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Editorial

Sorry that the August issue was omitted but welcome to the first issue of our fifth year of production - and only two issues away from our fiftieth edition.

Money is once again raising its ugly head, or, more to the point the ugly subject of money needs raising. The £153.00 received as The Chronicle's one fifth share of the Festival profits will keep us going for the moment but THE FRIENDS OF THE CHRONICLE have been meeting to plan further assaults on your goodwill and your pockets. So be prepared to give generously please.

Many congratulations to Tony Hewitt and the Festival Committee - an excellent weekend. The enormous amount of work is appreciated and particularly by those organisations in receipt of the funds raised. Thanks also to Trish Webb and David Watts for the prompt distribution of the Festival's profits.

I hope the photograph on page five comes out well enough for you all to see. Entries for the 'What is Les Saying' competition should be sent either to Chris Brandon or to the Editor, enclosing your 50p entry fee. Winners of the publishable section will appear in future issues while the winners of the unpublishable section will be circulated privately and will doubtless be viewable for an appropriate fee.

By the way, articles for publication would be very much appreciated - my store of accumulated material is now running low.

Graham Parker.

DEADLINE FOR THE OCTOBER ISSUE : 20th. SEPTEMBER PLEASE.

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WHAT'S ON IN SEPTEMBER

- THURSDAY 3rd. SEPTEMBER : COUNTY SHOW. Coach leaves THE GREEN at 9.15 a.m.
Book with Colin (£1.60 return).
- SUNDAY 6th. SEPTEMBER : FAMILY FOOTPATH DAY. Members meet GT. BRICKHILL VILLAGE HALL at 2.00 p.m. Everyone welcome.
- THURSDAYS 3rd & 17th. : WHILST DRIVE in the CHURCH ROOM at 7.30 p.m.
- SUNDAY 13th. SEPTEMBER : FOOTPAIH WALK with London group. Meet THE GREEN at 11 a.m. Lunch at Wing, then on to Mentmore, everyone welcome.
- FRIDAY 2nd. OCTOBER : PARISH COUNCIL MEETING in the CHURCH ROOM at 8.00 p.m.

GOOD NEWS ON THE BUSES

After negotiations with Luton & District (Aylesbury Bus) I can advise the fares on our route were kept to a minimum for your benifit. Also we now have a daily direct bus to Milton Keynes. Timetable changes commence Tuesday 1st. September.

ADDITIONAL BUS - Monday to Friday (Schooldays).

Dep. Aylesbury 9 a.m., Aston Abbotts 9.20., Leighton Buzzard 9.45., Milton Keynes 10.25.
(Also connects at L/Buzzard 10.05 with Express to Bedford.)
Rtn. Milton Keynes 2 p.m., Leighton Buzzard 2.45., Aston Abbotts 3.10 and Aylesbury 3.35.

MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS

the 07.11 Ex Aylesbury (Aston abbotts 7.33) to L/Buzzard will operate via L/Buzzard station. likewise the 5.40 Ex L/Buzzard to Aylesbury (Aston Abbotts 6.05) will also operate via Leighton Buzzard station.

The 4.50 Ex. Aylesbury to Wing via Aston Abbotts, will now depart at 4.00 p.m. and operate via Wingrave and continue to L/Buzzard (arr. 4.49).

Additional journey Ex Leighton Buzzard to Aylesbury at 5.10 direct.

PLEASE USE YOUR EXIRA BUSES TO ENSURE THEY CONTINUE.

Talks over parking

PARISH councillors at Aston Abbotts have asked for site talks with county officials over the need for parking bays.

They are concerned over roadside parking, a problem they say has become severe.

They are still waiting for British Telecom to decide the fate of the old village telephone exchange site which, they say, could be used for parking bays.

Ramblers take towpath walk

RAMBLING club members from Aston Abbotts took a walk to Fenny Stratford for their Tuesday evening meeting.

Led by Norcen Green, the walkers left Stoke Hammond and took a route via Paper Mill and Waterhall Park.

After refreshments they returned, via Fenny Lock and the canal towpath.

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Youth Club re-opens on September 4th in the Church Room from 7.30-9.00 pm.

CAR BOOT SALE SATURDAY 10th. OCTOBER ON THE PLAYING FIELD, ASTON ABBOTTS.

£4 per pitch. In aid of the 1st. Wingrave Brownies and the Playing Field Funds. Contact Mrs.Fox, 1 Church Row.

WINGRAVE JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB



Another new season is about to begin, almost before the celebrations for the last are over. This year we are running three sides and if you are interested in becoming a member of one of the teams (or know of someone who would be interested) please contact the appropriate team manager, or come along to one of the training sessions detailed below:

UNDER 12's (Sponsored by TRY CONSTRUCTION).

Under 12 on 1st. August 1987.
 Manager: Carl Sorace, 56 Winslow Rd., Wingrave (Tel: 681129)
 Assistant: Richard Pretty.
 Playing in the Leighton Linlside & District Junior Football League.
 Practice sessions are held at Wingrave School on Wednesday evenings from 6 - 7.15p.m. while the evenings are light and on Saturday mornings from 9 - 10.15 a.m.
 Home matches on Sundays at the school ground.

UNDER 14's (Sponsored by TRY CONSTRUCTION).

Under 14 on 1st. August 1987.
 Manager: Richard Bishop, 8 Orchard Close, Wingrave (Tel: 681803)
 Assistants: Richard Keighley, The Old Vicarage, Wingrave (Tel: 681235)
 John Scott, Meadow View, Cublington (Tel: 681600)
 Playing in the Leighton Linlside & District Junior Football League.
 Practice sessions are held on the Recreation Ground on Tuesday evenings 6.30 - 7.30 while the light evenings last and on Saturday mornings 9.00 - 10.30 a.m.
 Home matches on Sundays at the Recreation Ground.

UNDER 16's (Sponsored by WINGRAVE GARAGE).

Under 16 on 1st. August 1987.
 Manager: Fred Meagram, Thatched Cottage, Nup End Lane, Wingrave (Tel: 681464)
 Assistant: Ron Cook, 50 Nup End Lane, Wingrave (Tel: 681303)
 Playing in the TRW United-Carr Aylesbury Junior Football League.
 Practice sessions are held at the Recreation Ground on Tuesday evenings from 6.30 to 8 p.m.
 Home matches on Sundays at the Recreation Ground (or if unavailable home matches will be played at the Recreation Ground, Berton).

Membership Fee (for all teams) : £5.00

SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations to ANDREW FORD for his performance in the Thame Ten Kilometre road race and to ANDREW PARKER who has captained Aylesbury Town Colts this season and been a regular member of the Aylesbury Town 2nd XI. He also represented Buckinghamshire in the Texaco Trophy Under 16 County Championship, playing against Northants and Hampshire. For the coming football season Andrew has been signed by Aylesbury United but hopes to be able to continue to play for Wingrave Juniors and their new Under 16 side.

If you know of other sporting exploits by Aston Abbotts residents please pass on the information to the Editor.



Princes Risborough Colts v Aylesbury Town Colts

AYLESBURY TOWN COLTS

Brooks c Balbn/b Collins	64
Parker not out	3
Sharpe b Collins	0
Sujewa b Tilbury	17
Knock & b Tilbury	17
Wardle not out	8
Extras	8
Total (for 4 wks)	121

PRINCES RISBOROUGH COLTS

Tilbury b Hann	13
Druce c Wardle b Hann	3
Humes b Sharpe	3
Collins b Wardle	3
Ward b Parker	2
Cooke b Sharpe	2
Barber	1
Peel not out	0
Extras	0
Total (for 6 wks)	45

Hann 2-13, Sharpe 2-5, Wardle 1-9, Parker 1-13.

• Derek Peverill was the Vale of Aylesbury Athletic Club's best placed runner in the Thame Ten Kilometre Road Race recently.

Peverill clocked 36m 30s for 31st place and was the second veteran aged over 40 to cross the line.

Alan Roberts finished in the top 50 in 49th place in a time of 37m 47s.

Vale's team also comprised Ron Blastland who was 54th in 38m 28s and Andy Ford who was 79th in 39m 52s. There were 332 finishers and the Vale team finished seventh out of the 19 competing clubs.

Aylesbury seconds' attack sent visitors Odney tumbling from 114-1 to 137 all out on their way to a five wicket win at The County Ground on Sunday.

Opener Shaw made 70 sharing big stands of 60 with Charles (12) and 54 with Morgan (29) before the rot set in, Atkins and Lake finishing with three wickets apiece and Brooks with two.

Aylesbury lost Chris Rymer early on but Dennis Lake (32) and Andrew Parker (38) put on 58 for the second wicket and Paul Atkins (20 not out) and Darren Brooks (17 not out) saw the home side to victory.

Aylesbury Town 2nd v Odney

ODNEY

Shaw c Rymer b Lake	70
G. Charles lbw Lake	12
Morgan b Atkins	29
Stokes b Atkins	7
Lewin b Atkins	0
Sones c Atkins b Lake	0
Barford c Kempster b Brookes	7
J. C. Charles b Brookes	4
Ashwanden b Standen	1
Vyse not out	1
Hann b Rymer	6
Extras	1
Total	137

Atkins 3-6, Lake 3-44, Brookes 2-9, Rymer 1-0.

AYLESBURY TOWN 2nd

Lake run out	32
Rymer run out	6
Parker c Sones b Barford	38
O'Brien b Barford	12
Atkins not out	20
Gausden c Sones b G. Charles	6
Brooks not out	17
Extras	8
Total (for 5 wks)	139

G. Charles 1-59, Barford 2-30.

People

OUR MONTHLY COLUMN ABOUT VILLAGE PEOPLE
Edited by Bridget Brandon.

BIRTHDAYS

PIERS PARKER 4th. September.
FIONA WHYTE 6th. September.
JAMES DIXON10th. September.
ADRIAN DIXON30th. September.

BELATED BIRTHDAYS

PAUL FLETCHER 4th. August.
MARK HEWITT 11th. August.
ANDREW PARKER 21st. August.
CHRIS SEARLE 22nd. August.
DEAN WIGGETT 25th. August.

GOOD LUCK

to JACK HOWE who has retired to Wingrave after running the Royal Oak for some ten years. Good luck also to the incoming landlord and his family.

SUNDAY PAPERS

Karen is giving up the Sunday papers as soon as a replacement 'seller' can be found. If anyone is interested in this 52 week a year job please contact Karen or her Managing Director, Chris, on 681425.

WELCOME BACK

to the O'SULLIVAN FAMILY, who are back in their house almost on the anniversary of the terrible fire on the 15th. August last year.

NETBALL

Are there any ladies (16+) in the village interested in forming a netball team. If so please contact Bridget on 681425 or Dee on 681685.

COMPETITION

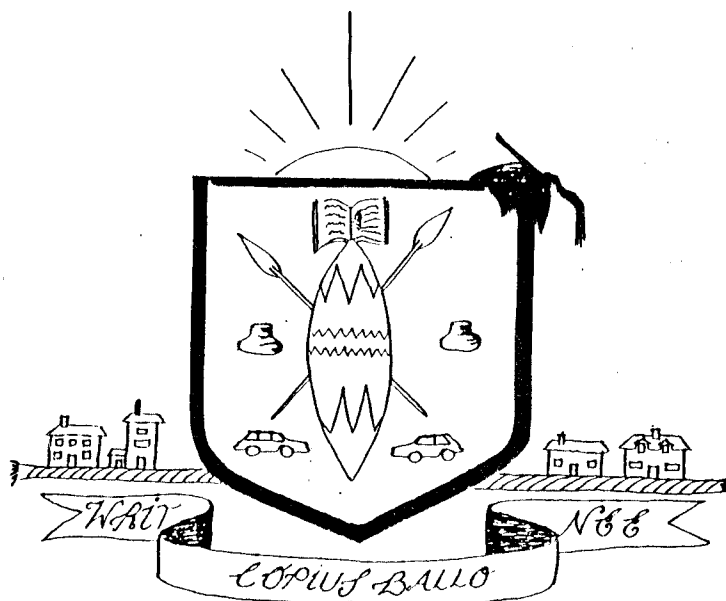
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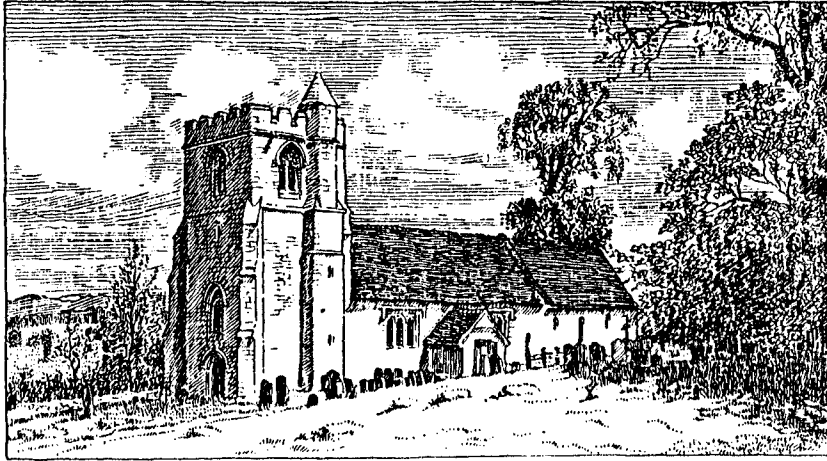
No.2 in our occasional series in which we ask you to guess whose coat of arms they could be. Answers not supplied.(Thanks IC).



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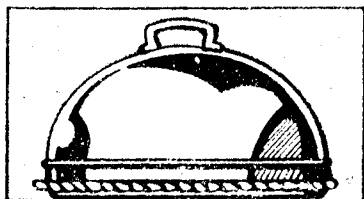
Portraits of Buckinghamshire

No.22 UPPER WINCHENDON CHURCH.
[Sketch & notes from E.S.Roscoe's
'Buckinghamshire' published by
Methuen & Co. in 1903]



UPPER WINCHENDON CHURCH

Winchendon, Upper (Waddesdon Manor Station, 2½ m.), is a parish, the centre of which consists of a few buildings on the high ridge which is almost opposite to Waddesdon Manor. The church, entered by an approach of private road, and hidden by farm buildings from the passer-by on the main road, stands (550 ft.) on the N. edge of the ridge overlooking an out-stretching pastureland to the N.W. The massive piers of the nave indicate the early origin of the church, whilst the fine N. door in S. wall, E.E. east window, the Dec. windows in the N. aisle, and the P. character of the tower are interesting illustrations of the change of architectural style. In the Dec. windows in the N. aisle the attempt at floral imitation is noticeable. Observe also octagonal font and interesting niche in N. wall and the Dec. screen.



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Campaigners welcome crossroads safety move

LIGHTS GO ON AT DEATH JUNCTION

THE lights went on at the notorious Wingrave crossroads on Thursday night in a bid to improve road safety.

New street lights on the main A418 and the roads to Wingrave and Aston Abbots were officially turned on by local county councillor Reg Keen at a ceremony at the crossroads.

Cllr Keen had fought a long battle to get improvements at the junction, which has claimed three lives in ten years, at County Hall in Aylesbury. But he told the Observer he would like to see more improvements there in future years.

Villagers from Wingrave, Aston Abbots and Cublington and district councillor Bryan Round had also fought a long campaign for changes, led by the local Rector the Rev John Heffer.

Cllr Keen said it had been a "very hard battle" pushing for the lighting scheme to be accepted at meetings of the Highways Sub-Committee. But eventually about £12,000 was made available from elsewhere in the budget.

Cllr Keen commented: "What is remarkable is that we have nearly 4,000 miles of road in the county and 71 councillors all plugging their

BY STEPHEN FINCH

own schemes, so I was delighted when they all backed me on this one."

He added: "I regard it as a first step and hopefully it will light the way for more improvements at the junction."

These could include building a roundabout, which villagers and Mr Heffer called for last year after the death of Wingrave cyclist David Gaskell in an accident at the junction. The villagers staged a protest by the roadside to bring their grievances to the attention of the county council.

Cllr Keen said the lighting scheme was the first major improvement to the A418, to be followed by Wing and Rowsham bypasses and the Aylesbury inner relief road.



● LET there be light, said County Hall — and County Cllr Reg Keen was delighted to pull the switch to make sure there was light.

LIGHTS CAMPAIGN FOR BLACKSPOT ENDS...BUT

Crossroads safety fight goes on

by **Christine Fieldhouse**

SAFETY measures of £12,000 for a killer crossroads are a step in the right direction, but they are not enough, said a worried parish council chairman this week.

Gerry Burt regards the new £12,000 lighting system, switched on at Wingrave crossroads last Thursday, as stage one in a long struggle for safety.

And parish councillors are determined to step up their campaign for 24-hour safety.

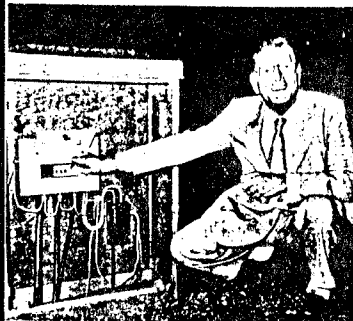
For the past 10 years parish councillors have become increasingly worried about fast traffic on the busy A418 Aylesbury to Leighton Buzzard road.



Point of view: Villagers who campaigned for lights turned up by the dozen to watch the switching ceremony



Safe passage: Night-time visibility improves with the new junction lights



Switch-on: County councillor Reg Keen throws the switch to turn on the lights

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Sun smiles on festival



● THE band puts plenty of puff into playing on the Green, but circus clown Andrew Ford thinks it's time for a short rest in between mingling with the visitors.

THE sun shone on the crowds who gathered for this year's Aston Abbotts Festival, opened by Arthur Roff, a steward at the Methodist Chapel which contributes to the festival activities.

Stalls laden with goods did a brisk trade in books, bric-a-brac, groceries, hand-crafts, plants, home-made produce and ices.

There was also a raffle and sideshows including bowling, darts, catch-a-rat, horse racing, tombola, bran tub, pick-a-straw, a treasure hunt and spin the dice.

The Bull and Butcher team pulled a truck round the Green to raise money for the hospice appeal and Great Horwood Band played during the afternoon. A car boot sale was also held.

Teas were served in the Churchroom and both St James' Church and the chapel had floral displays throughout the weekend.

Crowds enjoy the bargains

Andrew Ford amused the crowds as he wandered around dressed as a clown.

Competition winners were: bowling, Miss D. Hayward and Mr B. Armour; clown's bag, Mr A. Roff; raffle, Mrs Sykes, Mr J. Ford and Mr Cox; Victoria sponge, Miss A. Ford and Mark Hewitt; wine, Mr C. Higgs (wheat and black-berry); Mr C. Brandon (beetroot).

On the Sunday the Rev John Heffer conducted a Songs of Praise gathering as the climax to the weekend, with lessons read by parishioners Colin Higgs and Mr R. Speakman. Methodist Minister the Rev Peter Lemon gave the address and refreshments were served after the service.



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Contributing to the fete's sizzling success: Trisha Webb, secretary of the festival committee, and assistant cook Dick Clifford.

THE three C's — the church, the chapel and The Chronicle which is the village newsletter — will be among the organisations at Aston Abbots which will benefit from the annual village festival held at the weekend.

Held traditionally on the village green the festival fete, which took place on Saturday, raised over £800.

"We will be meeting this week to decide how the money is to be divided up. All of it goes to organisations and groups within the village," explained chairman of the organising committee, Tony Hewitt.

Additional fund-raising was done this year by pulling a skip through the village streets and inviting passers-by to toss coins in.

In this way over £20 was raised for the Aylesbury Vale Hospice Appeal.

"It is a marvellous occasion with nearly everyone in the village taking part," said Mr. Hewitt who has lived there for just 18 months.

"When we came here we hoped to become involved in village life. And I don't think we could have found a better way," he added.

He believed the festival, which was linked to a flower festival and Songs of Praise the following day at the Parish Church of St. James,

summed-up the interest and enthusiasm shown by villagers in keeping alive the community spirit.

Great Horwood Silver Band played on the green and The Bull and Butcher pub stayed open all day on Saturday with licensees, Barry Sykes and his wife Maralyn, playing an active part in the proceedings.

They had arranged for a group called "The Moles" from Milton Keynes to appear on a make-shift stage in the pub car park, and also organised a barbecue.

At the parish church on Sunday members of the congregation chose the hymns and lessons were read by Colin Higgs, chairman of the parish council, and Councillor Richard Speakman.

The service was conducted by the Rev. John Heffer with an address by the Rev. Peter Lemon, Methodist Minister from Aylesbury.

"Judging by the numbers who came along over the two days I should think everyone in the village turned out," said Mr. Hewitt.

CROSSROADS SAFETY

FIGHT GOES ON

[Continued from p.7]

And the dog-leg junction at which the Wingrave to Aston Abbots road crosses the A418, which is part of the Milton Keynes to Swindon link, is a blackspot, they say.

In most danger, say councillors, is traffic which turns on to the road, and pedestrians trying to cross.

Only three weeks ago motorcyclist Paul Sladden from Linslade was involved in an accident in Wingrave, which killed him.

He was involved in a collision with a Volvo driven by Neil Stone, of Bicester.

Paul, who was taken to Stoke Mandeville Hospital, was transferred to intensive care at the John Radcliffe Hospital at Oxford, where he died just two days before county councillor Reg Keen performed the official switching on.

Mr. Burt, of Sizelands, Mill Lane, Wingrave, said: "The county's view is that if

they light up the road at night then it will ease the problem.

"It will give better visibility for pedestrians crossing the road.

"Lighting also tends to reduce the speed of traffic. Motorists tend to go a bit more slowly so it will certainly help."

But while parish councillors are grateful for the new lights on dark nights, they are still worried about the crossroads by daytime.

"There has been some near misses caused by people overtaking on this wide stretch of road," he said.

"The problem has got worse since the road was widened about 10 years ago."

Parish councillors are to continue their fight for traffic islands and a narrowing of the A418, despite assurances by Bucks County Council that the problem will be reviewed in a year.



There was plenty to keep the youngsters happy and the ever-popular bran tub attracted plenty of eager hands.

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STONY STRATFORD

A COCK AND BULL STORY

FROM 'UNKNOWN BUCKINGHAMSHIRE' by DONALD MAXWELL
Published by John Lane & Bodley Head in 1935.

THIS is a Cock and Bull story, but it is true. I mean exactly what I say, and am not taking refuge behind a figure of speech. I first heard of this tale in the Cock, had it embellished in the Bull—both hostelries being a few doors from each other in the Street of Stony Stratford—and triumphantly vindicated its truth at Fenny Stratford on Armistice Day.

It all began because of a bad habit of mine of trying to remember things that I have noted on my travels, and not writing them down. I recalled counting up the St. Martins on one street, true a long one, the Watling Street, and speculating whether the soldier-saint had been specially popular upon this great military road, which remained a marching highway for a thousand years or more after the Romans had gone.

This Cock and Bull story is one that I must begin telling against myself. I was at the time of coming this time to Fenny Stratford on what might be called a Hagiographical Pilgrimage. I was writing a series of travel articles by following the dates in this Kalendar of Various Saints and writing each week of different churches according to their dedication. This time it was St. Martin and I intended to combine my account with that of the Armistice Day celebrations.

I thought that one of these churches of St. Martin was at Stony Stratford; so sure, in fact, was I, that I went there, put up at the Cock, and proceeded to make a study of the bridge-causeway entrance to the town—the place where the old Roman street ford crossed the swampy river marsh by means of an embanked paved way, thus giving the name Stony to Stratford. A square tower of a church came into the picture. Imagine my disappointment when I discovered later that this was the church of St. Giles, and that there was no church of St. Martin in the town.

I returned to my inn and tried to find out something of my lost St. Martin's. It was not only St. Martin's Day on the morrow, but Armistice Day also, and my anticipated account for my article of the double celebration had all gone to pieces.

I found a fellow-guest at the Cock who knew a great deal about this part of England, but knowledge of the dedications of churches was not within his wide range of local topography. He did not think he could help me at all, he admitted, in any ecclesiastical "copy." This was not in his line. He believed firmly, he told me, that many people who never went into a church were better than those who did.

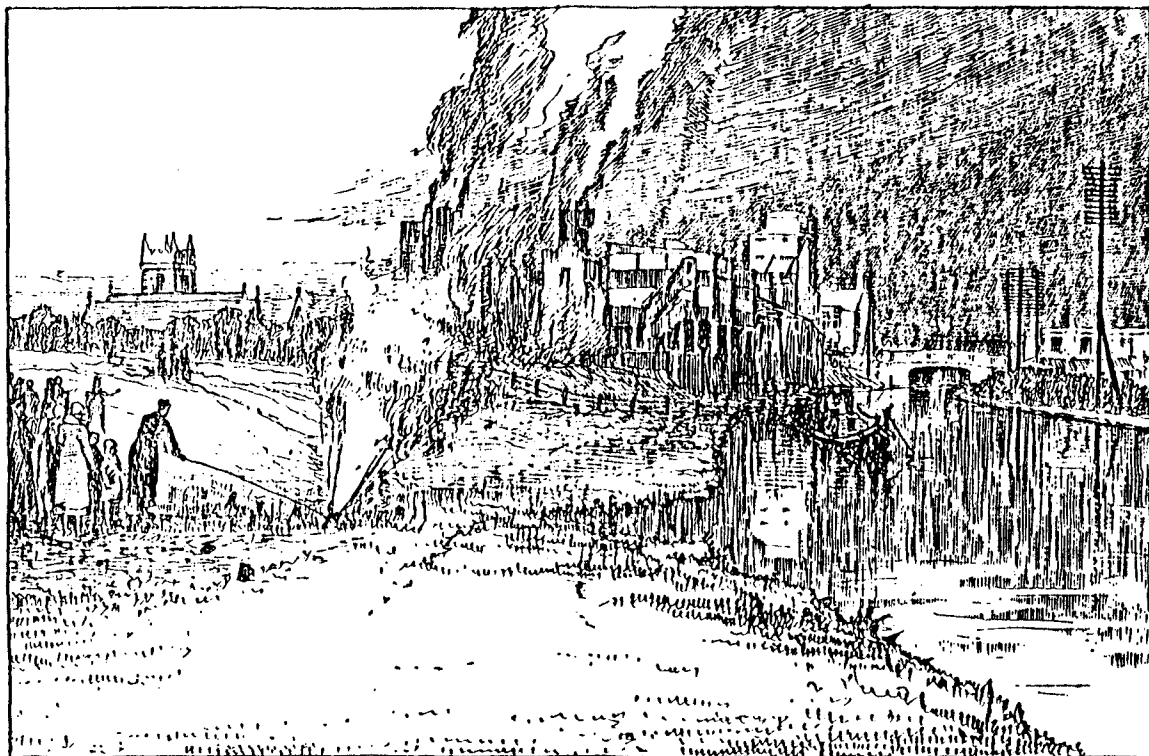
Nevertheless, he would help me all he could. He told me of one church so Low, that the vicar wished to keep up a service for the 5th of November, and another—only seven miles from Stony Stratford—where they were so High, that they fired guns on Armistice Day as part of the service. Subsequently, I did what from time immemorial seems to have been done, went and exchanged ideas with the guests staying at the Bull. In coaching days, it is recounted, the guests respectively of the Cock and Bull would wile away the time by relating to each other most marvellous travellers' tales, which grew more and more improbable, until at last a Cock and Bull story became the symbol of something impossible to credit.

I found, however, in the Bull several people who could tell me something about the church with the guns. This

was at Fenny Stratford, on the Watling Street, seven miles nearer London. The church was St. Martin—I had got the wrong Stratford—and the artillery was in the nature of an annual memorial. In the eighteenth century, a parishioner of St. Martin's was lost in the marshes—the fens of Fenny Stratford. He was guided to safety by the vicar of the parish firing guns. In gratitude for his deliverance, he left a sum of money to the church on the condition that guns should be fired on November 11th, St. Martin's Day.

the Feast of St. Martin until Lady Day. The Lord of the Manor undoubtedly pays £1 per year towards this bell-ringing, and there seems to be no reason to doubt the truth of the story.

The firing of guns on St. Martin's Day belongs to another story, and, as we have seen, the two stories have got mixed. The Lord of the Manor, Dr. Browne Willis, who built the church of St. Martin (finished in 1730) on the site of a ruined chapel-of-ease of St. Margaret, left an endowment for three things :



FIRING THE "POPPERS" AT FENNY STRATFORD

This story was growing interesting, and I, of course, followed it up by finding out the true state of the case from the vicar of St. Martin's, Fenny Stratford. Some parts of this story were true enough, but two distinct events had been muddled and mixed together. There is a local tradition that a benighted wayfarer lost himself in Brickhill Woods, and only reached Fenny Stratford in safety by following the sound of the church-bell, which was being rung at the time. He said, out of gratitude, to have endowed the church with a piece of land, the rent of which was to be used for ever to pay for the ringing of the bell at eight o'clock in the evening from

- (1) A sermon to be preached on St. Martin's Day (£1 1s.) ;
- (2) a dinner for the parishioners of St. Martin's ;
- (3) a firing of guns (twelve shillings for gunpowder) to mark the patronal feast of the church.

The people, both of Stony Stratford and of Fenny Stratford, are fortunate in their churches and in the services they can attend. Both are "live" churches. I went into St. Giles's at Stony Stratford, which was open at 9.30 in the evening. The church was dimly lighted, and the Blessed Sacrament reserved.

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In olden times brands of beer were legion and everyone could choose the inn or brewery that pleased his palate. Buckinghamshire had many small breweries, mostly taken over as the years went by.

SOME OLD BUCKINGHAMSHIRE BREWERIES

IN the last half of Queen Victoria's reign and the first part of the present century every small town had at least one brewery. Before that many inns brewed their own ale on the premises. Thus in 1843 Thomas Wootton, of the Bear in Walton Street, Aylesbury, intimated that he had extended his brewing department

and could supply families with genuine home-brewed beer. Good fresh table beer was threepence per gallon and good ale tenpence per gallon, delivered in the town for ready money.

In the 1850s Alfred Barton, of the George inn, Winslow, was also a maltster, brewer and dealer in hops, as was George

Webb, of Market Hill, Buckingham. William Hipwell, of the Bull hotel, Olney, brewed "choice Olney ale and porter." The Wendover brewery belonged to Joseph Holland of the Red Lion hotel there.

From these origins grew local breweries which in time swallowed up smaller rivals or put them out of business and later formed public companies, firms which have been absorbed themselves by larger concerns or a fair stake of whose equity is held by them. Thus the big groups came into being. Fairly few small towns still have a working brewery.

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Old directories carry many small brewers' advertisements. In Aylesbury in the 1890s there was C. K. Thomas, of Castle Street. The manager was John Hamblen, who filled farmers' own casks. By 1913 he had acquired the business and



Right: the old brewery at Rowsham, Buckinghamshire, now converted to a private house (photograph above).



Written and illustrated by Hayward Parrott

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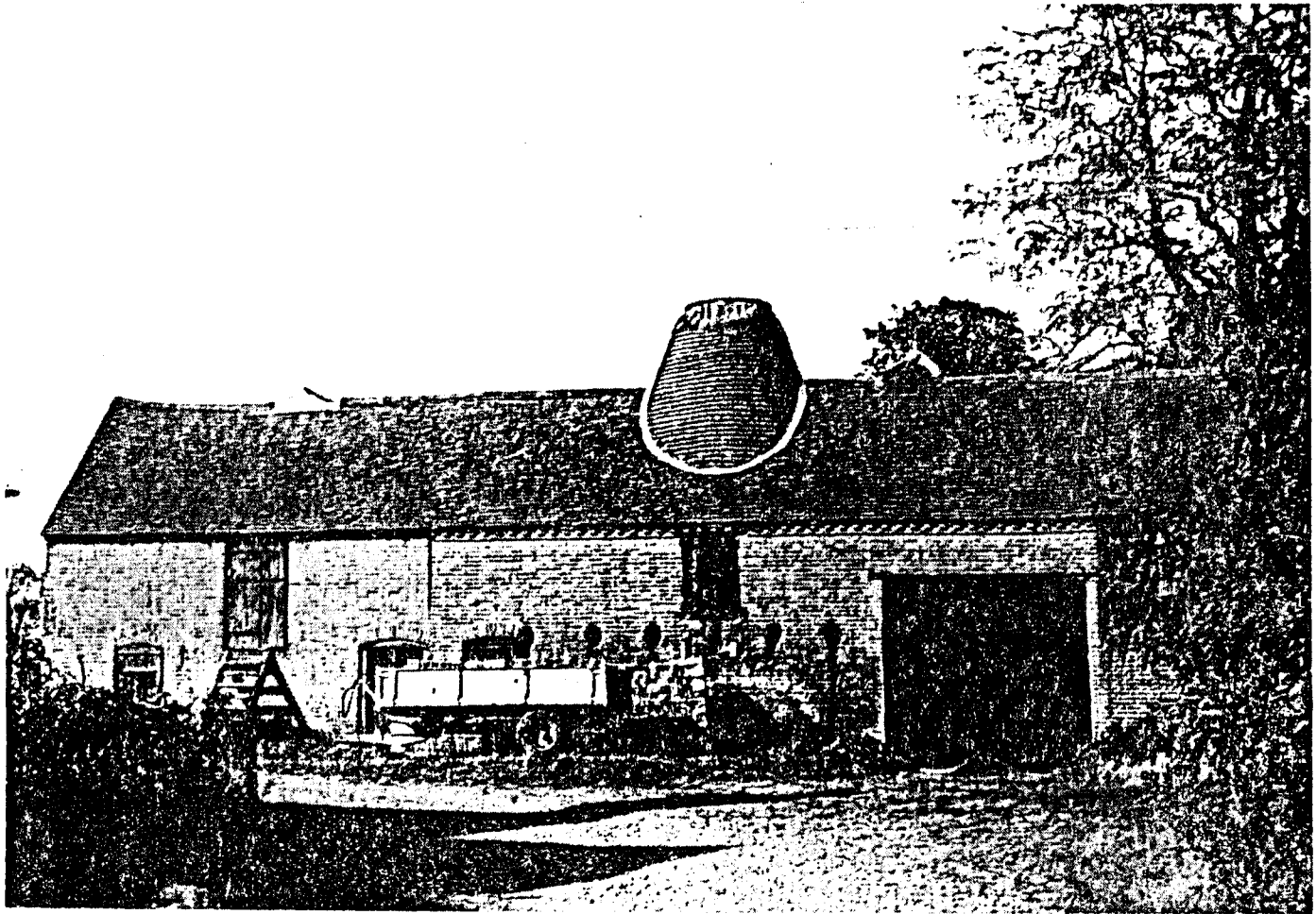
CAN YOU HELP ?

ROSE COTTAGE, 63 THE GREEN (Where Ken & Wyn Rumens used to live).

We are having to replace the windows in Rose Cottage, and we would like the new ones to be more like those that were previously in the house. Does anyone have any photographs or memories of how the windows used to look ? If so, we should be delighted to hear from you.

CLIFFORD and PAULINE PRICE (681632).

An old malthouse at Rowsham,
Buckinghamshire.



offered grand invalid stout at 1/3 and 1/6 per gallon. The firm was taken over by Gullivers, of Aylesbury. Brewing ceased during or soon after World War I.

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In the 1850s, among others, Edward Terry brewed in Walton, Aylesbury, and John Dell brewed in Bourbon Street, which was once called Waterhouse Street from the waterhouse connected with the brewery. By the latter part of the century Dell's brewery was trading as Messrs. J. and T. Parrott, which later became part of Messrs. Parrott, Walker and Company of the Walton brewery, Aylesbury, which itself was acquired by the Aylesbury Brewery Company Ltd. The company was registered in 1895. A year later it took over Frank Higgs and Company Ltd., of the Swan brewery, Buckingham, and in 1899 acquired the Bletchley Brewery Company Ltd.

Thomas Parson ran the Lion brewery at Princes Risborough in the 1880s and

1890s. This was acquired by the Aylesbury Brewery Company about 1920. A few years ago an ornamental lion stood near the entrance to the old premises in the market place.

At the turn of the century H. J. Barber and Company were brewing at Aston Clinton (formerly Mr. John Sheerman's brewery). It was claimed that the spring water used was equal in quality to that at Burton. Local barley and Kent and Farnham hops were used. The price list included Barclay Perkins stout at 54/- per barrel, pale ale and porter at 35/-, and bottled ale at 2/6 per dozen.

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At Ivinghoe in the 1880s onwards there was Messrs. Roberts and Wilson's brewery. Their trade mark was a horseshoe. It was acquired by Benskin's Watford Brewery in 1927. The brewer's house is now used as a youth hostel.

Rowsham, beyond Berton, Aylesbury, had its brewery. At one time it traded as

Lucas and Lovett but was owned mainly by the old local family of Lucas. Mr. Joseph Lucas, brewer and grazier, who died in 1832, built himself a handsome residence at Rowsham. Mr. Thomas Gurney was the last to brew there. Operations ceased some time after 1939. Part of the premises has just been converted to a private house.

Chesham had William Darvell's brewery in High Street. He claimed the invention of an improved refrigerator, which he exhibited at the great exhibition in 1851 and which he found a considerable saving and advantage over the old cooling system. The Chesham brewery was acquired by Taylor, Walker and Company Ltd. in 1956 and closed in 1957.

In the old times brands of beer were legion and everyone could choose the inn or brewery that pleased his palate. Against the departure of local labels must be set the superior amenities and services rendered by brewery companies and licensed houses to their present patrons. ★29T

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)

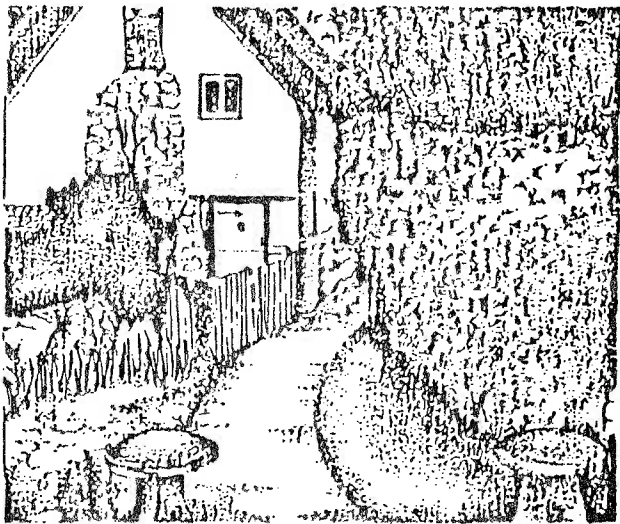
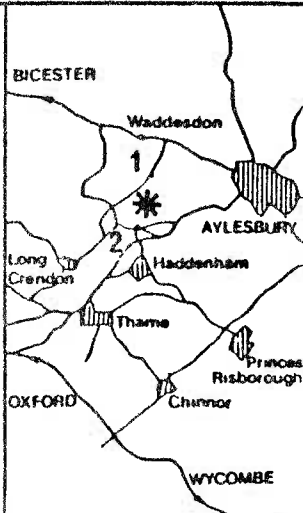
Can we add your name to our Help Line list? If so just contact any of the above.

OUT AND ABOUT

CUDDINGTON / UPPER WINCHENDON

The complete walk is 4.5 miles long and can be started at either Upper Winchendon or Cuddington village. All the footpaths are clearly marked and with the map inside the route is easy to follow.

* = The Walk
1 = Upper Winchendon
2 = Cuddington



THE WALK

The complete circular walk is 4½ miles long and takes about 2 hours. If it is wet or you have children please allow a little longer. The plan opposite shows a short cut which saves weary legs and time. The walk can be started at the north end at Upper Winchendon or at the south end at Cuddington village. Please be considerate in parking. Many panoramas are to be had particularly on the Northern side as the ground rises from the River Thames to over 400 feet. Extensive and attractive views may be had of the Thame river valley, the Chilterns Hills, Waddesdon Manor and Aylesbury's Observatory. As well as

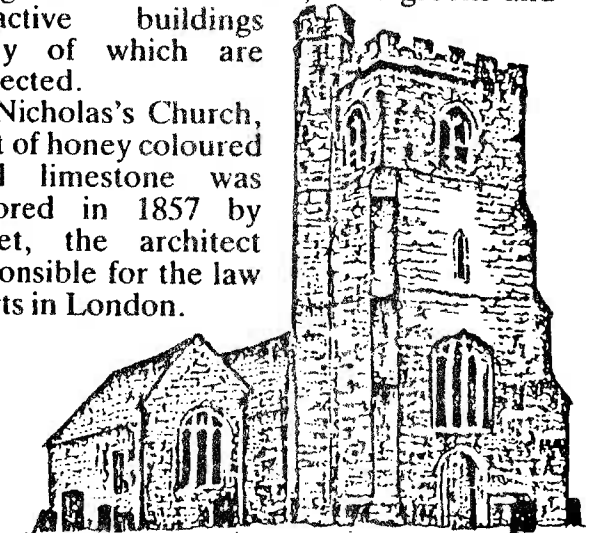
attractive scenery and wide views, the walk offers a fascinating history lesson where undulating ridges record old patterns of farming and the remains of mediaeval fishponds can be seen.

Refreshments can be had at the Red Lion or the Crown at Cuddington and the shop close by.

FEATURES OF INTEREST

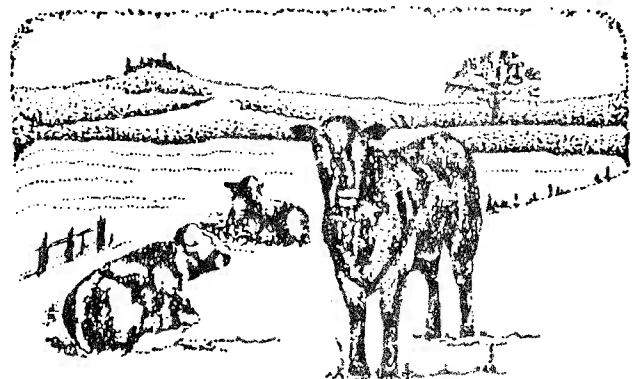
Ⓐ Cuddington village is a picture postcard village with narrow lanes, little greens and attractive buildings many of which are protected.

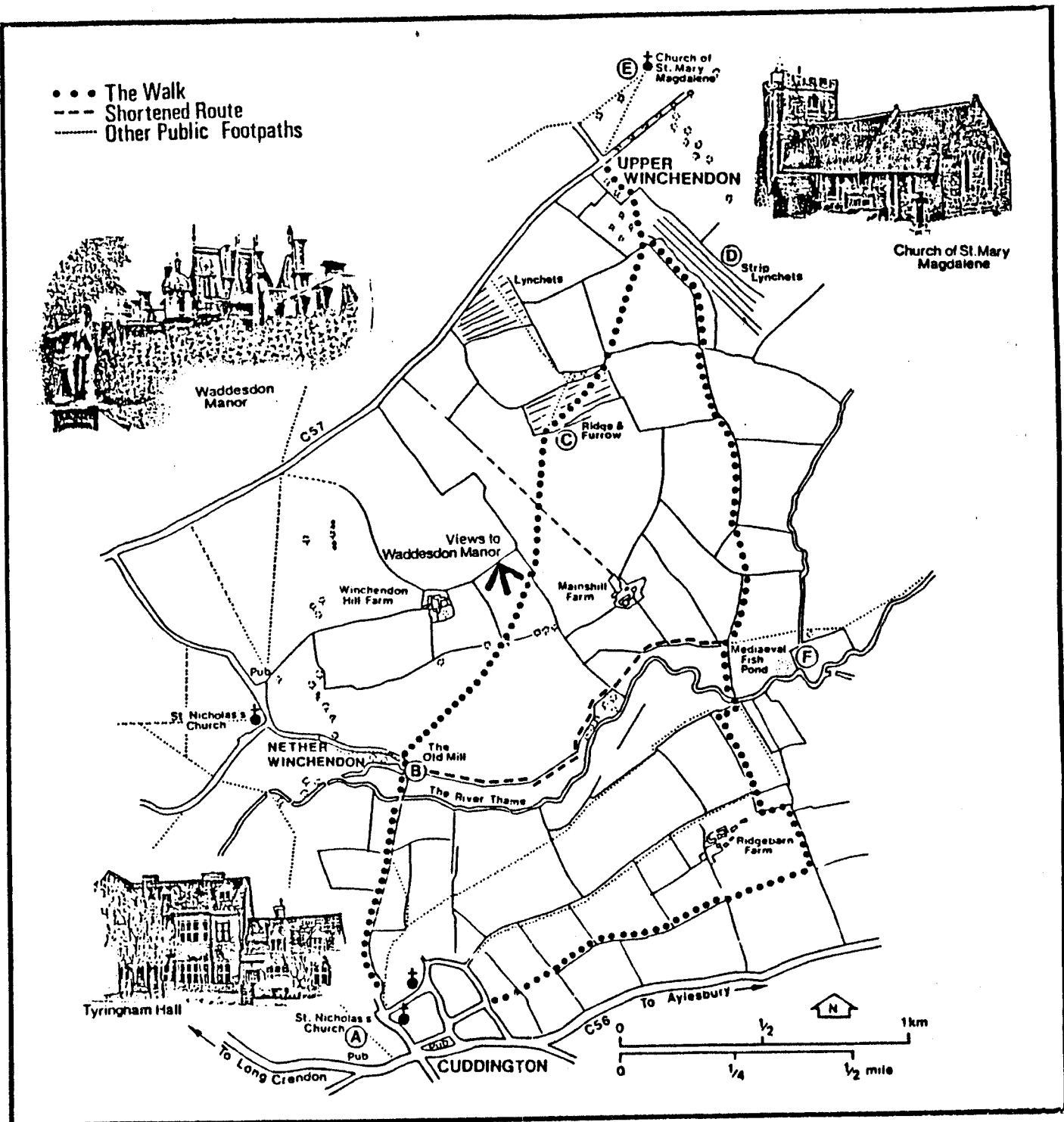
St. Nicholas's Church, built of honey coloured local limestone was restored in 1857 by Street, the architect responsible for the law courts in London.



Ⓑ The site of the Old Mill on the River Thame was mentioned in the Domesday Book where it was recorded as being worth "20 shillings and 80 eels." It used to mill flour and then became a paper mill.

Ⓒ Ridge and Furrow are the remains of mediaeval ploughland and give fields a corrugated surface. They were produced by a ploughing technique that heaped the soil in ridges and left furrows for drainage. A number of ridges made up a strip and these were shared out among the villagers who farmed the open hedgeless fields together. There are large areas of ridge and furrow along the walk, usually in pasture land which preserves this feature.





① Strip lynchets are ridges and furrows. They are an extension of the mediaeval open fields system onto steeper ground when more easily worked land was in short supply. Ploughing along the contour helped retain the soil and lessen erosion.

② Upper Winchendon village has a dramatic location on a high limestone ridge. The 13th century church of St. Mary Magdalene is found just to the north-east of the circular route and is well worth a visit.

③ Outline of the mediaeval fish ponds can be seen about 200 yards east of the bridge over the River Thames. It is about 50 metres square. Fish was an important food source then, particularly in winter and Lent. There was a complicated pattern of sluices and channels to separate different kinds of fish.

WITCHERT WALLS

Witchert walls, houses and barns are to be

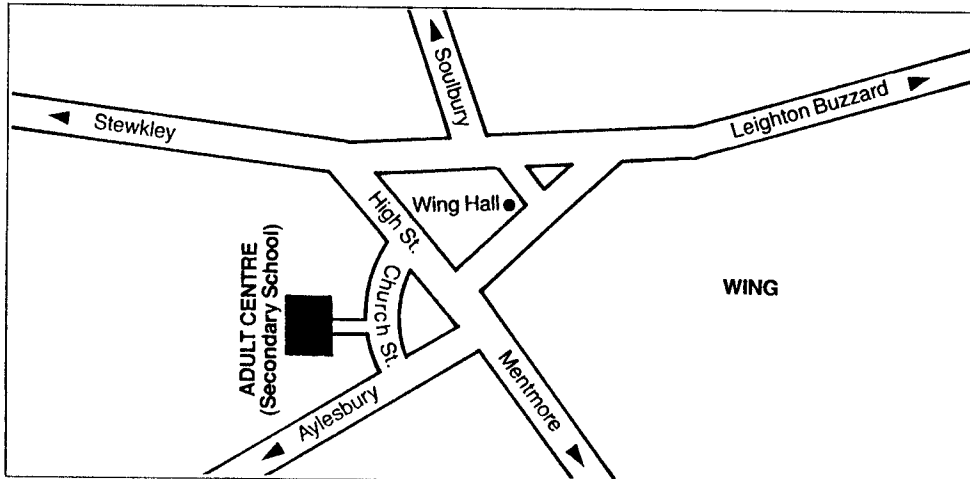
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ADULT EDUCATION - WING AREA

THE WING ADULT CENTRE

Head of Centre: Dr. Alan Owen
Address: Wing Adult Centre, Wing County Secondary School
Aylesbury Road, Wing, Leighton Buzzard, Beds. LU7 0NY
Telephone: 688632
Daytime secretary: Sheila Dickens
Evening secretary: Eileen Collier

WHERE TO FIND US



COURSE INFORMATION

The Adult Centre Office is at Wing County Secondary School where many courses also take place (see map). Courses are also planned at the First and Combined schools at Stoke Hammond, Cheddington, Edlesborough and Dagnall and at the village halls at Wing, Ivinghoe and Cheddington.

HOW TO ENROL

Send no money in advance.

Use the "Enrolment Form" in this booklet as a *reservation* form only in case your course is over-subscribed.

Attend the free introductory session during the week beginning Monday 14th September on the same day, at the same time and in the same place as the brochure shows for your course.

Come and meet your tutor and find out about the course — with no obligation to enrol.

Discuss any special interests or requirements you may have.

Enrol there and then if you wish.

Courses will then start during the week beginning 28th September (unless otherwise stated).

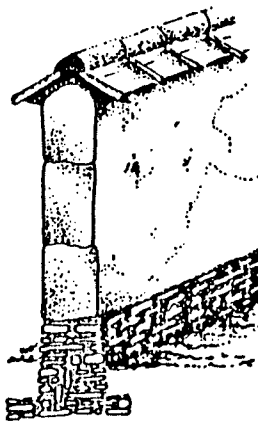
N.B. If a course is over-subscribed, priority will be given to those who have sent in a reservation form and who then enrol at the introductory session. Please let us know if you wish to enrol but cannot attend the introductory session.

DETAILS OF COURSES & AN ENROLMENT FORM APPEAR ON PAGES 18 AND 19.

PLEASE FOLLOW THE COUNTRY CODE

- ★ Guard against risk of fire
- ★ Fasten all gates
- ★ Keep dogs under control
- ★ Avoid damage to hedges and fences
- ★ Leave no litter
- ★ Protect wildlife
- ★ Go carefully on country roads
- ★ Respect the life of the countryside

LEAVE ONLY YOUR FOOTPRINTS!
TAKE ONLY PHOTOGRAPHS



seen in Cuddington, Haddenham and Long Crendon. Witchert is the local name for earth walling. On a plinth of rubblestone, the local subsoil, wetted and mixed with chopped straw, is built up in two foot layers to the required height. The walls are then topped with tiles.

COURSES

At Wing County Secondary School, unless otherwise stated.

ARTS AND CRAFTS

MONDAY

BOBBIN LACEMAKING

Patricia Bury

This class may be full, but send in a reservation form and we may be able to arrange another evening.

7.30 pm-9.30 pm 20 weeks £36.00

CREATIVE DRESSMAKING/SOFT FURNISHINGS

Beryl Buckingham

If you have mastered the basic skills of dressmaking, now learn to use designer techniques and get that professional finish.

7.30 pm-9.30 pm 10 weeks £20.00 20 weeks £36.00

FURNITURE RESTORATION

John Brittain

Learn techniques of repair and restoration working on your own piece of furniture — some basic skill with tools needed.

7.30 pm-9.30 pm 10 weeks £20.00 20 weeks £36.00

UPHOLSTERY

Fred Megram

Learn to improve skills in traditional or modern upholstery, working on your own project.

7.30 pm-9.30 pm 10 weeks £20.00 20 weeks £36.00

CREATIVE HANDKNITTING

Judith Morley

If you can knit, now develop your skills and learn to create your own individual designs.

7.30 pm-9.30 pm 5 weeks + 1 week later on £12.00

FLOWER ARRANGING

Neil Gurney

Brighten up those festive and everyday occasions.

7.30 pm-9.30 pm 10 weeks £20.00

FLOWER ARRANGING

Margery Jones

Autumn Colour — a follow-on class for an enthusiastic local group, starting on 7th September.

Stoke Hammond First School

7.30-9.30 pm 4 weeks £8.00

INTRODUCTION TO POTTERY

Mavis Purcell

For those with little or no experience, an opportunity to try making simple pots, using slab or coil techniques.

Edlesborough Combined School

7.00 pm-9.30 pm 10 weeks £25.00

TUESDAY

UPHOLSTERY

Barbara Bone

Beginners and improvers, learn traditional and modern skills working on your project.

Wing Hall

10.00 am-12 noon 10 weeks £20.00 20 weeks £36.00

PATCHWORK AND QUILTING

Paula Hedley

Traditional methods so that you can make a quilt or cushions or other items for your home.

Wing Hall

10.00 am-12 noon 10 weeks £20.00

WEDNESDAY

SPINNING AND WEAVING

Jean Warwick

An introductory 5 week course, making a yarn, etc., followed by a longer course for improving techniques.

9.30 am-11.30 am 5 weeks £10.00

DRAWING AND PAINTING

Marion Campbell

Popular, sociable village class giving informal guidance and instruction at all levels.

Ivinghoe Town Hall

10.00 am-12 noon 10 weeks £20.00 20 weeks £36.00

DRAWING AND WATERCOLOUR

Jane Samways

For complete beginners or near beginners to learn basic techniques and develop their skill.

7.30 pm-9.30 pm 10 weeks £20.00 20 weeks £36.00

THURSDAY

BOBBIN LACEMAKING

Joan Buckle

Continuation of a popular daytime class.

9.30 am-11.30 am 20 weeks £36.00

THE CRAFTS THAT GRANDMA KNEW

Penny Butterworth

Remember rag rugs, Florentine work and samplers? Learn how to make your own heirlooms.

9.30 am-11.30 am 10 weeks £20.00

DRAWING AND PAINTING

Marion Campbell

Sociable village class giving informal guidance and instruction at all levels and special help to beginners.

Cheddington Village Hall

9.45 am-11.45 am 10 weeks £20.00 20 weeks £36.00

FRIDAY

CALLIGRAPHY

Karen Askew

For those who would like to learn and use the art of beautiful writing.

7.30 pm-9.30 pm 10 weeks £20.00

UPHOLSTERY

Barbara Bone

Beginners and improvers, learn traditional and modern skills working on your own project.

Stoke Hammond First School

7.15 pm-9.15 pm 10 weeks £20.00 20 weeks £36.00

WEDNESDAY Continued

GERMAN 2nd STAGE

Karen Boddy

For those who have followed "Deutsch Direkt" or a similar beginners' course — now use the B.B.C. "Deutsch Express" book and tapes.

8.00 pm-9.30 pm 10 weeks £15.00 20 weeks £27.00

SPANISH FOR BEGINNERS

Rosario Kane

While learning basic conversation, find out more about the people and their culture.

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FRIDAY

MODERN GREEK FOR BEGINNERS

Evi Wyatt

A Greek course designed to help holidaymakers get by in everyday situations.

7.30 pm-9.30 pm 10 weeks £20.00

LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

WEDNESDAY

CREATIVE WRITING

Griselda Gifford

Come and write with an established author — informal sessions — find your latent talent.

10.00 am-11.30 am 10 weeks £15.00 20 weeks £27.00

SPECIAL INTEREST

WEDNESDAY

FLY TYING

John Greenwell

An opportunity to learn to fly-tie during the winter in order to catch trout during the summer.

7.30 pm-9.30 pm 10 weeks £20.00

BRIDGE FOR BEGINNERS

Tony Fluin

The card game that adds a new dimension to your social life; come on your own or with a partner.

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FRIDAY

GIUITAR 1st STAGE

Janet Cadman

For beginners and improvers who will be encouraged to work towards an examination syllabus

8.00 pm-10.00 pm 10 weeks £20.00 20 weeks £36.00

GIUITAR 2nd STAGE

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For more advanced players who will be encouraged to take examinations, enter music festival and appear in some local concerts.

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SPORTS, FITNESS AND HEALTH

TUESDAY

BADMINTON

John Lawson

A sociable village class for players of all levels.

Edlesborough Combined School

7.30 pm-9.30 pm 10 weeks £20.00 20 weeks £36.00

KEEP FIT

Pat Hart

Trim and tone from top to toe in a happy relaxed atmosphere. Keep Fit Association qualified tutor.

8.00 pm-9.00 pm 10 weeks £10.00 20 weeks £18.00

WEDNESDAY

SELF-DEFENCE

Colin Laurence

Principally for beginners, this class will be entertaining as well as useful.

8.30 pm-10.00 pm 10 weeks £15.00

KEEP FIT

Wendy Groom

Keep Fit to music in a friendly village class with a qualified Keep Fit Association tutor.

Dagnall First School

8.00 pm-9.00 pm 10 weeks £10.00 20 weeks £18.00

KEEP FIT

Pat Wilcock

Movement to music suitable for all ages with a Keep Fit Association tutor: have fun and stay fit.

Edlesborough Combined School

8.00 pm-9.30 pm 10 weeks £15.00 20 weeks £27.00

THURSDAY

YOGA

Penny Hilling

Learning to relax, learning postures and learning to know oneself.

8.00 pm-9.30 pm 10 weeks £15.00 20 weeks £27.00

DANCERSISE

Pat Hart

Trim and tone from top to toe in a happy relaxed atmosphere with a Keep Fit Association tutor — improve posture, balance and co-ordination.

Cheddington Combined School

8.00 pm-9.00 pm 10 weeks £10.00 20 weeks £20.00

FRIDAY

BALLROOM DANCING

Fred Parkinson

Designed for the absolute beginner — if you want to learn quickly and positively, this is for you.

7.30 pm-9.30 pm 10 weeks £20.00 20 weeks £36.00

GENTLE EXERCISE FOR THE ACTIVE RETIRED

Celia French

Gentle exercise to promote physical fitness and a general feeling of well-being.

Wing Hall

10.00 am-11.30 am 10 weeks £7.50 20 weeks £13.50

HOW TO ENROL

Please read the enrolment details of the Centres you have chosen before applying.

SPECIAL RATES

A 50% discount is available for Senior Citizens, under 18's, the registered unemployed and for persons in receipt of some state benefits.

A 10% discount is available if you pay in advance for more than 30 hours of one course, e.g. 2 terms of Yoga.

Enrolment form to return to the appropriate Centre:

ADULT EDUCATION, AYLESBURY VALE — ENROLMENT FORM

Name of Adult Education Centre: _____

Title: (Mr. Mrs. etc) _____ First Name _____

Surname: _____

Address: _____

_____ Tel: _____

If you are entitled to a concession, please complete the following:

Senior Citizen (please tick) _____ Under 18 (Date of Birth) _____

In receipt of other state benefit: _____ No: _____

Course Code Title Day Amount Paid Rec. No. (office use)

_____ ABC

_____ ABC

_____ ABC

Access No: (if applicable) _____

Signature for authorisation: _____ Date: _____

Crèche Reservation:

No. of places _____ Age(s) & birth date(s) _____

Cheques:

Please make payable to Bucks. County Council.

The Estone Chronicles

"ASTON ABBOTTS MEMORABILIA"

A page reserved for memorabilia - things worth remembering - about Aston Abbots. If you have any stories from yesteryear, any childhood memories or old newspaper cuttings; tales of village characters or an unresolved mystery that's just what we need for the Estone Chronicles.

[Estone is the 11th. century name for the village of Aston Abbots]

RECORDS OF BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

CHURCHES WHICH HAVE BEEN LATELY BUILT OR RESTORED.

The church of Aston Abbots, dedicated to St. James, has been restored at a cost of about £1230, and was reopened by the Lord Bishop of Oxford on May 22, 1866. F. B. Street, Esq., A.R.A., was the architect. The tower, which is the only part of the old church now standing, is of the fourteenth century; the remaining part of the building was of the eleventh. Aston Abbots was an endowed vicarage before the Reformation, and belonged to the abbots of St. Albans. The rectory and all rights belonging to it were afterwards granted to Lord John Russell, who was also lord of the manor. From the Bedford family it passed to the Earl of Chesterfield; from him to the Duke of Buckingham; and then to the present proprietor, the Right Hon. Lord Overstone. The tower has been thrown open, so as to show the west window. The seats are open, and of yellow deal, varnished. On the east of the low stone screen running across the chancel arch are two seats of oak, one of which is used as the reading-desk. The pulpit is well executed in Ancaster stone. The east window of the chancel, through the exertions of the Vicar among Sir J. G. Ross's relatives and friends, is in memory of Sir J. G. and Lady Ross. The window has been admirably executed by Mr. Miller, of Golden Square, London, at a cost of £70. The chancel is paved with Godwin's encaustic tiles, and a small vestry has been added. The building is of rough stone from the old church, in random courses, with Ancaster stone quoins and windows. The church furniture, consisting of altar cloth, hassocks, almshouses, font cover, clerk's desk, etc., have been presented by Mrs. Thornton and family, from the proceeds of private sales of their own work.

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ASTON ABBOTTS HOUSING PLAN

FOR MINISTRY OF HEALTH'S APPROVAL

The plans for the proposed houses at Aston Abbots were laid before the Wing Rural District Council, at their meeting at Linslade on Tuesday, by the architect, Mr. H. A. Rolls. He said that it was proposed to build eight houses there, and the local representative had expressed a preference for the type of house built at Ivinghoe. With regard to the system of drainage to be attached, there was a proposal to purchase a small piece of land into which the sewage of the village would be run. It was quite near the housing site, and it would be much better if they could run the sewage from the houses into the new system. This would necessitate rather a lengthy run of six-inch sewer and cost about £50 extra over the normal cost of drainage.

The Council agreed that the plans and specifications should be sent for approval to the Ministry of Health, and that tenders should be advertised for as soon as the approval was granted.

ASTON ABBOTTS COUNCIL HOUSES

SHOULD BATHS BE PROVIDED?

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

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

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

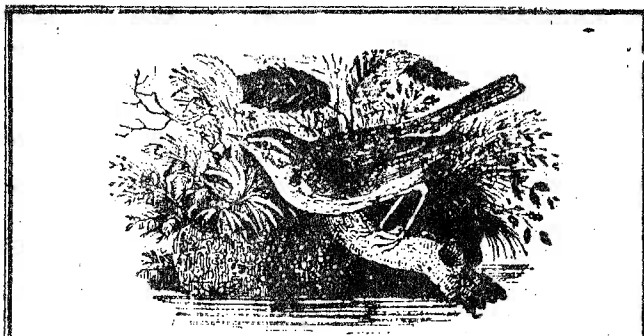
Councillor Morris asked if there was any room for the fitting of baths in the plans put forward for the Aston Abbots houses.

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

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

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

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



From a wood engraving by Thomas Bewick.

September 1987

THE RECTOR'S MESSAGE

Aylesbury 681623

The Sad News. The Good News.

The Sad News first. Our beloved Churchwarden of Wingrave with Rowsham, Vic Rickard has felt it necessary, after forty years (no less), to resign. The Bishop of Buckingham wrote to him thus:

"It is with a heavy heart that I receive your resignation...

Your record of service through so many years is, I think, almost without parallel in this Archdeaconry. You have been a tower of strength to successive vicars and the whole Christian community in Wingrave. I am delighted, but not surprised, that you have been made an Honorary Churchwarden. I pray that released from the burden of office you will find renewed vigour in discipleship. Your example is an inspiration to all."

We all say "Amen" to that and, though the news is sad in one way, I am so glad that Vic has consented to continue as Treasurer. The Archdeacon tells me that Vic will be a valuable "elder statesman". We are giving him a little token of our appreciation, but reserve further comment because he remains with us still, even though lack of mobility prevents him from coming to Church regularly - a terrible frustration for one who has been so faithful all the years he can remember.

The Good News. Mrs. A. Cooper (affectionately known to us as Annie) was elected as the new Churchwarden at an extra-ordinary Vestry meeting on Sunday, July 26th. This is a unique appointment for S. Paul's injunction (1 Timothy 2, vv.10-13) has long been ignored in the Churches of this Benefice - as, of course, elsewhere! Lady Churchwardens, as well as ordained Ministers now, are the mark of any Church which knows the sign of the times.

Annie will be good for us all. She represents Rowsham (being resident there). She is a loyal member of the Church. She runs the 11 o'clock Club each Sunday, bridging the gap between young and old. A housewife and mother in full-time employment outside the home as well, she is busy. But society is so often served well by busy people.

Our prayers, then, please for Vic in his partial retirement and for Annie as she takes up this new appointment.

I note that one of the duties of a Churchwarden is to 'answer to the Bishop on the state of the parish and inform him of any misconduct by the incumbent.' Crumbs, I'd better look out!

Yours sincerely,

FR. JOHN HEFFER

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S E R V I C E S A N D E V E N T S

HARVEST IN ALL THE CHURCHES

13th September Wingrave URC 2.45 p.m.
20th September Wingrave Parish Church 10 a.m. and 6.00 p.m.
20th September Wingrave Methodist 10 a.m.
20th September Aston Abbotts Methodist 6.00 p.m.
 (A sad lack of liaison here!)

27th September Aston Abbotts Parish Church 11.15 a.m.
5th October Cublington Parish Church 10 a.m.
No Harvest Service at Rowsham this year.

WINGRAVE SCHOOL HARVEST in the Parish Church on Wednesday, 30th September at 9.30 a.m. Parents and friends are very welcome to attend.

COTTESLOE TRAINING SCHEME is for all denominations in our area. The second annual lecture will be given by the Bishop of Oxford in the Radcliffe Centre, Buckingham at 8 p.m., 16th October. For further details of this and the courses see brochures in parish churches.

HOLY BAPTISM

Wingrave Parish Church

16th August SEAN JAMES, son of Duncan and Kim COX
30th August ANNA CLARA, daughter of Patrick and Joan GALLAGHER

BLESSING ON A CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE

Wingrave Parish Church

25th June Robert and Christine NORMAN

HOLY MATRIMONY

Wingrave Parish Church

27th June Simon William HEWITT and Tracy PLAYFORD
8th August Iain Maben FERGUSON and Mandy Jane LANGSTON

SUNDAY LESSONS

(ASB)

20th September Pentecost 15 (708) Romans 13(1-7) Matthew 22(15-22)
27th September Pentecost 16 (713) Romans 12(9-21) Luke 10(25-37)
4th October Pentecost 17 (717) James 1(16-27) Luke 17(11-19)
11th October Pentecost 18 (722) 2 Cor. 8(1-9)^m Matthew 5(17-26)
18th October Pentecost Last (745) Philipians 3(7-21) John 17(1-10)

NOTE Harvest Lessons replace the above as follows:

1 Timothy 6(6-10) Luke 12(15-21)

CONFIRMATION this year at S. Barnabas, Linslade, 25th November, 7.30 p.m.
Preliminary Meeting to discuss the classes - Wingrave Rectory on Sunday, 6th September at 3 o'clock.

FOOTNOTE Local Church news does not normally appear on this sheet for it only contains items which are of general interest to the United Benefice. It is published each month in the Wingrave Communique, Aston Abbotts Chronicle and Cublington Crier.

CHURCH NEWS

Once again our thoughts are turning to the harvest and in particular our Harvest Thanksgiving. This year the P.C.C. has decided to combine the sale of produce with a Harvest Supper. This will be in the Church Room at 7.30 p.m. on Saturday 26th. September. Numbers will be held strictly to 48 so if you want to come please let Kay or Doris know because tickets will have to be on a first come first served basis - £3 a head, including a glass of wine, can't be bad. The sale will be held

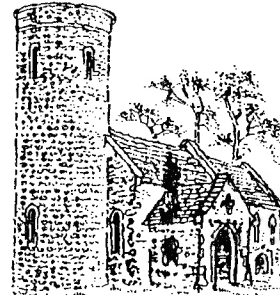
after the supper and if you are unfortunate enough not to get a ticket for the supper but would like to come to the sale, please come along at 9.30 p.m. Len and Peter will be pleased to receive gifts for the sale any time before the 26th. or at the Church Room between 4 and 6 p.m. on the 26th.

On Sunday 27th. our morning service will be a Family Service and gifts will be received by the Rector for distribution with the flowers to anyone in need in the village.

In these two ways, at least, we can show appreciation to God for the wonderful gifts our world provides, but no doubt we should do more.



ST. JAMES THE GREAT, ASTON ABBOTS, BUCKS.



FRAMINGHAM, Norfolk: Church with a Saxon chancel and windows, on the site of the one mentioned in Domesday.

CHURCH SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER

6th. September :	FAMILY SERVICE	11.15 a.m.		<u>Sidesmen</u>
	Acts 7(54)-8(1)	698	John 16(1-11).	Sarah Lovell.
13th. September :	HOLY COMMUNION	11.15 a.m.		Alison Ford.
	Ephesians 5(25)-6(4)	703	Mark 10(1-16).	
20th. September :	HOLY COMMUNION	11.15 a.m.		Colin Higgs.
	Romans 13(1-7)	708	Matthew 22(15-22).	
27th. September :	HARVEST THANKSGIVING : FAMILY SERVICE	11.15 a.m.		Alison Hewitt.
	Romans 12(9-21)	713	Luke 10(25-37).	
4th. October :	HOLY COMMUNION	11.15 a.m.		Tony Hewitt.
	James 1(16-27)	717	Luke 17(11-19).	

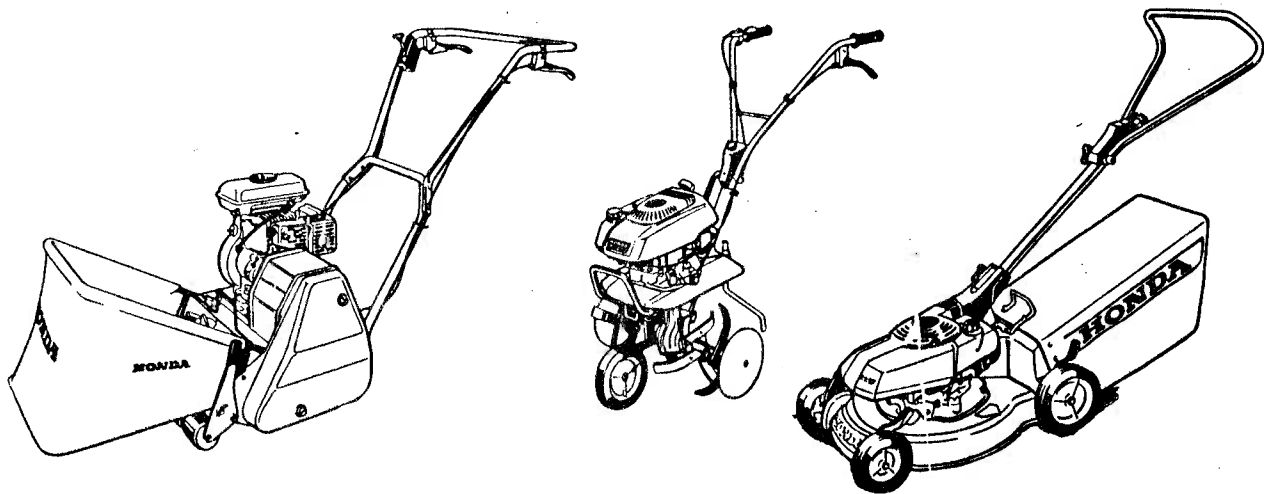
SATURDAY 26th. SEPTEMBER : HARVEST SUPPER in the CHURCH ROOM at 7.30 p.m.

Tickets £3. from Kay Dines or Doris Scutchings.

The supper will be followed by the

HARVEST SALE in the CHURCH ROOM at 9.00 p.m.

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