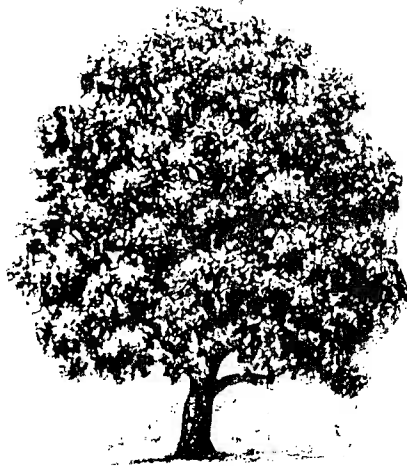


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Parish Magazine for Aston Abbotts



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# Editorial

MANY, MANY THANKS TO TRISH & MARSHALLE WEBB for an excellent wine and cheese evening on the 18th. - a thoroughly enjoyable way of raising money. £82 will be added to The Chronicle's bank account. Thanks also to everyone who supported the evening. I hope you all enjoyed yourselves. While the £3 a head looked a daunting price, rarely can so much have been consumed by so many for so little - the range and quantity of cheese was superb. What more can I say ..... it was a great night.

*Graham Parker.*

GRAHAM PARKER

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# NOTICEBOARD

## WHAT'S ON IN NOVEMBER.

- Tuesday 4th. : RAMBLING CLUB WILDLIFE SLIDE SHOW  
CHURCH ROOM : ADMISSION 50p ; EVERYONE WELCOME.
- Thursday 6th. : BINGO IN THE CHURCH ROOM AT 8.00p.m.
- Saturday 8th. : SHOPPING BUS TO MILTON KEYNES  
DEP.BULL & BUTCHER 10.35 a.m. RETURN 3.35p.m.  
BOOK WITH COLIN
- Thursday 13th. : WHIST DRIVE IN THE CHURCH ROOM AT 7.30 p.m.
- Sunday 16th. : FOOTPATH WALK - MEET AT THE GREEN AT 2.00p.m.  
EVERYONE WELCOME - WEAR STRONG SHOES OR BOOTS.
- Thursday 20th. : BINGO IN THE CHURCH ROOM AT 8.00p.m.
- Thursday 27th. : WHIST DRIVE IN THE CHURCH ROOM AT 7.30 p.m.
- Friday 28th. : PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - CHURCH ROOM AT 8.00p.m.

## THE 1986 CHRISTMAS SHOW

Just a very quick up date on some vital information about this years show.

Firstly as the last show the tickets are already going quickly so if you want some then get in contact with Chris Brandon pronto.

Money with the order is the rule of the day.

The prices are as follows:

Thursday and Friday :Adults £ 1.50 ,Children £ 1.00

Saturday Nights only:Adults £ 2.00 ,Children £ 1.50

The dates for the show is 11,12 and 13 th of December.

First meetings have been held and it was really nice to see some new faces turning up.Missing from the list at the moment is Andy Ford but we are working on a master plan to overcome this temporary hiccup.

As always we are the scrounge.The first thing will be raffle prizes which is being organised by Rita Robinson and Margaret Chesher.

To go with the theme of the show we need as costumes military bits and pieces like uniforms, hats, gasmasks, tinhats .Do you have anything that is locked away that could be of use .It will be returned in good condition !

# NOTICEBOARD

## HAIRDRESSER IN ASTON ABBOTTS

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Tints	£12.
Children's trim	£1 - £2.

If you are interested please telephone Christine on Aylesbury 27841 for an appointment.

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## LADIES' CLUB

Only one October meeting to report this month and that was Mrs. Verney's talk on the Lifeboat Service, which was very interesting. The A.G.M. is still to come and on November 6th. Mr. Dorrance will be speaking about "Aspects of the National Trust". The annual shopping trip, booked for Nov. 20th, is still in doubt, but by the time you read this I daresay it will have been resolved.

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## UPDATE

### Third lot of plans

IT could be third time lucky as far as the development of orchard land at Wingrave Road, Aston Abbots, is concerned.

Aylesbury Vale District Councillors last week approved plans for two bungalows and garages at the site which has now been the subject of three applications for outline planning permission.

All the plans have been for two bungalows and members of the council's development control sub-committee have approved them all.

This latest permission

granted to Mr. H.G. Osborne cancels out the rest. But that is no consolation for one villager who wrote objecting to the plans on the grounds that, due to the shape of the plot, there is insufficient frontage for two dwellings without creating an impression of density or, if staggered, an intrusion into the privacy of the neighbouring property which is a listed building.

Council officers considered that two appropriately sited bungalows would not detrimentally affect the setting of the listed building.

### THREAT TO CHILDREN

AT A meeting of Aston Abbots Parish Council on Friday Cllr. John Whyte expressed concern over vehicles parking on grass verges.

He said they caused a hazard to children running from behind them. Cllr. Colin Higgs urged that Aylesbury Vale District Council should be asked to consider further garage accommodation to alleviate the problem especially in Church Row and the St. James Close area.

The clerk was instructed to place the additional street light for The Grove on order and was also asked to write to British Telecom regarding a damaged inspection cover

in Wingrave Road which forms part of the footpath.

The chairman, Cllr. L. Smith, thanked Cllr. Higgs for his efforts in retaining the bus services in the area, especially the village service.

As some members of the parish council were not present it was agreed to adjourn the subject of subscription to the "Chronicle" fund until the next meeting.

It was noted the application for the model aircraft-flying at part of land formerly belonging to Longmoor Farm, had been granted, but with restricted flying hours and no more than three powered machines to fly at once. All aircraft had to have mufflers.

## SUNDAY PAPERS.

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# People

OUR MONTHLY COLUMN ABOUT VILLAGE PEOPLE

Edited by Bridget Brandon.

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## BIRTHDAYS

8th. Nov. BRIDGET BRANDON.

9th. Nov. STEVE KENT.

10th. Nov. RAY WILKINSON.

23rd. Nov. JOHN WHYTE.

26th. Nov. ESTHER CHESHER.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Kim & Diane Picking on the birth of their son Edward James on October 11th.

## THANKS

Mr. & Mrs. Rickard would like to thank everyone for their help and good wishes on their move to Bricstock.

## WELL DONE

Jon Chesher and Paul Fletcher on winning first and second prizes in a recent fishing competition run by RBYG (Rural Bucks Youth Group).

## MANY THANKS

to Trish & Marshall Webb for the splendid cheese and wine evening held to raise funds for THE CHRONICLE. Besides having a chance to sample a variety of cheeses and wines it was a good chance to meet everyone, especially those new to the village. Two questions remain unanswered: Who was Ruth with? and who had got the wrong venue and should in fact have been at the Posuers Night at the Bull?

## DEATHS

Mrs. Brown of Bricstock died after a long illness. Our thoughts are with family and friends.

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## BAR CHAT

Well, it's turned cold now hasn't it? Gone is the late but welcome Indian Summer and gone are the majority of holidays....

Now there's a strange thing, it's curious what people like to do when they get some time off. Me, I like to lie in the sun others like to tinker with oily greasy motorbikes but the all time dream must be to spend a whole week in a pub and that's just what he did!

There was this scheme in the Bull that for every pint of XXXX you got a sticker and I saw him just as he got his eighty-first one. I think the expression relaxed comes to mind...even.. very relaxed...and all arranged by Thomas Cook.

Just the way to put some Ginger into a holiday!!

Talking about curiosities when you see Garry ask him who he went on holiday with... but even more interesting ask what was the business going on on the floor below him...

I missed the Posuers night in the pub but I thought since they are not in short supply in this village that one less wouldn't matter.

We had a much more interesting time meeting the invading hordes of new people to the village at the Chronicle Cheese and wine bash.

See you soon

# YOUTH CLUB

THIS MONTH THE ASTON ABBOTTS YOUTH CLUB HAS TAKEN PART IN TWO NORTH BUCKS YOUTH CLUB ACTIVITIES. THE FIRST WAS OPERATION MAGPIE ON 26TH SEPTEMBER. OUR GROUP OF FOUR CONSISTED OF: JON CHESHER , KAREN BRANDON , JAMES CLARKE , AND ADRIAN DIXON. WE ARRIVED AT WING SCHOOL AT 10 O'CLOCK. AFTER AN HOUR OF WAITING THE BRIEFING BEGAN. THE MAIN IDEA OF IT WAS TO GET AS MANY CREDITS AS POSSIBLE. YOU OBTAINED CREDITS FROM JEWELS (MARBLES) WHICH YOU GOT AT THE BEGINNING AFTER ANSWERING SOME QUESTIONS CORRECTLY. AT EACH CHECKPOINT YOU WOULD ASK IF THE PEOPLE THERE LIKED PORK SAUSAGES. IF THE ANSWER WAS NO, I PREFER FRANKFURTERS OR SOMETHING SIMILAR THEN YOU TRADED THE JEWELS FOR CREDITS.

IN THIS EVENT , WHICH WAS AN OVERNIGHT HIKE, WE CAME 3RD FOR LAST.

THE SECOND EVENT WAS FISHING ON SUNDAY 12TH OCTOBER. THE TEAM FROM THE VILLAGE WAS: JON CHESHER , AND PAUL FLETCHER.

WE WERE PICKED UP AT 9.05 AND TAKEN TO MARSWORTH CANAL WHERE WE SET UP FISHING. AFTER TWO AND A HALF HOURS THE FIRST FISH WAS PULLED IN THEN QUICKLY AFTERWARDS THE SECOND FOR JON CHESHER WAS ON DRY LAND.

SOON PAUL FLETCHER WAS PULLING IN A FISH, THEN ANOTHER ONE WAS IN AS WELL. WE WERE IN THE LEAD AND BY ONE O'CLOCK WE ENQUIRED IF ANYONE HAD CAUGHT ANY OTHER FISH. THE ANSWER WAS NO. THIS IS HOW IT STAYED TILL THE END OF THE COMPETITION.

JON CHESHER CAME FIRST AND WON A TROPHY WHILST PAUL FLETCHER CAME SECOND ALTHOUGH NO TROPHY WAS AWARDED FOR THIS.

As we have received very little response to our plea for more help, we have decided to divide to Youth Club into two sections, junior and senior, and to hold each section on alternate weeks. Our programme for November is therefore as follows:

Friday November 7th - senior club - 7.30 - 9.00pm - jumble sorting

Saturday November 8th - jumble and cake sale - 2.30 - 4.00pm

Friday November 14th - junior club - 7.00 - 8.30pm - craft work

Friday November 21st - senior club - 7.30 - 9.00pm - swing ball

Wednesday November 26th - junior club - 7.00 - 8.30pm - swimming at Tiddenfoot Leisure Centre

Friday November 28th - no meeting

CLEAR OUT YOUR CUPBOARDS!  
GET RID OF YOUR JUMBLE!  
GIVE IT TO THE YOUTH CLUB!

The Youth Club is holding a Grand Jumble and Cake Sale in aid of its funds on Saturday November 8th from 2.30 to 4.00pm in the Church Room. All contributions of either jumble or cakes will be very gratefully received and may be brought to the Church Room on the evening of Friday November 7th between 7.30 and 9.00 pm or to Margaret Chesher, 20 The Green, telephone 681201, in advance.

We will charge you 10p to get in and serve you tea and biscuits if you so desire.

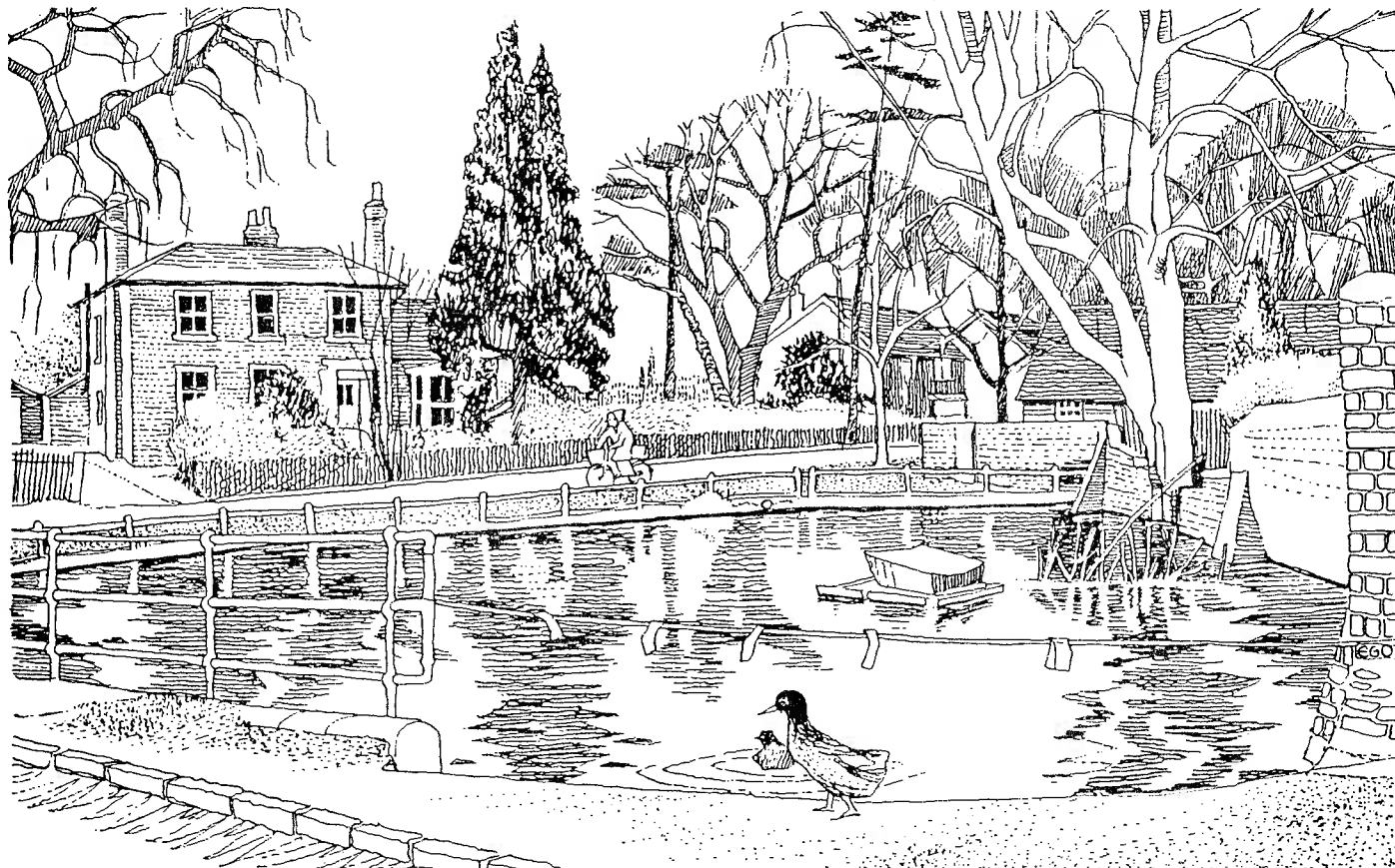
So come along and have a good rummage - you could well find the bargain of a lifetime!

# Portraits of Buckinghamshire

No. 14 VILLAGE POND & RECTORY, WINGRAVE.

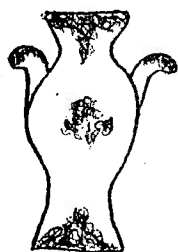
Extract and sketch from 'A Picture of Buckinghamshire' by Elizabeth Cull and Elizabeth Ogan. This delightful book was first published in 1985 and is available at the new Preface Bookshop in the High Street in Aylesbury as well as at Smith's and Weatherhead's.

Wingrave village is Hannah Rothschild's best memorial. Before her marriage she built the school there and rows of houses for the villagers, many of whom were Rothschild employees. The houses were all built in the usual Rothschild Tudor, with the monogram 'H de R' and the date, 1876, on a memorial stone between the first-floor windows. These houses are still standing, but beyond them the bones of the old Wingrave show through: the village green, ducks on a pond, old farm buildings and houses in Mill Lane behind an old stone wall, the church with a thirteenth-century west tower and Norman font, the ancient Rose and Crown Inn, all these remain.



*The village pond and rectory, Wingrave.*

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## HARVEST SALE SWELLS FUNDS

MEMBERS and friends of St James' Church in Aston Abbots began their harvest festival celebrations, with a sale of fruit, flowers, vegetables and other gifts.

This was held in The Bull and Butcher pub by kind permission of the new hosts, Marion and Barry Sykes.

Mr L. Scutchings was auctioneer and the sale and mammoth raffle swelled the funds for St James'.

On Sunday morning last week a family service was well attended in the beautifully decorated church. This was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev John Heffer. Lessons were read by Miss Alison Hewitt and Miss Allison Ford, and Sarah Lovell took the collection.

In the afternoon the children took the gifts of flowers, fruit and vegetables to the village's senior citizens.

UNDER THIS SYMBOL the Countryside Commission and the Ministry of Agriculture have launched a code of practice for farmers with public paths on their land.

### Plough public paths only where you have the legal right to do so:

You may plough any footpath or bridle-way that crosses a field, but you must restore it within two weeks;

You must not plough any footpath or bridle-way at the edge of the field;

You must not plough any track over which the public have vehicular rights;

Illegal ploughing or failure to restore footpaths or bridle-ways after ploughing are both offences punishable by fine;

*Avoid ploughing paths if possible, as this will save the need for restoration.*

### After ploughing you must:

Restore the footpath or bridle-way surface so that it is reasonably convenient for the expected use;

Ensure that the route is clear to anyone not familiar with it;

Keep the route free of crops which would obscure the path or block it.

□ The rambles of Buckinghamshire are a patient lot. I had a walk with them this summer in the middle of the county, that rolling green stretch which was saved from becoming the site of a new London airport in the early '70s. The leader of the day's ramble, Colin Higgs, had planned a delightful route. It passed two castles, one in the fields outside Cublington of which there is not much to see, the other the impressive and view-commanding mounds at the decayed market-town of Whitechurch.

Our route crossed and recrossed the valley of a small stream

which runs into the Thames north of Aylesbury. Beyond the stream we were walking for a short while on the watershed dividing the basin of the Thames from that of the Ouse. The weather was kind, but the farmers were not.

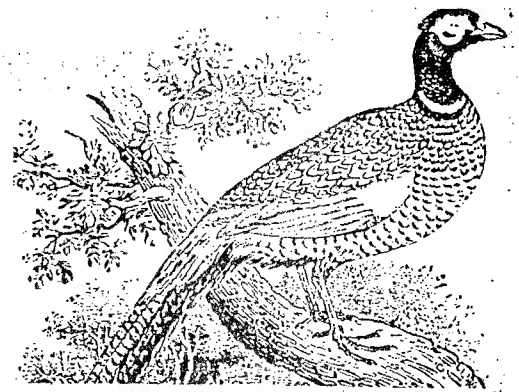
The walk was strictly on public rights of way. But wherever these crossed a cultivated field they had been planted and no attempt had

been made to keep the line of the path clear. In the big fields common in this part of the world, it made a daunting prospect. These farmers would benefit from the ploughing code reproduced on p.46.

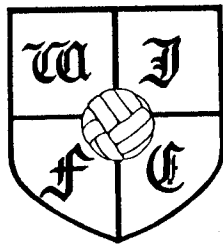
Then there was barbed wire — the afternoon was full of it. At one point near Hartwellhill Farm, Dunton, there was a particularly

nasty problem. The path here crosses a four-feet deep ditch with no bridge. On the side of the ditch from which we approached was a stout wooden fence. Easy enough for the fully agile to climb; not so good for the elderly and we have not yet reached the point where the elderly or infirm are forbidden to walk in the fields. The fence gave immediately onto the ditch and, if you negotiated that ok, you faced a couple of strands of barbed wire as you emerged up the other side.

I remember how the farmers of mid-Bucks won the moral, political and financial support of the rambles' and amenity societies in their fight against the airport. I see how they repay the debt.



# WINGRAVE JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB



Already this season the two Junior Football teams have won more league points than they amassed in the whole of last season. Results so far:

UNDER 12. Oct 5th. WINGRAVE 8 v. CHEDDINGTON 0.

A.Bishop 4, C.Arnold 2,  
D.Springett, E.Kitchener.

Oct 12th. BROOKLANDS 1 v. WINGRAVE 1  
P.Parker.

Oct 19th. WINGRAVE 6. v. ARROWS 3.  
A.Bishop 4, D.Sykes,  
D.Arnold.

UNDER 14, Oct 5th. BROOKLANDS 1 v. WINGRAVE 2.  
R.Hickson, A.Parker.

Oct 12th. WINGRAVE 6 v. ARROWS COLTS 3.  
S.Ward 3, R.Hickson,  
D.Scott, and an o.g.

Oct 19th. ARROWS 5 v. WINGRAVE 2.  
D.Scott, S.Meagram.

In addition several players have been invited for League Representative trials :  
Richard Hickson, Steven Ward and Andrew Parker for the Under 14's and Anthony  
Bishop and Piers Parker for the Under 12's.

## GAMES FOR NOVEMBER:

### UNDER 12

Nov. 2nd : v. 999 (Home K.O. 2.15p.m.)  
Nov. 9th.: NO MATCH  
Nov.16th : v. WING (Away)  
Nov.23rd : v. B.R.FOXES (Home K.O. 10.30a.m.)  
Nov.30th : v. WOODSIDE (Home K.O. 2.15 p.m.)

U12 play at the School Field.

### UNDER 14.

NO MATCH.  
v. WING (Away)  
v. WOODSIDE (Home)  
v. WATER EATON (Away)  
V. BROOKLANDS (Home).

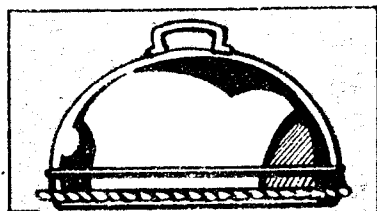
U14 play at the Recreation Ground.

# QUIZ PAGE

This months GENERAL KNOWLEDGE quiz comes from a set that were used at the Wing Thursday Quiz Club and kindly donated by Tom Brown from Bricstock.

1. The Wars of the Roses was fought between the Houses of Lancaster and York. What were the colours of their respective rose emblems ?
2. Which word has the same meaning in 1,200 languages ?
3. A jockey from Wing won the Grand National, what was his name ?
4. Where is the Rock of Ages ?
5. Which American President refused to shake hands while in office ?
6. Who was the poet who lived at Chalfont St. Giles and wrote Paradise Lost and Paradise Regained ?
7. What is the difference between a mule and a hinny ?
8. When was the Great Fire of London ?
9. Where is Table Mountain ?
10. A Mr.Cox, a retired brewer from Colnbrook , raised an apple, what was it called ?

ANSWERS at the bottom of the next page.



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# The Estone Chronicles

## "ASTON ABBOTTS MEMORABILIA"

Further bits and peices from the past. All three extracts are from editions of the Bucks Herald during 1937.

### ASTON ABBOTTS COUNCIL HOUSES

#### SHOULD BATHS BE PROVIDED?

At a meeting of the Wing Rural District Council, at Linslade on Tuesday, when Councillor G. H. Southall occupied the chair, Councillor the Rev. C. W. Morris enquired whether it was too late to think about having baths in the proposed Council houses at Aston Abbotts.

The Clerk said that at a previous Council meeting the general opinion had seemed to be that there was no demand for them at Aston Abbotts.

Councillor C. C. Edmunds said that this raised the question of why they ceased the practice adopted in some of the old Council houses of making provision for the storing of rainwater. Why it had been dropped in the last few years he could not conceive. The women would much sooner have rain water for doing their washing. It should be possible to fill a bath from these stores if they had a pipe laid from the rainwater tank.

Councillor Morris asked if there was any room for the fitting of baths in the plans put forward for the Aston Abbotts houses.

The Clerk said that there was room, but they were not in the plans as put forward.

Councillor L. J. Hawkins said that the one suggestion about the rainwater would lead to difficulty in the present case as the washhouses did not adjoin the houses, and there did not seem to be too much room for baths.

Councillor Morris suggested that the Architect should be asked what the extra cost of providing baths would be. He thought that the prospective tenants would appreciate them.

Councillor Edmunds suggested that his query about the rainwater storage could be investigated as well.

### BLOODHOUND TRIALS AT ASTON ABBOTTS

For the first time for three or four years the Association of Bloodhound Breeders held trials at Aston Abbotts on Thursday and Friday, by permission of the land-owners and tenants, and by the courtesy of the Master of Whaddon Chase Hunt.

In the senior trial the runners were allowed two hours' start and in the junior trial one hour.

There were eight entrants for the senior trial on Thursday, which was won by Candida of Kirtle (bitch), owned by the Hon. Lady Johnson Ferguson, of Eaglesfield, Dumfrireshire, which found its runner in 2 hours. The second place was taken by Kittiwake of Kirtle (bitch), owned by the same lady, which took 2½ hours, and the third place by Reveller (dog), owned by Mr. P. F. How, of Newport Pagnell, which took 3½ hours.

None of the entrants succeeded in finding their runners on Friday, when the junior trials were held, but all the hounds worked very well, particularly Reveller. Myra of Perliaw (bitch), owned by Mr. John Griffin, of Gellimion, Pontypridd, might have done well, but it broke out in the night and was very tired.

The stewards for the trials were police constables of the Bucks Constabulary.

### ASTON ABBOTTS

Do You Know that Copley-Smith's, Baldwin and Walker's, Bairnsweare, Sirdar, Paton & Baldwin's, and B-ZE-B Rug and Knitting Wools may all be obtained at the Aylesbury Wool Shop, Brooke House, Market Square.—(Adv.)

THE SCHOOL. — For several years it has been the custom of Mrs. Morton of the Abbey and the late Mrs. Steele of "The Firs" to treat the school children to a visit to a cinema, in lieu of a Christmas tea. This year the treat was rather belated owing to the fact that few of the films to be seen locally were suitable for children. However Will Hay in "Windbag the Sailor" at the Pavillon on Saturday was worth waiting for and the children who in charge of their teachers and a few parents made the journey to and from Aylesbury in an Eastern National bus, thoroughly enjoyed the nautical adventures of the ex-schoolmaster. All concerned are grateful to Mrs. Morton and Mrs. Wilfred Steele, who has taken the place of the late Mrs. Steele, for their kindness.

26th. FEBRUARY 1937.

30th. APRIL 1937.

— 25th. JUNE 1937.

ANSWERS TO THIS MONTHS QUIZ: 1. Lancaster (Red); York (White); 2. Amen. 3. Jerry Wilson. 4. Cheddar Gorge. 5. George Washington, he always bowed. 6. John Milton. 7. A mule is the offspring of a female horse and a male donkey; a hinny is the offspring of a female donkey and a male horse. 8. 1666. 9. Overlooking Cape Town in South Africa. 10. Cox's Orange Pippin, first on the market in 1825.

# THE ASTON ABBOTTS COOKBOOK

THANKS AGAIN THIS MONTH TO PAT SIMS FOR THE SECOND OF HER .....

## " FAVOURITE RECIPES FROM THE WEST COUNTRY "

### Parsnip and Potato Layer

Parsnips  
Potatoes  
Margarine or butter  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  pint milk  
seasoning

Grease casserole dish generously with margarine or butter. Peel parsnips and potatoes and cut into wafer thin slices. Place alternate layers of potatoes and parsnips in dish, dotting each layer with a little butter or margarine and seasoning well with salt and black pepper. Finish off top layer using potato slices. Pour over  $\frac{1}{4}$  pint milk. Cover top of casserole with layer of foil then put lid on firmly. Bake in moderate oven for approximately  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hours. Remove lid and foil and allow top of layer bake to brown. (For variety try a sprinkling of herbs, and addition of grated or finely chopped onion, thinly sliced tomato, or a topping of grated cheese.)



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The DHSS have a very useful leaflet (P.11) which explains who can get free prescriptions and how to claim. If you would like a leaflet just ring, write or call at your local social security office. Alternatively, dial 100 and ask for Freefone DHSS.

If you are not able to get free prescriptions then you could have a "season ticket". A four monthly season costs £12, and a yearly one costs £33.50 which could save you money if you are in the position of having to have a lot of prescriptions.



Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

C/O \_\_\_\_\_  
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Dear Neighbour

You may have heard of the 'Neighbourhood Watch Scheme' which is currently receiving a great deal of interest and is already operating in many places. As a number of people from our immediate area have made enquiries about setting up their own Scheme I am hoping to establish the extent of support in our Neighbourhood.

The Scheme involves:-

1. Encouraging a community spirit; being observant; keeping an eye on neighbour's property when they are out or away; reporting to Police anything suspicious or out of the ordinary - but NOT patrolling the streets.
2. Marking your own valuables with the Post Code and house number, using ultra violet pens. Guidance would be given by the Police.
3. Obtaining security advice to safeguard your own homes against burglary.
4. Receiving newsletters about local crime, with additional items of interest supplied by ourselves.

It must be stressed that this would be a residents' Scheme and whilst the Police will help to establish it by addressing us at meetings and showing films, the onus is very much on the community to make it a success. If sufficient interest is shown, a first meeting will be arranged and you will be invited along to have matters fully explained and questions answered.

If you are interested in joining the Scheme, would you kindly complete the tear-off slip below and return it to:

..... COLIN HIGGS, .....  
.....

OR telephone .....

BEFORE 26TH NOV ... please

Yours sincerely

NAME ..... OF ADDRESS .....  
..... WOULD BE INTERESTED IN JOINING  
THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME.

Issued by your Local Crime Prevention Panel.

# CHURCH NEWS

One of the themes of Christ's teaching is stewardship. That is, that it is the responsibility of each of us to use his or her time, talents and money, which are on loan from God, wisely. The Church Council has to think this way about its business and so had to make up its mind about insurance. If the church was burnt down we are told it would cost £350,000 to replace it and the insurance would be about £300 a year, which is over £200 a year more than we pay at present. Our conclusion was that the chances are obviously better than a thousand to one against a catastrophe and we could more wisely use the money. We will consider raising our present insurance level somewhat in the hope that if the catastrophe should happen we will have enough money to build some sort of replacement. We are insured at present against damage up to about £60,000.

I wrote last month about covenants and this fits in with stewardship. If you pay tax and give money to any charity be it the church, or the Aylesbury Vale Hospice, the lifeboats or whoever, you really should covenant it. All you have to do is to promise to give so much each year for at least four years. The charity can then claim back the tax which was your money till the Government claimed it. With tax at 29p in the pound this means that for every pound you give the charity, they get back not just 29p but 41p because to have the one pound in your pocket, to give away, after tax, you had to earn £1.41. If you give £10 the charity gets back £4.10 and so on. Believe you me it is good to get that cheque back from the Income Tax Commissioners. So, when you give, covenant it !



ST. JAMES THE GREAT, ASTON ABBOTS, BUCKS.

## CHURCH SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER

November 2nd. : FAMILY SERVICE 11.15 a.m.  
1 John 3(9-18) (404) Mark 7(14-23).

November 9th. : REMEMBRANCE SERVICE 10.45 a.m. AT WINGRAVE.

November 16th. : HOLY COMMUNION 11.15 a.m.  
Hebrews 3(1-6) (414) John 6(25-35).

November 23rd. : HOLY COMMUNION 11.15 a.m.  
1 Kings 19(9-18) (417) Matthew 24(37-44).

November 30th. : HOLY COMMUNION 11.15 a.m.  
Isaiah 52(7-10) (422) Luke 21(25-33).

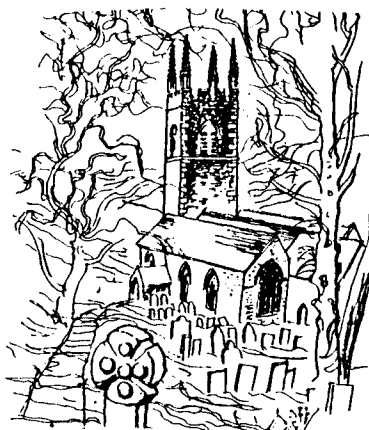
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A MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

Tel. Aylesbury 681623

"Really, it's humiliating, degrading and alienating. Unless it's happened to you, you can have little idea of the pain, the depression, the destruction of your confidence and well-being. People in work just don't know. My family life has been extremely difficult at times - somehow if you're not doing a paid job then there's something wrong with you. The fact that there aren't jobs doesn't seem to be getting through to people. That some jobs I've applied for have as many as 200 applications. That if you do voluntary work, somehow that isn't quite valid, like some sort of 'playing around'...

"As a Christian I have found little help from either the Church or other Christians; 'We'll pray for you' has been one answer.... Perhaps the unemployed are pioneers. After all, with the effects of the post-industrial society we're supposed to be coming, there will never be full employment again... Will we discover the freedom of simplicity and using our time creatively? Or will it eventually descend into chaos and violence?"

The above is just one voice which comes to us in connection with the Archbishop of Canterbury's Commission on Urban Priority Areas. "UPA's" include inner city districts, and many large Corporation estates and other areas of social deprivation. The Commission was appointed to examine the strengths, insights, problems and needs of the Church's life and mission in these areas - to reflect on the challenge which God may be making to Church and Nation. The report published last December is called "FAITH IN THE CITY".

The Bishop of Buckingham writes to us on behalf of the Bishop's Council: "Faith in the City is one of the most important documents to come before the Church for a long time. The questions that it asks about our membership of one another are of fundamental importance to Church and Nation".

So you can see why I thought it important that I should try and put some of the facts before you, particularly as the Diocesan Synod will debate this on November 23rd. It will then be followed by launching the report on the next day - 'Stir-up' Sunday. Below are some of the points:

**UNEMPLOYMENT.** Not that it only exists in Urban Priority Areas, but that it is often 50% and even 80% in some areas; compounded by the effects of racial discrimination.

**PHYSICAL DECAY.** The report outlines in stark and sombre detail whether of Victorian terraced housing or of inferior system-built blocks of flats which has created an environment so degrading that people have set fire to their own homes.

**SOCIAL DISINTEGRATION.** This has reached a point in some areas where shop windows are boarded up, cars cannot be left on the streets, and residents are afraid to go out or ask others in.

**A PERVADING SENSE OF DESPAIR and powerlessness.** "The UPA's lie in the centre of an unequal society, their poverty obscured by busy shopping precincts of mass consumption; their bare existence of dole and supplementary benefit existing alongside material opulence."

The question whether this has particular relevance to those of us who live in this rural area I'm sure could well be answered by the Biblical challenge: 'Am I my brother's keeper?'

The answer is meant to be "YES"....!

Yours sincerely,

FR. JOHN HEFFER

EVENTS:::PAST\*\*PRESENT\*\*FUTURE

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY (November 9th)

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE: WINGRAVE 11.00 A.M. (Archdeacon of Buckingham)  
(Parade & Assembly 10.45 a.m.)

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Cublington Parish Communion (includes Wreath Laying) 8.45 a.m.  
(District Parade - Local News)  
Wingrave Parish Communion (Meditation on the Theme) 9.45 a.m.  
Aston Abbotts No Service.

SUNDAY LESSONS

(ASB)

November 23rd 5th Sunday before Ch'mas (417) "The Remnant of Israel"  
1 Kings 19(9-18) Matthew 24(37-44)  
November 30th Advent Sunday (422) "The Advent Hope"  
Isaiah 52(7-10) Luke 21(25-33)  
December 7th Advent 2 (426) "The Word of God"  
Isaiah 55(1-11) John 5(36b-47)  
December 14th Advent 3 (432) "Forerunner - John Baptist"  
Isaiah 40(1-11) John 1(19-28)  
December 21st Advent 4 (436) "Annunciation of our Lord"  
Isaiah 11(1-9) Luke 1(26-38)

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE at 6.00 p.m. in Wingrave Parish Church, Sunday  
November 23rd. The Service will include well-known Advent Hymns, a  
Candlelight procession and music by the Wingrave Singers.

NEW STAINED GLASS WINDOW for Cublington Parish Church, to be dedicated  
at the Family Service, Sunday December 7th, 10 a.m.

CHRISTINGLE & CAROL SERVICE will be held before the end of the School  
term, Sunday December 14th at 6 o'clock: Wingrave Parish Church.

NATIVITY SCENES by Wingrave Junior Church, Sunday December 21st at the  
10 o'clock Parish Communion in the Parish Church.

HOLY BAPTISM

Wingrave Parish Church: 12th October -

JULIA SUZANNE )  
CAROLYNNE JENNIFER ) Daughters of Adrian & Lynne PADGET

CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE

Wingrave Parish Church:

October 4th: Maurice Stanley Reginald CLARK and Sheila Eileen McCORMICK  
October 11th: Geoffrey Peter LONGWORTH and Susan Elizabeth EVANS

Aston Abbotts Parish Church:

October 18th Leslie George LINEY and Susan Mary PAGE

FUNERALS

30th September: Thomas BRAZIER (Service in Aston Church)  
8th October: Allan MURRAY (Wingrave)  
20th October: Evelyn BROWN (Aston Abbotts)

"FAITH IN THE CITY" The report (see Rector's Message) states that Church  
members in Urban Priority Areas have a higher standard of giving than in  
many parts of comfortable Britain. Also, "often threatened, struggling for  
survival, often alienated from the community it seeks to serve, the Church  
is often also intensely alive, proclaiming and witnessing to the Gospel more  
authentically than in many parts of comfortable Britain."

DO THEY MEAN US?...THEY CERTAINLY DO!...

# INSIDE THE BACK PAGE

First of all a final follow up to last months notes on natural laws. One of the many correspondents who wrote on this topic to the Listener magazine was a J. Smith of Penrith in Cumbria, who introduced the readers to that other great Irish philosopher Finnagle:

## Finnagle's Law

The first law, well known among doctors, TV service people, plumbers, gas fitters, electricity and telephone engineers is:

The last call-out of the day will be to the furthest point in the service area.

Finnagle, unlike his lesser countryman, Murphy, has given some advice on combating this problem: avoid answering the telephone after 4pm on Mondays to Thursdays and after 12.30 on Fridays. Most of the above categories, with the possible exception of doctors, keep to these guidelines.

The second law is:

If there are 'n' possible places to search, then you will look in 'n-1' of them before finding what you are seeking.

This law has many corollaries, too numerous to list here. It is also often misinterpreted, as it is argued that once one has found what one is looking for, one stops. Therefore it is always found in the 'last place'. This is not the original meaning of the law.

Once again, Finnagle offers some advice. Divide the possibilities into a large number of sub-sets, then select one from each sub-set in a random pattern. This will not guarantee success, but the strain on the space-time matrix of the cosmos as it endeavours to uphold the law means that practically anything can happen.

J. Smith  
Penrith, Cumbria

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## SPORTING LIMERICKS

Some time ago Simon Barnes challenged the readers of his weekly Sports Diary in The Times to produce some up to date sporting limericks. A modest fiver was offered to any that eventually found space in his column. So here is a selection of those that found their way into print:

• Many of the limericks were resolutely contemporary. I rather liked this tortuous offering from W. J. Ellwood.

*On TV a boxer named Bruno  
Follows each comment with "You  
know  
What I mean, Harry."  
But Harry won't tarry  
To say if he don't know or do  
know."*

• A rather saucy one comes from Anne Rollings:

*A stowaway girl from Sri Lanka  
Who boarded a yacht lying at  
anchor.  
Awoke with dismay  
When she heard the mate say,  
"Let us haul up the main sheet and  
spanker!"*

• On to the tragic, as offered by John Dinan.

*A Millwall supporter named Joe  
Was attacked by five boot-boys  
from Bow;  
He drew a last breath  
And intoned at his death:  
"Here we go, here we go, here we  
go..."*



• Here is a ruthless rugby limerick from Nick MacKinnon, whose sage words cut to the heart of England's tactical manoeuvrings during the Five Nations tournament.

*The England coach, Martin Green,  
said:  
"As a tactic the wide ball is dead.  
To pass is too passé,  
The sidestep's too classy,  
So we'll kick it to Blanco instead."*

• After reading a mass of limericks, one's palate tends to get jaded. That is when the forces of anti-limerick strike. Susan Richardson, with her mastery of rhyme, rhythm and everything else that makes a limerick perfect, forced herself upon me with this:

*There is a spin-bowler called  
Emburey,  
Whose spin-bowling partner is  
Edmonds.  
He tosses them up,  
And gets lots of wickets,  
But sometimes gets hit for six in  
the process.*

• Finally, Nick Alloway squeezes into the frame at the last possible second, thanks to his enviable directness of approach:

*A golfer who reached for his driver  
Was felled by a wayward skydiver.  
It's sad to be said,  
But both sportsmen are dead.  
So farewell from their fans,  
Where's my fiver?*

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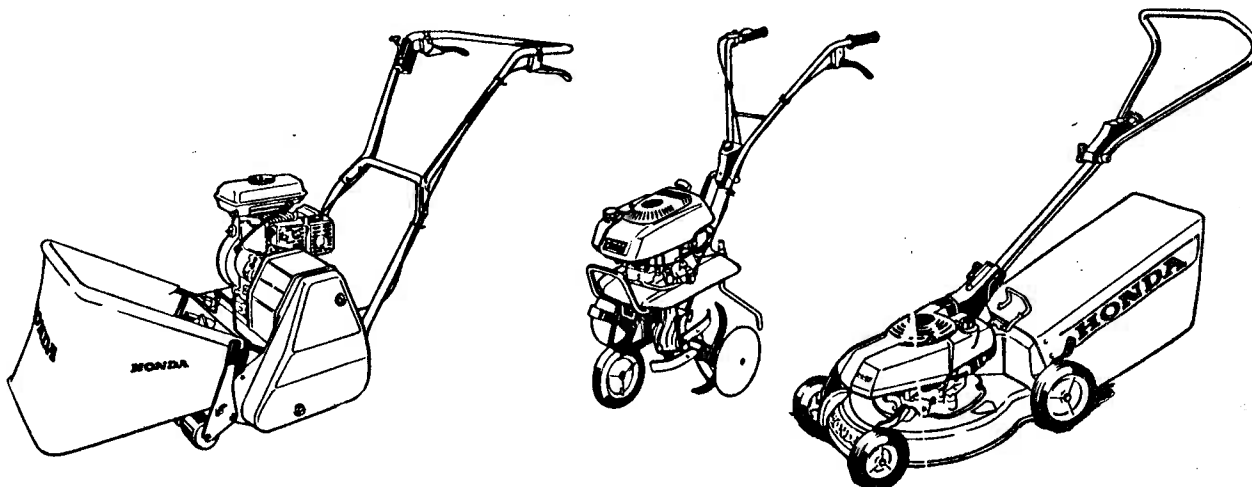
## Inconvenient

This season I have hunted far and wide for examples of batsmen who have been dismissed "timed-out" in cricket matches. I have unearthed a batsman slumbering behind the sidescreen, a county side trapped in a traffic jam, and a fictitious rajah batting from a sedan chair. Now I learn that last weekend saw the first ever timed-out dismissal in a Minor Counties match. While Dorset were replying to Oxfordshire's 181, they lost three wickets in four balls. Next batsman in was Ian Saunders - but when the wickets started to tumble, he was marooned in the gents. The Dorset captain, realizing that time was ticking away, yelled in vain for someone to come out without pads to save the bowling. Saunders eventually appeared, only for the umpire to dismiss him on appeal under the two-minute ruling - Law 31, to be exact. Dorset's 12th man, Russell Jamieson, said that once the follow-on had been averted, his captain saw the funny side of it.

Another snippet from the Sports Diary of Simon Barnes.

*Abbotsbury.*

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