

The Chronicle

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Editorial

Not much to say this month except to add my congratulations to the many that must have been showered upon Samantha Knowles of Wing School following her selection for a place at the World College of the Atlantic (See 'A Letter From Wing' for more details).

This month sees the annual village Festival and this time we deserve a day free from freak downpours. Can I also urge you all to give generously - the Chronicle remains in need !

Talking of the Chronicle's finances from September we are going to have to pay the full cost of production and in next months issue the Friends of the Chronicle (who have kindly agreed[?] to take over the financial affairs of the expanding newspaper empire) will be putting the facts before you. There are some serious decisions to be made and we would appreciate your views but more of this next month.

In the meantime enjoy the summer it may not be around for long.

Graham Parker

DEADLINE DATE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE : 15th. July if possible!

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ASTON ABBOTTS FESTIVAL

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The festival is all lined up to happen 19th July at 2.00 pm.
Good weather has been ordered for the day !
The Festival will be opened by a well known Newspaper Tycoon.
Among the Star attractions are :

- * THE HANDICRAFTS STALL.....Mary-Helen Crafts
- * THE BOUNCY CASTLE.....Sponsored by the Bull and Butcher
- * TOMBOLA STALL.....The Youth Club
- * GROCERY STALL.....Bridgette Guttieres
- * PLANT STALL.....Kay Dines
- * BRICABRAC.....Nora Little
- * BRAN TUB.....Anita Parker
- * ICECREAM FARLOUR.....Doris Scutchings
- * GREAT HORWOOD BAND
- * AFTERNOON TEAS.....Shirley Ford
- * THE RAFFLE.....Many Prizes
- * TREASURE HUNT
- * SKITTLES.....John Ford /Len Scutchings
- * GAMES/SIDESHOWS.....Chris Brandon
- * CAKE STALL.....Brenda Roff
- * UNIQUE BALLOON STALL.....Ruth Watts
- * BARBECUE.....The Famous Five
- * ROLLER SKATING DERBY.....Jon Cheshier
- * SINGLE ROSE COMPETITION.....Sponsored by Heuga Carpet Tiles
- * CHILDRENS PAINTING COMPETITION.Sponsored by The Old Masters
- * VICTORIA SPONGE COMPETITION....Judged by Juan Guttieres
- * CHILDRENS FLOWER ARRANGEMENT...Judged by Colin Higgs
- * HOMEMADE WINE COMPETITION.....Sponsored by J & S Ford
- * VEGETABLE COMPETITION.....Judged by Tricia WebFoot
- * OTHER SURPRISE ATTRACTIONS THROUGHOUT THE AFTERNOON

There are plenty of Tickets to be sold for the Raffle so please make a point of asking Doris for more..and more !

John Whyte reports that even though at least £ 60 has been put towards the prizes and others have been donated if you are still feeling generous then we need more.

Brenda,on the Cake stall, needs all the help she can get so please bring along some cakes for her to sell.

The Plant stall needs to have sufficient plants on it so that Kay Dines is kept frantically busy all afternoon.So bring all you've got !

There will be a grocery collection by the Youth Club on Wednesday 16th.July.Who ever has got the tin of roll mop Herrings can put it in again this year !

All competition entries have to be on site by 3.00 pm and judging will commence at 3.15pm.Please be sure to mark your entries.10p per entry.

The Roller skating Derby is a new venture for children under 15 years old.Bring your own skates and there is a prize for every entrant and a top prize for the fastest boy and girl of the day.25p per run.

All paintings to the Village hall where Andy Bystander will do the judging and award the Prizes.

The Victoris Sponge should be made to your own recipe but no sponge to weigh more than 5lbs.

Mary-Helen Crafts would like you to bring items which they could sell on the Handicrafts stall.

So,there are all the makings of a fantastic afternoon of fun and the vicar has assured me that if he can stop the traffic he can also stop the rain.So come on Vic,give it a go !

Any queries about the afternoon or any of the competitions just ask John Whyte..he's a civil servant and knows everything.

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QUIZ

Thanks to Aaron Kapui for this months quiz.

1. What number is as much more than 10 as it is less than half of what 30 is 10 less than?
2. Cow is to barn as man is to (i)stable (ii)milk (iii) house (iv)farm (v) restaurant.
3. When Aunt Meg makes soup she put one bean for each two peas. If her soup contains a total of 300 peas and beans, how many peas are there?
4. Which object does not belong in this group: (i)radio (ii) battery (iii) boiler (iv) telephone.
5. ABD is to CBA as QRT is to ___ ?
6. He is to him as she is to: (i) me (ii) them (iii) hers (iv) her (v) his.
7. How many letters in this series come just before an odd number and just after a number larger than six : Z,1,9,A,4,B,3,14,19,C,8,9,B,5,D,12,E,17
8. Botanist is to sociologist as plant is to : (i) women (ii) problems (iii) society (iv) sociology.
9. Twenty men can dig forty holes in sixty days; so ten men can dig twenty holes in how many days ?
10. Which letter does not belong in this series : Z,Y,X,Q,W,V.
11. Plane is to solid as line is to: (i) square (ii) circle (iii) angle (iv) rectangle (v) plane.
12. Which number is wrong in this series: 2,6,17,54,162.
13. What number comes next: 2,9,6,7,18,5.
14. If A & B are letters; write C unless 5 & 5 add up to 10, in which case don't write anything but D.
15. South is to northwest as west is to: (i) north (ii) southwest (iii) northeast (iv) southeast.

ANSWERS AT THE BOTTOM OF PAGE 2. 10.



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WHATS ON

- MONDAY 28th. JULY : COACH OUTING TO BILLING AQUADROME/WICKSTEED (Must have 5 persons to go) Phone Aylesbury 23445 for Aston Abbotts departure time.
- TUESDAY 29th. JULY : EVENING FOOTPATH & WILDLIFE WALK with Colin Higgs & Vic Scott. Everyone welcome - meet the Green 7.00 p.m.
- THURSDAY 10th & 24th.: WHIST DRIVE - CHURCH ROOM at 7.30 p.m.

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SATURDAY & SUNDAY 19th & 20th. JULY : FESTIVAL WEEKEND.

"AFTER-THE-FETE" LUNCH

Why not round off the Fete week-end by coming to lunch in the Church Room on Sunday July 20th? (Think of the washing-up you won't have to do!)

Tickets for the 3-course meal include one glass of wine and cost £3 for adults and £1.25 for children under 12. The time to aim for - 12.30 for 12.45 pm.

Tickets available from Doris Scutchings at the Post Office or Margaret Chesher, 20 The Green (tel. Ayl. 681201).

SEE YOU THERE!

YOUTH CLUB

The July programme for the Youth Club is as follows:

Friday July 4th - No meeting

Saturday July 5th - Afternoon excursion to Ashridge to include walk, swim and tea.

Wednesday July 11th - Collection of grocery etc. for Fete.

After the session on July 11th, the Youth Club will close down for the summer months.

NOTICEBOARD

LADIES CLUB

On June 5th. Mrs. Johnstone came from Haddenham to show us examples of patchwork and to give a general talk about the process. It showed us what can be done by an expert!

The outing planned for 19th. June was abandoned - no agreement being reached on a venue. A meeting was held instead in the Church Room, Mrs. Sinot showed some more of her slides.

The first of the two meetings in July is on the 3rd. As we don't have a speaker, we shall hold a general meeting discussing, amongst other things, the programme for next year.

The session will end on July 17th. with a tea party at Marloes, the home of Ruth Bellingham. We are very grateful for her hospitality.

Bingo raises cash for the festival

A BINGO evening was held in the Church Room at Aston Abbots to raise funds for the village festival, being held in July.

Mr L. Scutchings was the caller and Mrs Scutchings door steward. Refreshments were served in the interval.

Prizewinners were, lines: Miss D. Hayward, Mrs Cennamo, Mrs Hayward, Mrs G. Fox, Mrs C. Higgs and Mrs D. Waite. Houses: Mrs Angryk, Mrs D. Waite (2), Mrs Hayward, Mrs G. Brandon, Mrs P. Dixon, Mrs Scutchings. Special: 1. Mrs P. Dixon, 2. Mrs Cennamo. Raffle: 1. Mrs D. Waite, 2. and 3. Mrs Cennamo.

Whist-ful event

Mr C. Higgs was master of ceremonies at a whist drive in the Church Room, Aston Abbots.

Prizewinners were: Mrs Rose Worwood, Mrs Hodson, Mrs Gill, Mr D. Waite and Mrs C. Griffin. Special: Mrs C. Griffin and Mrs P. Rickard. Raffle: Mr D. Waite, Miss V. Saunders and Mrs Gill.

OUTINGS BY BUS FOR THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

BUY YOUR EXPLORER TICKET ON THE BUS

Depart ASTON ABBOTTS 7.48 : 9.30 : or 2.00 to AYLESBURY. Then service 61 from Aylesbury at 8.45 : 10.40 : or 2.40 for TRING MUSEUM or TRING RESERVOIRS. Return MARSWORTH 3.40 or 4.55 or from TRING at 3.50 or 5.07 ; then Aylesbury to Aston Abbots at 4.50 or 5.50.

Service 536 or Redrover 2 from Aylesbury at 9.10; 10.10 or 2.40 to WINSLOW HALL or BUCKINGHAM. Return Buckingham 3.10 or 4.00 ; Winslow 3.25; 4.20 or 4.45 (Not Sats). Then Aylesbury to Aston Abbots at 4.50 or 5.50.

Service 565/6/7 from Aylesbury at twenty and forty minutes each hour to WENDOVER - an exciting area to explore and picnic. Return from Wendover at twelve, twenty one or fifty two minutes past each hour, until 5.12. Then Aylesbury to Aston Abbots at 4.50 or 5.50.

Depart ASTON ABBOTTS 8.35 or 1.02 to LEIGHTON BUZZARD (extra bus Tuesdays at 10.45). Then service 141 departing L/Buzzard at 9.05; 12.00 or 2.20 to WOBURN PARK or WOBURN SANDS for the woods. Return Woburn Sands 5.00p.m.; Woburn 5.05. Then L/Buzzard to Aston at 5.40.

COACH OUTINGS

PLEASE BOOK WITH COLIN ON 681343.

TUESDAY 29th. JULY: Depart Aston Abbots 10.45 for L/Buzzard or Bedford.
Return L/Buzzard 1.35 bus (Return Bedford at 4.00p.m.)

TUESDAY 12th. AUG : Depart Aston Abbots 10.45 for L/Buzzard or Milton Keynes.
Return L/Buzzard on 1.35 (return Milton Keynes 4.30).

TUESDAY 26th. AUG : Depart Aston Abbots 10.45 for L/Buzzard or Luton (Arndale).
Return L/Buzzard 1.35 (Return from Luton 4.30).

SATURDAY 19th. AUG : Depart Aston Abbots 10.00 a.m. for LONDON. Return 5.00p.m.

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People

OUR MONTHLY COLUMN ABOUT VILLAGE PEOPLE

Edited by Bridget Brandon.

Birthdays

- 1st. JULY JOHN CHESHER
- 2nd. JULY ARTHUR TUPLIN & DONNA WIGGETT.
- 4th. JULY GINGER.
- 6th. JULY BRENDA MALIN & MARGARET KENT.
- 7th. JULY LEN SCUTCHINGS.
- 13th. JULY DON HINDS & VIC SCOTT.
- 24th. JULY RUTH WATTS.
- 27th. JULY DEE WHYTE.
- 29th. JULY LAWRENCE HINDS.

Congratulations

Barry & Marylin Sykes on their 16th. wedding anniversary on July 20th. (I heard a rumour that their beer will be 10p. a pint cheaper that night).

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Childrens Entertainment 1986

The free childrens show will again be touring the Aylesbury Vale and will be in Aston Abbots on the 4th. of August. Look out for posters giving the time.

VIEW FROM THE CORNER OF THE BAR

Another month gone by and another month of reportable goings on in the Bull.

You see it all from this seat you know, why old Arthur comes in on a Sunday to cool down his tonsils after all that singing in Church and then there's this chairs owner talking about Rook Pie...Rook pie?

Birthdays and Highdays come and go...Then there was the occasion of the 21st of a certain Mr Thomas Manning. What a do! Was his face red when the Female cop decided to make a clean breast of it! I understand that Tom is still trying to get the negatives off Stuart.

I see Barry has got a new orange van after the last one went up in flames but times must be hard judging from the size of it.

I see someone has painted the bus shelter, at least the Parish Council has given up on the idea of using Child Labour...mean Devils!

Fete's on next month but you wont see me there 'cause I understand the Pub is open all day.

Cheers!

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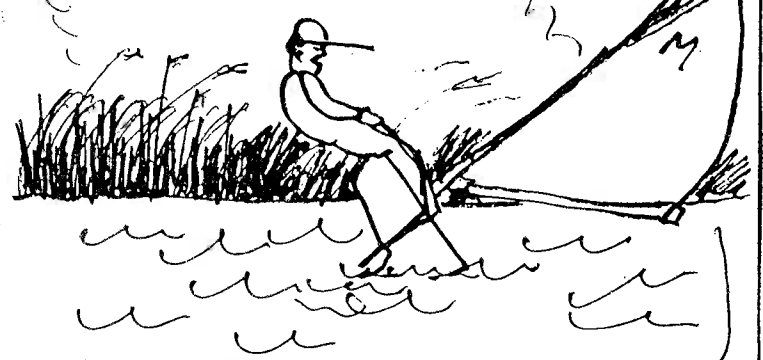
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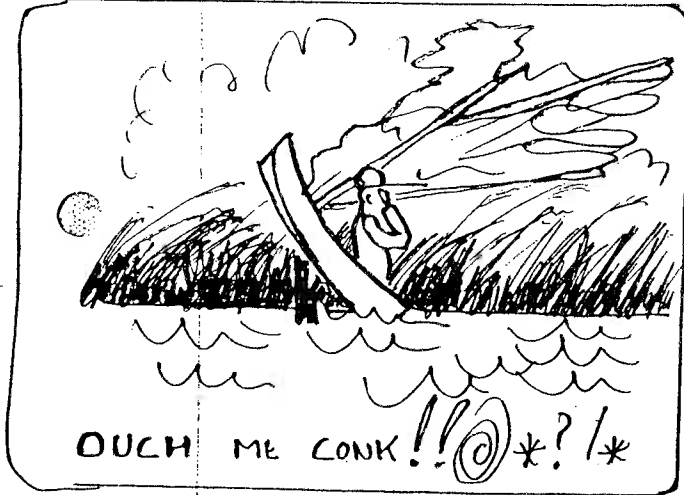


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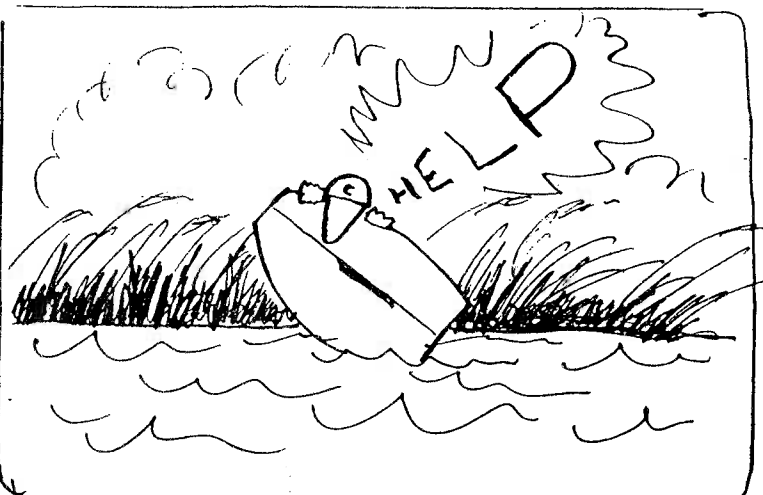
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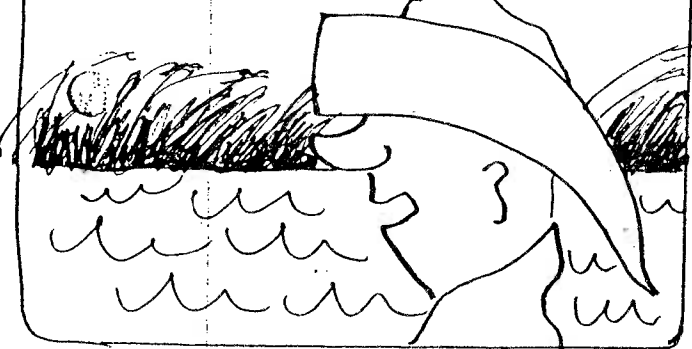
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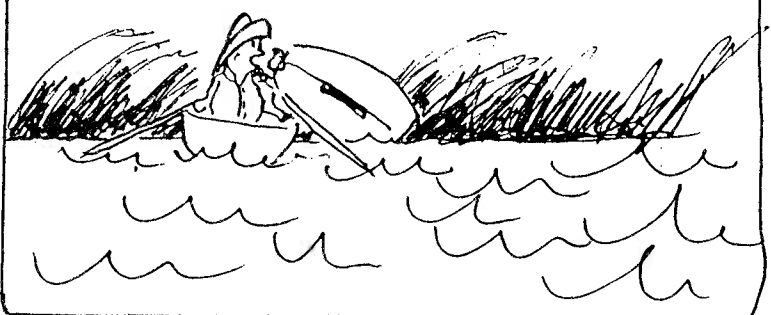
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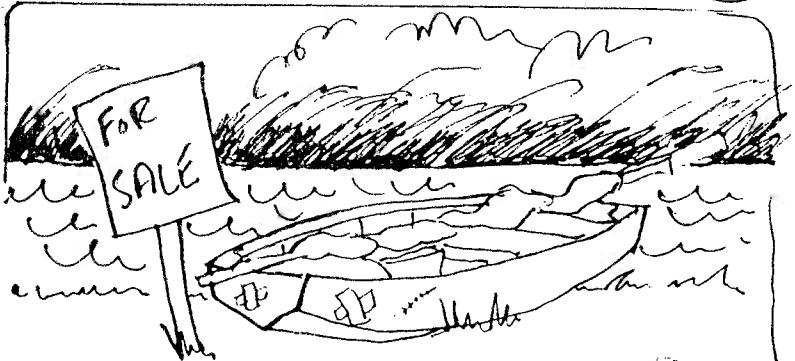
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BIKE HIKE

AN OCCASIONAL ARTICLE BY L.O.MEBUTY

A hot day, open countryside ... time to get the bike out and go for a run. What better way to spend a Sunday afternoon than a couple of pints, a nice roast and Yorkshire and then a run round the country lanes on the faithful old bike before returning home for tea and telly.

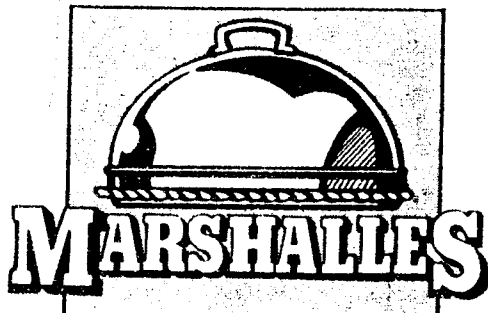
I recall a summer many years ago when Harry and I had both just turned sixteen. We were always biking here and there and everywhere, and being young and hard up we thought it would be a splendid idea to go on holiday on the bikes. So where to go? Dove Dale in the Peak District seemed very appealing and it shouldn't be too far, a hundred miles or so at a guess. The pannier bags go on the back of the bikes, new batteries in the front and back lights and ready to leave the first week in August. Saturday morning at seven thirty we wave cheerio to everybody, and fresh as daisies, set off from Aston on the first leg of the journey through the back roads to Bletchley and the A5.

So far so good, although as we get to Bletchley, Harry hits the kerb and fall off. No damage done and when I eventually stop laughing we re-saddle and are off again towards Stony Stratford. Dinner was early that day, eleven o'clock to be precise, but we were ready for it, and cold steak and kidney pie never tasted as good as it did that day.

Our next goal was to get off the A5 and this we eventually did about sixty miles from home. Leaving Coventry to the left we got on the A444 and headed for Burton-on-Trent. The daisies are beginning to wilt a bit now and Harry starts to lag behind, then he gets second wind, overtakes, and I am left lagging. This now becomes the norm and the whole journey is suddenly not as attractive as it was when we started out. We are still in sight of each other as we go through Burton, but as we head towards Ashbourne, everything goes to pot. I was resting and trying to get my breath back as Harry went past me, and although I didn't know at the time, that was the last I was to see of him that night. It was getting dusk by now, and at the next village Harry duly turned right. NOT ME, I hadn't seen the sign and carried straight on. A mile or two on and it begins to dawn on me that something has gone wrong, we have definitely lost each other. As I press on other things dawn on me. I have the tent, Harry has got my money in the zip pocket of his anorak. I have got half-a-crown in my pocket. It's dark. It's raining. It's eleven o'clock and I am absolutely shattered. Fifteen and a half hours on the road, hungry and thirsty, I take refuge in a phone box, then spot a bus shelter and make an instant decision - I will have to sleep in there for the night. Sleeping bag on the floor and sleep came very quickly.

I was woken in the morning by bleating sheep being moved down the road. As I came too and got my bearings I found I was only two miles from the camp site where we had arranged to go. I arrived at the site but no sign of Harry, so I put the half crown to use

and spun it to see if I stayed or turned straight round and started for home. Stay it was, so I erected the tent and left a note for Harry to say I was out looking for him. As I set off, I saw in the distance a familiar blue anorak on a very clean looking sixteen year old. It was quite a relief and I could have kissed him, but you know how easily rumours get started. It turned out that he had been in the bed and breakfast in Ashbourne while I was kipping on the floor of a bus shelter, but alls well that ends well, and we had an excellent weeks holiday. Happy days.



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QUIZ ANSWERS: 1. 15 2. (iii) 3. 200 4. (iii) 5. SRQ 6. (iv) 7. 2 8. (iii) 9. 60 10. Q 11. (v) 12. 17 13. 7 14. D 15. (iii). Any queries ask Aaron!!

UPDATE

OUR REGULAR NOTES ON PARISH COUNCIL ACTIVITIES.

Amongst the topics discussed were:

WINGRAVE CROSSROADS - County Councillor Reg Keen outlined the present position pointing out that the County Engineers report had acknowledged the hazardous nature of the junction. Overhead lighting was seen as a priority - the four fatalities had all occurred in the hours of darkness - but a roundabout, costing between £250,000 and £500,000, was the only long term solution. The lighting issue has gone before the County Budget Review Panel and it is hoped that priorities will be changed and the lighting provided out of this year's budget; perhaps even being implemented before the coming winter.

John Whyte suggested that the lighting was not an adequate response and, unless accompanied by other measures, could make matters worse by increasing traffic speed and encouraging overtaking. Reg Keen agreed that the lights were only a partial solution and that a roundabout would be included in the upgrading of the road that will follow the construction of the Wing By-pass. The effectiveness of roundabouts had been proved, Reg added, by the reduction of the accident rate on the Missenden By-pass to nil following the addition of a roundabout.

The Parish Council believed that if lights were to be added it was essential to include bollards and a raised section approaching the junction to prevent any chance of overtaking. Cllr. Keen thought this was a good idea and hoped(?)/expected(?) it would be part of the improvement programme. He was also very critical of the insensitivity of Highways Department in their letter to the local Parish Councils in which they referred to the slight injury rate at the crossroads just a few weeks after David Gaskell's death. He believed our campaign had been successful, that action had been taken and that there was nothing more that anyone could do.

(See Abbotsbury for further comment)

KERBS - and the general poor repair of the village roads was again raised and the Clerk had contacted the County Council and arranged a site meeting for the 24th. June [That meeting proved useful, our complaints were noted and it is hoped that kerbing will be added outside No.33 The Green; that lost or loosened kerbs would be replaced or repaired, and that the Water Board would be asked to lower the inspection cover they had added and repair the pot holes they had created during their recent work].

BEST KEPT VILLAGE - A disappointing result, but the work and effort by so many people in their gardens and especially by Don Waite, who looks after The Green, was much appreciated and a credit to the village. The results in the Aylesbury Vale were:

Chearsley 87 ; Ashendon 85 ; Hardwick 79 ; Mentmore 77 ;
Little Horwood 76 ; Aston Abbots 76 ; Weedon 74 ;
Mursley 72, and Preston Bissett 72.

LIGHTING - the Council agreed to ask Value Electrical Contractors of Wing to take over the maintenance and repair of the street lights. The meeting also agreed to seek quotations for the installation of a new light at the back of The Green.

PLANNING APPLICATION - the Council considered an application for two bungalows on the land behind the Village Shop. The meeting felt it was impossible to give a detailed comment without seeing plans of the proposed dwellings but thought two bungalows might be pushing site density to the limit. However there was no inherent objection. The meeting also noted that permission had been granted for a generator store at Longmoor Farm. This was against our wishes and was another example of the way in which 'disused' farm buildings were being reallocated to industrial uses. (See Abbotsbury for further comment).

TRAFFIC - the Council agreed to request a police presence to discourage speeding through the village, especially on the Wingrave Road entrance ... SO BE WARNED !!!

BUS SERVICES - Colin Higgs said that rural services remained under threat but was confident that our buses and those of nearby villages would remain much as they are. Reg Keen pointed out that this was largely due to the enormous amount of work Colin does in campaigning for the maintenance of services.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING IS ON FRIDAY 15th. AUGUST IN THE CHURCH ROOM AT 8.00p.m.

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A LETTER FROM WING.

WORLD COLLEGE OF THE ATLANTIC

The World College is a private organisation that provides Sixth Form Education for pupils who are University potential and who would gain from an experience of following an intensive academic and community based course with pupils from other parts of the country.

Places on the Course are highly competitive and only those with high academic potential and strong personal feelings about their futures in helping the community are likely to be interviewed. Buckinghamshire has one bursary to offer and it is usual for the candidate to be chosen from the Selective or Comprehensive Schools.

This year a pupil from Wing, Samantha Knowles, applied and surprised herself by being invited for interview. She had made the last nine. After the interview she told us she had enjoyed the experience but did not expect to hear any more.

On the following day we were all delighted and surprised when an Officer of the Authority who had been at the interview called at the School to tell her she had been selected. He was so thrilled personally with her that he wanted to tell her himself and not just send an impersonal letter.

This is a tremendous honour for Samantha, her parents and the School and fully vindicates her mother's view that Wing was the best school for her. We now can have pride in the knowledge that our pupils can compare with any other pupils in the County regardless of the School they attend.

We wish Samantha all good wishes for her future.

IVAN ANDREW



WINGRAVE TWINNING ASSOCIATION After a very happy and successful May weekend in La Bouexiere, we expect 60 or more of our French "twins" here for the Bank holiday weekend, 29 August - 1 September. Excursions will include Oxford, Blenheim and Winslow Hall. Anyone not already known to the Twinning committee and wishing to accommodate a French family/part-family, please contact Jean Keighley (681235). There will be a get-together with drinks and dancing on Saturday 30 August in the Community Centre at 8 pm. Anyone interested in our twinning will be most welcome. Do come and meet both the French and English twinners.

CHURCH NEWS

It is, of course, the festival of our patron saint Saint James which is properly linked with the village festival and I had thought of writing about Saint James who has so much to teach us but South Africa must come first.

What can we do ?

Well first we can pray and if you don't believe in prayer just think what it would mean if everybody did! Just think of the resulting action and anyway is it really true that you don't pray - even when 'the chips are down'? If so, you are certainly in a tiny minority. So pray thay, even at this eleventh hour, respect and justice for all human beings irrespective of creed or colour can prevail.

Perhaps some of you saw Malcolm Fraser, the former Australian Prime Minister, and one of the Joint Chairmam of the Eminent Persons Group who visited and tried to mediate in South Africa speaking about his experience. He was obviously deeply moved by the contrast of the fantastically high standard of living of the white South Africans and the fact that the black South Africans were living in huts made of corrugated iron which "I would have thrown off my farm fifty years ago".

What else can we do ?

We can give some of our money to help. I have asked the editor to print elsewhere a cry for such help from Christian Aid. The Church has sent £100 from its funds. We would love to send more and will send any money you give us. If you prefer send it direct but don't on this occasion do nothing. To do nothing is really to con- done what is going on. There is no doubt about the crisis. There is no doubt about where men like Archbishop Tutu and Terry Waite stand, don't let them down.



A pondok or squatter settlement in the southern suburbs of Cape Town. (UN)

CRY THE BELOVED COUNTRY

Yes, there are a hundred, and a thousand voices crying. But what does one do, when one cries this thing, and one cries another? Who knows how we shall fashion a land of peace where black outnumbers white so greatly? Some say that the earth has bounty enough for all, and that more for one does not mean less for another, that the advance of one does not mean the decline of another. They say that poor-paid labour means a poor nation, and that better-paid labour means greater markets and greater scope for industry and manufacture. And others say that this is a danger, for better-paid labour will not only buy more but will also read more, think more, ask more, and will not be content to be for ever voiceless and inferior.

Who knows how we shall fashion such a land? For we fear not only the loss of our possessions, but the loss of our superiority and the loss of our whiteness

Cry, the beloved country, for the unborn child that is the inheritor of our fear. Let him not love the earth too deeply. Let him not laugh too gladly when the water runs through his fingers, nor stand too silent when the setting sun makes red the veid with fire.

Alan Paton, *Cry the Beloved Country*, Jonathan Cape, third Impression, 1967, pp 76-77

CHURCH SERVICES

- July 6th. : FAMILY SERVICE 11.15 a.m.
* Romans 8(1-11) : Mark 12(28-34).
- July 13th. : HOLY COMMUNION 11.15 a.m.
* 1 Corinthians 12(4-13) : Luke 6(27-38).
- July 20th. : HOLY COMMUNION 11.15 a.m.
* 2 Corinthians 6(3-10) : Mark 9(14-29).
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* Galatians 6(1-10) : Luke 7(36-50).

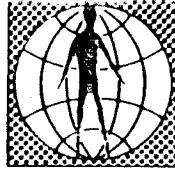
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16 June 1986

Dear friend,

SOUTH AFRICA EMERGENCY APPEAL

I write to tell you about an appeal we are launching today to ask for your help.

There is no need to remind you of the gravity of the South African situation which appears to grow worse by the hour, of the violence and destruction in the black communities and the mounting terror and human suffering.

Our closest partners in South Africa, the South African Council of Churches, despite harassment, continue to draw on their National Emergency Fund to respond to the human need, often desperate, that is everywhere around them.

People from places like Crossroads are homeless; they provide shelter. People are hungry; they provide food. Families are without the chief breadwinner who may have been killed or injured or detained; they offer financial support. They help with the medical costs of the injured, the legal costs of those on trial or bail, and the funeral costs of those who mourn and must pay to bury their dead.

These works of compassion are carried out by dedicated members and staff of the SACC and its regional councils throughout the country. Beyers Naude, its Secretary, tells us however that:

"SACC is not able to meet the ever increasing demands made upon the National Emergency Fund by the suffering and oppressed communities of South Africa The Amount we may need will have to be doubled, and possibly trebled, if we are to be able to meet even the minimum of material assistance which we will be called upon to provide".

Even that grim prophecy may already be out of date.

Many in our churches will be praying for South Africa. Some will be pressing hard for government action. And many will additionally be united in their desire to make a simple and immediate response in the form of money.

Christian Aid believes it can best help by channelling these gifts to those who serve so courageously and those who suffer so dreadfully in the current emergency.

So today we launch an appeal in support of the South African Council of Churches' emergency work. To us your involvement is crucial. The subject of South Africa is sensitive. The need is urgent. The claim on us as Christians is undeniable.

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July 1986

MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

Aylesbury 681623

I want to say "Well Done!" -----

WELL DONE! to the Church for the wonderful support at our Confirmation in May. While not decrying for a moment the importance of the young confirmees, the Bishop was expressing pleasure at the number of adults confirmed that day. It is an encouraging sign of the times, as he has said before. And I add my thanks to all who made that evening such a happy and successful one.

My thanks, too, to the candidates who tangibly expressed their appreciation to me personally for the preparation classes. I was overcome and so grateful because such appreciation doesn't come that often in the ministry of a priest.

WELL DONE! The Bishop wrote to me afterwards, "I thought it was an extra-special confirmation." He also told us individually that the Churches, here, were really coming alive. How right he was, for I sense a tremendous amount of goodwill, not just in the Churches but, from the Communities to the Churches.

WELL DONE! continuing that theme, I am so pleased to find that each Church in Wingrave, Aston Abbots and Cublinton are working so well in all sorts of different ways. I conduct most of the services, and visit as often as I can. I pray for you all, individually and consistently (not just members of the congregations by working through up-to-date electoral lists) and I try to carry out my pastoral duties as conscientiously as energy and time will permit. Yet, it is a cause for great gratitude that so much work is done by the PCCs and other groups to help the life the Church to be alive. And this is not to speak of those who work tirelessly to keep the churches and the grounds seemly and tidy. I wish, however, that all three churches - instead of just one - could remain unlocked for prayer for some part of each day, but perhaps we can move towards that slowly.

WELL DONE! I cannot let the Demonstration at the Crossroads pass without congratulating all of you who felt able to support me in, what I promised would be, a peaceful and restrained protest. However, please forgive me for correcting some of the press reports which indicate that, after I had held up the traffic, "I retired to the safety of the verge..." In fact, the Inspector took me gently by the arm and escorted me to the verge! It was you lovely Demonstrators who then took over and gave such terrific displays of non-violent strength.

Perhaps you will have noted my open letter to the Buckinghamshire County Council, pleading with them to take notice of the anxiety and unhappiness about this terribly dangerous junction.

Nobody likes 'sticking their neck out' for the sake of it - least of all me. That Day cost me a great deal, especially as I am going through a bit of a trough where health is concerned (I WILL get better!) So I was delighted to see so many of you so loyally and BRAVELY coming forward to support a venture which I pray God will go a long way in saving the lives of people in the future.

Yours sincerely,

FR. JOHN HEFFER

ASTON ABBOTTS DEDICATION AND PATRONAL FESTIVAL

11.15 a.m.	The Parish Communion)	
6.00 p.m.	A 'Songs of Praise')	20TH JULY

19th July The Aston Abbotts Village Fete (See local publicity)

<u>SUNDAY LESSONS</u>	(ASB)	
3rd August	Pentecost 11 (688)	"The Mind of Christ"
	Philippians 1(1-11)	Matthew 20(1-16)
10th August	Pentecost 12 (693)	"The Witnessing Community"
	Micah 4(1-5)	Matthew 5(13-16)
17th August	Pentecost 13 (698)	"The Suffering Community"
	Jeremiah 20(7-11)	Matthew 10(16-22)
24th August	Pentecost 14 (703)	"The Family"
	Ephesians 3(14-21)	Luke 11(1-13)
31st August	Pentecost 15 (708)	"Those in Authority"
	1 Timothy 2(1-7)	Matthew 14(1-12)
7th September	Pentecost 16 (715)	"The Neighbour"
	1 John 4(15-21)	Luke 16(19-31)

Note These readings can be a useful preparation for Sunday.

HOLY BAPTISM At the Family Service in Aston Abbotts Church:

1st June Iain John, son of Marshalle and Patricia WEBB

Wingrave Parish Church:

1st June Melissa Astrid Joanna,
daughter of Robert and Joanna RICKETTS

FUNERAL Cublington Parish Church:

2nd June Eleanor Bessie HIGGS

SUNDAY SERVICES The following is a summary of Church Services during the next two months. With just two exceptions *** there will be no change from this pattern

Cublington Parish Church.....The Parish Communion 8.45 a.m.
 Wingrave Parish Church.....The Parish Communion 10.00 a.m.
 Aston Abbotts Parish Church.....The Parish Communion 11.15 a.m.

*** 27th July, Services at Cublington and Wingrave only
 *** 3rd August, Services at Wingrave and Aston Abbotts only

FAMILY SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER

September 7th Cublington at 10.00 a.m. Methodist Minister.
 Aston Abbotts 11.15 a.m. The Rector.

NEW RURAL DEAN OF MURSLEY The Bishop has appointed the Revd. Peter Bullock-Flint, Vicar of Ivinghoe with Slapton. We offer him our congratulations and also our prayers. This is a heavy responsibility for a priest who is trying to run a parish at the same time.

++++Please keep this sheet until September (it is not published in August) and you may need the information in it.

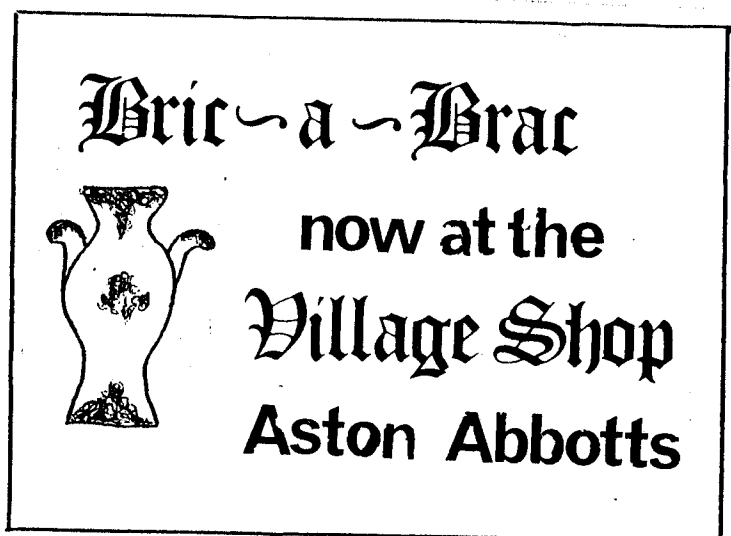
I am writing in the same terms to church leaders for their endorsement, and to supporting churches, individual donors and local committees for their participation.

I write, as no doubt you will read this letter, in sorrow bordering on despair, but thankful for our common life in Christ.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Taylor

Michael H Taylor
Director.



CAR BOOT SALE

There I was in my garden fondling my petunias, they can't touch you for it, when this voice loomed over the wall.

"You will be there at 8.30, won't you?"

Was that a threat?

Was it a request?

The voice, still with no body, went on about the car boot sale.

"Funny", I thought I wonder what sort of sale it takes to sell off the rest of the car! Then the voice started again,

"Some ones got to be on the gate!"

"Fine", says I, "I will send the wife"

"She said she would send you .." says the voice.

"What on a Sunday ... at 8.30 in the morning?"

By now the petunias had wilted, it can happen if they have a nasty shock and I was left muttering things about why the hell the Church Room needed even more money because they never seem to spend it on the place.

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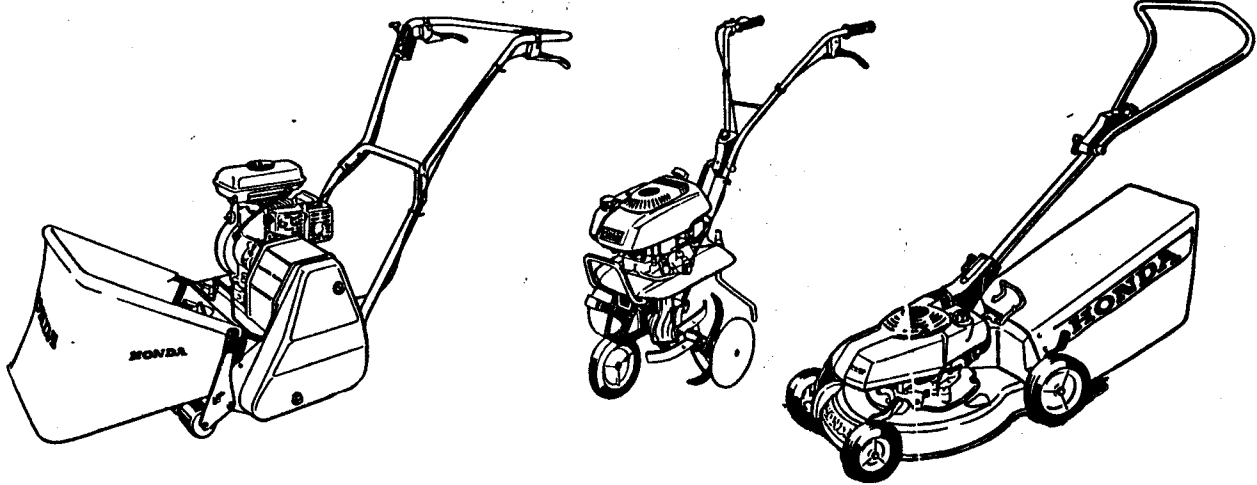
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▣ Villagers risked being arrested in their campaign for a roundabout at the danger crossroads.

OVER 100 residents of Aston Abbots and Wingrave risked arrest on Saturday morning in a demonstration at Wingrave crossroads.

Traffic was stopped three times by the large group of chanting and banner-waving demonstrators despite repeated warnings from the Police that they were breaking the law.

The demonstration was staged in protest against the county council's "ridiculous attitude" towards safety at the Wingrave crossroads, which is an unofficial accident blackspot.

The junction claimed the life of cyclist David Gaskell in January, and local residents say that the only practical solution to the problem would be to build a roundabout.

The group was led by the Rev John Heffer, Rector of Wingrave, who earned the full support of his parishioners despite pleas from county councillor Reg Keen for them to boycott Saturday's demo.

Mr Heffer said the forty minute demonstration on Saturday morning was "very successful".

"The county council just doesn't seem to be interested in the slightest in this area. The only thing it has done is suggest it might budget for overhead lighting next year - but that wouldn't help at all because plenty of near-misses happen in broad daylight," he said.

Vicar in new action plea

VICAR-in-the-road, the Rev John Heffer has written an open letter to Buckinghamshire County council to plead for improvement at an accident black-spot.

The Vicar of Wingrave was joined by villagers from the village and neighbouring Aston Abbots in a peaceful protest at the crossroads on the Aylesbury to Leighton road that has been the scene of some horrific crashes.

In the letter the Rev Heffer spoke of the strength of feeling shown by villagers at the demonstration about the danger to life and limb at these crossroads.

"It was interesting to over-hear one police constable telling some of the crowd that it was dangerous to demonstrate there because many of the vehicles approach the junction at speeds of 80 or 90 mph. EX-EXACTLY! This does in fact underline the point that we have been trying to make."

He said: "There may only have been three fatal ac-



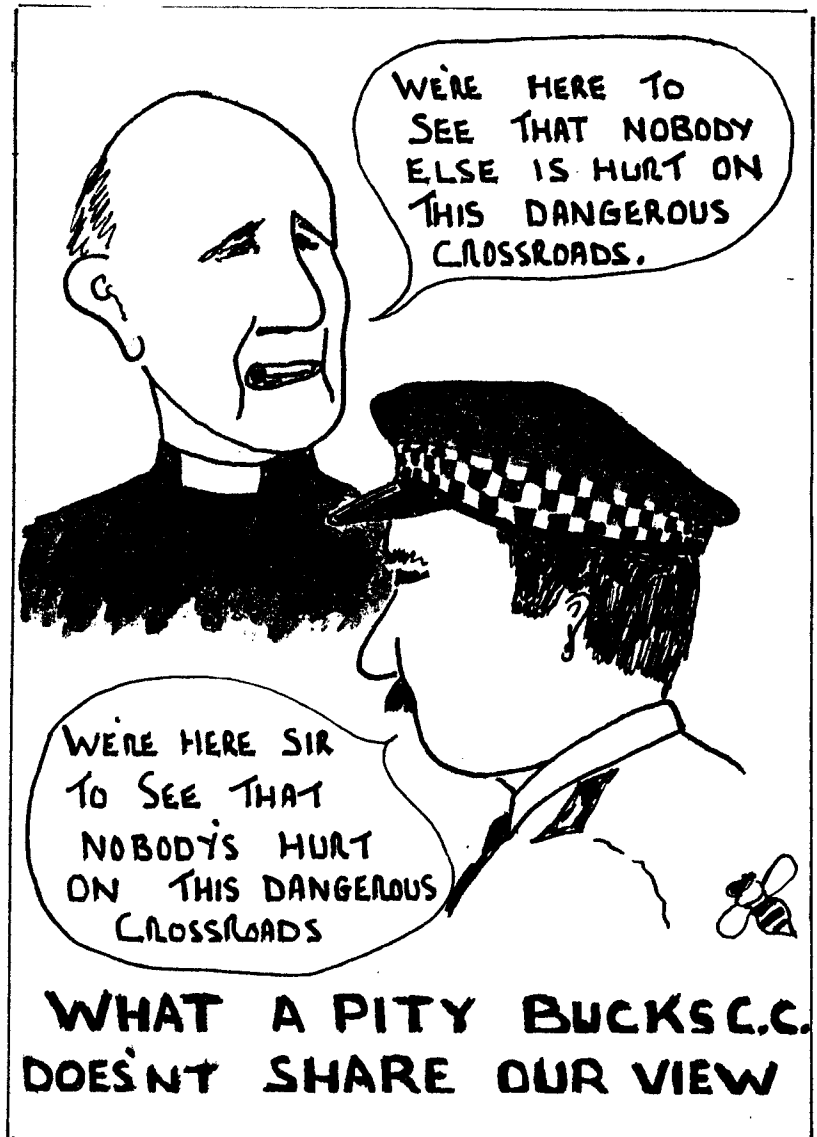
cidents, there, since 1978, but the future looks gloomy. Especially as so many "near misses" have been reported to me since David Gaskell was so tragically killed, and I began the campaign.

"Finally, you know how we feel. You must know the danger that is there. You have heard of our moderation and restraint. May I now PLEAD with you to consider at your earliest convenience for something to be done at the junction to make it safer, not just at night but for the whole of 24 hours."

INSIDE THE BACK PAGE

The Wingrave crossroads demonstration certainly achieved its objective in bringing widespread publicity to the campaign. Aston Abbotts was well represented in the 100 or so who gathered on a warm Saturday morning to voice their complaints and concerns. In the Update section you will have read (if you haven't, don't bother now, you can always read it later!) that the County Council are proposing to reallocate resources so that lighting can be put in before next winter. Now there will be those of you who will believe that the democratic process of complaint through our elected representatives has been vindicated (or will be if it is agreed to change this years budget priorities). But I'm a bit of a cynic on these things. I do not denigrate the efforts of Bryan Round or Reg Keen who have both fought valiantly for our cause but I wonder if the proposed action would have been forthcoming without the publicity engendered by the Rector's 'demo'. Of course we will never know. You can't have an instant replay and take out the Rector's actions to see what would have happened, but I am not at all sure the outcome would have been the same.

Rector leads residents in protest demo



Also on our Update page you will find disappointment expressed by the Parish Council at the conversion of the redundant farm buildings at the back of Longmoor Farm into a generator store. This is another example of the creeping development of rural areas. The amount of building (with its accompanying extension of service facilities such as roads, water and power) that has taken place outside the villages in the past five years is astonishing. The present ability to be able to declare farm buildings "disused" yet build fresh ones elsewhere seems a questionable practice, especially when the disused building can then be converted to industrial use. And you can see the attraction - cheaper rates than the empty factory and warehouse premises in Aylesbury. But this is the Trojan Horse - increased traffic through the village; the larger vehicles needing wider roads and so development will go relentlessly on. Is this what we want? If so then I accept the majority view, but have we been asked? The character of this area is changing. Is it a change you wish to see?

Abbottsbury.

DONT FORGET!

ASTON ABBOTTS FESTIVAL

2.00
SATURDAY
19th JULY

