

# The Chronicle

Aston Abbots Parish Magazine

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ISSUE 42



# Editorial

Thanks, as usual, to so many people for their contributions to this month's issue, but a special thank you to the 'Friends of the Chronicle', who have been kind enough to raise sufficient funds to repay a debt I knowingly incurred. To Neil, Chris, Andy, Pat, Mike and all who have contributed - my thanks. To Christine Fox, Helen and Ruth Watts, Tricia and Marshall Webb, and all who have organised activities to add to the funds - my thanks. Without such generous support the Chronicle would not survive.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ANDREW FORD ON SECURING A PLACE IN THIS YEAR'S LONDON MARATHON - NOBODY DESERVES IT MORE.

The idea of a 'HELP LINE' service for the village seems to me an excellent initiative (see PEOPLE page for details). If you would like to add your name to the list please let a member of the Parish Council know or drop a line to the Chronicle. We will publish the 'Help Line' numbers each month in the Chronicle.

*Graham Parker.*

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DEADLINE DATE FOR MARCH ISSUE: 15th. FEBRUARY PLEASE

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1. By telephone to Graham on Aylesbury 681325.
2. By dropping a note through his door - The Cloisters.
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# NOTICEBOARD

## WHATS ON IN FEBRUARY

Thursdays 5th. & 19th. : WHIST DRIVE in the Church Room at 7.30 p.m.  
 Thursdays 12th. & 26th. : BINGO in the Church Room at 8.00 p.m.  
 Sunday 15th. : FOOTPATH WALK - meet on the Green at 2.00p.m.  
 Sunday 22nd. : RAMBLING CLUB MEMBERS - meet Aldbury 2.00 p.m.

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## CAN YOU HELP THE BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY

The Society urgently needs a volunteer to organise their house to house collection during Red Cross Week in May. CAN YOU HELP?

The Society makes all the arrangements for distribution of boxes, flags etc. towards the end of March so please contact Mrs. Doreen Lister at 123 London Road, High Wycombe (Tel: High Wycombe 25361) as soon as possible if you feel you can help.

## IDEAL HOME EXHIBITION

THURSDAY 19th. MARCH.

There will be a coach picking up at The Green at 9.15 a.m. and returning from Earls Court at 6.00 p.m.

Prices (including entrance fee) are:

Adults	£6.90.
O.A.P's	£5.50.
Child(3-15)	£4.50.

Book before February 10th. please by contacting Pam Dixon (681626) or Pauline Fletcher (681408).

## ASTON ABBOTTS YOUTH CLUB

May I first of all say a big thank you to David Brown for organising the "Pram Race" on January 1st which raised £9.27 for the Youth Club. Lets hope that this becomes a yearly event!

The programme for February is as follows:

6th February - Senior members - Vextrex and fabric printing  
 13th February - Junior members - Board games  
 18th February - Senior members - swimming (please note this is a Wednesday)  
 27th February - Half-term, but for senior members there's Sosmik Survival at Buckingham Youth Club.

## Church was full

THE beautifully decorated church of St James at Aston Abbots was filled for a Sunday afternoon carol service when the vicar, the Rev J. Heffer, welcomed everyone and thanked all who had helped to make the church so beautiful.

A Nativity play arranged by Mrs Hewitt was performed by the children and was greatly appreciated.

Readers of lessons telling the Christmas story were Mr L. Scutchings, Mrs Mead, Mr Brown, Mr Hewitt, Mrs D. Sorell and Mrs J. Ford. All joined in singing well loved carols and Sarah Lovell sang a solo, accompanied by Mrs Scutchings at the organ.

All were invited to stay for tea and mince pies.

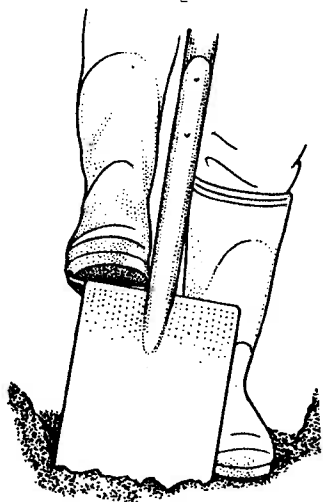
## Bingo party night

A CHRISTMAS party bingo evening was held in the Church Room, Aston Abbots, when Colin Higgs and Mr L. Scutchings shared the duties of caller. Mrs Scutchings was door steward.

Winners of the festive prizes were: Lines, Mrs D. Hinds, Mrs G. Fox, Mr H. Goldney, Mrs D. Lovell, Mr W. Evans, Miss S. Lovell; Houses: Mrs P. Dixon, Mrs Lovell, Mrs Fletcher, Mrs Fox, Mrs P. Humphreys; Special: 1 Mrs D. Waite, 2 Mrs Dixon; Raffle: 1 Mrs Fletcher, 2 Mrs Dixon, 3 & 5 Mrs Kempster, 4 Mrs J. Dixon; Football pontoon: Mrs P. Humphreys.

The snowball was unmelted.

# NOTICEBOARD



It was recently decided by the Parochial Church Council to make all payments due on 1st. January. This is aimed at avoiding the confusion created at the present by allotment rents being due at different times.

This means that rent for all allotments is due now. The rent has been increased to £2 per year.

I would be very grateful if all holders of allotments could pay me as soon as possible. If I am not in please drop it through the letter box with your name.

Many thanks, Stephen Richardson (Treasurer PCC), 25 The Green.

P.S. If anyone is interested in having an allotment could they please let me know. If one becomes vacant it can then be taken over quickly before it overgrows!

## Barn plan permit useless

AN Aston Abbotts firm has described as worthless planning permission for the use of a hay barn for generator storage and maintenance.

Aylesbury Vale District Councillors granted T.W. Wallis and Sons permission to go ahead with the plan for a two-year period only, so that the effects of the use could be monitored and assessed.

But the applicant says the permission is useless as it stands, because no bank or building society is prepared to offer the necessary finance for the barn conversion.

He is seeking permanent approval.

The cost of the work is estimated at £10,000 to £15,000 on top of the purchase price of the site.

Members of the council's development control sub-committee stuck to their original decision last week by refusing to lift the condition, and agreed with a point raised by their officers:

"If there should be any adverse environmental effect of the use, it is important that it be brought to an end as quickly as possible.

"A longer period permission would not achieve this aim."

Cllr. Richard Pearce warned: "This site has been hopelessly split up.

"If we're not careful we are going to get a lot more applications concerning the farm buildings on the site."

The applicant had promised that if permanent permission was granted for the barn, he would drop an appeal against the council's refusal to grant planning permission for a two-dwelling development on the site.

### AMENITIES

Government advice makes it clear that the business permission should be granted unless there are specific and convincing objections that could not be satisfactorily overcome by imposing conditions.

But the council points out there are four residential properties close to the site, and steps have to be taken to safeguard the amenities of people living there.

Aston Abbotts Parish Council was against permanent permission, saying that sufficient time should be allowed to assess the effect of the use — a view supported by a resident who wrote to the council.

## Ladies' carol service

MEMBERS of Aston Abbotts and Cublington Ladies' Club held their annual carol service in St James' Church, Aston Abbotts because an electricity cut meant it could not be held in Cublington Church as planned.

Favourite carols chosen by members were accompanied

by Mr G. Liddell at the organ. Readers were Mrs J. Ford, Mrs B. Newell, Mrs A. Doggett and Mrs Williams.

The service was conducted by the Rev Creber, the Methodist minister from Stewkley, who told a Christmas story of the fourth wise man.

A collection took £15, part of which will be sent to the Aylesbury Hospice fund.

Tea was provided afterwards by Cublington members in the Church Room. Miss B. Bennett thanked Mr Creber.

### FEBRUARY MEETINGS.

FEB 12th. Mrs. Creber 'Rising with Yeast'

FEB 26th. Mrs. Barbara Read 'History of Chairs'.

### RIDGEWAY WALK

Join us on a sponsored family walk to raise funds for:

WINGRAVE PLAYGROUP &

WINGRAVE PLAY AREA.

on MAY DAY - 4th. MAY.

Walk along the Ridgeway from Princess Risborough to Ivinghoe Beacon. There will be various starting points to suit everyone. The last 5 miles will be especially for children.

If you are interested, please ring Judy or Nigel Kennedy on Aylesbury 681627 or Les Smith on 681368.

If you prefer to raise funds for your own community recreation project - then it will be possible to share 50% of the funds raised with your village recreation committee.

# People

OUR MONTHLY COLUMN ABOUT VILLAGE PEOPLE

Edited by Bridget Brandon.

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## BIRTHDAYS

IVY BRANDON 5th. February.  
PABLO GUTIERREZ 7th. February.  
CHARLIE GRIFFIN 13th. February.  
and a belated happy birthday to:  
FRED POULTER SNR. for the 18th. January.

## CONGRATULATIONS

ANDREW FORD on securing a place in this years LONDON MARATHON.

## GET WELL SOON

MRS. BOB HIGGS and HERBERT GOLDNEY who have both been in hospital.

## THANK YOU

Herbert Goldney wishes to thank relatives and friends for their kindness during his stay in hospital and the many get well messages. Particular thanks to those who provided transport during the bad weather.

## THANK YOU

to David Brown and helpers for organising the Pram Race on 1st. January, and donating the bottle of champagne to the winners - which was delicious !

## BEST EVER

The tenth and final Christmas Show made a record profit of £316.60, which was a tremendous note to end on. Well done to everyone who took part or helped in any way.

CAN YOU REMEMBER THIS .....

ASTON ABBOTTS FETE FUND

MUSIC HALL EVENING

Aston Abbots Church Hall

Saturday 12th April 1975

50P Including refreshments

8p.m.

## HELP LINE

The recent spell of bad weather has highlighted the fact that some of our community have problems. It was brought to the attention of the Parish Council by one of our public spirited members that a list of people able to help out in times of difficulty would be helpful.

In an emergency:

- a prescription needs collecting.
- a visit needs to be made to a hospital.
- you are finding difficulty with filling in forms, for supplementary heating allowance for example.
- a pipe has burst or the electricity goes off.

CAN YOU HELP ?

Of course you should feel you can call any member of the Parish Council whose phone numbers appear on this months 'UPDATE' page. But if YOU think you can help out


- you have a car that you could use
- you have skills that may be useful
- you would be willing to help out in an emergency .....

then please contact any member of the Parish Council so that an emergency list can be published.

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Tel: Aylesbury 21036  
Director: A.J.K. Smith

### PRESS RELEASE

TO: EDITORS OF VILLAGE NEWSLETTERS IN BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

Kindly include the following in a forthcoming edition:

### TRANSPORT GUIDE PUBLISHED

DO YOU HAVE PROBLEMS WITH TRANSPORT? DO YOU FIND THAT BUS TIMES DO NOT COINCIDE WITH YOUR APPOINTMENTS? OR PERHAPS YOU HAVE DIFFICULTIES IN COPING WITH CONVENTIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT? IN MANY VILLAGES THE TRANSPORT NETWORK CANNOT COPE WITH BASIC TRAVEL NEEDS: JOURNEYS TO WORK, SHOPPING TRIPS AND VISITS TO THE DOCTOR. AS A CONSEQUENCE, IN SOME AREAS, VOLUNTARY TRANSPORT SERVICES HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED.

THE BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE, IN CO-OPERATION WITH BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL, HAS COMPILED A GUIDE TO ALTERNATIVE AND VOLUNTARY TRANSPORT SCHEMES IN THE COUNTY. VOLUNTARY TRANSPORT SCHEMES DO NOT PROVIDE A FREE SERVICE, THE USER PAYS THE ORGANISER/DRIVER A SMALL AMOUNT TO COVER RUNNING COSTS. SIXTY-SIX DIFFERENT SCHEMES ARE DESCRIBED; MANY OF THEM ARE SOCIAL CAR SCHEMES, BUT MINIBUSES, AMBULANCES AND A POST BUS ARE ALSO INCLUDED. SCHEMES ABLE TO ACCEPT WHEELCHAIR-BOUND PEOPLE ARE MARKED ACCORDINGLY. THE CAPACITY OF ANY SCHEME DEPENDS VERY MUCH ON THE AVAILABILITY AND WILLINGNESS OF VOLUNTEERS, SO IF YOU FEEL THAT YOU ARE ABLE TO OFFER A FEW HOURS A WEEK, DO GET IN CONTACT WITH YOUR LOCAL SCHEME. FOR THOSE HOPING TO PROVIDE SOME ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORT, VARIOUS DIFFERENT ARRANGEMENTS ARE OUTLINED IN THE GUIDE AND FURTHER INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED FROM BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE.

THE GUIDE IS AVAILABLE, FREE OF CHARGE, FROM ALL LIBRARIES. IF YOU HAVE ANY DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING A COPY, PLEASE SEND A SAE (9" X 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ") TO:  
BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE, WALTON HOUSE, WALTON STREET,  
AYLESBURY HP21 7QQ. TELEPHONE: AYLESBURY 21036.

Many thanks.

Yours sincerely

Anne Stobart  
Field Officer

# Update

## OUR REGULAR FEATURE ON PARISH COUNCIL ACTIVITIES.

Amongst the topics discussed at the Parish Council Meeting held at The Church Room on Friday 23rd. January [with two parishioners present and District Councillor Bryan Round] were:

Neighbourhood Watch Scheme : It was agreed to ask the Clerk of the Annual Parish Meeting to make this an item for discussion at the March meeting, and for the Parish Council to invite along a police representative to explain the scheme and perhaps two parishioners from Slapton where the scheme has been successfully adopted.

Parking and the growing problem it was becoming, was again discussed. The Council had received many complaints about people parking on grass verges but acknowledged the dangers of the cars being left on the road. A request to the County Council for the provision of parking lay-bys [especially in Wingrave Road] had been firmly rejected, with the County Council seeing such provisions as a "misuse of scarce highway funds". The Parish Council resolved to ask the County Council if we are allowed to undertake the work ourselves or seek help through the MSC. If these avenues are denied to us then the County Council is asked to suggest how we can overcome the problems that confront the village. [Of course, if cars were parked on the road and caused an accident or an obstruction to traffic then, once the injury statistic had reached the 'action' line, the County Council assures us something would be done! Do you have any ideas that might help?

Street lighting : The written quote for an additional street light on The Green was £142.65 - just about double the verbal estimate! As the connection had to be made by the Board there was little to be done but protest and accept. The decision was thus taken to go-ahead with installation as soon as possible.

Estimated expenditure 1987-88. After discussion the Council agreed to precept for £1400 - an increase of £200 on the current year. Items of expenditure being:  
Administration £200; Street Lighting, supply £360;  
Maintainence of street lights £300; Repairs (e.g. bus shelter at crossroads, mower etc.) £140. Subscriptions and donations £95; Additional expenditure £205 to be spent on improved village facilities.

The actual detail of the last item was left open as it may be needed to replace ageing light fixtures; if those proved adequate then an additional light would be considered along with other proposals. Do you have any ideas on how village facilities could be improved? If so please mention it to a Parish Councillor or write to the Chronicle. Does the village feel it gets VFM (see Les Smith for translation) from its village rate? Again please let your Councillors know.

### WHO ARE YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS ?

- Les Smith, 'Gatesgarth', Lines Hill (Tel:681368)
- Peter Dines, 87 The Green. (Tel:681459)
- Colin Higgs, 6, Wingrave Road. (Tel:681343)
- John Whyte, 14 Bricstock. (Tel:681685)
- Graham Parker, The Cloisters, Church Row (681325)
- David Watts, 'White Wheels' (681376) is the Clerk.

School Governors: The Clerk informed the meeting that a resignation on the Governing body of Wingrave School had created a vacancy, and asked if the Council would agree to support a Wingrave nomination (whose name was not given). In the absence of a name the Council suggested that Peter Dines [already a co-opted member to ensure Aston representation] be made a full member.

Estimates for the repair of the bus shelter at Wingrave crossroads had been received and it was agreed that we pay one fifth of the costs [about £60] and Wingrave the rest.

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# Village Cookbook

## Tea Loaf

A really delicious and simple recipe!

8 ozs dried fruit (a mixture of sultanas, currants etc.)  
 8 ozs flour  
 4 ozs sugar  
 ½ pint strong cold tea  
 1 egg

Leave the mixed fruit to soak overnight in the cold tea. Next day stir in the sieved flour, sugar and beaten egg. Blend well, put into a lightly buttered loaf tin and bake at 375° F (190° C) for 50 minutes. Turn out and cool on a rack, cut into slices and spread with butter - then enjoy!

Contributions to the Village Cookbook page would be greatly appreciated. Perhaps we could collect your favourite recipes together and produce our own Cookbook which we could then use as a means of fund-raising for The Chronicle. Recipes and ideas please to Pat Sims, Cherry Trees, Wingrave Road. Tel: 681311

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## *Friends of the Chronicle*

Well, we are starting 1987 with great optimism. The finances are progressing, although we still have much to raise during the year and so are still counting on some more fund raising ideas please. During December we have been particularly well supported.

Christine Fox organised a special carol singing evening and raised £55, the Christmas Show equally kindly and generously donated £50, and the 'Songs & Words for Christmas' evening, arranged by Ruth and Helen Watts at the Chapel, raised a further £14. Our thanks to all concerned.

The sum of all this effort is that we have just paid off our long overdue £200 debt to Graham. All our thanks (and probably Graham's too), to the 'Friends of the Chronicle '86', particularly Neil Cheshier, the Webbs, Christine Fox, the Watts's, the Christmas Show, the Church Room and St. James' Church.

However, there is plenty to be raised for this year. Has anyone any ideas? Who will be our first 'Friend of 1987'?

MICHAEL COX.



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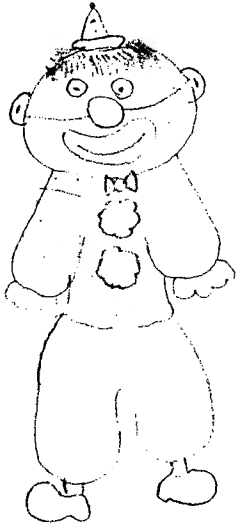
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*M. Talbot*



# Homanay H'antics

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New Year's Day woke many from their Hogmanay hang-overs with the very first Aston Abbotts Pram Race. Teams staggered to the Bricstock start from all directions and in all manner of antiquarian racing chariots. There were the Terrible 'Baby-Face' Turnhams, the Nutters from the Acorns and the Brilliant Brandies, to name but a few.

The Brandies deserve special mention. As the team multiplied by the minute one had to wonder whether their captain had come prepared for a race or a wellie throwing contest. Nevertheless, ably supported by John 'Big Mummy' Whyte and Ray 'I'll Keep a Breast of it' Wilkinson they took up their starting position in determined readiness.

Thankfully the rain subsided, the balloon went up and, in utter chaos, the race to see who could quench one's thirst first at the Oak was on !

Rounding the last bend the bedraggled throng engulfed it in a wave of ecstatic euphoria. Suddenly the tide of contestants was gone as quickly (with notable exceptions) as it had arrived. In complete disarray the field swept on to the Bull to partake of its second pint.

Why could contestants only go in from the back - had 'M' locked the front door for a quick getaway ? Was sweat seen on 'B's' face in having to pull so many pints so quickly ? No good asking Ray W. his magnificent chest had bounced into a large puddle playing to the gallery outside !

Here the pressure took its toll. Minds were applied to the (un)enviable task of downing that second pint only to be thwarted by a gasping, heaving body beneath.

Who said mind over matter, let them enter next year !

On, on they cried. Surging ahead on the homeward leg to The Green - The Unforeseen Happened ! A poor unknown came driving through. Confronted by the Clowning Hewitts chraging towards him and the embellished muttitude behind, he froze in startled shock. A swift recovery is not expected.

Down the last stretch the rash exuberance of youth came to the front to see the Youth Club's 'Aston Pnux' blur through the finishing line. Congratulations to them and one and all who entered to make it such a fun loving day, with £9 plus raised for Youth Club funds.

Anybody seen my Pram ?

Nosey !



[Cartoon Contestants  
by Milisia Mean.]

## QUIZ

OUT AND ABOUT IN BUCKS by Colin Higgs.

1. What industry is High Wycombe famous for ?
2. What are Prestwood Blacks ?
3. Which village has a one handed church clock ?
4. What is Witchert ?
5. What is Leatherslade Farm famous for ?
6. What is the Marlow Donkey ?
7. Which town holds a Mop Fair ?
8. Who owns Claydon House ?
9. Where was Grey's Elergy written ?
10. Which village has a thached tree ?

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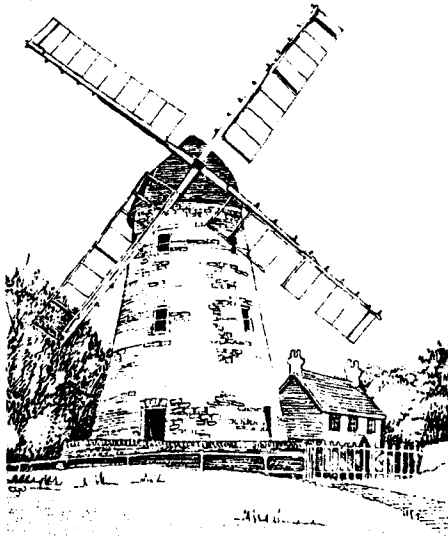
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# Portraits of Buckinghamshire

No.17. WINDMILLS AT BRILL & BRADWELL.

This month we feature Brill's post mill and the smock mill, still preserved at New Bradwell in Milton Keynes. Drawings by Elizabeth Ogan in Elizabeth Cull's 'A Picture of Buckinghamshire'.



Smock mill at New Bradwell.



Brill's post mill. These old mills were mounted on a single post, and the whole body of the mill turned to bring the sails into the wind. Smock mills, like the one at New Bradwell, Milton Keynes came later. Only the bonnet, on a smock mill, turned with the sails.

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The proportional payment was based on the numbers on the electoral rolls in the two villages.

**Polystyrene:** Following protest from The Parish Councillors after the recent fire in Wingrave road, the Fire Officer has eventually replied to say that they believed polystyrene was a suitable material for loft insulation, presenting an 'acceptable fire risk' as it required contact with a naked flame to ignite.

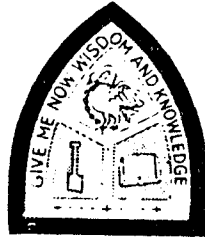
The police presence recently to investigate speeding in the village had indicated that the speed of vehicles had reached between 34 and 36 m.p.h. - not speeds at which the police would consider action. The Parish Council felt the police had been in the wrong place but realised a further request would be refused, and perhaps we wait twelve months or so before making another request and indicating where we believe the problems occur.

The Aylesbury Vale District Council has proposed the disbanding of the Wing Association of Parish Councils because all the other district associations had become defunct. The Parish Council thought it odd that the AVDC should seek to disband the only active and effective district association! So successful was the Wing Association that a village from another district was seeking membership, and it was felt that the Wing Association was playing a significant role in protecting the interests of its members. A strong letter in support of the Wing Association would be sent to AVDC.

**NEXT MEETING:** FRIDAY 27th. MARCH 7.30 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING followed by  
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Headmaster: I. Andrew B.Ed.  
Telephone: AYLESBURY (0296)  
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WING COUNTY SECONDARY SCHOOL  
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A MESSAGE FROM WING - 15th January 1987

May I wish you all a very happy 1987. The weather is not very encouraging at the moment, as I look out of my window it has just started to snow again. Having had to close the school yesterday but managing to get 60% of pupils in today, the prospect is quite worrying. Running a rural school where 80% of pupils travel considerable distances on narrow roads does have disadvantages at this time of year. We stay open whenever possible, but I always take the bus company's advice if they feel it is dangerous to travel. School closures will be announced on Chiltern Radio if they are known in advance, but otherwise I can only ask for patience if the school bus is late. I feel if everyone who reads this magazine knows the problems and the routine then it helps raise awareness of what is happening.

Samantha Knowles is doing very well so far at the World College of the Atlantic. Her first report was very encouraging and this augers well for the future.

Industry Year is now officially over, but I would still like to develop links. Anyone involved with Industry or Commerce who would like to discuss ways in which they could help should ring me. Often just a discussion with relevant members of staff can be very useful. Last term a number of firms donated wood, filing cabinets and other useful items to the school and one large national company (via its local branch) bought us a word processor. If your firm is replacing furniture or equipment please think of us. We can often use items which are no longer needed by you.

Our Attic Auction is on Saturday, 4th April. This is a 50/50 Auction where we sell things for you and give you 50% of the sale price. Your help has made it tremendously successful over the past two years. Look out those items you no longer need. Small items go very well - pictures, kitchen equipment, vases, etc. If you are moving house, or clearing a house, please remember our Auction. Other people often want what you are no longer in need of. Ring the school to arrange collection.

Our next school production is on 5th/6th/7th March entitled "Our Day Out". I am sure it will be up to the high standard of our past productions.

Best wishes to you all.

IVAN ANDREW  
Headmaster

SUNDAY PAPERS.

FOR YOUR SUNDAY PAPER REQUIREMENTS PHONE ME, KAREN, ON 681425. DONT STOP ME IN THE STREET BECAUSE I DONT SPEAK TO STRANGERS. DELIVERY GUARENTEED BEFORE 3 P.M.

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Wingrave CE Combined School  
School Association

# PUB GAMES EVENING

AT THE SCHOOL

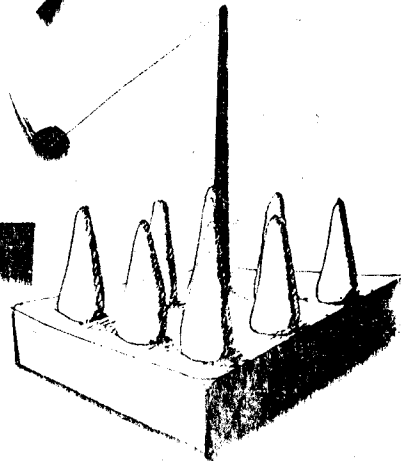
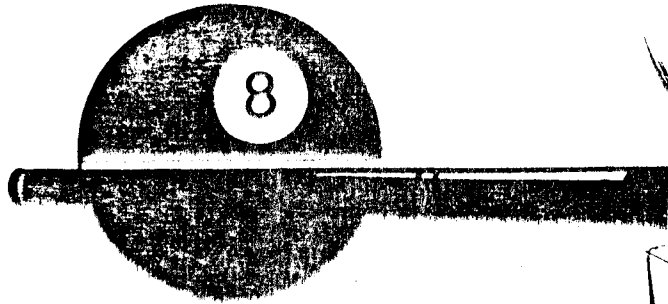
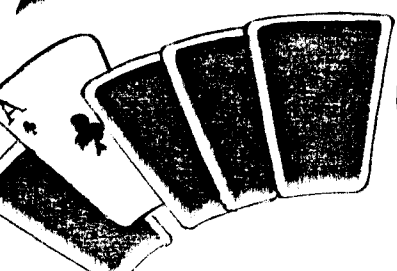
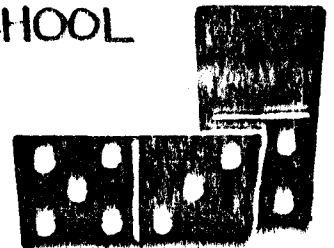
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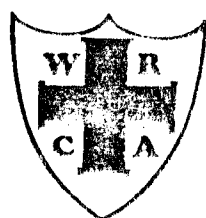
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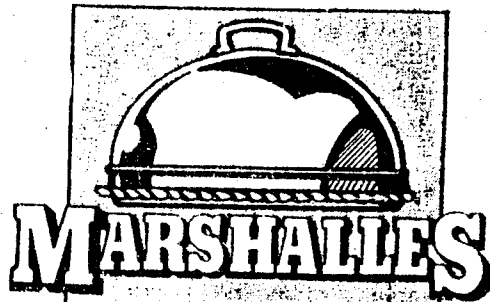
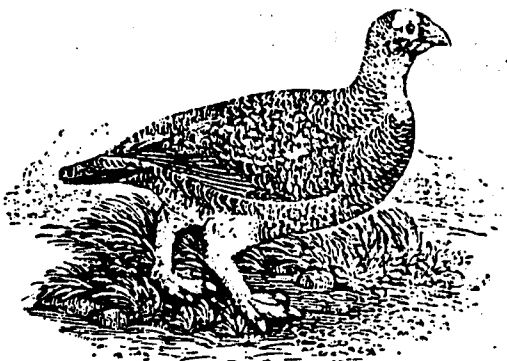
**HOOTER BRANDON**

This the tale of Hooter Brandon  
Who's got a Proboscis large enough to stand on  
Not something to be sneezed at  
Or go weak at the knees at  
But somewhere for Concorde to land on

Now Chris has vanished: Done a bunk  
In hospital having his hooter shrunk  
He's got something to fix:  
They're using two house bricks!  
So he'll get a new job as a monk!

It must have been the size of the Beak  
That attracted the attentions of Ivor Cheek  
But when it is drilled out  
It will have to be spelled out  
That you can only blow it three times a week

So good luck to 'Chris the Hooter' we said  
We'll think of you on the hospital bed  
There'll be no fondling nurses  
You're at Brigettes mercies  
One false move and she'll have you neutered instead



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# The Estone Chronicles

This month we begin a series of extracts about the parishes of Aston, Cublington and Wingrave, taken from THE VICTORIA HISTORY OF THE COUNTIES OF ENGLAND usually abbreviated to the V.C.H. This great undertaking was con-

ceived in the late nineteenth century when a scheme was devised for the publication of a new large-scale county history, based on original research, for every county in England, except Northumberland for which a history on similar lines had been started a few years previously. County volumes were to be financed by the local gentry, and the project began in promising fashion. But the early rate of publication was not maintained as administrative and financial problems arose. The University of London became responsible for the series in the early 'thirties and, with changing social conditions, new sources of income—local industries and local authorities, for

example—have been tapped, especially since 1945. By 1966 one hundred and thirty-eight volumes had appeared, but for only a dozen counties was the history complete.

The broad arrangement of the volumes is the same for all counties. Volumes I and II usually deal with general aspects of county history, such as the archaeological remains of different periods, political developments, and social and economic changes. Subsequent volumes, the number depending on the size of the county being described, contain accounts of the individual parishes within it.

The extracts that begin this month are taken from the V.C.H. BUCKINGHAMSHIRE : VOLUME 3. This volume was completed in 1914, but owing to the First World War, and other reasons, it was not published until 1925. This section on Aston Abbots was written by Dorothy M. Jennings. [The detailed references are omitted]

## PART ONE

### ASTON ABBOTS

Estuna, Eastun, Estone (xi cent.); Abbodes Aston, Aston Abbatis (xiii cent.).

The parish of Aston Abbots, containing the village of the same name and hamlet of Burston, covers an area of 2,198 acres, of which 263 acres are arable land producing crops of wheat, 1,814 acres are laid down in grass, and there are 17 acres of woods and plantations.<sup>1</sup> The soil is of sand and gravel, with a subsoil of sand.

The land is high, rising to 468 ft. above the ordnance datum at a point north of the village, whence extensive views can be obtained of the surrounding country. The village, which includes several buildings of the 16th and 17th centuries, is small and compact, with a small green in the centre, on the north side of which is the church. Near by is the vicarage, a substantial building dating from c. 1830. The present school was built in 1874, the former one together with five ancient cottages having been pulled down. There is an Independent chapel, built about 1839, and a Primitive Methodist chapel dating from 1862.

Slightly to the west of the village is the site of the ancient country house of the Abbots of St. Albans, from whom the parish derived its distinctive name. The present house, known as the Abbey, is a modern building of brick covered with stucco, having been practically rebuilt in the 19th century. Some of the walls, however, are of exceptional thickness, and may be part of the original building. The house stands in grounds containing a sheet of water, with a view over the town and vale of Aylesbury. It was once occupied by Sir James Clark Ross, discoverer of the Magnetic Pole in 1831, who died here in 1862. It is now the property and residence of Lieut.-Col. Henry Mitchell Sholto Douglas.

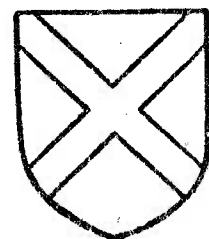
To the south-west of the Abbey is Windmill Hill, an elevation of 440 ft. The hamlet of Burston lies about a mile south-west of Aston Abbots, and consists of Lower Burston and Upper Burston, the farms respectively of Mr. W. H. Denchfield and Mr. Pargeter. Burston House, once the seat of the Lees,

stands at the foot of a hill and is a plain solid building, for many years tenanted as a farm by the Denchfield family. It is at present the residence of Mrs. Denchfield. Leland tells us that in his time at Burston 'Mr. Leigh hath a goodly House with Orchardes and a Parke. This Birdstaine is almost in the Middle of the Vale of Aylesbury.'<sup>2</sup>

The Inclosure Award, under an Act of 1795, is enrolled upon a Plea Roll dated 12 March 1796, at the Public Record Office.<sup>3</sup>

In the time of Edward the Confessor *MANORS* a certain Danish chief called Tolf,<sup>4</sup> or Wulf, held 'land which is called Eastun' from the king. This land he gave, with the king's consent, 'to the holy church of Alban the Martyr,' where he wished to be buried. At the Domesday Survey<sup>5</sup> 'Estone' was assessed at 10 hides and was held by the Abbot of St. Albans as one manor, which remained in the possession of the abbey until the Dissolution.<sup>6</sup> Its tenure was, however, marked by several disturbances, for in 1267 Geoffrey Lucy and others, on a pretext that the abbot held of them, entered his manor of Aston and carried away flocks and goods in distraint.<sup>7</sup> The abbey's privileges were, moreover, encroached upon by the sheriff, to whom a writ was directed by the king in 1306, ordering him to desist.<sup>8</sup> In 1381 there were further troubles, and the tenants at Aston, encouraged by the example of the rioters at St. Albans, extorted a charter of liberty from the abbot.<sup>9</sup>

Between 1396 and 1401 Abbot John V made several improvements in the manor, restoring the house, the stone and timber of which was falling into ruin, and making three sheepfolds.<sup>10</sup> Several of the bondmen on the Aston estate were freed by the abbots,<sup>11</sup> and the language in the manumission deed



ST. ALBANS ABBEY.  
*Azure a saltire or.*

of William Jurdon by John Whethamstede between 1421 and 1440 shows that the abbot was considerably in advance of his age in liberality of thought.<sup>12</sup> After the dissolution of St. Albans Abbey in 1539<sup>13</sup> *ASTON ABBOTS* was granted in the following year to John Lord Russell,<sup>14</sup> by whom it was alienated

two months later to Sir Robert Dormer.<sup>15</sup> Sir Robert afterwards obtained Grove Manor (q.v.), with which Aston Abbots has since been held,<sup>16</sup> the manorial rights of both being at present vested in Lady Wantage.

In 1616 Lord Dormer was granted free warren in Aston Abbots.<sup>17</sup>

## PUZZLE PAGE

### SOMETHING FOR THE YOUNGER CHILDREN

## 1984 And All That

This is a good trick to try on grown-ups, particularly if they are married. What is more, you can work out the answers before beginning the trick, and then use a pack of cards to present your results with fantastic impact.

Hand the calculator to an adult-victim and ask him, without letting you see what is happening, to enter his year of birth. Next, he should add (+) the year in which he married. Pause for a little, then ask him to add (+) in the time (hours only). When this has been completed, ask your victim to add (+) the number of years that he has been married, and then his age at the end of this year.

Now is the moment of truth. Pick up a pack of cards and lazily thumb through them. Your victim will notice that you end up with four cards face down on the table. When these are turned over, the number in the calculator is revealed. Terrific! But how is it done?

The secret is that if you take a person's age at the end of the year and add it to his year of birth, you get the present year. Similarly, the year in which he got married, plus the number of years that he has been married, add up to the present year. Since we know the hour of the day at which the trick is being performed, the answer is easily calculated as twice the present year plus the time in hours. Picking out the cards from the pack is simply a dramatic way of announcing an answer that you already know.

To show that '1984 And All That' works, consider the following example.

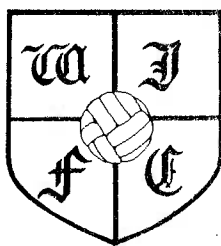
Auntie Judy was born in	1941	+
She got married in	1965	+
Suppose the time is 9.15 p.m. (hours only)	9	+
Her age at the end of the year is	43	+
Number of years Auntie Judy has been married	19	+
	<hr/> 3977	

Before Auntie Judy worked out the above sum on the calculator, you would have obtained the answer by doubling the present year (1984) and adding 9. Lazily drawing the cards 3, 9, 7, and 7 is just a final piece of play-acting.

It is, of course, best not to do this trick more than once at a particular session.



## WINGRAVE JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

SNOWED OFF

It seems a long time ago since my last report but little has happened on the field. The games scheduled for Dec. 21st. were snowed off; although the Under 12's did manage to start at Cheddington but after twenty minutes play the referee called a halt with Wingrave one up through a Dean Sykes goal. Even worse was to follow in January, with not a ball being kicked in earnest until the 25th. January.

RESULT UNDER 14's

January 25th. : CHEDDINGTON **POSTPONED - WATERLOGGED PITCH.**

DAD'S v. LAD'S

The highlight since the last report was undoubtedly the New Years Day clash between the Dad's & Lad's which is reported elsewhere in this issue.

FUND RAISING

Off the field the Club has been active in its fund raising efforts, making just over £100 in its pre-Christmas raffle. Many thanks to all who sold and all who bought tickets !

FRENCH VISIT

Much of the fund raising is to help support the Club's visit to La Bouexiere at Easter for our annual international match. We hope to be able to pay a good proportion of the costs of all team members - adults accompanying the team will, of course, have to pay their own way ! Details of the arrangements should have been received by all team members.

REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS

Both ANTHONY BISHOP and PIERS PARKER will be representing the League team against the powerful Chiltern League on February 14th. The match is to be played at Luton Town Football Club ground immediately before the First Division fixture between Luton and Aston Villa. After the game both boys teams will stay on to watch the Villa match from a special guests enclosure. I don't doubt most of the Dad's team that performed so heroically [and were so unjustly robbed of a memorable victory by some dubious refereeing] on New Years Day, will be wishing they were under twelve again! It will be a great experience for Anthony and Piers and we wish them all both a great day.

FUTURE MATCHES

February 1st. Under 12's. v. Arrows (A)

Under 14's. v. Woodside (A).

February 8th. Under 12's. v. 999 (A)

Under 14's. v. Water Eaton (H) 2.15  
K.O. at the Rec.

These are all the fixtures that are known at the time of going to press, although we do know that in the cup the Under 12's are at home to Cheddington in the first round of a knock-out competition; while the Under 14's cup competition will be on a group league basis, with the first and second in each league going through the knock-out semi finals.

# WINGRAVE JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

## HONOURS EVEN IN THE BATTLE OF THE BANKS

With conditions more suitable to hippopotami, the Wingrave U-12 team took on a Wingrave Over-40s team in a New Year's Day 'Lads v. Dads' fixture at the School ground. A good crowd, manifesting negligible support for their husbands, was treated to a feast of goals, incidents and laughs. Washing-machines locally would have been less than impressed!

An even first half witnessed Banks Snr. scoring first with a fine shot past son, Simeon. Parker Snr. made it 2-0 to the 'Dads'. Then in the 25th minute the first of 3 penalties was awarded to the 'Lads' by the referee, who left hurriedly after the game for his native West Midlands. This was netted by Bishop Jnr. who, along with the U-12 forwards, had been previously thwarted by some mechanically dexterous manoeuvrings by Bracey-Wright Snr. in goal. His unusual choice of keeper's apparel had raised fears that he might charge for his time but these were allayed when all cars started cleanly at the end of the match. During the interval, the 'Lads' were given glucose-rich Milky Way bars, whilst the 'Dads' bar produced large measures of whisky from a car boot.

With this spirit surging through their veins, the 'Dads' soon advanced to 3-1 early in the second half through Parker Snr. However the indulgences of New Year's Eve began to exact their toll and the U-12s took full advantage. In a 15-minute period, they netted through Chris Arnold, Bishop, David Arnold and Chris A. again to steam ahead 5-3. At this stage the Ladbroke's tent was offering 50 to 1 on the O-40s actually finishing the game! However, the 'Dads' showed that whilst they had never played with each other before (gay to the end?), they would be there at the final whistle - but with one noteworthy exception in Carl Sorace, who, in accelerating (or so he thought!) onto a Banks' pass, pulled up with a hamstring injury much to the mirth of the spectators. Expletives deleted!

In the last quarter of the game, stunned by being in arrears for the first time, Banks Snr. scored twice to complete a hat-trick, Arnold Snr. shot in left-footed from the edge of the box and Lambourne Snr. placed one with gentle accuracy at the base of a post from whence it seemed to hover over the mud before floating past Banks Jnr. to make it 7-5.

At this stage The Bell was opening doors; and the 'Dads' considered the game all but in the bag. However, in extended injury time, certain tactics by Messrs. Bishop, Pretty and Kitchener in the 'Dads' defence incurred the wrath of aforementioned referee and two penalties were awarded. The game was thus levelled at 7 all by D. Arnold and Ellis Kitchener beating the now in-need of an oil change Bracey-Wright from the spot or rather "a" spot somewhere in the mud!

Man of the match was Anthony Bishop's 18-year old cousin, Andrew Bennett (a close relation of that referee!) who, an Honourary U-12 for an hour, performed heroically in the 'Lads' defence.

Teams: DADS: Bracey-Wright, Pretty, Bishop, Pope G., Pope J., Kitchener, Lambourne, Wilkinson, Arnold, Banks, Parker, Sorace (retired).

LADS: Banks, Pretty, Arnold D., Parker, Kitchener, Pope, Lambourne, Bracey-Wright, Bennett, Sorace, Bishop, Arnold C., Wiggett (Sub: M. Watkins).



The first of the Twinning Associations major events for 1987 is a 'Gourmet Evening' of good food, drink, and music on St.Valentine's evening, and therefore entitled **FOOD FOR LOVE!** This will be held in the Community Centre at Wingrave, starting at 8.00 p.m.. Because of the cooking involved, tickets should be bought in advance and are available from Frank Watkins, 2 Coblers Wick, 681747. They cost £3.50 for adults, £2 for under 12's, and include a 3-course meal. There will also be a raffle with French prizes and a competition for a Valentine card on the twinning theme, with a prize for the funniest and a prize for the most original.

**JUNIOR FOOTBALL INTERNATIONAL MATCHES**

The Under 12's and Under 14 football teams are playing the French in La Bouexiere over the Easter weekend 17 - 20 April. Further details will be circulated to team members.

**YOUNGSTERS' EXCHANGE 1987**

Any youngsters wishing to go on the Exchange will be most welcome, whether they have been before or not. The exchange group will cross from Portsmouth to Cherbourg on the 9 a.m. ferry on Sunday 12 April and return on the 6 p.m. ferry on Monday 20 April. The cost will be around £17.50 for 13 years and under, £27.50 for 14 years and over. Further information is available from Jean Keighley (681235), and you should book with her not later than 14 February.

Further dates in 1987 include a Family/Sporting weekend in Wingrave with our friends from La Bouexiere 28 -31 May, and a visit by us to La Bouesiere 24 - 27 October. As this is our first opportunity to visit La Bouexiere for 17 months, we expect to be a very large party! Further details later.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THE TWINNING ACTIVITIES WHY NOT JOIN THE TWINNING ASSOCIATION, ONLY £5 (per family) £2 (for an individual), AND YOU WILL RECEIVE REGULAR DETAILS OF ACTIVITIES IN THE ASSOCIATIONS NEWSLETTER.

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help by offering accomodation, please contact any committee member.

The weekend's full programme is not yet prepared, but the basic idea is that the sporting fixtures should take place on Saturday 30 May, and some kind of visit -

please fill in the form by any committee member membership, or £2 for Cheques to Wingrave Tw please.



Greetings to all our readers from the Twinning Committee:

- Jennifer & David Armstrong, Pembroke House, Nup End Close. 681302.
- Julian & Sarah Humphrey, Mollards Cottage, Nup End Lane. 681341.
- Jean & Richard Keighley, The Old Vicarage, Leighton Road. 681235.
- David & Elizabeth Morgan, 8 Anershall. 681101.
- Bryan and Joyce Round, Fernleigh, Nup End Lane. 681621.
- Pip & Frank Watkins, 2 Coblers Wick. 681747.

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# CHURCH NEWS

Once again the church was full both for the Carol Service and the Family Service on Christmas Day, with about one hundred people at each service. It was good to see young and old, newcomers and those who have lived here many years joining together in praise and worship. It was good too to have a reasonable congregation for our family service on the 4th. January. There is no doubt that the family services, usually the first Sunday in the month, are proving more and more popular. Do try and make at least that service a regular commitment in your church going. All the church services are on the church noticeboard each month as well as listed below. It is good to meet in church and there is always a welcome and time for a chat after the service.



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## CHURCH SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY

			<u>Sidesman</u>
1st. February	: FAMILY SERVICE	11.15 a.m.	Sarah Lovell
	1 Corinthians 3(10-17)	476	St. John 2(13-22)
8th. February	: HOLY COMMUNION	11.15 a.m.	Tony Hewitt.
	1 Corinthians 3(18-23)	480	St. Matthew 12(38-42)
15th. February	: HOLY COMMUNION	11.15 a.m.	Colin Higgs.
	1 Corinthians 4(8-13)	486	St. Matthew 5(1-12)
22nd. February	: HOLY COMMUNION	11.15 a.m.	Gillian Ford.
	James 5(13-16)	490	Mark 2(1-12).

## QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Chair making.
2. Cherries.
3. Nether Winchendon.
4. Witchert is a mixture of clay with straw. It was used, unsupported by any kind of framework, in walls up to two feet thick, and thus only the best of the cottages, those built on a good stone foundation, would have survived, as by their very nature witchert walls are susceptible to damp and all too readily crumble away. The best surviving examples in Bucks can be seen as Haddenham.
5. Great Train Robbers hide out.
6. A train.
7. Amersham.
8. The Verney family.
9. Stoke Poges.
10. East Claydon - see left.

## QUIZ ANSWERS



This seat at Botolph Claydon has been built around a living oak, and the roof has been skilfully thatched up into the branches. It can only have been a labour of love.

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THE CHURCHES IN WINGRAVE WITH ROWSHAM, ASTON ABBOTTS & CUBLINGTON

February 1987

MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

Aylesbury 681623

"Actions speak louder than words", so they say. It's true, also, we can speak and wish afterwards that we hadn't. For example, two ladies arrived in a torrent of rain to spend a week-end in the country cottage of their friend. They were welcomed by their hostess who expressed concern that if the weather didn't improve they wouldn't enjoy themselves. "Oh, but my dear", replied one of them, "we didn't come to enjoy ourselves, we came to see you!"

The Good Book is an excellent guide: "He who watches his tongue keeps himself out of trouble" (Proverbs 21, v.23) But, if there are wrong words, there are also hurtful silences.

Kevin's mother gave him final instructions before the party to behave like a gentleman: "and for pity's sake if there is any food you don't like, don't say anything about it." So, after the party, he thanked his hostess for the icecream and cakes; "as for the tomatoes and sausage rolls", he muttered, "we won't say anything about them." Kevin's mum should be proud of her little son's obedience...

Our Communion Service obviously believes that actions are as important as words. 'The priest may say: "Let us offer one another a sign of peace", and all may exchange a sign of peace.' This usually takes the form of a handclasp, and both words and actions may be passed through the congregation.

While attending Church on holiday last year, I felt isolated from the congregation. A natural feeling as I was a stranger. Yet, when a fellow worshipper turned round to take my hand and several came from different parts of the church to give me "The Peace", I gratefully responded. Immediately, I felt at home - I belonged.

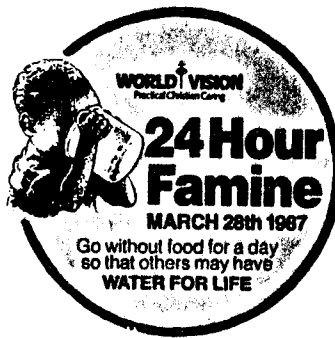
I am even more glad, therefore, when these words and actions are used in our churches. The whole formula need not be used. The less words the better, perhaps. "Peace" is sufficient to say. It's not hand pumping, rather a mere touch. The act as important as the words.

In my reading of the Good Samaritan I note that there is no record of his conversation with the man who had been 'mugged'. He gave his time and energy to relieve the sufferer. He gave his money - a symbol of loving care. An action speaking louder than words.

John Summery

W. John Claffed.

SEE  
ABOUT  
NEXT



MORE  
THIS  
MONTH

ASH WEDNESDAY

Lent begins with Holy Communion with imposition of Ashes in Cublington Parish Church, March 4th at 8.00 p.m.

LENT BOXES

The United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel issue these and will be available in each parish for our support of the Muheza Hospital in Tanzania Province.

DEANERY LENT

The Services held in the different parish churches each week with Compline and Address begin on WEDNESDAY, 11th March at 8.00 p.m.

PARISH LENT

Every WEDNESDAY, beginning 11th March at 2.00 p.m. there will be a Service in Wingrave Parish Church lasting about forty minutes and based on the U.S.P.G. publication "At the Foot of the Cross".

WOMEN'S WORLD  
DAY OF PRAYER

6th March.  
Wingrave Methodist Church at 7.30 p.m.

SUNDAY LESSONS

(ASB)

22nd February	8th before Easter	(490)	"Christ the Healer"
	James 5(13-16)		Mark 2(1-12)
1st March	7th before Easter	(495)	"Christ the Friend of Sinners"
	Hosea 14(1-7)		Mark 2(13-17)
8th March	1st Sunday in Lent	(503)	"The King & the Kingdom: Temptation"
	Genesis 2(7-9), 3(1-7)		Matthew 4(1-11)
15th March	2nd Sunday in Lent	(508)	"The King & the Kingdom: Conflict"
	Genesis 6(11-22)		Luke 19(41-48)
21st March	3rd Sunday in Lent	(512)	"The King & the Kingdom: Suffering"
	Genesis 22(1-13)		Luke 9(18-27)

CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE

Wingrave Parish Church:

24th January

Dennis John SEWELL and Susan Mary THORLBY

PRAYER CHAIN

Some of us are linked together by telephone. If you would like us to pray for someone or something please let us know by placing your 'intention' in a box at the west end of the church or by ringing 681208 or 681623

# INSIDE THE BACK PAGE

The Christmas feeling has well and truly worn off and we are plunged into the depths of another ice age; but how did your Christmas go? Had you hoped for the surprise gift that was just you but ended up with socks and handkerchiefs or tights and perfume yet again? On the other hand you were perhaps moved by the box of Quality Street unexpectedly given.

As with most things in life our attitude determines the outcome, either we are basically optimists, pleased and excited by any gift, or we are pessimists, wondering what the catch is when we do get that present we had dreamed of.

All of which serves to give me the opportunity of telling you the story of the psychiatrist who had twin sons aged eight. One was an incurable pessimist the other an incurable optimist. Their father became alarmed and decided to try an experiment. On Christmas Eve he filled the pessimists room with everything a boy could wish for; and he filled the optimists room with horse manure. Early next morning he went to observe their reactions. The pessimist sat amongst the toys, books, clothes, sporting goods - just sat there - eyeing the presents suspiciously, trying to work out what the catch was. His father sighed and walked towards the other boy's room. When he peeked in the door he saw him standing waist high in the middle of all the manure, shovelling it up in the air over his shoulder and laughing. "Son," the father said, "What's the matter with you? What are you so happy about?" The boy turned, still laughing, and replied, "Well Dad, I figure with all this horse shit, there must be a pony !"

I recently received a fascinating chain letter which, as is usual with such things, I did not pass on. Ostensibly funny and friendly it promised that 'something good' would happen to me in four days if the chain was not broken. It asked for no money, requested me not to keep the letter but warned that bad luck would descend on me if I broke the chain. Now why did the letter do that ?

Well here I am passing it on to you all for the story it contained is worth the retelling. It begins as a quiz:



DO YOU KNOW WHO, IN 1923, WAS:

1. President of the largest steel company?
2. President of the largest gas company?
3. President of the New York Stock Exchange?
4. The greatest wheat speculator?
5. President of the Bank of International Settlement?
6. The great bear of Wall Street?

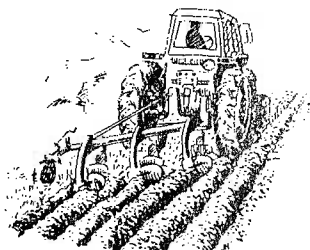
These men should be considered some of the world's most successful men - at least they found the secret of making money. Now, more than 55 years later, do you know what became of these men?

1. The President of the largest steel company, Charles Schwab, died a pauper.
2. The President of the largest gas company, Howard Hopson, is insane.
3. The President of the New York Stock Exchange, Richard Whitney, was released from prison to die at home.
4. The greatest wheat speculator, Arthur Cooger, died abroad insolvent.
5. The President of the Bank of International Settlement shot himself.
6. The Greatest Bear of Wall Street, Cosabee Rivermore, died by suicide.

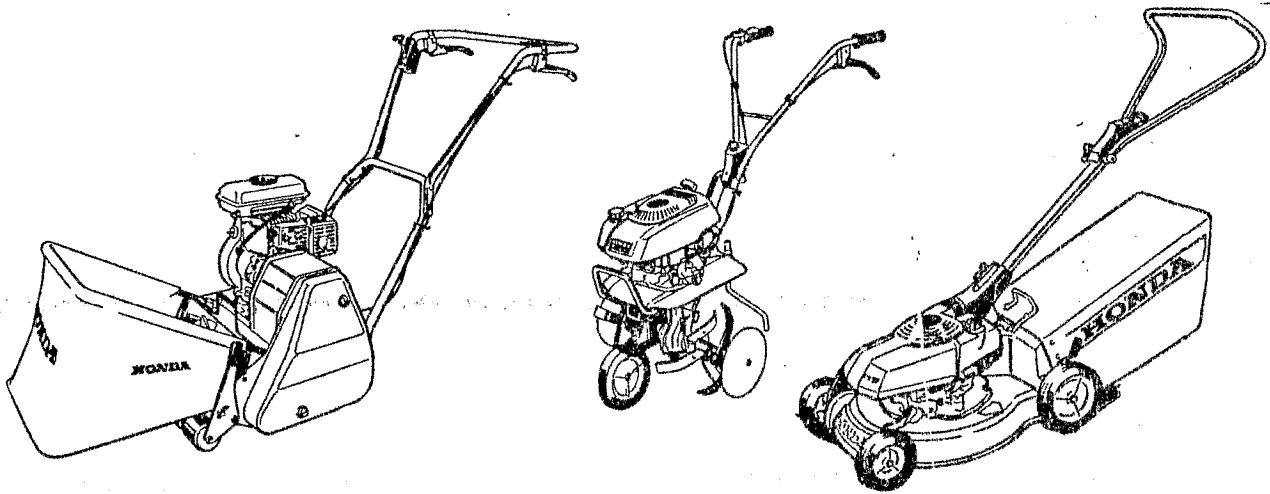
The same year Gene Sarazon, won the U.S. Open and PGA Golf Tournaments. Today he is still playing golf and is solvent.

Conclusion: Stop worrying about business and play golf.

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