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The Chronicle.

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Editorial

Again my apologies for the late arrival of The Chronicle - work I am afraid took priority, and the situation was compounded by a fault in the machinery.

Graham Parker

HELP LINE

In an emergency (a prescription needs collecting: hospital visit has to be made: form needs filling: a pipe has burst or whatever) please ring any of the following numbers for help:

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)

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NOTICEBOARD

WHAT'S ON IN APRIL

Sunday 5th. : Rambling Club Members Meet at Stewkley School 2 p.m.

Sunday 12th : Footpath Walk. Meet The Green 2.00 p.m.

Thursdays 2nd.,16th.,30th. Whist Drive in the Church Room at 7.30 p.m.

Thursdays 9th.,& 23rd. Bingo in the Church Room at 8.00 p.m.

NOTE : The footpath from "The Old Masters" to Cublington via Badgers Oak has now been waymarked in both directions with white discs and yellow arrows.

LADIES CLUB

On the 15th. February Mrs.Creber came and in a light hearted way showed us some aspects of West Country cooking. We learned how to make a true Cornish Pasty, Saffron Buns and Devonshire Splits, all enthusiastically sampled at tea time.

On the 26th. February Barbara Reid joined us for her talk on 'The History of Chairs'. She brought with her a variety of chairs and some members brought their own for her comments. It was an enlightening and informative talk with useful guide lines in ascertaining the origin od some local and regional chairs.

The first of our March meetings - The Social Lunch - was of the usual high standard, a great success and graced by the new table cloths made from damask linen given by Colin Higgs for use in the Church Room.

A Date for your Diary.

COFFEE MORNING : SATURDAY 11th. APRIL : Bring & Buy, Various Stalls
10.30 'till NOON in the CHURCH ROOM.

ON THE BUSES OVER EASTER

ASTON ABBOTTS TO AYLESBURY : Dep. 7.48; 9.30; 11.30; Tuesdays 2.00 ... Then: OXFORD BUS at 8.35; 10.35; 12.35 & 2.35 for shopping, riverside walks and gardens; Thame market (Tuesdays).

RETURN FROM OXFORD at 3.15; or 4.15: from Thame at 11.40; 3.50; 4.50.

X15 READING at 8.40 (for shopping & river trips): Rtn. at 2.40.

ALDER VALLEY - BEE LINE to HIGH WYCOMBE (for Hell Fire Caves; Chair Museum) Depart Aylesbury at 8.20; 10.15; 12.15; 2.45. Return 11.15; 3.45; 4.45.

LUTON & DISTRICT RED ROVER TO LUTON/TRING (for Tring Museum; Nature Trail round reservoir, alight at Marsworth; Pitstone Windmill; Ivinghoe Beacon; Luton Arndale Shops). Depart Aylesbury 8.45; 10.40; 12.40; 2.40. Return from Luton at 2.37; Marsworth 3.40; Tring 3.50 or 5 p.m. Ivinghoe 3.35.

BUS BACK TO ASTON ABBOTTS at 4.50 or 5.50.

SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND COLLECTION - FEBRUARY 1987

A big thankyou to everyone in the village who contributed so generously to the recent collection for the Save the Children Fund.

The total amount raised in Aston Abbotts was £54.50.

Pat Sims.

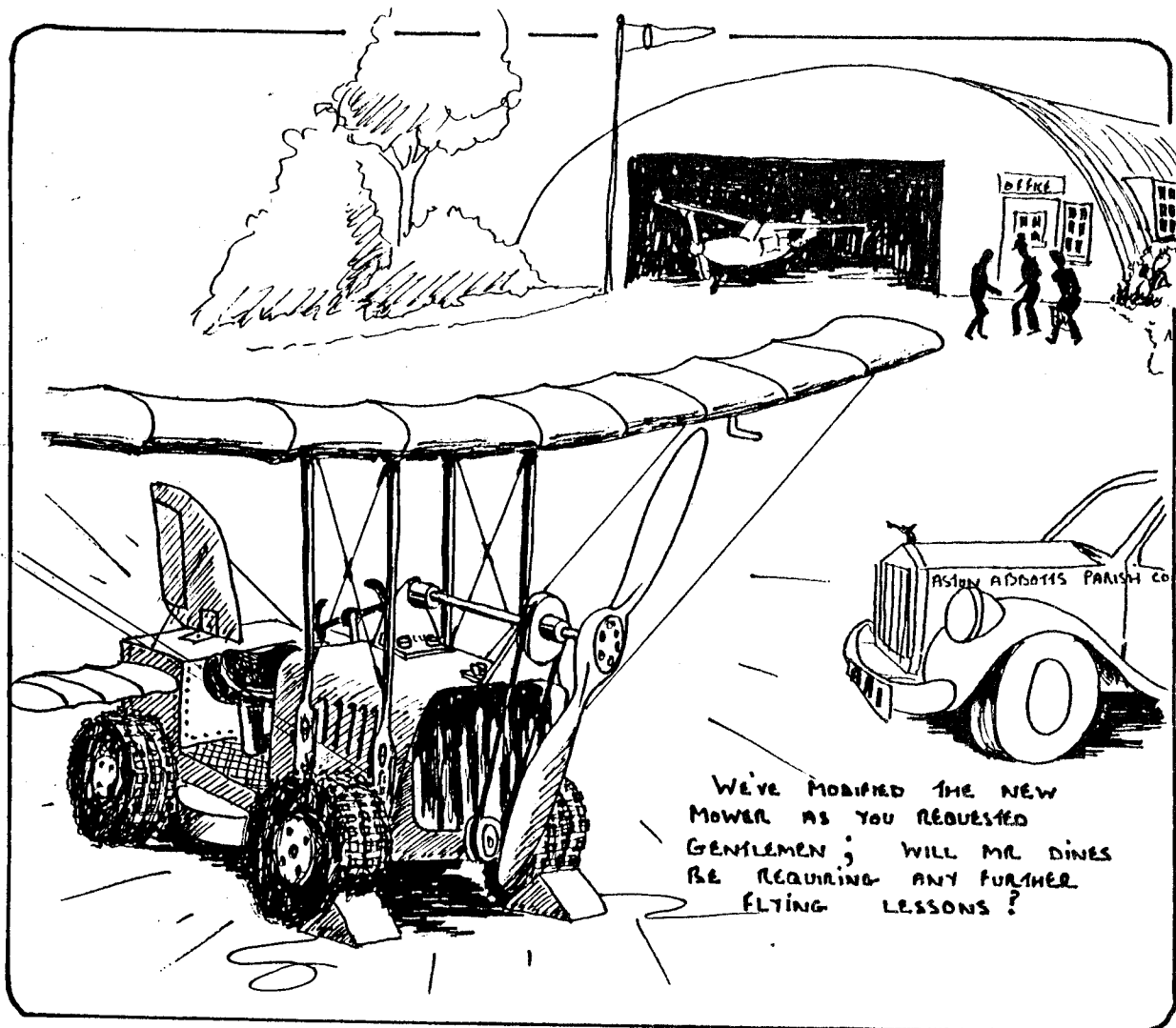
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YOUTH CLUB

The visit to the Point on the 3rd of March has, unfortunately, had to be cancelled and there will be no Youth Club on that night. The last meeting before we break up for the summer is the Treasure Hunt and Party to be held on March 10th. This could well be the last Youth Club evening unless more help is promised for the Autumn!

Wingrave CE Combined School School Association

We are planning a Summer Fete on 13 June. Side shows and some fun sport for ALL. (No obligation)
Keep the date free and come and support us.
Help with Tombola prizes greatly appreciated.



People

OUR MONTHLY COLUMN ABOUT VILLAGE PEOPLE

Edited by Bridget Brandon.

BIRTHDAYS

7th. April KAREN BRANDON.

25th. April MARC BRANDON.

25th. April BARRY SYKES.

28th. April DIANA PICKING.

THANKS

Percy and Charlie for laying the hedge in the playing field and opening up the superb view.

CONGRATULATIONS

Don & Dolly Hinds who celebrate their Ruby Wedding Anniversary on April 5th.

A FOND FAREWELL

to Stan and Win Holmes who are moving to Norfolk after living in Aston for 24 years, and to Ken and Win Rumens who have lived here for 28 years and are moving to Berton. We wish them well.

GET WELL SOON

Mrs. Kelleher, who is ill at the moment.

TIME GENTLEMEN PLEASE

will be said for the last time at the end of April by Billie and Phil Howe as they leave the Royal Oak to take over the Swan at Swanbourne. May they continue to pull many pints. Good luck & best wishes.

IN REPLY TO LAST MONTHS RHYME

May I say to the writer who did try to explain,
Why Hooter Brandon did suffer much pain,
To use a non-de-plume was a sneak,
Nobody has a name like Ivor Cheek.
Snot funny.

Because my left nostril could not detect smoke,
Four boring days were spent up at Stoke.
It's no joke just lying on that hospital bed,
When they announce that the bloke on the next one is dead.
Snot funny.

Nurse is told cover the rings that he's got on,
Make sure his pants are a hundred percent cotton,
A jab in the bum, cocaine up the nose,
Start to get sleepy then, heaven knows.
Snot funny.

As you can see, I've suffered, Known pain,
But I'll never need to do it again.
So you, my dear Ivor, I'd like to meet,
Not behind closed doors, but out in the street.
So, April the tenth pal, six thirty, be there,
In front of Neil Cheshers, on the village square.
Now that'll be funny.

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19TH APRIL
AT
8.00PM.

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Bridget's**
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681201
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The next thing I remembered was waking up,
Here's some tea Mr. Brandon, and its in a cup.
The first thing I think is what a disaster,
They've covered my bleeding nose in plaster.
Snot funny.

The next thing to happen I know is this,
My friends will come in to take the mickey.
Cor blimey, you been run down by a lorry?
No sorry, snot funny, sorry, sorry,
Snot Funny.

For thirty six hours I never ate.
The first thing they gave me, raw egg on a plate.
Sorry, they said, the chef overlooked it,
Put it in the wrong pan and so never cooked it.
Snot funny.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY.

There are those amongst you who believe the only reason I draw so much is because I can't write. Well, I'm not writing this to prove them wrong but simply because I'm busting to say how much I appreciated everyone's efforts to make the celebration of my half century such a great and memorable occasion.

It all started on Saturday evening, when the Cheshers, Brandons, Rita and I went to a dinner dance in Twickenham. Of course Chesh was like a dog with two tails because he was able to wear his f8 evening suit (courtesy of Doris's car boot sale). Hooter Brandon had a great time having at least two helpings of everything. We think that the waitress fancied him, (must be the new nose!).

Arriving back at home (Chesh's) around 2 a.m. we found that Esther had not only decorated the lounge with 'Happy Birthday' signs but had also stayed up to keep the fire going and the champagne cold! Thanks Esther. I don't know what time we eventually went home, all I can remember is catching a bad case of hic-cups from Bridget.

The dawn broke rather too loudly, so it was two lightly boiled aspirins for breakfast. They must have worked, because I started to look forward to going round to The Bull although I must admit to a slight feeling of apprehension in case any of our daft lot had organised a strippergram or worse!! Anyway, a few pints later and I was feeling no pain what-so-ever. That's when it all became a bit of a blur, although I do remember being given a hot air balloon trip from my daughter, son and his girlfriend and a very nice microscope from Rita... she says it will come in handy for making little things look bigger, I'm sure I don't know what she means - ho hum!

The strippergram didn't materialise, thank heavens, well not exactly, but Maralyn did with a birthday cake on which lounged a very nude young lady (in icing I hasten to add). This caused a lot of argument amongst the lads over where I should cut it and who should have which piece. I'm not sure which piece Chesh got but he left The Bull with a very silly grin on his face! Thanks for the cake Rita and sorry Maralyn for the mess we left behind in the Bull.

Staggering round to Chesh's once again, we found that Margaret and Bridget had made a really great Indian meal. Now it looked good, it smelt good and it tasted even better, but Oh Boy, the trip up to Harrogate on Monday morning was punctuated by stops at nearly every service station on the motorway, I would'nt have minded, but they don't keep their toilet rolls in the fridge!!

Anyway, it was the greatest birthday ever, so many thanks to all who participated, all who sent those very rude cards and especially Rita family and friends.



Update

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

held at the Church Room on 27th March 1987.

The meeting was very well attended and featured a police presentation on crime prevention and explanation of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. Several parishioners undertook to find out how many people in their part of the village were interested in joining the scheme. Full details of what the scheme is all about appear on pages 11 and 12, if you have not yet been contacted and would like to know more about establishing the scheme in your part of the village please contact Les Smith.

The meeting also elected the Festival Committee for 1987 and Tony Hewitt agreed to join David & Ruth Watts; John & Shirley Ford; Brigitte Gutierrez and Tricia Webb on that committee.

Last years festival had been a great success and the profit of £890 had been distributed in accordance with the instructions from last years Annual Parish Meeting. This year, after much discussion, it was agreed that proceeds of the '87 Festival should be shared equally between the Church (roof again damaged by the March gales), the Chapel (celebrating its 125th Anniversary next month), the Church Room (hoping to launch into major improvements) the Chronicle (hoping for £200 + this year to balance the books) and the Recreation Ground (who have just purchased a new mower and have plans for new swings and tree planting programme).

[The Festival Committee held its first meeting on Friday 3rd April and elected Tony Hewitt as its Chairman: decided that the Festival will be over the weekend of July 25/26th. Their next meeting is in May but ideas and volunteers to Tony Hewitt, Church Farm House. Tel: 681390, would be appreciated.]

The Church Room Management Committee whose accounts appear on page were also elected for the year 87/8 under the Chairmanship of the Rector. Those elected were Chris Brandon; Ivy Brandon; Betty Bennett; Margaret Chesher; Michael Cox; John Ford; Brenda Ruff; Doris Sutchings; David Watts and John Whyte.

The meeting had earlier urged the Committee to see if something could be done about draught proofing the room and providing some foot warming heat! County Councillor Reg Keen had also suggested the committee seek grant aid from the District Council for the proposed improvements to the toilet facilities.

The meeting also took the opportunity of thanking County Councillor Reg Keen for his help in securing some progress in the battle for improved safety at the Wingrave Crossroads. What Reg called the "nineteen pillars of wisdom" have now been erected and the substation to supply the power completed, all that was needed were the lights themselves. He hoped the traffic island would be the next development and ultimately a roundabout. The increase in traffic that will result from the Leighton Buzzard By-pass would perhaps bring about the final solution sooner rather than later.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

A Parish Council meeting followed the Annual Parish Meeting and the council was informed that its recommendation that Peter Dines be made an official (rather than co-opted) member of the Wingrave Combined School Governors had been accepted. The Wing Association of Parish Councils had also decided that it would remain in existence with or without official support, a move that was welcomed by the Council.

The Clerk also informed the meeting that the additional light for the Green had been ordered; there had been no progress on the request for priority road signs at Lines Hill gates; nor any response to the request for parking bays along Wingrave Road. Indeed the Council acknowledged the fact that parking was

ASTON ABBOTTS CHURCH ROOM

Statement of Affairs for the Year Ended 31.12.86.

<u>(1985)</u>	<u>Income</u>		
27	Bingo	33.00	
83	Youth Club	80.25	
37	Ladies Club	44.00	
3	Whist	71.00	
74	Other Functions	267.00	
104	Festival Lunch	103.60	
23	Christmas Show	21.75	
-	Auction Proceeds	98.82	
50	Election Fees	-	719.42
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Expenditure

	Electricity	121.87	
5	<u>Less Meter</u>	<u>121.50</u>	.37
24	Water Rates	26.83	
37	Insurance	124.86	
43	Repairs	65.26	
160	New Tables	159.91	
11	Sundries	25.87	
	Donation; CHRONICLE	50.00	453.10
<u>121</u>	Surplus for the Year		<u>£266.32</u>

Bank Account

	Balance 1.1.86	489.23	
	Balance 31.12.86	<u>755.55</u>	<u>£266.32</u>

The above statement is prepared from the books and statements of the Church Room and has been audited by me. Michael Cox FCA.

Michael Cox 1.3.1987

Update

becoming a major problem in almost every part of the village and resolved to invite the County Council to a site meeting to identify the problem and ask them to suggest solutions. [See Abbotsbury for further comment]

Planning application for a farmhouse at Badgers Oak Farm received no objection in principal provided the Ministry indicated the holding had proved its viability and that the mobile homes were removed. The extension to No.12 The Green also passed without objections and the Council noted with satisfaction that the Department of the Environment had turned down an appeal for houses to be built on the old rickyard at Longmoor Farm.

The meeting then discussed the complaints that had arisen over the 'blue tent' car cover by a resident of The Green. District Councillor Bryan Round informed the meeting that the hardstanding and the use of the cover was perfectly legal and all that could be done was to try and prevent a recurrence by introducing conditions of use of hardstanding when access permission was granted. The Council agreed to pursue this idea through the Wing Association.

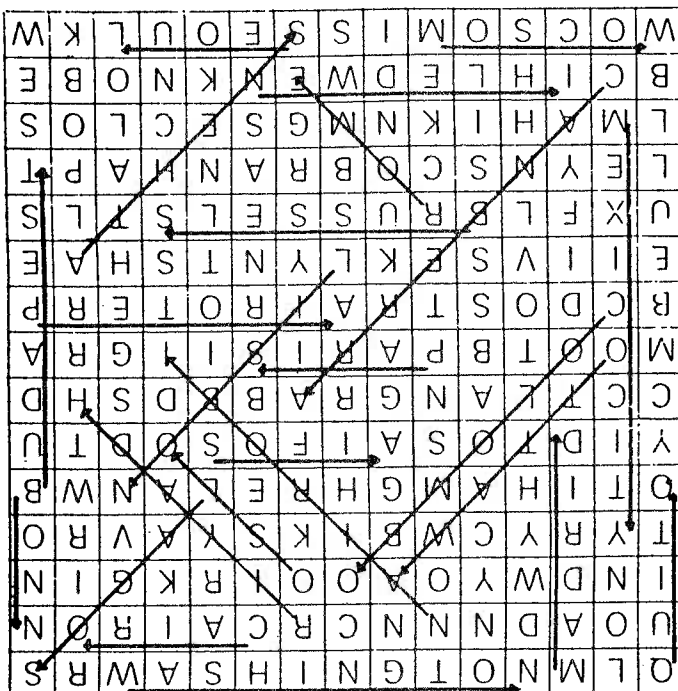
Colin Higgs announced that his long battle to have the kerb and footpath along Wingrave Road raised and extended to New Zealand Cottages had been won (well done Colin), and that senior citizen bus passes were now obtainable at the Civic Centre. If you are applying for the first time be sure and take your pension book along.

The Council had also resubmitted our long standing Conservation proposals for consideration; announced that we would again be entering the Best Kept Village competition; thanked Don Waite for his work on the Green over recent years and announced that the next refuse skip would be in the village along Wingrave Road from June 26th to 28th.

There being no other business weary Councillors went home at about 10.30 p.m.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

At the time of going to press it would appear that the village will only have three or four nominations for the five posts that are available. If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor please contact the Clerk, David Watts at White Wheels.Tel: 681376 . (See also Abbotsbury).



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| 22 Lagos | 10 Quito |
| 21 Pretoria | 9 Ottawa |
| 20 Brussels | 8 Oslo |
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| 17 New Delhi | 5 Bonn |
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| 15 Budapest | 3 Washington |
| 14 Rome | 2 Seoul |
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Capitals



COMMUNITY ACTION AGAINST CRIME

Wherever you live, you are part of a community. It may be large or small, in a town or in the country. It might be a housing estate, a rural village, a block of flats, a suburban road or a seaside resort. Unfortunately, regardless of its size your community may be a likely target for the criminal.

It is easy to shrug it off and assume that it won't happen to you or that nothing can be done. In fact, a great deal can be done to prevent crime. But the police cannot do it alone. Each of us has a vital role to play by becoming actively involved in crime prevention. Residents of a community possess a very specialised knowledge of their neighbourhood which even the local "beat bobby" may find hard to achieve. A police officer might not recognise someone in your garden as a stranger but your neighbour would. It is this kind of awareness and willingness to help that is the basis of Neighbourhood Watch.

By letting the police know of anything suspicious you see or hear, you are helping to reduce the opportunities for crime to occur. The more difficult it can be made for the criminal, the more likely it is that crime can be reduced.

Helping yourself by helping others

Before going on holiday, many people ask their neighbours to keep an eye on their homes while they are away. But just consider how much more confident you would feel if you knew that you and your neighbours were looking after each other's homes throughout the year. This is what Neighbourhood Watch means.

Going to work, going to the shops, out for an evening or away for a weekend – you would always be able to enjoy that sense of security and peace of mind because a Neighbourhood Watch scheme operates in your area.

Neighbourhood Watch belongs to the community

Neighbourhood Watch schemes belong to the community, so firstly the residents must decide that they want to begin and maintain a scheme. Or the police may suggest that a scheme is started. In either case the police will be pleased to advise on its setting up. With the support of the majority of residents, Neighbourhood Watch can operate successfully in many types of community.

Most schemes have one or more co-ordinators. These are people who normally spend long periods at home, and who receive information from other residents about anything suspicious they may have seen or heard, and then pass it on to the police.

Of course, should anyone spot anything that needs immediate police attention, for example someone trying to break in to a car or home, they would still dial 999.

The aims of Neighbourhood Watch

- to reduce local opportunities for crime thereby deterring would-be thieves and vandals;
- to establish a community spirit so that everyone can contribute towards the protection of their property by mutual co-operation and communication;
- to inform the co-ordinator or the police of any suspicious activity.

Members of a Neighbourhood Watch scheme are *not* vigilantes. Patrolling the streets is a job for the police; they will act upon the information supplied by residents. But if you want to help the police in the most direct and practical way of all, why not volunteer to be a Special Constable. You can obtain details from your local police station.

... and the Advantages

Once a Neighbourhood Watch scheme is operating successfully, the advantages to the community are obvious:

- the results of Neighbourhood Watch schemes already established show that they can help to reduce local crime such as burglary, vandalism, car thefts and thefts from cars;
- a better community spirit can be created;
- suspicious strangers waiting outside schools, in parks and playgrounds where children congregate, can be quickly reported to the police;
- crime prevention advice can be quickly and efficiently circulated throughout the community.

Neighbourhood Watch schemes lead to a greater shared awareness of the problems in your community and to a better understanding of the practical steps that can be taken to tackle these.



How to make life difficult for the criminal

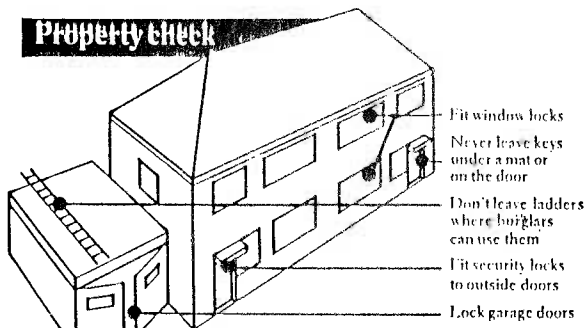
How to make your personal property more secure

It makes the job of a Neighbourhood Watch much easier if individual residents take steps to make their own homes and property as secure as possible.

It is important to make sure that your home has security locks, for these will deter the opportunist thief.

Ground floor and those upper windows easily accessible at the back are favourite points of entry for the burglar. Window locks can make it extremely difficult for the thief to break in without making a lot of attention-drawing noise. Good quality security locks on external doors can stop a criminal from easily getting in *and* from making an easy escape. If he breaks into a home that has these he will have to climb out through a window. This obviously slows him up and increases the chances of his being seen by a neighbour or a passer-by.

Good security locks make life difficult for the criminal, so he is not likely to have much success at a home where they are fitted. Such locks are available from good hardware shops, builders' merchants and locksmiths. Advice can be obtained about the type of lock suitable for the various sorts of doors and windows from the local police Crime Prevention Officer and from locksmiths.

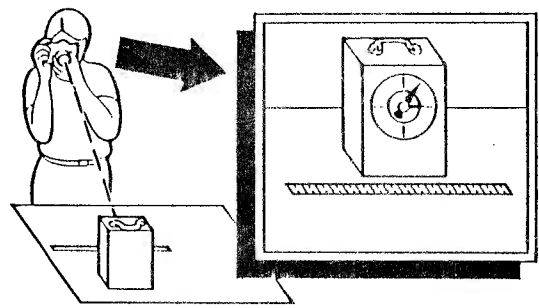


Property-coding

Valuable property, especially TVs, videos, stereos, cameras, etc – often the burglar's favourite targets – should be marked with your postcode followed by the house number or the first two letters of the house name. Property can be marked by etching, die-stamping, branding, engraving, identification paint or by a security marker pen which uses invisible ink that can only be read under an ultra-violet lamp.

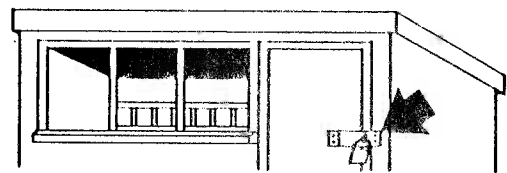
Cycles should also be postcoded by die-stamping the bottom bracket. The police will be able to advise owners where this can be done. Cycles should also always be locked when not in use.

In the event of a theft, these coding methods and details would enable the police to identify the property as stolen, and, when recovered, return it to the rightful owners.



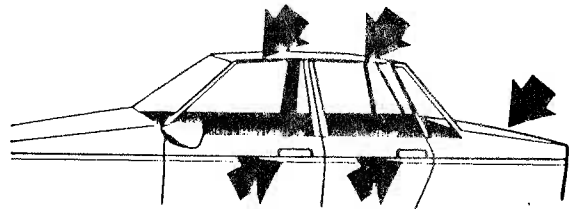
Photographs

Photographs (preferably colour) should be taken of all valuable possessions such as antiques, paintings and jewellery. Use a plain background, and include a ruler so that the size can be indicated. Such photographs together with a full detailed description of the item should be kept in a secure place, if possible, other than the home. Jewellers may be prepared to postcode delicate items.



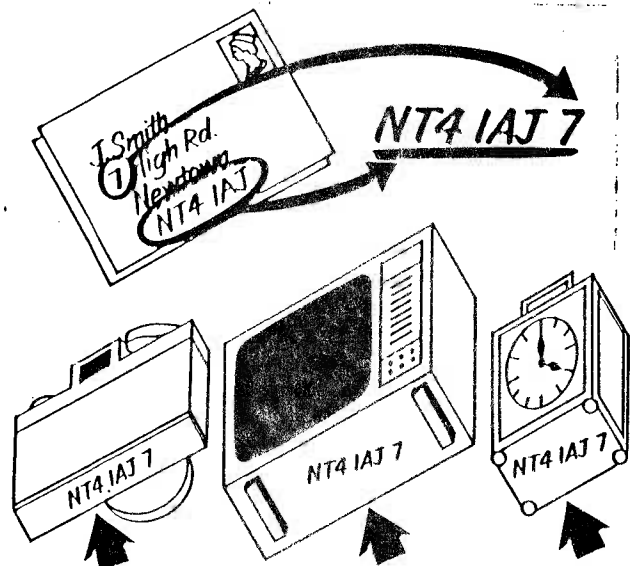
Garages and sheds

These should always be kept locked so that the thief cannot use your tools and ladders to help him break into your home, or a neighbour's.



Cars and other vehicles

Always make sure that windows are shut and all doors are locked even when the vehicle is left on your own drive. And never leave any valuables in the vehicle itself.



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Starting point: On A413 road at north end of Whitchurch village (Grid Ref. 00010)

This is not a route for novice rambles or for families with young children. But for experienced walkers who are prepared to get their boots dirty, this tramp across undulating countryside is rich in views and history. Unfortunately part of the walk is on paths which cross arable fields where obstruction by ploughing has gone on for some years, thereby making the going rather more tiring than might be expected.

Most of the circuit of this walk is within the site which might have been designated in 1969/70 for the Third London Airport (the villages of Creslow and Cublington would have been inside the perimeter, while Dunton and Whitchurch would have been just outside).

Travel

Motorists can park in the long lay-bys marked out on either side of the wide main road through Whitchurch (A413). Walkers arriving in Whitchurch by public transport can use buses on Red Rover route 2 (Aylesbury-Buckingham), and United Counties route 336/7 (Aylesbury-Northampton) which combine to give a weekday service interval varying between one and two hours between Aylesbury and Whitchurch (no service on Sundays).

Refreshments

In Whitchurch, there are several pubs and two general shops, while in Cublington there is one pub. There are no refreshments available at Creslow or Dunton.

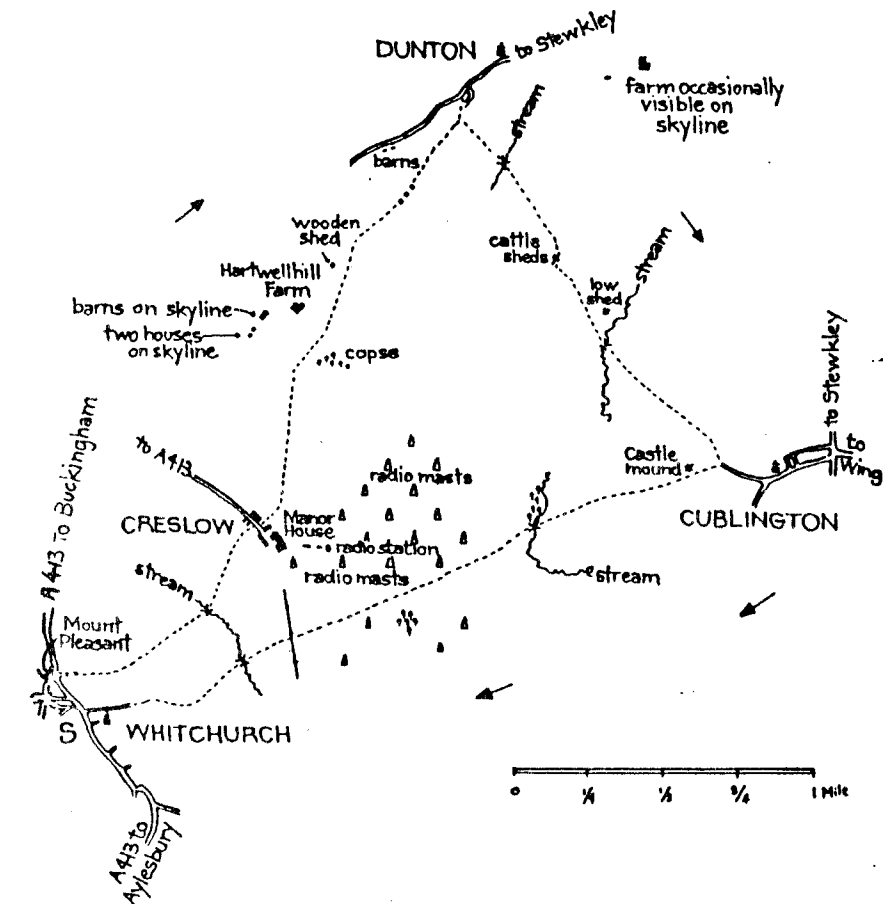
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Whitchurch

Once, in the 13th century, a prosperous borough under the protection of Bolebec Castle, this large and attractive village has many remnants of its former importance as a market town. Amongst these are the earthworks of Bolebec Castle, the grassed-

over Market Square and the Old House.

Walk to the north end of Whitchurch along the A413 road. Opposite the village's last side road on the left (Mount Pleasant) turn right up a grassy lane which contains two gates and ends quickly in a small field. Go straight ahead in the field, following the left-hand hedge, and through a gate in the left-hand corner. (Ahead, on the next hill, are the masts of the wireless station at Creslow which will be a landmark throughout this walk). Beyond the gate set off downhill, soon using another gate to cross a wire fence which divides the field in half, and heading for a third gate in the bottom right-hand corner.



Once through the bottom gate, go straight ahead and through the gate visible near the middle of the far side of the field, after which continue ahead and begin to climb gently uphill, gradually converging with the hedgerow on the right. In the top right-hand corner of the field pass through the gate; then climb the broad holloway ahead, through one more gate, before curving to the right round the village pond and stepping on to the only road in the hamlet of Creslow.

Creslow

This was once a thriving village, but today the only remnants of that past which are still in use are the superb 14th century manor house (once fortified and moated) and the church whose surviving part is now in use as a barn on the right-hand side as you cross the road. In the field to the north-west of the former church the irregularities in the grass mark the sites of former houses and roads in the village. During the 16th and 17th centuries the pastures at Creslow were famous as the King's Pastures. Cattle, having been driven on the hoof from the Midlands and the Welsh borders, were fattened here before making their final journey to

London for slaughter.

Almost directly across the road a gate gives access to the field beside the former church. Once through the gate (with a modern farm building on the left) head very slightly left over the brow of the hill and down a faintly discernable holloway; then, as the next valley opens ahead, pass through another gate. Now bear very slightly left, and walk in a straight line across two fields (aiming

directly at the house of Hartwellhill Farm, which is visible on the hill ahead). This course will bring the walker to the far right-hand corner of the second field to climb the broad piece of fencing which crosses the route. Beyond the fence cross the ditch, turn half-right and go through a pedestrian gate in the fence about 20 yards ahead.

Strike uphill, with Hartwellhill Farm now on the left, aiming at the left-hand

one of the two gates visible in the fence on the skyline ahead. (This field is corrugated by the ridge and furrow remains of mediaeval ploughing methods). As the gate is approached, a third gate, a few feet further to the left, appears and it is through this third gate that the route goes. Once through the gate bear slightly left down across the field to a short piece of fence serving as a stile in the hedge on the far side. This brings the walker into a large field, undulating gently downhill, and the course is straight to the gate* in the bottom left-hand corner, beyond which climbing begins again up the left-hand side of the next field, keeping close to the hedge.

On breasting the summit the Chiltern Hills form the southern horizon, the nearer hill in the same direction bears the village of Cublington and, looking at the valley between you and Cublington it is interesting to reflect that this was part of one of the proposed sites for the Third London Airport.

Following the hedge on the left, go straight ahead through a gate into a short farm track, then out through another gate and continue in the same direction across the head of a field, following the remains of a hedge on your left. Climb the fence at the end of the field and maintain the same course across the field beyond aiming to meet the hedge on the left at the group of three houses seen at the right-hand end of the hamlet of Dunton.

Dunton

A small hamlet whose tiny church, St. Martin's, has a Norman nave and high-sided box pews - an excellent example of the interior of a church as it would have looked 100 years ago.

On reaching the above-mentioned three houses go along the fenced path between the second and third (both modern houses) if you wish to visit Dunton. If not, stay in the same field and, when abreast of the first (half-timbered) of the three houses, turn sharp right away from the village and set off downhill across the field, soon passing (in 1977) beside a lone dead tree and aiming for a gate in the hedge at the

* At the time of writing (1977) the gate was blocked by a small shed and it was necessary to avoid it by going over a piece of fencing situated 10 yards to the right of it.

bottom of the valley at the right-hand end of a short line of willows. Once through the gate head uphill, aiming at between 1 and 2 o'clock to a point in the hedge on the skyline where a piece of fence (not visible until nearly reached) serves as a stile.

As you climb the hill you are crossing the intended line of Runway B of the Third London Airport - you are about half-way along it, and to the south-west it would have stretched almost to Creslow.

Climb the stile and continue on the same alignment, but now descending across a field aiming for a gap in the far hedge (to be seen just to the left of the low stone shed); the gap bounds a broad brick bridge over the ditch. Once over the bridge bear half right to pass through the gate immediately on the left of the cattle sheds, walk beside the sheds, and, after about 50 yards, turn sharp left along a fenced farm track to the large metal gate in the hedge. (The wireless masts of Creslow are now on your right). Once through the gate, set course at 1 o'clock diagonally across the ridge and furrow of the next field, leaving a low shed on your left, and walking very gently downhill to a footbridge over a stream ahead (the bridge is located 180 yards right of the shed). Cross the footbridge and go diagonally across the next field to cross a bridge for farm vehicles in a gap in the right-hand hedge (seen well to the right of Cublington church tower); then bear left across the left-hand corner of the following field (aiming only just right of the church tower) to climb a fence set in the hedge. Now go uphill into the top right-hand corner of a long field and follow it as it narrows and swings right to become a green lane leading uphill through a gate into one of the streets of Cublington (Ridings Way).

Cublington

This quiet village with its early 15th century church, fine manor house and earthworks of a Norman castle, was intended to be wiped out in the construction of the proposed Third London Airport.

To continue the walk, if you are not visiting the village, stop 10 yards short of the gate across the green lane. Now turn sharp right (away from the village) to go through the field gate facing the first mentioned gate and out into a pasture strewn with the earthworks and fishponds

associated with the small Norman castle mound visible ahead on the right. Pass to the left of the castle mound and continue through the gate in the hedge ahead. The route is now downhill across a vast field, heading at first towards the church tower of Whitchurch (silhouetted on the horizon) and later, as it comes into view, towards the left-hand end of a small copse on the valley bottom (when ploughed the path has been clearly marked all the way down). Once at the bottom of the field, cross the stream on a bridge near the left-hand end of the copse, and head at between 10 and 11 o'clock up the bottom of a shallow valley between two low hills strewn with the wireless masts of Creslow; (aim just to the right of the small wood on the skyline). A fence which crosses the valley has been on the skyline for some time; cross it at its lowest point on the valley bottom (ignore the gates visible on either side and leave the tip of the small wood 100 yards away on your left). Now change very slightly to the right of your previous course and continue uphill at a right angle to the fence (the head of the shallow valley

climbs away on the left). As you climb the hill the church tower of Whitchurch reappears ahead at between 11 and 12 o'clock; alter course and walk straight towards it through the forest of wireless masts.

On reaching the edge of the wireless field (which is bounded by a barbed wire fence running parallel to and forty yards before the actual field boundary) alter course again to cross both fences by stiles near the only metal wireless mast standing in the strip of land between them. Now set off downhill across the next field, aiming just to the left of the church tower, to reach the gate and footbridge in the bottom hedge.

At the bottom of the field go through the gate and over a small bridge. Then continue ahead uphill along the left-hand side of the following field. At the top of the field turn right for a few yards and cross the hedge by a fence serving as a stile. Strike uphill in the next field, over the summit to the top right corner of the field. Through the gate, turn sharp left, past a farm, into Whitchurch.

SUNDAY PAPERS.

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The Estone Chronicles

PART THREE of our series of extracts taken from the Victoria County History Of Buckinghamshire, Vol.3. This month's extract features the church of St. James. The sketch is dated 1913, and the text was written in 1914, but not published until 1925. Detailed references have been omitted.

The church of *ST. JAMES* consists of a chancel 22 ft. by 14 ft., north vestry and organ chamber 11 ft. 6 in. by 10 ft. 6 in., nave 47 ft. 6 in. by 17 ft., south porch and a west tower 8 ft. 9 in. by 6 ft. It has walls of

The font is possibly of 16th-century date and has an octagonal bowl and hollow tapering stem brought to a square with broached stops. In the nave there is a polished oak chest with a panelled front, a bolecion moulded curved lid, iron strap hinges, and three locks, which is dated 1695, and in the tower is another plain chest with two locks, probably also of the 17th century.

There are five bells, which are hung in an old framework: the first, second and fourth are inscribed '1652. Chandler made me,' and the third and fifth, 'Edward Hall made me 1740.'

The plate consists of a silver cup with cover of 1562, a silver paten presented in 1898 and a plated alms-dish and flagon.

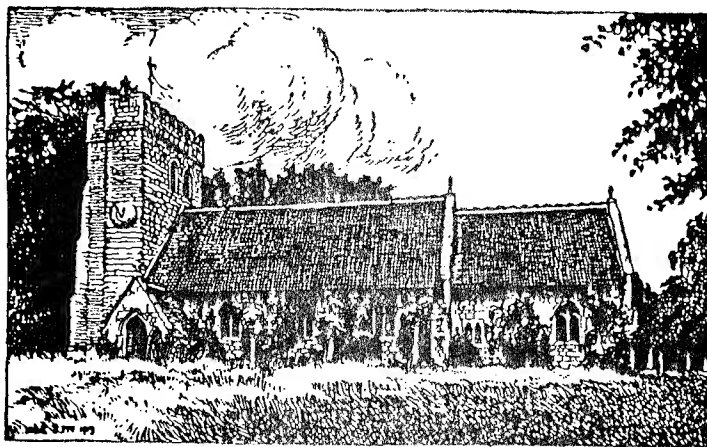
The registers begin in 1559.

The church of *ADVOWSON* Aston Abbots is first mentioned in 1291, when £3 from the tithes was the portion of the kitchener of St. Albans Abbey.⁶⁷ A vicarage was ordained before 1349⁶⁸ and the right of presentation belonged to St. Albans Abbey,⁶⁹

whose pension in the church was £2 in 1535, the net value of the vicarage being £6 7s. 8d.⁷⁰

The advowson was afterwards granted to John Lord Russell with the manor (q.v.), with which it has since descended,⁷¹ Lady Wantage being the present patron.

The charity known as the Church *CHARITY* Land, the origin of which is unknown, consists of land of the annual letting value of £10, which with the interest on £63 1s. 5d. consols, held by the official trustees, arising from the sale of land on which stood the original school and five cottages, is applied towards the church expenses.



ASTON ABBOTS CHURCH FROM THE SOUTH

aced rubble with limestone dressings except those of the tower, which are of ashlar. The roofs are tiled.

The church was apparently entirely rebuilt in 1866 with the exception of the west tower, some old materials being used in the walling of the chancel and nave. The tower is probably of early 16th-century date, and the vestry and south porch are both modern; the organ chamber was added in 1890.

The chancel has some 14th-century features re-used, including the inner jambs, rear arch and label of the east window. The north and south walls each have a 14th-century window of two trefoiled lights with a quatrefoil in a two-centred head; the sill of the south window is lowered to form a sedile, and to the east of it is a 14th-century piscina with continuously moulded jambs and a pointed head.

The west tower is of one tall stage with a modern embattled parapet. It has diagonal buttresses and a south-east projecting stair-turret. The tower arch is two-centred and of three orders on the east side and two on the west, all of which are chamfered and die into the tower walls. The west doorway has a plain four-centred head and the west window has three trefoiled lights in a four-centred head; above it is a small loop which lights the ringing chamber. The belfry is lighted by single-light windows with four-centred heads on the north and south and by pairs of similar windows on the east and west. The staircase has one small loop. On the south side is the dial of the clock.

The roof of the nave contains some old timbers re-used.



From a wood engraving by Thomas Bewick.

PUZZLE PAGE

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- 2 South Korea (5)
- 3 USA (10)
- 4 Sri Lanka (7)
- 5 West Germany (4)
- 6 USSR (6)
- 7 Kenya (7)
- 8 Norway (4)
- 9 Canada (6)
- 10 Ecuador (5)
- 11 Portugal (6)
- 12 Spain (6)
- 13 France (5)
- 14 Italy (4)
- 15 Hungary (8)
- 16 Bulgaria (5)
- 17 India (3,5)
- 18 Australia (8)
- 19 Mexico (6,4)
- 20 Belgium (8)
- 21 South Africa (8)
- 22 Nigeria (5)
- 23 Saudi Arabia (6)
- 24 Egypt (5)

THE ASTON ABBOTTS COOKBOOK

A recipe from the West Country

Spicy Apple Scones

2 ozs marg
8 ozs sifted S.R. Flour
Pinch of salt
1 oz brown sugar
1 teaspoon mixed spice
 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb cooking apples
1 beaten egg
a little milk

Rub the marg into the flour. Add pinch of salt, sugar and mixed spice. Peel, core and chop the apples and add to the mixture. Add the egg and a little milk to bind. Roll out carefully on a floured board to 1" thickness. Cut into individual scones, brush with milk and bake at 425° F (220° C) for 10 mins.

Serve hot with cream or cold, split and buttered.

* * * * *

Favourite recipes to:- Pat Sims, Cherry Trees, Wingrave Road.
Tel: 681311

JOYS OF AN EXECUTIVE

Executives are a fortunate lot for, as everybody knows, an executive has nothing to do; that is, except:

To decide what is to be done, to tell somebody to do it, to listen to reasons why it should not be done; why it should be done by someone else, or why it should be done in a different way; and to prepare arguments in rebuttal that shall be convincing and conclusive. To follow up to see if the thing has been done, to discover and to listen to excuses from the person who should have done it and did not do it; and to think up arguments to overcome the excuses.....

To follow up a second time to see if the thing has been done, to discover that it has been done, but done incorrectly; to point out how it should have been done, to conclude that as long as it has been done, it may as well be left as it is; to wonder if it is not time to get rid of the person who cannot do a thing correctly, to reflect that the person in fault has a wife and seven children and that certainly no executive in the world would put up with him for a moment; and that, in all probability, any successor would be just as bad or worse.

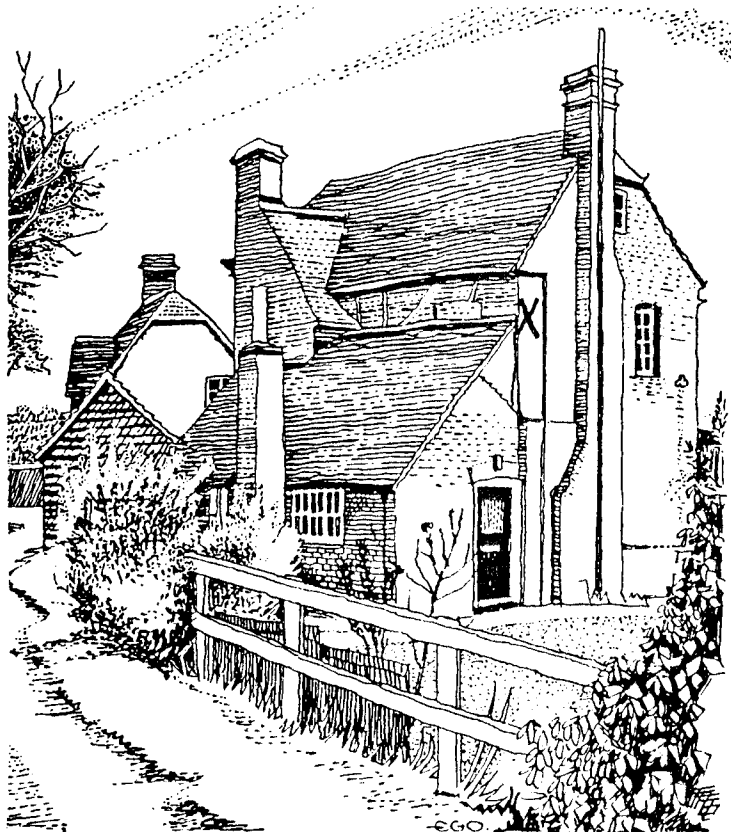
To consider how much simpler and better the thing would have been done had he done it himself in the first place, to reflect sadly that if he had done it himself he would have been able to do it right in twenty minutes, but that as things turned out he himself spent two days trying to find out why it was that it took somebody else three weeks to do it wrong; but to realise that such an idea would have had a highly demoralising effect in the Organisation, because it would strike at the very foundation of the belief of all employees that an executive has really nothing to do.

(Author unknown)

Portraits of Buckinghamshire

No.19. DODD'S CHARITY FARM.

Sketch by Elizabeth Ogan in Elizabeth Cull's 'A Picture of Buckinghamshire'.



Dodd's Charity Farm, Kimblewick, home of the Kennelman to the Aylesbury Vale Hunt. The Kennels are across the yard. This gaunt, ancient brick building resembles nothing so much as the fifteenth-century grammar school at Ewelme, in Oxfordshire. Striking as it is to view, it is less than comfortable to live in. The floors run at crazy angles, the doors have dropped in their frames, the attics are a dim warren, and it is old . . . so old.

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CHURCH NEWS

On February 16th., which was after the deadline date for the March Chronicle, we held our Annual Church Meeting. Peter Dines and Len Scutchings were re-elected as Churchwardens. Steven Richardson presented his first treasurer's report and most encouraging it was. A copy of the accounts are overleaf. Shirley Ford decided it was time to take a break from the P.C.C. and was thanked for all she had done particularly as minutes secretary. Kay Dines was voted back on.

Now to the Easter services. For some years now we have held a Family Service on Good Friday at 11 a.m. The emphasis, quite properly, has been on why it is called GOOD FRIDAY considering what happened two thousand or so years ago. It is a "good" service and we do look forward to a "good" congregation, such as we had to our Family Service on 1st.March and for Mothering Sunday on the 29th.March. Just as in previous years we shall be serving Hot Cross Buns after the service. On Easter Day itself, the 19th.April, Holy Communion will be at the usual time of 11.15a.m.

CHURCH SERVICES

5th. April : Holy Communion 11.15 a.m. 2 Corinthians 5(17-21) [521]	<u>Sidesman</u> Alison Ford. John 12(20-32).	<u>Sidesman</u> Alison Ford.
12th. April : Holy Communion 11.15 a.m. Philippians 2(5-11) [526]	Colin Higgs. Matthew 21(1-13).	Colin Higgs.
17th. April : GOOD FRIDAY Family Service 11.00 a.m. To be arranged.	Alison Hewitt & Sarah Lovell.	
19th. April : EASTER DAY Holy Communion 11.15 a.m. 1 Corinthians 15(12-20) [573]	Matthew 28(1-10).	Churchwardens.
26th. April : Holy Communion 11.15 a.m. 1 Peter 1(3-9) [602]	John 20(19-29).	Gillian Ford.

ASTON ABBOTTS CHAPEL

125th ANNIVERSARY.

Special Service 3rd May 6 p.m.

Preacher: Rev. Peter Lemmon.

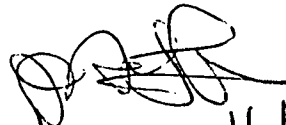
Anniversary Concert 8th May 7.30p.m.

by Aylesbury Methodist Church Choir.

ASTON ABBOTTS PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1986

	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
BALANCES brought forward :		
Bank deposit account	1052.10	
Bank current account	351.82	
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RECEIPTS :		
Collections and free-will offerings	1926.07	
Income tax refunds - covenants	366.69	
Graves maintenance	5.00	
P.C.C. fees	104.00	
Fund raising events :		
Barn dance	46.10	
Village festival	178.00	
Harvest sale	110.30	
Grants	100.00	
Allotment rents	51.00	
Interest : Consols	0.40	
Bank deposit account	31.21	
C.B.F. deposit account	8.12	
C.B.F. investment account	29.36	
Transfer from Charities account	11.12	
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PAYMENTS :		
Diocesan quota	1054.00	
Vicar's expenses	414.49	
Repairs and maintenance	163.62	
Electricity	202.62	
Insurance	89.63	
Organ tuning	37.00	
Cleaning	52.00	
Deanery fees	18.00	
Stationery and sundries	194.75	
Donations	394.05	
Hymn books	219.30	
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BALANCES 31 DECEMBER 1986 :		
Bank current account	48.92	
C.B.F. deposit account	370.24	
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Treasurer

The above Receipts and Payments Account has been prepared from the books and records of the Aston Abbots Parochial Church Council and is in accordance therewith

April 1987

THE RECTOR'S MESSAGE

Tel. Aylesbury 681623

Is death the end or the beginning?

Christianity gives a decisive answer to that age-long question - it is the BEGINNING. This, however, confirms a truth already believed. Most Jews in Jesus' day knew that death was not the end (John 11(24)).

The Greek philosopher Socrates, when unjustly condemned to death, refused to escape because he was confident that his soul was immortal. He died four hundred years before Christ.

The Christian message is not that the soul survives death, but that Jesus Christ overcame death by rising in body and soul on Easter Day.

Mere survival could be something to dread. The faithful Christian is promised abundant life in body and soul with Christ in God (John 17(3)).

Death marks a temporary separation of body and soul. If the soul has consistently hated or been indifferent to God it will want to be away from Him - that is "hell". Having, on the other hand, consistently longed for and loved God and expressed that devotion in religious practice, then it will quite naturally go straight towards the aim of that devotion - God Himself.

If I have deliberately turned my back on higher considerations, and thought only of myself, I shall find that I am allergic to God's love. So that what was intended as my eternal joy will turn (by my own fault) into torment. 'We are a long time dead...'

There may be experiences in life which are frightening enough. Often we can overcome our fears by putting our trust in some one person. A good friend, perhaps - a confidant. Or may be a surgeon who is responsible for a serious operation, or the pilot who steers us through dangerous waters.

So the message of Good Friday and Easter Day can be an exorcism of our fears of death, as we put our trust in Him who overcame death.

We should banish from our minds any idea of reincarnation, as I wrote earlier this year. There is no place for forgiveness or redemption in such idle speculations. This is heathenish and not Christian belief.

Have no dealings either with dangerous thoughts of communication with departed spirits. "The souls of the righteous are in the hands of God" (Wisdom 3(1)). And even if it were possible to do so, the Christian has no wish to disturb them for his own selfish ends.

To the question, Shall we meet our loved ones in the next life? the answer of S. Paul rings true: "Can we not trust such a God to give us, with Christ, everything else that we need?" (Romans 8(32)). It is unthinkable that we should not receive everything in the next life that we want.

And it will not be a solitary life, either. 'So that you together with all God's people may know Christ's love.' (Ephesians 3(18-19))

May this Easter once again - or for the first time - be
an assurance for you of your eternal future.

Yours sincerely,

FR. JOHN HEFFER

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

MAUNDY THURSDAY(April 16th)

Commemoration of the Last Supper, Holy Eucharist, Solemn Stripping of the Altar. Wingrave Parish Church: 8.00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY(April 17th)

Service for Parents and Children in Aston Abbotts Parish Church at 11 o'clock, followed by refreshments and Hot Cross Bun.

12 Noon "The Good Friday Devotion" at Cublington

2 p.m. "An Hour Before the Cross" at Wingrave

EASTER DAY(April 19th)

Cublington.....The Parish Communion: 8.45 a.m.

Wingrave.....Blessing of the Paschal Candle and the Easter Garden with Procession to the Altar.
The Parish Communion: 10.00 a.m.

Aston Abbotts.....The Parish Communion: 11.15 a.m.

Wingrave: United Benefice Evensong at 6.00 p.m.

SUNDAY LESSONS

(ASB)

19th April	Easter Day	(573)	1 Corinth.15(12-20)	Matthew 28(1-10)
26th April	Easter 1	(602)	1 Peter 1(3-9)	John 20(19-29)
3rd May	Easter 2	(607)	Revelation 19(6-9)	Luke 24(13-35)
10th May	Easter 3	(612)	1 Corinth.15(1-11)	John 21(1-14)
17th May	Easter 4	(617)	Revelation 3(14-22)	John 21(15-22)

NOTE These readings are from the Alternative Service Book Lectionary. They can be a useful part of our preparation for the Day's Service. Please keep this sheet as they are usually a month in advance.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY in Wingrave Parish Church, Thursday April 9th at 9.30 a.m. Parents and friends are welcome.

'THEATRE ROUNDABOUT' present Sylvia Reed and William Fry in "Lighting Up Time" on Saturday 9th May at 7.30 p.m., Linslade Parish Church. Tickets: £2 (£1 for OAP's, Students and Unwaged).

COTTESLOE TRAINING SCHEME This arose from a demand for training from those who attended the Stowe Conference in 1985. (Representatives from our three parishes attended that Conference). The Training Scheme covers the Anglican Deaneries of Claydons, Buckingham and Mursley. Brochures are available in the Parish Churches, so if you would like to attend a course suitable for you please let the Rector know.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST Well over half the Church of England churches in Buckinghamshire have received grants from this Trust. Church Councils are encouraged to consider supporting B.H.C.T. in order to help Churches where funds for this kind of work are just not available. Meanwhile, see "Trust Seeks Sunday Painters" on page of this magazine.

FUNERAL Dorothy Mary GRANT (Wingrave Parish Church, 26th February)

"May God bless us with faith in the resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ, and the hope of rising to new life. To us who are alive may He grant forgiveness, and to those who have died a place of light and peace. As we believe that Jesus rose from the dead, so may we live with Him for ever in joy."



PRESS NOTICE

From: Buckinghamshire Historic Churches Trust

February 1987

CHURCHES TRUST SEEKS SUNDAY PAINTERS

Buckinghamshire's Historic Churches Trust, which this year celebrates its 30th birthday, is again seeking the help of the County's Sunday painters.

It wants amateur artists to provide pictures of churches in Buckinghamshire and neighbouring counties for a fund raising spring-time exhibition.

This will be held at Olney Church Hall on Saturday and Sunday, May 9 and 10.

Lady Popplewell, chairman of the Trust's Appeals Committee said local artists had been keen to support a similar exhibition, held last year in the south of the County.

She said: "The quality and the number of paintings shown was a delight to us all. We hope the exhibition near to the imposing church at Olney will prove at least as successful.

"We are a county rich in beauty and ancient tradition and with a wealth of old churches. They are priceless national possessions which strike deep down into the roots of our history.

"Since the Buckinghamshire Historic Churches Trust was founded in 1957 it has provided over £120,000 to help in the repair, maintenance and restoration of historic churches of all denominations.

"Artists accepting our invitation to record some of the beauty of our churches will be helping to keep them alive for the enjoyment of future generations and helping us by raising money for the Trust."

Lady Popplewell said the invitation to take part was extended to all artists, not solely to members of clubs. Exhibitors would be part of the proceeds of any picture sale to the Trust.

While it was not intended to turn the event into a competition, the Trust would be choosing a favourite picture, for which a small prize would be given.

Arrangements for the exhibition are being co-ordinated by Mrs. Jackie Stevens, Secretary of the North Bucks Arts Society.

She said: "I have written to the secretaries of the 22 art clubs in Buckinghamshire, inviting entries. What we need now, is entries from people who do not belong to clubs.

"I would also like to hear from people, who can help with the hanging of paintings at the exhibition. People should write to me at 110 Wolverton Road, Stony Stratford, Milton Keynes, MK11 1DN, for entry forms and other details."

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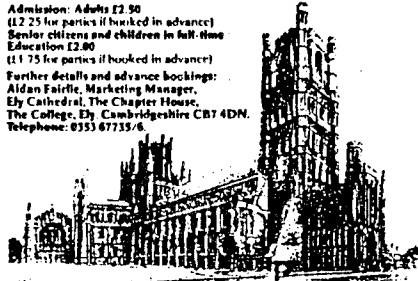
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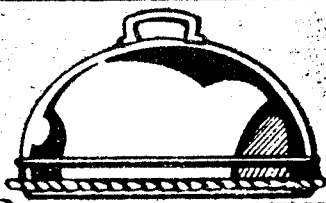
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INSIDE THE BACK PAGE

To those of you who braved the elements to attend the Annual Parish Meeting a big thank you. Perhaps the police did go for overkill in their desire to ensure that we were all aware of the dangers from the casual burglar - one video would have been enough! However the initial response to the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme was encouraging and I hope many of you have already expressed your interest in joining to the various members of the audience who volunteered to ask you for your views. If you have not been contacted but would like to find out more read pages 10 and 11 and then contact Les Smith at Gatesgarth on Lines Hill Tel: 681368.

The Annual Parish Meeting was followed by a regular Parish Council meeting, and took us through to a half ten finish.

PARKING PROBLEMS

The problem of parking in the village was a major topic for discussion at the Parish Council meeting. While much indignation was expressed and demands that something must be done echoed around the Church Room, solutions were thin on the ground.

More off-street parking is the only answer which means that as a village we must accept the damage that progress brings. The grass verge beside the bus shelter will have to become parking bays, the grass area outside the Church Room and the old Vicarage will also have to become parking areas. Change is inevitable, the village cannot be fossilised in an ideal world that no longer fits reality. What we must do is ensure that the change is sensible and controlled, planned and thought out not slapdash and piecemeal. What we don't want is panic responses to problems that could and should be foreseen. This is perhaps something that the new Parish Council might like to take on board.

THE PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

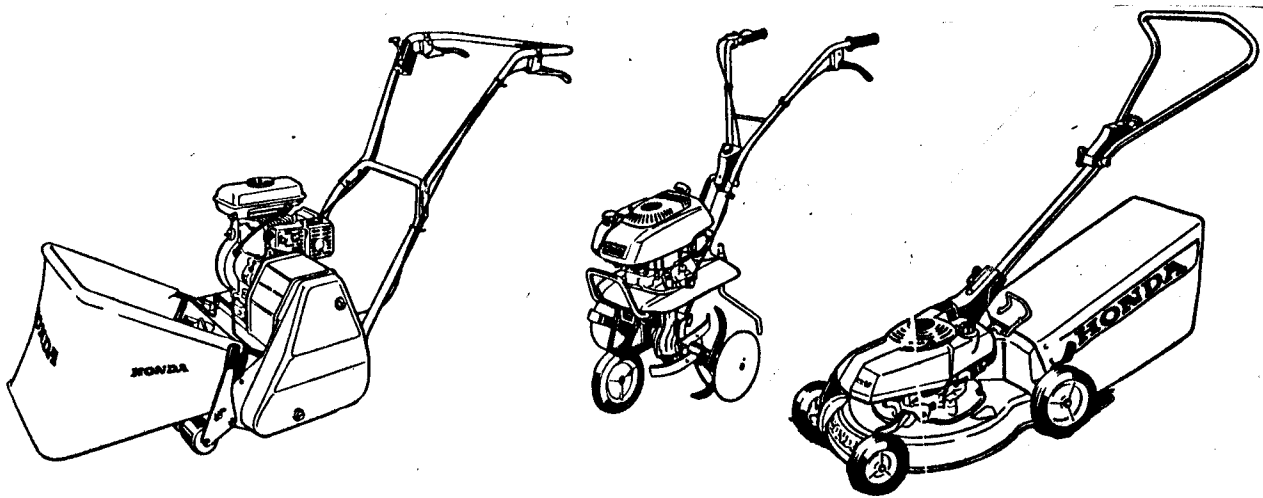
May 7th will see most of England involved in local council elections, but it looks as if our Parish Council election will not only be uncontested but that we will not have enough nominations to fill the posts available. Now is your chance to play a part in village life, if you have ever been critical of what goes on, have asked why don't they do this or why don't they do that well you can become they and get it done. If you are interested and would like to know more why not have a word with David Watts, the Clerk to the Council. He lives at Whitchurch and his telephone number is 681376.

Ideal thoughts.....

One thought did emerge from that evening of Parish meetings and it is how important attitudes are to life. Murmurs of how the village used to be better in the past, how things are not the same now are perhaps typical of a classic English conservative pessimism. The past is always a comfortable refuge, is non threatening and safe, but we live in an age of change; change that we ignore at our peril. We should get involved with the change, mould it and control it so that we get the best out of it, not moan about the worst that results from our inactivity. We should perhaps be slower to criticise each other and quicker to praise - everyone responds to praise and thanks nobody responds to endless criticism; down that road lies disaster, people become despondant, are unwilling to become involved and drop out of village activities - the result is that the original notion that things aren't what they used to be becomes a self prophecy. So a place for positive thinking; we praise where its due, encourage and support those who are trying to do something and a smile of greeting rather than a furtive growl.

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