); from organisations within the village or a combination of the above? Should we reduce the size and/or pages in the magazine; should we become bi-monthly rather than monthly? What are your views? Please let me know.

The Wingrave crossroads issue is once again in the news and there is a special Editorial on the subject, including articles from the recent issue of the Bucks Herald. We have tried every other form of legitimate protest; perhaps now is the time to show - in symbolic form at least - that this issue really is important to us.

Graham Parker.

DEADLINE DATE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE 21st JUNE PLEASE.

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NOTICEBOARD

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The Royal British Legion outing to Beaulieu on 29th. June will cost £5. None Legion members welcome. Booking at the Post Office. Next meeting 11th. June at 8.00p.m. in the Royal Oak.

WHAT'S ON

- SUNDAY 8th. FOOTPATH WALK
Meet Cublington X-roads 11 a.m.
- THURSDAY 12th & 26th. WHIST DRIVE
Church Room 7.30 p.m.
- TUESDAY 1st. JULY COACH OUTING TO BEDFORD
for shopping; five or more
people must go. Phone Ayles-
bury 24664 for Aston Abbotts
departure time.

LADIES CLUB

Our speaker in May was the Prison Chaplain, Mr Philip Menden. He gave us an interesting insight into the life in the prison in Aylesbury and his talk was followed by questions and quite a debate.

The "Not so Young" outing and tea party went well and I think was enjoyed by all.

Our speaker on the 5th June is Mrs Johnson from Haddenham who is to give us a demonstration and short talk on patchwork. That is to be the only meeting in June

YOUTH CLUB

Well, at the time of writing, we have managed to pick up most of the litter in the village and paint half of the bus shelter (we ran out of creosote for the other half!) Weather and time permitting, it should all be painted by the time you read your Chronicle and before they come to judge us for the Best Kept Village competition.

June is a very busy month for the Youth Club with a great deal happening. The dates to note are as follows:

June 6th - 13+ Disco at Whitchurch (in conjunction with Rural Bucks Youth Group), and games on the rec. for the younger ones.

June 13th - Walk to Cublington and back, avoiding the roads where possible.

June 20th - Visit to the "Point" in Milton Keynes

June 21st - Organised treasure hunt in Stockgrove Park, Leighton Buzzard, to be followed by tea - cost £1 including transport.

June 22nd - Trip to Alton Towers (with R.B.Y.G.) - Cost £9 - 13+ unless accompanied by an adult.

June 27th - Games on the Rec. if dry, in the Church Room if wet.

DAYS OUT ON THE BUS

Buy your explorer ticket on the bus.

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READING, bus station					10.44				2.44				5.44	
HIGH WYCOMBE, bus station				9.30				11.30	3.30				6.30	
Princes Risborough, Market Place				9.49				11.49	3.49				6.49	
Stoke Mandeville Hospital				10.02	11.02	12.02			4.02				7.02	
AYLESBURY, bus station	7.21	7.55	8.17	10.08	11.08	12.08	12.38	1.38	3.08	4.08	4.50	5.08	5.50	7.08
Bierton, Red Lion	7.29	8.04	8.26	10.15	11.15	12.15	12.47	1.45	3.15	4.15	4.59	5.15	5.59	
Rowsham	7.32	8.07	8.29	10.18	11.18	12.18	12.50	1.48	3.18	4.18	5.02	5.18	6.02	
Wingrave crossroads	7.35	8.10	8.32	10.21	11.21	12.21	12.53	1.51	3.21	4.21	5.05	5.21	6.05	
Wingrave Green	7.38	8.13					12.56		4.24				6.08	
Aston Abbots, opp. Bull & Butcher	7.43		8.35					1.02			5.08		6.14	
Cublington crossroads	7.47		8.39					1.06			5.12		6.18	
WING, The Dove		8.20		10.25	11.25	12.25			1.55	3.25	4.31			
Village Hall or Soulbury turn	7.55	8.21	8.47	10.26	11.26	12.26	1.14	1.56	3.26	4.32	5.20		6.26	
opp. Ascott House	7.56		8.48				1.15						6.27	
Linslade, Church Rd for station	8.04	8.28	8.57	10.33	11.33	12.33	1.24	2.03	3.33	4.39		5.33	6.36	
LEIGHTON BUZZARD, High Street	8.07	8.31	9.00	10.36	11.36	12.36	1.27	2.06	3.36	4.42		5.36	6.39	
Heath and Reach, co-op		8.40		10.45	11.45	12.45			2.15	3.45	4.51			
Little Brickhill, Green Man		8.48		10.53	11.53	12.53				4.59				
BLETCHLEY, bus station		8.55		11.00	12.00	1.00				5.06				
MILTON KEYNES, shopping centre		9.08		11.13	12.13	1.13				5.19				
bus station		9.14		11.16	12.16	1.16				5.22				

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shopping centre				9.28	11.28	12.28			2.28				5.38		
BLETCHLEY, bus station				9.41	11.41	12.41			2.41				5.51		
Little Brickhill, Green Man				9.48	11.48	12.48			2.48				5.58		
Heath and Reach, Co-op				9.56	11.56	12.56			2.56	3.56			6.06		
LEIGHTON BUZZARD, High Street		8.12	9.05	10.05	12.05	1.05	1.35	2.35	3.05	3.40	4.05	5.40	6.15	6.45	
Linslade, opp. Church Rd for station		8.15	9.05	10.05	12.08	1.08	1.38	2.38	3.08	3.43	4.08	5.43	6.18	6.48	
WING, Ascott House			9.16					1.46				5.51			
opp. Village Hall or opp. Soulbury turn	7.36	8.22	9.18	10.15	12.15	1.15	1.48	2.45	3.15	3.50	4.15	5.50	6.25	6.55	
The Dove		8.23		10.16	12.16	1.16		2.46	3.16	3.51	4.16		6.26	6.56	
Cublington crossroads		7.44	9.26					1.56				6.01			
Aston Abbots, Bull & Butcher		7.48	9.30					2.00				6.05			
Wingrave Green		7.54	9.36					2.06				6.08			
Wingrave crossroads		7.57	8.27	9.39	10.20	12.20	1.20	2.09	2.50	3.20	4.01	4.20	6.03	6.30	7.00
Rowsham		8.00	8.30	9.42	10.23	12.23	1.23	2.12	2.53	3.23	4.04	4.23	6.11	6.33	7.03
Bierton, opp. Red Lion		8.03	8.33	9.45	10.26	12.26	1.26	2.15	2.56	3.26	4.07	4.26	6.14	6.36	7.06
AYLESBURY, bus station		8.12	8.40	9.54	10.33	12.33	1.33	2.24	3.03	3.33	4.14	4.33	6.23	6.43	7.13
Stoke Mandeville Hospital			8.44	10.37	12.37			3.37					6.47		
Princes Risborough, Market Place			8.57		12.50			3.50					7.00		
HIGH WYCOMBE, bus station			9.16		1.09			4.09					7.19		
READING, bus station			10.02		1.55			4.55							

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Sundays

	AFTERNOON BUSES		
	AV X15	X15	
READING, bus station	5.21	6.41	
HIGH WYCOMBE, bus station	4.07	7.27	
Princes Risborough, Market Place	4.26	7.46	
Stoke Mandeville Hospital	4.39	7.59	
AYLESBURY, bus station	2.20	4.45	8.05
Bierton, Red Lion	2.27	4.52	8.12
Rowsham	2.30	4.55	8.15
Wingrave crossroads	2.33	4.58	8.18
WING, The Dove	2.37	5.02	8.22
Village Hall	2.38	5.03	8.23
Linslade, Church Rd for station	2.45	5.10	8.30
LEIGHTON BUZZARD, High Street	2.48	5.13	8.33
Heath and Reach, co-op	2.54	5.19	8.39
Little Brickhill, Green Man	3.02	5.27	8.47
BLETCHLEY, bus station	3.10	5.35	8.55
MILTON KEYNES, shopping centre	3.23	5.48	9.08
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	X15	AV X15	X15
MILTON KEYNES, bus station	3.34	8.14	9.20
shopping centre	3.37	8.17	9.23
BLETCHLEY, bus station	3.50	8.30	9.36
Little Brickhill, Green Man	3.58	8.38	9.44
Heath and Reach, Co-op	4.06	8.46	9.52
LEIGHTON BUZZARD, High Street	4.12	8.52	9.58
Linslade, opp. Church Rd for station	4.15	8.55	10.01
WING, opp. Village Hall	4.22	9.02	10.08
The Dove	4.23	9.03	10.09
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READING, bus station	6.02		

X14 X15

extra stopping points

- Reading, Broad Street
- Reading, Cemetery Junction
- Sonning Halt
- Cherhill, post office
- Burchetts Green
- Cressex Rd. Marlow Rd.
- Downley turn
- Pictonville, Bradenham Rd.
- Saunderton, Rose & Crown
- Aylesbury, High Street
- Aylesbury, Cambridge Street P.O.
- Aylesbury, Schweppes factory
- Bierton, Post Office
- Bierton, Hulcott turn
- all stops between Leighton Buzzard & Heath and Reach
- Coffee Hall, Saxon Street

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N from Northampton at 7.28

People

OUR MONTHLY COLUMN ABOUT VILLAGE PEOPLE

Edited by Bridget Brandon.

BIRTHDAYS

Shelley Sykes 5th. June.
 Fred Cross 6th. June.
 Kate Oates 10th. June.
 Sarah Lovell 25th. June.

Belated birthday wishes to
 Marilyn Sykes 27th. May.

Steve Richardson has left for a four month adventure trip around the world and will, we hope, be sending back a few stories for The Chronicle.

[Bridget has been into hospital and on behalf of everone could I wish her a speedy recovery. Ed.]

CHRISTIAN AID

Shirley Ford would like to thank all those people who gave so generously to the Christian Aid collection. The sum raised this year was £72, eleven pounds more than last year. Many thanks.

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THE VIEW FROM THE CORNER OF THE BAR

I'm starting to enjoy this column 'cos I seem to get lots of free drinks from mentioning peoples names !

So,here I am once again in this chair which is normally occupied by someone I'm not allowed to mention...and it really is amazing the things you see from hear..well after Barries birthday disco you don't actually hear very much!Stroll on what a din !The froth was vibrating on top of me pint....

The other thing that Barry is good at is giving Barbecues,but it's going a bit far to be doing it in the back of your van...if you get the picture !

The other Sunday ,whilst waiting for opening time ,I saw this blue flash go by through the village,blow me down if it wasn't Andy Ford getting fifth place in the Fun Run..well done Andy.

I see the tourists are out again..from this chair you can see the bums of the cyclists as they go by the window.

Time goes slowly for some you know....if you get the chance to ask him when he brings around the Sunday papers...you know who I mean...just ask him..ask him why Friday June 13th. is important at about 10.00pm.You'll be surprised at the answer !

Hello !...that face is at the window again ..It must be him !

Ay up ...looks as the chair is wanted..See you soon.

No need to push !

"I SHALL BE GLAD WHEN ITS
ALL OVER ; EVERY TIME A LEAF
FALLS I DASH OVER AND SWEEP
IT UP."



BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION.



"THIS MUST BE THE
PLACE HARLY"

NO BODY'S WHITER THAN
WHYTE WHEN IT COMES TO
A COMPETITION AGAINST OTHER
VILLAGES.

57/8



WILKINSON
SWORD

Make ours the

Best Kept Village

Once again this year we have entered the Best Kept Village competition for the Gurney Cup, presented to the winning village that has a population not exceeding 500. This year there are thirteen competitors throughout the County in this section, with no less than eight of these coming from the Vale of Aylesbury, where we are joined by Ashendon, Bishopstone, Chearsley, Little Horwood, Mentmore, Mursley and Weedon.

Preliminary Judging will be taking place now - 1st to 15th June.

Only if we win our regional section will we go through to the final judging, which will be held in the first week in July.

Everyone will be aware of the recent work on our roads by the water and electricity boards and the building that is going on. Inevitably the village is not looking at its natural best. So to keep up our high reputation we need to pay special attention to all those things that matter. The judges award their marks as follows:

The appearance and condition of:

1. Allotments; Church; Chapel; Village Green; Playing Field; Public Houses; Shops; War Memorial; Cemetery; Bus shelter and Church Room. (Marked out of 50).
2. Hedges and trees; Fences and walls; Verges and ditches. (Marked out of 20)
3. Signboards and noticeboards (Marked out of 5)
4. Bonus marks for general appearance of the village with special attention to the absence of litter. (Marked out of 25).

ASTON ABBOTTS FESTIVAL

THE ASTON ABBOTS VILLAGE FESTIVAL

The annual beanfeast or bunfight will take place on the Village Green on the 19th. July 1986

Rain, Hailstones, Snow and Frost will not get in the way of the usual display of village fun !

This is really a prewarning of some of the events which will be featured during the course of the day. More details will be available on these and others in next months Chronicle.

1. Painting Competition for Children

There will be two groups, up to 7 years old and 8 to 14 years old. The competition will be sponsored by the Old Masters Restaurant, with grateful thanks.

Andy Bystander will be the judge for both events.

2. Roller Skating slalom

Details will be available shortly but follows on from the success of the OS event last year.

3. Single Rose competition.

4. Victoria Sponge Competition.

5. Home Made Wine Competition

Repeated by special request after the being the surprise success on the 1985 event in the rain.

6. Childrens Floral Display Competition

Up to 12 years old.

Now for the begging !

To make the whole event a spectacular success we need a few items

1. Bunting

What do you have that we can use to decorate Green?

2. Grocery Stall

A collection will be made by the Youth Club of Groceries which will be sold on this stall. Please give as generously as you can when they call. Look out for next months Chronicle when you will see details of the collection date.

3. Plant Stall

Your cutting and seeds should have been planted by now and details will also be available next month as to how you can get them to the stall.

4. Raffle Prizes

The raffle tickets will soon be doing the rounds. However we still need a few more prizes to make this the best raffle that we have ever held. Feel generous and give.

So watch out for all of the details of this years Festival in next months Chronicle.

In the meantime please contact anybody on the committee.

John Whyte, Shirley Ford, John Ford, Trish Webb, Chris Brandon, David Watts, Ruth Watts, Brigitte Gutierrez, Neil Cheshier.

UPDATE

9.

REPORT ON THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ASTON ABBOTTS PARISH COUNCIL, HELD ON FRIDAY 9TH MAY AT THE CHURCH ROOM

Unlike any other Parish Council we have by tradition an annual rotation of the Chair and at this meeting Les Smith took over as Chairman with Colin Higgs becoming Vice Chairman.

Amongst the topics discussed were:-

Planning Application relating to request to allow a model aeroplane club to use a field on Longmoor Farm. The field in question is next to the first sharp bend as you approach the bridge on the Cublington - Whitchurch road. Already the Cublington Parish Council have objected on the grounds of disturbance, and the problem of parking, while the local Ramblers have pointed out that a well used bridlepath crosses the field. In addition there is the fear that requests for a clubhouse might follow which would do nothing to enhance the landscape! The Aston Abbots Parish Council agreed to support the objection already made.

Wingrave Crossroads was again discussed at length, and John Whyte reported back from the recent meeting with our County and District Councillors and representatives of Wingrave and Cublington Parish Councils. Following the widening of the road and the introduction of white striping the junction had been downgraded from 'hazardous' but over the year that followed the incident figures actually increased by 3% - the only case in the County where 'improvements' had actually resulted in a worsening situation. Evidence showed that over 600 vehicles came to the crossroads from either Wingrave or Aston Abbots in a day and that vehicles were often seen using the lined area as an overtaking lane. The meeting had been assured that this crossroads would be brought up at the next Highways meeting urging further investigation but had heard nothing since. County Councillor Reg Keen had persuasively argued that the best form of pressure we could bring on the authorities was through a barrage of letters detailing individual concern and giving examples of any incidents (including 'near misses') witnessed, and John Whyte repeated his request published in last months Chronicle urging everyone to follow this course of action. While supporting what John had said the Council did express its growing frustration about the lack of any real progress on the issue.

(See Abbotsbury - Inside the Back Page column for further discussion on this).

Kerbs and road repairs: the Council expressed its concern about the state of the kerbs and roads which it considered in several instances to be dangerous. The Clerk was asked to write to the Highways Department expressing our worries and requesting a site meeting.

Best Kept Village: our entry was confirmed and the Chronicle was asked to publicise our participation (see back page and Abbotsbury's Inside the Back Page column).

Street Lighting: the Clerk informed the meeting that the Electricity Board's maintenance charges had risen dramatically and he was asked to investigate alternatives and empowered to use the cheapest alternative maintenance services he could find.

Conservation: the Parish Council's Conservation document that was presented to the County Council two years ago not only gained praise at the time but has recently been mentioned in the booklet about the Bucks Village Ventures competition. Last month the Chronicle's Editor received a request for information about the document from a research student at Bradford University, and was happy to forward a copy but had to say that it had resulted in no action. It was felt that the time had come to try again and the Clerk was requested to reopen our request for Conservation status for parts of the village.

Church Row Pump: for several years now the Council has been trying to find someone with the requisite knowledge to initiate a renovation of the pump. Various names have been suggested but as yet nobody has been found who can help. Does anyone in the village know the person we need? If you do please let one of the Parish Councillors know.

Skips: the first of these will arrive on June 27th for the weekend and be sited on The Green, the second will arrive on February 6th next year and will be sited at Bricstock.

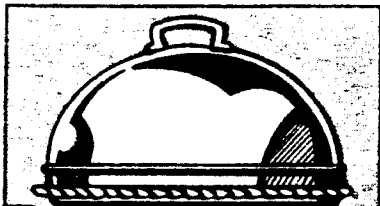
DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS OF PARISH COUNCIL 1986 -7

20TH JUNE: 15TH AUGUST: 3RD OCTOBER: 28TH NOVEMBER:
23RD JANUARY: 27TH MARCH: (this will also be the date of the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING)
and 22nd MAY will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish
Council following the May elections.

CAR BOOT SALE CANCELLED

Aston Abbotts Car Boot Sale has been cancelled due to the fact that it is to clash with the Wing Car Boot Sale on the 15th June, and it is felt that we would not get full capacity of cars. A new date is to be decided.

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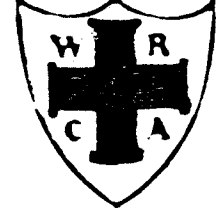
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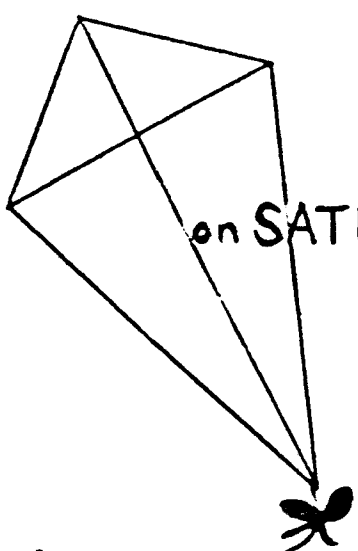
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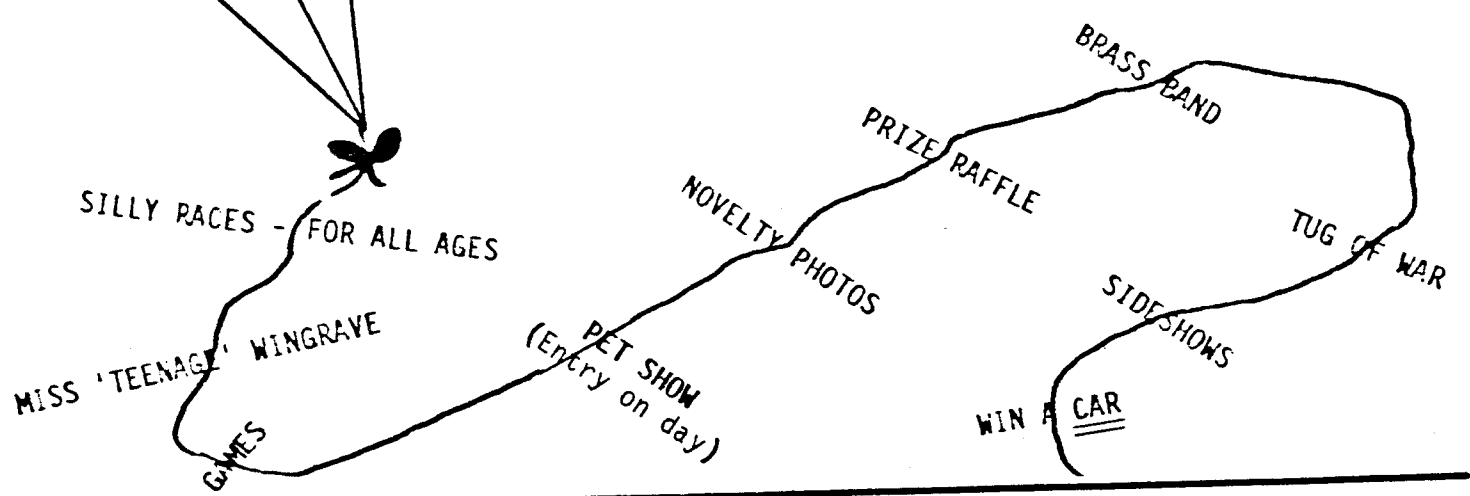
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Summer Fair

EXTRAVAGANZA



on SATURDAY JUNE 7TH at the SCHOOL
from 2pm onwards



Aylesbury Vale Hospice Appeal,

Dear *Linda*,

We really do appreciate all the hard work you put into this fund raising effort, and the final figure was a fantastic £4,721.68. Thank you all so very much!

I am sure you want to know just how much was raised from your own individual box, and this figure is below:

ASTON ABBOTS Village £.....*50.42*.....

Once again, with our very sincere thanks for your hard work and efforts during such a cold time of the year.

Yours sincerely,
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A MESSAGE FROM WING SCHOOL

G.C.S.E.

One of the biggest changes in Education in recent years is due to begin in September. Two major exams are offered for 16 year olds at the moment - 'O' Level and C.S.E. These will be replaced by one exam, the General Certificate of Secondary Education. For a school like Wing the big advantages will be that there will be one common syllabus and that course work will be involved in all subjects. This means that pupils who work hard in class but do not find exams easy will be able to gain credit for their work which they do not do at the moment in most subjects. There still will be some choice as to which papers a pupil will take in the examination, but the common syllabus will mean that the decision can be left until as late as possible.

The structure of the new examination is meant to allow pupils to demonstrate what they do know and can do rather than to test their weaknesses. This will put pressure on teachers to examine the way they present their subject and the emphasis is moving away from rote learning to understanding why things happen. Eventually it is intended that the grade a pupil obtains should indicate to a parent or employer what the pupil has achieved in that subject.

In the new examination the grades will relate to the two present examinations in the following way:

<u>'O' Level</u>	<u>G.C.S.E.</u>	<u>C.S.E.</u>
A	A)	
B	B)	1
C	C)	
D	D	2
E	E	3
	F	4
	G	5

The top three grades are intended to cater for 20/25% of pupils in each subject and the average grade over the whole range of pupils will be E/F. The Examination Council and the Government insist that this exam is aimed to raise standards not lower them and should remove many of the anomalies of the present system.

If you wish for further information please contact me and I will be very pleased to discuss the new examination with you.

SUNDAY 29th JUNE The P.T.A. are holding a Car Boot Sale from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. £3.00 per car. Last year a number of local organisations took the opportunity of organising their own stall to raise funds for themselves. The invitation to do that again is being offered to all local community groups. Last year money was raised for Old People, Wing Church and Cublington Playground. I am sure that other Churches, Schools, W.I.'s or charity organisations could take advantage of a stall. We do not charge for this and can lend tables. Please contact me if you wish to participate.

On the same day we are likely to hold a Sponsored Run to raise money for Sport Aid Famine in Africa. This will be organised on our own cross country track which involves no road running. Further details will be announced via pupils of the schools in the area and by poster.

IVAN ANDREW

CHURCH NEWS

I expect most of us listen to Radio 4 from time to time and pick up 'Prayer for the Day' or 'Thought for the Day'. Like me I guess most people are occasionally inspired and determined to follow through the train of thought set in motion by the speaker. Recently, somewhat to my surprise, Vivian Richards the majestic West Indian batsman and captain was talking on the Saturday morning 'Prayer for the Day'. It was the Saturday before the Sport-Aid one-day international, sadly washed out. I had watched him in Antigua handling his fantastic attack so I was particularly interested to hear him speak of his faith and the fact that he always carries his bible around the world with him. I wonder how many of us are as ready to talk about our faith and how we carry Christ's teaching into our work?



CHURCH SERVICES

		<u>Sidesmen</u>
1st June	Family Service 11.15 a.m. *Acts 2(37 - 47) Luke 14(15 - 24)	Mr J Ford
8th June	Holy Communion 11.15 a.m. *Acts 4(8 - 12) Luke 8(41 - 56)	Mr A Hewitt
15th June	Holy Communion 11.15 a.m. *Acts 8(26 - 38) Luke 15(1 - 10)	Mr C higgs
22nd June	Holy Communion 11.15 a.m. *Acts 11(4 - 18) Luke 10(1 - 12)	Miss G Ford
29th June	Holy Communion 11.15 a.m. *2*Timothy 4(6 - 8, 16 - 18) Matthew 16(13 -20)	Mr J Ford

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THE RECTOR SAYS -

One of the most depressing things in life is NOT when evil men do evil evil deeds (that is to be expected, anyway).....BUT.....WHEN

Good Men
do Nothing!

The Demonstration for safety at Wingrave Crossroads is set for Saturday, June 14th - RAIN OR SHINE....

Saturday, June 14th
at 10.30 a.m.

Please meet me there with your posters/placards, or just your good selves. We aim to prevent this blackspot from becoming an even greater hazard as the traffic increases. It will be a PEACEFUL demonstration. There will be no danger to you! It will last about 20 minutes or so. BE THERE... ..and let us try to save the lives of those to come - your children.

May God be with us.

FR. JOHN HEFFER

P.S. You may be surprised to know that - after careful consideration - I have decided NOT to lie down in the middle of the road on June 14th...

SERVICES AND EVENTS...PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

- 19th June Mursley Deanery Synod meets in Wingrave School at 8.00 p.m. Observers are always welcome to come to this meeting which will be addressed by Mr. Maurice Sweeney (Professional adviser for Mental Health for Social Services). He will speak on "Care in the Community".
- 21st June CUBLINGTON Garden Fete (See local publicity)
- 22nd June DEDICATION FESTIVAL AT CUBLINGTON. The United Evening Service will be a "Songs of Praise" at 6.00 p.m.
- 28/9th June WINGRAVE FESTIVAL:
Saturday: "Summer Market" in the grounds of the Parish Church (See local publicity)
Sunday: 10.00 a.m. The Parish Communion
6.00 p.m. Festal Evensong (The Rev. P. Binns)

NOTE 19/20th July: Aston Abbots' Festival

<u>SUNDAY LESSONS</u>	(ASB)	
6th July Pentecost 7 Romans 8(1-11)	(668)	"The More Excellent Way" Mark 12(28-34)
13th July Pentecost 8 1 Corinthians 12(4-13)	(673)	"The Fruit of the Spirit" Luke 6(27-38)
20th July Pentecost 9 2 Corinthians 6(3-10)	(678)	"The Whole Armour of God" Mark 9(14-29)
27th July Pentecost 10 Galatians 6(1-10)	(683)	"The Mind of Christ" Luke 7(36-50)

MINISTER FOR WENDOVER FREE CHURCH Colin Marsh will be ordained and inducted into the Church there on Saturday, 12th July. Both Colin and his wife, Anne, with their children have made a good contribution to the life of our parishes in numerous ways. We wish them well in their new sphere of service. Interestingly enough, Wingrave Parish Church will have a 'lighter' congregation when they have gone for Colin and Anne have regularly worshipped with us - a real example of ecumenism.

HOLY BAPTISM Wingrave Parish Church, 27th April:

BRYONY SIAN, daughter of Robert and Bronwen HUGHES

CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE Aston Abbots Parish Church, 3rd May:

Geoffrey Charles PULLIN and Nicola Tracy COBLEY

CONFIRMATION BY THE BISHOP OF BUCKINGHAM on Wednesday, 21st May: Benjamin Garland, Lyndon Johnson, Simon Kitchener, Joe Coombes, Tim Fisher, Sarah Bishop, Penelope Cooper, Caroline Evans, Alison Hewitt, Natasha Johnson, Ruth Kennedy, Janie Gates, Elaine Harris, Heather Kane, Diane Lovell, Sarah Lovell, Janet Rickard, Marion Sharp, Rosemary Thomas.

ADVANCE NOTICE OF HARVESTS! 7th September: Rowsham? 14th September: Wingrave URC, and Aston Abbots Methodist. 21st September: Wingrave Parish Church. 28th September: Aston Abbots Parish Church, and Wingrave Methodist. 5th October: Cublington Parish Church.

COINCIDENCE? All prayers are answered. But what if they are answered the way we wanted? Couldn't that be a coincidence? An Archbishop of Canterbury, William Temple used, to say on this point: "When I pray coincidences happen, and when I do not pray, coincidences don't happen!" and perhaps that is all there is to say.

Rector to stop traffic at accident blackspot

At the recent Parish Council Meeting further concern was expressed about Wingrave crossroads. There was a sense of growing frustration about the apparently unfeeling lack of urgency that emanated from the County Council. Perhaps this is to be expected in a large bureaucracy. Action can only follow investigation which itself only results from protests such as those we have all been making.

Following the meeting organised by Bryan Round (and reported in last month's Chronicle) the matter was raised at the Highways Sub-Committee of the County Council. Officers of the Highways Department were requested to report back to the next Sub-Committee meeting on the feasibility of improving safety at the crossroads with measures such as those suggested at Bryan Round's meeting. Before the Sub-Committee meeting District Councillor Bryan Round commented that he was "quite hopeful about the outcome."

The result of the meeting is well reported in the Bucks Herald:

THE Rev. John Heffer will stop the traffic at Wingrave crossroads in protest at Bucks County Council's inaction over the accident blackspot.

He hopes that around 100 villagers from his parish of Wingrave, and also Aston Abbots and Cublington will join him by walking into the road at the spot where a cyclist was killed earlier this year.

Last Thursday, the county council's highways sub-committee recommended that no action should be taken at present over the crossroads on the A418 Aylesbury to Leighton Buzzard road.

However the county engineer's department is to prepare and cost a scheme for street lighting there which will be considered by the sub-committee next March if funds have been allocated for new lighting in the 1987/88 budget.

Mr. Heffer, who is Rector of Wingrave, is convinced that nothing less than a roundabout will cure the problem, and he plans to carry a placard saying "white spot not black spot" when he demonstrates next month.

On Friday, after hearing the sub-committee's decision, he told the Herald: "What frightens me about this is the kind of lazy attitude the council have adopted towards it.

"It's as if it doesn't matter

that someone was killed there. They can spend thousands if not millions on the most extraordinary set of roundabouts at the Hen and Chickens in Aylesbury, where drivers don't know whether they are coming or going, and yet in this case the county council don't want to know," he said.

Parish councillors who had campaigned for something to be done, told him he was unwise to go ahead with the protest because they were sure that the county council would take action.

But Mr. Heffer said: "I

have not heard anything which inspires me to think the county council are going to do anything but talk about things, so I will be going ahead," he said.

In the latest parish newsletter which circulates in the three villages he urges people to join him in what he says will be a peaceful demonstration with no danger to those taking part.

He writes that what depresses him is not the evil things evil men do, which are to be expected, but when good men do nothing.

The demonstration will

take place on Saturday, June 14. "I will hold up the traffic for a short period by walking round in a circle in the middle of the road when the traffic has been made safe.

He said the council's plans for street lighting were not the answer because most of the accidents and near misses he had heard about happened in the daytime.

He hopes the council will reconsider the problem after the protest, but if it does not he will demonstrate again: "We will do it again and again until we get the right answer," he said.



Call for demo boycott

A PLEA to people not to join the Rector's demonstration at Wingrave crossroads, was made by Cllr. Reg. Keen at Bucks County Council's highways sub-committee last week.

"I strongly urge the people of Wingrave, Aston Abbots and Cublington not to take part in this demonstration, and let democracy take its course," said Cllr. Keen.

"I am concerned that this type of demonstration could cause an accident, and I am totally against it happening."

Cllr. Keen said the crossroads was a cause of grave local concern and there had been three fatalities there.

In January, cyclist David

Gaskill was killed at the crossroads: "He was a popular family man and it was a great tragedy for the village," he said.

"I don't think I have seen a worse crossroads than this one. It's a very dangerous road and a very difficult road. I do not accept any criteria for road casualty figures.

"There have been three fatalities and I don't want another one. I don't want anything to happen on the day the Rector is making his protest."

Cllr. Keen suggested that a street lighting scheme now being costed for 1987/88 should be included by the Budget Review Panel in this year's estimates. He said that

lighting at the spot would be beneficial and essential.

"The only safe and sensible answer would be for a roundabout at the crossroads, but it would cost a lot of money," he said.

In his report county engineer, Mr. Brian Royle said that the site did not appear in the blacklist because there had been few reported injury accidents. He said the latest traffic flow count done on May 21, showed that only 20 cyclists used the road.

Cllr. Keen said that the count had been done on one of the rainiest days of the year. "I am quite sure that there would have been more cyclists on the road that day if it had not been for the weather," he said.

Mr. Royle said in his report that he was unhappy about the situation but felt obliged to recommend no action at present.

He told the meeting: "The fatal accident stirred up a lot of emotion in the area. Compared with many sites the accident rate there is very low indeed," but he added that there were disturbing features about the crossroads.

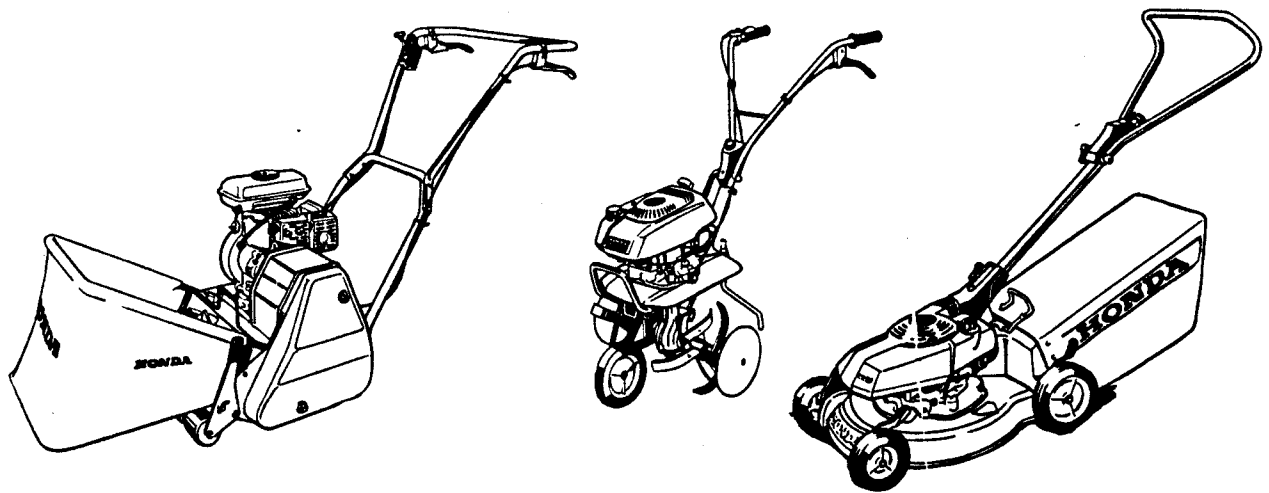
"There is very little opportunity for overtaking and people take chances when possibly they shouldn't," he said.

He said that he department could cost the street lighting scheme as quickly as possible and they would also have to look for a long term solution for the junction.

The views of the pessimists seem to have been confirmed. Cllr. Keen fears an accident if the demonstration goes ahead but we all fear more accidents unless something positive is done. The Rectors protest will not result in instant action but it will help to highlight our concern, unfortunately in our democracy publicity highlighting public concern is essential or the powers that be ignore, or at the very least appear to ignore, genuine public fears. On this basis I would support the Rector's planned protest, I hope he will receive the support I believe he deserves.

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