

THE 50th ISSUE OF
The Chronicle.
Aston Abbotts Parish Magazine.

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Editorial

Well here we go again with apologies - most of you spotted the confusion of dates regarding The Chronicle Evening, but much of last months issue was spattered with mistakes. Sorry.

Now, welcome to our 50th Edition, marked (or perhaps scarred is the more appropriate word) as it was by the 'CHRONICLE AID' party in the Church Room last Saturday night. Those of you who were there will remember it for many a long day; those of you who were not there will know by now that your good judgement has again been vindicated.

To all 'THE FRIENDS OF THE CHRONICLE' my thanks - to Andy, Chesh, Chris, and Mike for promoting and planning the evening; to Rita and Margaret for organising the food; to Marshall and Tricia for supplying the wine, the crockery and volunteering to take care of all the washing-up; to all who took part in the sketches, and finally my thanks to Arthur Dogget for the making the rousing finale possible. To everyone who came thanks for your support. I hope you feel it was three pounds well spent! While the final figures are not to hand the evening will have added well over £100 to the Chronicle funds.

My thanks as well go to the Aston Abbotts Methodist Church Society for their generous contribution to the Chronicle funds.

Please keep articles, sketches, jokes coming, its useful to have a bank of material to dip into when required just pop your article or idea through my door. Remember this is your magazine the more people who contribute the better it will be.

LATE NEWS: The Chronicle Aid party has raised nearer £300 than one hundred. Again my thanks to everyone, especially to Vika for the Tongan delight and to Paul for introducing us to the favourite method of fund raising in the Friendly Isles [and one can understand why]; there efforts raised over £40. And a very BIG THANK YOU to everyone for the bouquet of flowers presented to Anita and for the engraved tankard so kindly given to me - THANK YOU.

Graham Parker

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INFO

WHAT'S ON

- THURSDAY 5th. : "BONFIRE NIGHT" 6.30 p.m. on the Recreation Ground.
[if wet we will try on the Friday night.]
- THURSDAY 5th & 19th. : BINGO in the Church Room at 7.30 p.m.
- THURSDAY 12th & 26th. : WHIST DRIVE in the Church Room at 7.30 p.m.
- FRIDAY 20th. : PARISH COUNCIL MEETING in the Church Room 8.00 p.m.

ON THE BUSES

Many of you asked for a bus to Milton Keynes, now it is on please USE IT.

Dep's: Aston Abbots 9.20 (Arr. M.K. 10.25.)

Dep's: Milton Keynes 2.00 (Arr. A.A. 3.10.)

Watch The Chronicle for new Oxford link service - details later.

POPPY APPEAL BINGO

SATURDAY 14th. NOVEMBER at 7.30 p.m.
IN THE CHURCH ROOM.

ASTON ABBOTTS LADIES CLUB

After the summer break we met on October 1st. when our Chairman Miss.B.Bennett welcomed old and new members to our new sessions. The theme for the afternoon was members 'Holiday Recollections'. These were quite diverse and interesting, from a happy pottering holiday in Kent and Hampshire we went next to the lovely warm island of Madeira. Then on to the exotic Taj Mahal by moonlight ending up in the Western Isles of Scotland to hear about sailing and walking at Mull as well as walking and climbing on the beautiful unspoilt Isle of Arran.

On October 15th. our speaker was to have been Barbara Lucas who was unfortunately was unable to come. Mrs. Kay Dines, a voluntary helper of the Aylesbury Hospice movement, stepped into the breach. She told us a little of the history of a Hospice, which is not new; many of us were surprised to hear it dates back to medieval times when it was run by the Church. Mrs.Dines gave us a moving and absorbing account of the work of a hospice she had visited stressing its tranquil and caring atmosphere. We were able to see a detailed plan of the proposed Aylesbury Hospice and hear about its aims and aspirations. Mrs.Dines paid tribute to the many and varied people who had used such ingenuity to raise funds. Members were able to support the Appeal Fund by buying or ordering Christmas Cards and pens.

Our next Meeting will be the A.G.M. on October 29th.



School transport problems

School heads blame council

Parents want action

Village pupils stranded

VILLAGE parents upset by school transport chaos in the wake of a contract change have been assured by a coach firm boss that everything will soon be running smoothly.

Nearly 60 children were stranded in Wingrave one day last week, in a catalogue of breakdowns and late and missing coaches since the beginning of term.

Earlier this year Marshall's of Leighton Buzzard won back the half of the Bucks County Council contract they lost two years ago.

Since then, they have come under constant fire from

Aylesbury Vale villagers, for running "a shoddy service" ferrying children in the Rowsham, Cublington, Aston Abbots and Wingrave area.

Cublington parent Mrs. Julie Zelent believes the coach firm has overstretched itself at the expense of the pupils.

She said: "It's just not on. We get little enough for our rates out here as it is. Our children deserve proper school transport.

"We've got a very shoddy service indeed now."

Julie said she had had to take her children, Kerry-Anne (6) and Richard (7) to and from Wingrave several

times since the changeover.

Coach boss Fred Marshall said this week: "There are bound to be teething problems in any changeover and we have had staffing problems on top.

"Coaches are inevitably late where safety is of paramount importance.

We run on country roads with all their delays and we will not make up a few minutes lost time at the expense of the children's safety.

"We have had several complaints about missing coaches and breakdowns but we have now streamlined our schedules and have several back-up vehicles for a better service."

SEVERAL worried parents attended Aston Abbots Parish Council's meeting to register complaints regarding school transport. The grumbles were about buses arriving late, not operating at all, or breaking down. In one incident it was claimed that the brakes had failed on the bus.

Chairman Colin Higgs advised parents to contact Bucks County Council. He said he would also contact the council and the area's county councillor Mr Reg Keen.

The council is to contact the county highways department about urgent repairs needed to pot holes in various parts of the village, especially on Lines Hill.

Several planning applications were discussed. There was opposition to a proposal for light industry units at Longmoor because of fears of loss of privacy for nearby properties.

It was reported that Neighbourhood Watch signs were now ready for erection.

Cllr Brian Round outlined projects that could qualify for the new environmental enhancement grant, such as rebuilding the church wall, provision of car parking, or way marking.

** Details of the new 'environmental enhancement grants' are explained in detail on pages 7 and 8.

Since the start of term complaints about the school bus service have been almost continuous. Even getting from Cublington and Aston Abbots to Wingrave seems at times to be beyond the bus company involved. In addition the coach to collect Wing students has on occasions failed to arrive, while students of the Sir Henry Floyd Grammar School have been consistently late in arriving at school, often well into first period. Cost efficiency demands that the Floyd students are first taken to the great Grange School bus depot where chaos reigns with over three thousand students arriving at the three school site. Floyd students then have to wait for another bus to take them villagers on to the Floyd. This may cut costs but it certainly not efficient for the customers. We are assured that these are teething problems with the new coach contracts - let us hope so; but it does seem odd that the shortened 'continental' day now operated by many schools has made little or no difference to village based pupils who now spend the time saved waiting for buses to appear.

People

OUR MONTHLY COLUMN ABOUT VILLAGE PEOPLE

Edited by Bridget Brandon.

BIRTHDAYS

BRIDGET BRANDON 8 th.November.
DAVID COX 9 th.November.
STEVE KENT 9th.November.
RAY WILKINSON * 10 th.November.
JOHN WHYTE 23rd.November.
ESTHER CHESHER 26 th.November.

[* His 40th., so why not pop in the pub and let him buy you a pint or two.]

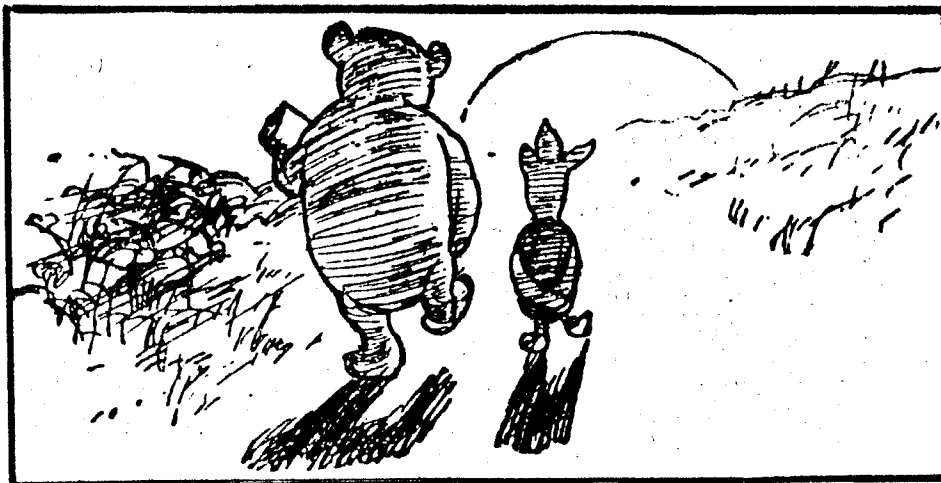
CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES

to GILLIAN ROFF and RAY ROSEWELL who were married on the 3rd. October.

BYE FOR NOW

to PAUL DRYSDALE, who returns to Tonga on the 15th. November. Paul has promised us an article for The Chronicle soon, on life in Tonga.

COMPETITION RESULTS



" Why didn't someone tell us it wasn't fancy dress ? "

" Is that Chesh coming up over the hill ? "

" What a night. I reckon Art is the only man to make a finale last four hours ! "

[As usual free copies of The Chronicle to all published captions]

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WHY DO CHICKENS CROSS THE ROAD ?

People who have been complaining that the hens wandering about Moat Lane & Lines Hill are likely to cause an accident well, these hens do not belong to No.2 Norduck Cottages. Could those who complain please send their complaints to the right person.

Brenda and Arthur Roff would like to thank all who helped and gave refreshments and supported them at the concert held in the Chapel by the Bolbec Male Voice Group. It was a very enjoyable evening and a grand total of £121 was raised for the Aylesbury Hospice.

ASTON ABBOTTS YOUTH CLUB

- Wednesday 11th. November - Swimming, meet at 7.00 p.m.
 Friday 27th. November - Soft Ball Games.
 Friday 11th. December - Christmas Party.

HELP WANTED : THE OLD MASTERS REQUIRES SOMEONE TO WORK ON THE WASHING UP ON SATURDAYS FROM 12 NOON TO 3 p.m. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED POP ROUND AND CHAT TO JUAN OR RING HIM ON 681432.

THE LADIES CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

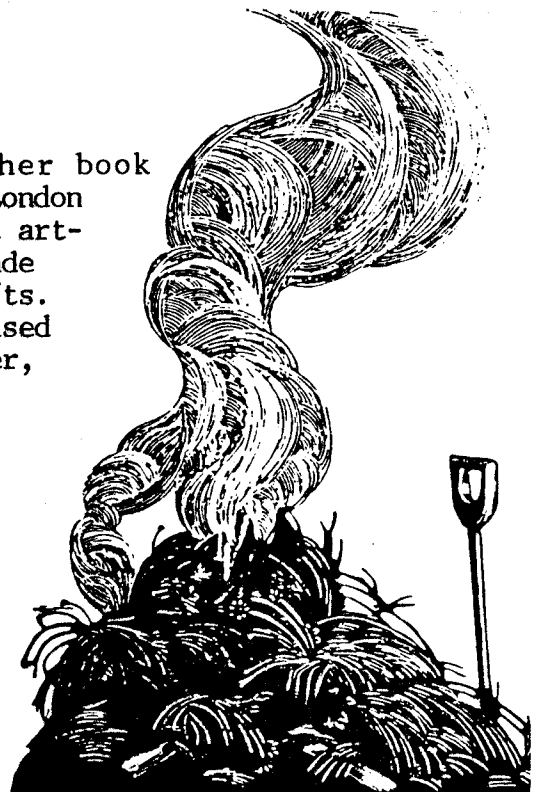
The A.G.M. took place on 29th. October. In the absence of our Chairman Betty Bennett, Mrs. B. Newell, our Vice Chairman, took the chair. It had been established that the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Minute Secretary were willing to serve another year and they were unanimously voted back into office, and the members showed their appreciation. A committee of eight members were re-established to help them carry through the years programme.

Various coming events were discussed and approved, most important of which was the club's 50th ANNIVERSARY. This is to be celebrated on 12th. November as a "Golden Lunch Party" in the Old Masters Restaurant, Aston Abbotts, which used to be the village school. It promises to be a unique occasion, not only will there be founder members of the Ladies Club present but those whose children attended the school many years ago.

'NOVEMBER BONFIRE'

A wood engraving by Clare Leighton in her book 'Four Hedges'. Clare Leighton was born in London in 1901 and became one of this centuries great artists in wood-engraving. She studied at the Slade School and the Central School of Arts and Crafts. Her engravings are striking, often almost stylised but wonderfully vigorous. If you are a gardener, try to find a copy of 'Four Hedges' published by Gollancz in 1935, in which Clare Leighton tells the story of a year in her garden in the Chiltern Hills. The book is illustrated with 88 lovely engravings of garden life and plants. 'Country Matters' is another book for collectors to treasure, with over 70 engravings with subjects such as 'Turning the Plough' and 'Bell Ringers'.

Note and wood engraving taken from the Autumn 1986 edition of 'The Countryman'

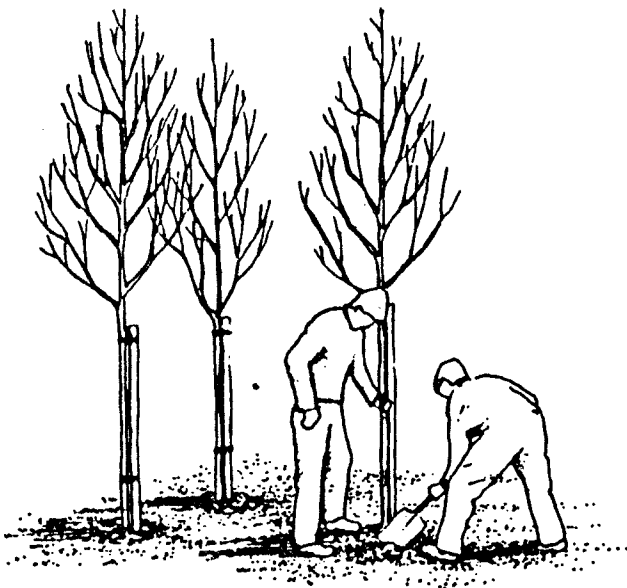


GRANTS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT

Aylesbury Vale District Council

Aylesbury Vale District Council has set up an Environmental Enhancement fund to help people and organisations throughout the District who wish to improve the quality of their surroundings. The aim is to stimulate concern for the environment and to use the Council's limited resources to prime the pump of local initiative.

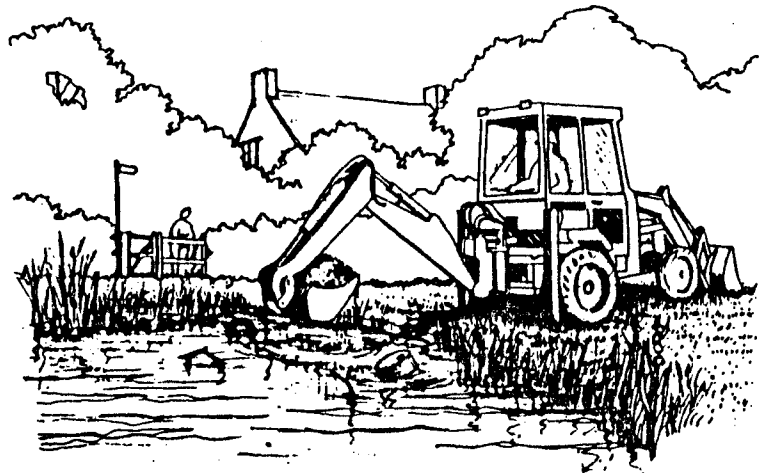
Relying on the knowledge and concern of the residents to initiate schemes will help to identify areas needing improvement, ensure that schemes put forward are seen as important by local people, encourage future maintenance and discourage vandalism.



By using local skills and labour supplemented where necessary by the Council's own resources, much may be done for a relatively modest outlay, to improve the appearance of the urban and rural areas alike.

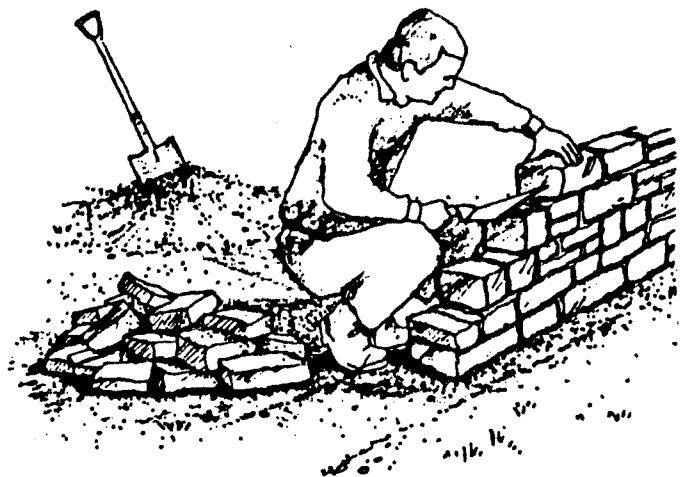
What works are eligible for grant?

In general terms anything which would result in a significant improvement to the visual environment is eligible for grant, and provided only that it benefits the public at large and not



merely a particular group or individual. Subject to this proviso, work may be on public or private property. It is not desirable to draw up an exhaustive list which might exclude the unforeseen, but the following are examples of projects:-

- Cleaning up ponds
- Repairing a Lychgate
- Restoration of a Tide Mill
- Drainage of a Village Green
- Rebuilding walls
- Stone cleaning on buildings
- Tree and Shrub planting
- Archaeological works
- Replacement of gates and railings.



Rate of grant

The rate of grant payable will normally be 50% of the cost of the works, subject to these amounting to at least £100 (in order to avoid disproportionate administrative costs). In exceptional circumstances, a higher grant may be paid. Where a public utility is involved, the Council will normally pay a grant of 50% on the net cost of works after deduction of the utility's own contribution.

Who may apply?

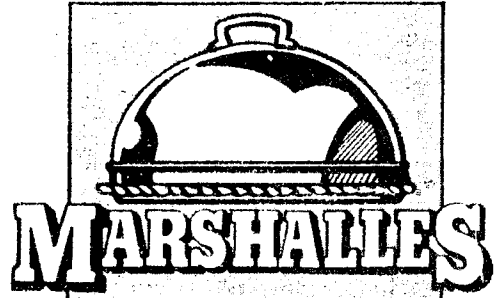
Anyone may apply for a grant but it is expected that most applications will come from Parish Councils, amenity societies, residents associations and similar organisations. It is again stressed however, that any scheme must benefit the Community as a whole and not merely particular individuals or groups.

How to apply

In the first instance, potential applicants should approach the Department of Technical Services and Planning to arrange a preliminary site meeting with the officer administering the Fund to discuss informally the eligibility of their proposal. If it is agreed, prima facie, that the scheme would be eligible for grant, applicants should complete an application form and prepare any necessary drawings and specifications as advised by the Council's Officer. (Whilst it is the applicants responsibility to prepare the submission, the Council's officers will be more than willing to advise applicants and give assistance where necessary).

When the scheme has received approval, a formal offer of a grant will be made. The grant will be payable on completion of the works to the satisfaction of the Director of Technical Services and Planning/District Engineer and on the basis of the actual expenditure incurred. In appropriate cases an interim payment may be made at the Council's discretion. This is particularly relevant where schemes are phased over a number of years.

Further copies of this leaflet and additional information may be obtained from:- Joe McCracken,
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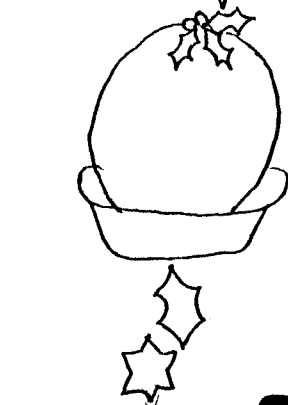
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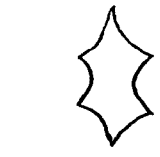
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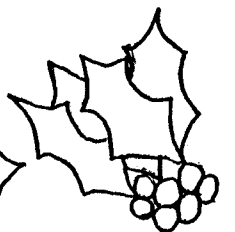
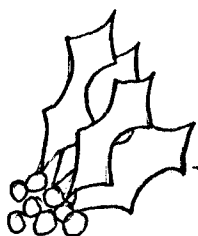
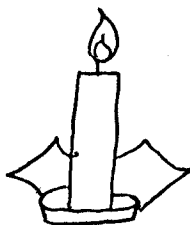
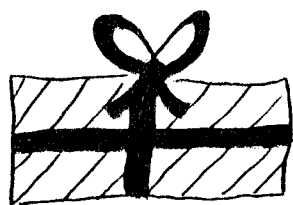
Tickets at £2 each (to include a glass of sherry) available from Tony Hewitt, Church Farm House, Cublington Road.



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A FURTHER INFORMATION LEAFLET FROM THE DHSS

SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFIT

Are you bringing up children on your own? Are you only able to work part time or too sick or disabled to work at all? Are you looking after a disabled relative? Or are you over age 60? If the answer to one or more of these questions is "Yes" then it could be that you are entitled to supplementary benefit.

If the money you have coming in is less than you need to live on and your savings are not over £3000 you could get some financial help so why not get a form SB1 from your local DHSS office or the Post Office and make a claim. You do not need to have paid national insurance contributions to qualify and you can own your own home.

If you would like to discuss claiming with someone all you need do is dial 100 and ask for Freefone DHSS. Our experts operating this free information and advice service are available to discuss your particular circumstances.

When you are in receipt of supplementary benefit it is a passport to other help such as free prescriptions, free milk and vitamins for expectant or nursing mothers and the under-fives, free school meals or a refund of fares when travelling to hospital. So even if your supplementary benefit is for only a small amount each week the benefit gained with this additional help is often worth more.

Whose Arms ?

No.4 in our occasional series in which we ask you to guess whose coat of arms they could be. No prizes no answers !



TWO COMPOSERS (BRAHMS & LIST) ATOP PINT MUG. WELLIES SLOPED WITH GUNS SUPPORTED BY BENT CARS SET IN A SEA OF C₂H₅OH. EARS OF CORN AND ROUND BALE INSIGNIFICANT.

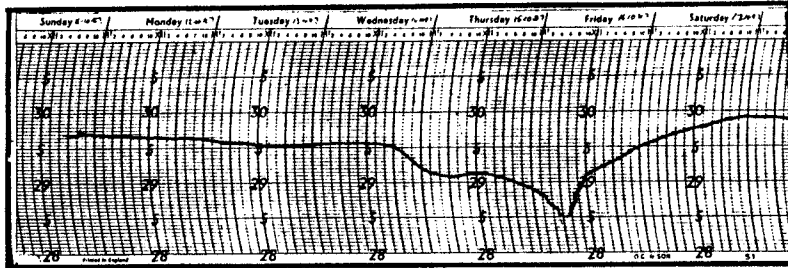
Hurricane causes havoc

Roads blocked and trains stopped

Hurricanes hardly 'ever happen; at least England had not seen its like for at least three hundred years, and according to the Met. Office the probability of a repetition is once in 200 years. Thus on the night of 15/16th. October 1987 we did indeed experience something quite out of the ordinary.

What appeared to be an unexceptional Atlantic depression suddenly deepened with terrifying speed, sending atmospheric pressure down to record lows (961 millibars) and creating a devastating cyclonic effect as air was sucked into the depression. By 2.00 a.m. on the 16th. wind speeds of 110 m.p.h. were being recorded on the Isle of Wight, 104 m.p.h. at Dover and 99 m.p.h. at Manston in Norfolk. In the ensuing hours before sunrise there was mayhem as the storm tore its way across southern England. When Britain awoke (and I must admit I slept through the whole thing) much of the south had been flattened - an estimated 2 to 3 million trees had been felled in the few short hours the wind raged.

Here in Aston Abbotts we escaped the worst of the storm but still have a dramatic legacy of the night along Moat Lane where an uprooted lime(?) crashed into the Abbey lake and as it fell ripped away half of the road almost at the apex of the bend half way along Moat Lane. [Not lime: it was a Golden Poplar - *Populus X Canadensis* var. *serotina* Aurea. Thanks Vic.]



This graph shows the dramatic fall in pressure as the wind swept in. It was recorded by farmer Hew Helps's barograph, which provides a continuous print-out of pressure in inches of mercury. "This is the first print-out that has been worth keeping," said Mr Helps, of Sydenham Grange Farm, near Tetsworth.

"It sits in the office in a glass case so I can see it every day. I noticed it was dropping but I didn't think it was going to be that big. That is the lowest I have seen it. "At three o'clock I looked out of the window and the rain was really horizontal. By seven o'clock it was horizontal going the other way so the wind had turned 180 degrees!"

AN AFTERTHOUGHT: This year there was an abnormally high crop of acorns in the National Trust's reserve at Blake's Wood between Chelmsford and Maldon about One thousand large oaks came down during the hurricane did the oaks know something that our weathermen missed ?



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QUIZ PAGE

















DO YOU KNOW YOUR RIVERS ? PART TWO by Colin Higgs.

1. Which is Ireland's longest river ?
2. Which river flows from Loch Ness to the Moray Firth ?
3. Which river does Maidstone stand on ?
4. Which river does Bedford stand on ?
5. Which river estuary is the Bristol Channel part of ?
6. Which river has a 28 arched bridge built by Robert Stephenson ?
7. Which river is the city of Exeter on ?
8. Dylan Thomas lived at Laugharne (Carms), which river runs into the sea here ?
9. The high level bridge at Newcastle crosses which river ?
10. Which river flows through Cambridge ?

ANSWERS to the above quiz appear at the foot of page 16.

MONTHLY PUZZLE CHALLENGE

Can you solve this one? It is in fact a Mensa advert, but I have taken the liberty of making it a little more challenging by removing one of the horizontal totals.

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19 20 30

HOW TO SOLVE THE PUZZLE.

The different types of fruit have different values. Added together they give the totals shown. Work out the missing totals for the left hand column and the third horizontal line.

SOLUTION: No prizes offered; solution in next months issue along with another logic exercise to tax your minds.

STRIDING OUT

Man is distinguished from the rest of the animal world by his ability to walk upright, and ever since those early days when 'upright man' first evolved walking has been both an aid to survival and a pleasurable pastime. This new series is about some of those people, both past and present, who have made their reputations by simply walking. Sometimes its the speed or distance they have walked that attracts our attention, at other times its the stories they have written about their exploits. We begin the series with an extraordinary character from the eighteenth century in an article culled from the November 1987 issue of the 'Out of Town' magazine.

EVEN a couple of centuries ago, people were striding out in pursuit of fitness. But they didn't jog in those days — they simply walked. Solo walking, or pedestrianism as it was called at the time, was by far the most popular way of keeping fit, and every 'ped' (as those who took part in this exercise were called) set himself a target of walking a fixed number of miles in a certain time.

Undoubtedly, the champion 'ped' of that time was Forster Powell, who has often been termed 'England's greatest walker ever', since he possessed the ability to walk enormous distances at remarkable speeds.

Forster was articled to a City attorney, having moved to London from his native Yorkshire in his late 20s. It was only after living in London for some time that he took up long-distance walking as a method of keeping fit, and some of his best walking exploits were achieved not in the prime of his youth but rather when he was approaching middle age.

It is said that he had an ideal walker's physique. He was tall and very slim, and had strong legs and thighs which never seemed to tire. He always took a central point in London as his starting post and then set out to walk vast distances to other parts of the country.

His favourite walk, which he claimed tested his strength and stamina best, was from London to York and back — a distance of approximately 400 miles, which he could accomplish in five days and 18 hours, at an average of some 70 miles a day.

The first time he undertook this walk was in 1773. His starting point was Hick's Hall in Clerkenwell, and he set out at about 20 minutes past twelve on the night of Sunday, November 28. Twenty-four hours later, when he decided to take a rest, he was 88 miles away at Stamford in South Lincolnshire and well on his way to successfully accomplishing his marathon walk.

Crowds turned out everywhere to see him, and when he reached York, he was besieged by admiring spectators, but this was nothing at all to the welcome that awaited him when he arrived back in London. At Highgate on the outskirts of the city, he found that some 3000 people had congregated to await

Faraway Forster



DAVID WATKINS CELEBRATES A GREAT WALKING CHAMPION OF THE 18TH CENTURY

him. Some had come there on foot, but others came on horseback or in carriages. They loudly applauded him as they shouted, 'Welcome back to London', and a great number of them tried to walk along with him over the last stage of the journey. They sounded French horns and carried hundreds of lighted torches in their hands to show the way as he made his way back to his starting point at Hick's Hall.

To prove that this walk had been no freak feat, Forster undertook the same journey many times. In fact, in 1790, when he was approaching 60 years of age, he undertook the journey for the last time — and he even managed this time to clip three hours off his previous record.

On some occasions the crowds became so thick as they awaited his arrival that he was forced to disguise himself, since they could often hamper his progress. Bets and wagers were laid upon his walking prowess, and on some occasions Forster was given the princely sum of £10 by admirers on completion of a walk — but to him, the money was less important than the satisfaction he gained in doing his 'London walks', as he termed his journeys.

If you imagine him eating a huge meal to sustain him on his walks, you would be completely wrong. He rarely ate meat, preferring what he called 'light food', especially tea and toast. But he would drink water or small beer at regular intervals on

his marathons, and brandy was a revive when he felt his energy failing him at the close of a day's walk.

The statistics of his achievements are impressive by any standard in any age, but we should also remember that he strode along rough and broken roads, and was sometimes forced to leave recognised roads and ways on account of the masses of people awaiting him who could lose him valuable time. On such occasions he would take to fields and pastures, crossing them with his long strides. Indeed, those who watched him from the roadways and attempted to keep up with him as he walked through such rough ground found themselves soon obliged to give up any attempt to match him.

Forster, like all athletes, found that he did from time to time have to pay for his strenuous activities. He would often complain of a pain in the side, and he was compelled to wear a thick plaster round his waist to reduce the pain as he strode along.

Of course, he was not only famous in England. He liked walking on the Continent also, and in Switzerland he was welcomed in particular as London's most renowned 'ped'.

As he grew older, he contented himself with shorter walks. His favourite was that of 112 miles from London Bridge to Canterbury and back, which he could achieve in under 24 hours. And on one occasion he actually lost a race, as he accepted a challenge from a Mr West from Windsor, but it is reported that the effort of outpacing Forster nearly killed the unfortunate Mr West.

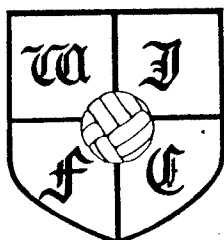
Walking, Forster insisted, was an antidote for the maladies of sedentary and artificial styles of life, and he claimed it was also a cure for insomnia and lethargy, a restorer of appetite and led to a satisfied and happy mind.

He died in London in 1793 and was buried at the church of St Faith in St Paul's churchyard. In the years since his death his walking feats have never been equalled or surpassed, and the epitaph on his grave is a most appropriate one, of which he would surely have been proud.

For quick ideas, some we

praise,
And men of talents meet;
But this man's fame — and
fame it was —
Lay wholly in his Feet.

WINGRAVE JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB



OCTOBER RESULTS

UNDER 16's

- 11th. October : Wingrave 4 Bardwell(Bicester) 4.
S.Lunnon; A.Holbrook; C.Greenan; R,Dennis.
- 18th. October : Wing 4 Wingrave 4.
S.Lunnon; R.Dennis; S.Megram; R.Hickson.
[A good result with Wingrave coming back from 1-4 down against a confident Wing side in a match made very difficult by the high wind].
- 25th. October : No match (French exchange)
- 1st. November : Wingrave 5 Chiltern Colts 2.
N.Porter 2; A.Parker; R.Hickson; S.Megram.

UNDER 14's

- 3rd. October : Wingrave 0 Water Eaton 4.
- 11th. October : Match Postponed - waterlogged pitch.
- 18th. October : Wingrave 0 Wing 4.
- 25th. October : No match (French exchange)
- 1st. November : Match postponed - waterlogged pitch.



UNDER 12's

- 3rd. October : Wingrave 2 Brooklands 1
A.Duncan and an o.g.
- 11th. October : B.R.Foxes 1 Wingrave 1
D.Arnold with a thirty yard 'corker'.
- 18th. October : Wingrave 0 Arrows 1.
- 25th. October : No match (French exchange).
- 1st. November : Match postponed - waterlogged pitch.

MATCHES FOR NOVEMBER

	<u>Under 16's</u>	<u>Under 14's</u>	<u>Under 12's</u>
8th. Nov. :	v. Tring Tornados (A)	v. Corinthians (H)	v. 999 (A)
15th. Nov. :	v. Thame (A)	v. Arrows (H)	v. Woodside (A)
22nd. Nov. :	v. Stocklake Lions (H)	v. Wing (A)	v. Wing (H)
29th. Nov. :	v. Bardwell (A)	v. Woodside (H)	v. Pitstone (H).
	[Home games at the Rec. K.O. 2.30 p.m.]	[Home games at the Rec. K.O. 2.15 p.m.]	[Home games at the School K.O. 10.30 a.m.]



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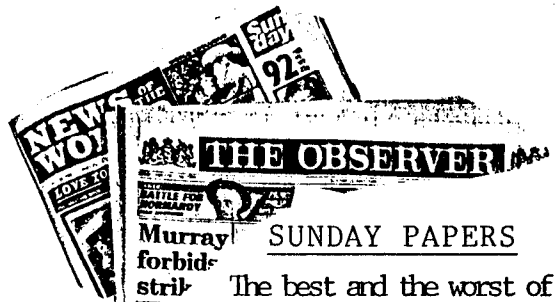
When you live abroad for any length of time you begin to miss things that are essentially British. Often in old colonial countries expatriate Brits tried to recreate an atmosphere of life in England, hence the spread of that great but idiosyncratic game called cricket to some unlikely corners of the world. Hence the institution of the 'Club' to some of the most outlandish places; I recall one in Wajir, a remote settlement near the Kenya-Somali border in the heart of a stark and hostile desert, that had a thriving 'Yacht Club' famed for the phenomenal drinking parties that are rumored to have lasted for days on end.

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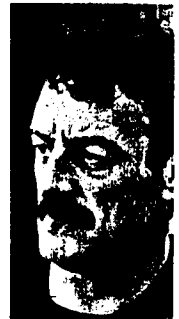


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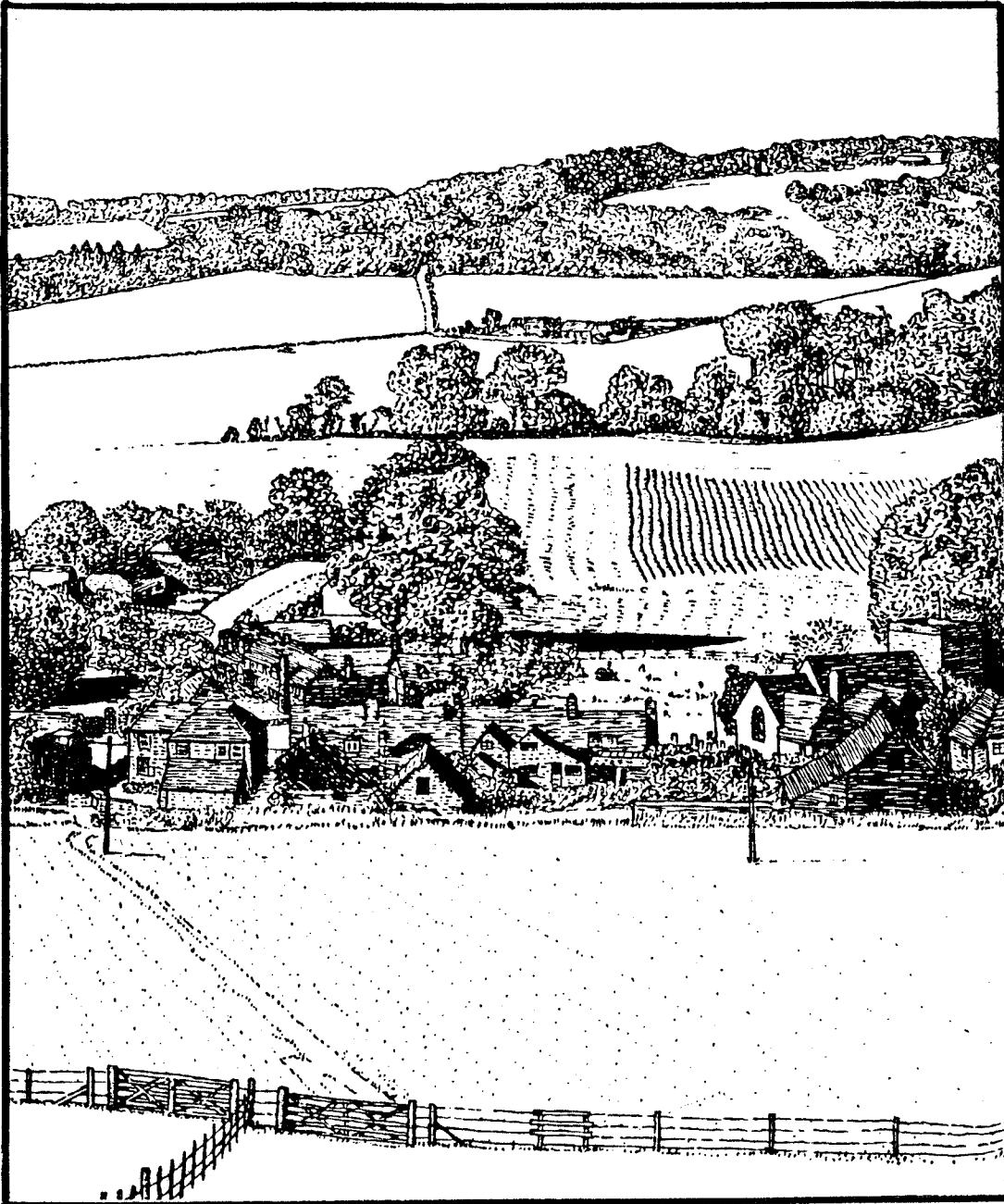
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Sketch from Don Hinson's "Handbook of Chiltern Hillwalks"
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The Wingrave - La Bouëxière Twinning Association arranges regular exchanges. In October nearly seventy people from Wingrave, Aston Abbotts and Cublington spent a long weekend in France as guests of families in La Bouëxière; and at Easter we will be hosting the young footballers who will be on their regular biannual visit. If you are interested in finding out more about the twinning please contact one of the committee members named opposite.

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CHURCH NEWS



ST. JAMES THE GREAT, ASTON ABBOTS, BUCKS.

Right at the end of September we held our Harvest Supper and Sale, which proved to be not only a most enjoyable evening but also, because of the generosity of those who gave and those who bought, raised over two hundred pounds for Church funds. We thank everybody, but especially the ladies who created the meal and Len who auctioned the produce in his humourful and inimitable style.

Now we turn towards Christmas for already we are counting down the Sundays. This year we are looking forward especially to our Carol Service on the Sunday before Christmas, December 20th, at 3 p.m., when the Bishop's Chaplain Rev. James Woodward will lead us. Before he became the Bishop's Chaplain he was a curate in Consett, Co. Durham and is a young man who is well worth listening to, so book the date. He tells me his address will be aimed at the children, but we all know that some of the best addresses which we all remember are those! On Christmas Day itself, of course, we will have our traditional Family Service, but more of both next month.

CHURCH SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER

- 8th. November : NO SERVICE : REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE
AT LONG MARSTON.
- 15th. November : HOLY COMMUNION 11.15 a.m.
Hebrews 11 (17-30) 413 Mark 13 (5-13).
- 22nd. November : HOLY COMMUNION 11.15 a.m.
Isaiah 10 (20-23) 417 Mark 13 (14-23)
- 29th. November : HOLY COMMUNION 11.15 a.m.
Romans 13 (8-14) 422 Matthew 25 (31-46)

Sidesmen

Colin Higgs.

Tony Hewitt.

Alison Ford.



CHAPEL SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER

All to start at 6.00 p.m.

- November 1st. : No service.
November 8th. : To be arranged.
November 15th. : Mrs Ann Pape.
November 22nd. : Join with Weedon.
November 29th. : Mr. J. Hunt.

If you attend the monthly service of Evensong at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Wingrave, you will probably have noticed a new face conducting the Wingrave Singers. My name is Malcolm Bury, I live in Aston Clinton, and I have the privilege of succeeding Robert Taylor as Director of the Wingrave Singers.

My musical interests, and particularly those in Church music, stem from a long association with Church Choirs including twelve years as an alto Lay Clerk in the choir at St Albans Cathedral. In addition, during a five-year work assignment in New Zealand, I directed a large Choral Society, a small choir much like the Wingrave Singers, and two orchestras.

My aim for the Singers is to further the appreciation and acceptance of the musical parts of the liturgy by ensuring that they are, where possible properly related to the scriptures of the day. More specifically, I should like to see two developments; firstly, a greater emphasis on meaningful participation of the congregation in those parts of the service which, by tradition, are set to music and secondly, a greater appreciation as to how music can enhance our worship either by taking part or by just listening and understanding.

To me music is a totally international and intercultural language requiring little translation in order to appreciate its beauty. It is a means of self-expression by which we may convey our moods, desires, needs, emotions, and our Christian faith.

Fr. John Heffer and I have discussed the future role of the Wingrave Singers at the church and I hope we shall be able to develop a closer fellowship with the community.

Finally, the next few weeks which herald Christmas, provide various opportunities for the Wingrave Singers, and if you wish to make any comments or observations to me please feel free to do so.

- A recital, acknowledging Robert and Barbara Taylor's service to the Wingrave Singers will be held in the parish church on Saturday, 7th November at 7.30 p.m.

- The Advent Service of Carols and Lessons will be held in the church on Sunday, 22nd November at 6.00 p.m.

- On Christmas Eve the Singers will be singing carols in the church from 10.00 p.m. and will assist in leading the worship at the Communion Service at 11.00 p.m.

There are few choirs in Buckinghamshire which have attained the high standards of the Wingrave Singers - do please support us.

November 1987

THE RECTOR'S MESSAGE

Aylesbury 681623

The past few years in this country have been marked by revolutionary changes. As I write the City Stock Market - to put it mildly - is under scrutiny. Although government policies have produced a boom out of which many people have done exceedingly well, others are tempted to be greedy.

The majority of the population are law abiding and honest, but it does seem as though the possibilities of wealth for an increasing number has turned heads as they grasp for greater gain.

Setting aside for a moment the miseries of the unemployed millions, the general economic health of the nation has been improved. Inflation has been reduced, the unacceptable power of the trade unions has been curbed, and the privatisation of state industries has produced an economic revolution.

But the moral state of the nation is critically at risk.

What worries me are the "poor" of our society. Thousands, for example, are eating their hearts out in our cities in bed and breakfast accomodation while the sale of council houses has produced revenue which cannot, apparently, be used for comparable building. This is not to speak of the utter desolation of the long term unemployed.

It is easy to criticise governments, and it does not mean that we shouldn't do so. However, I am more concerned about the mean members of our society who are conspicuous for a lack of frugality in their lifestyles.

Christians have a tremendous responsibility in this money hungry society. Those who are doing very nicely (thank you very much!) are morally at risk. Personal integrity can soon be swallowed up in the lust for financial gain and lack of concern for social goodwill. S.Paul's warning about the LOVE of money (read 1 Timothy 6(6-10) is as relevant today (if not more so) than ever it was.

Which brings me to the Oxford Diocese' response to the Church of England's decision in General Synod to encourage Church members to donate 1% of their take-home pay for the world's poor. And the PCCs will be discuss- this, but it is a very small price to pay by those of us who are well-off compared with our neighbours who are not.

The neighbours could be in our 'backyard'! The challenge is critical: that we have a duty "to live simply that others may simply live".

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

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY(November 8th)

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE	LONG MARSTON PARISH CHURCH	11 a.m.
Cublington	Parish Communion(includes wreath laying) (District Parade & Service at Oving)	8.45 a.m.
Wingrave	Parish Communion(Meditation of the Theme)	<u>9.45 a.m.</u>
Aston Abbotts	No Service	

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE at 6.00 p.m. In Wingrave Parish Church on Sunday, 22nd November. The Service will include well-known Advent hymns, a candlelight procession and music by the Wingrave Singers.

CONFIRMATION 1987 Your prayers, please, for the eight candidates who are being prepared from our parishes and who hope to be confirmed at S. Barnabas, Linslade on Wednesday, 25th November.

CHRISTINGLE will be held in Wingrave Parish Church on Sunday, December 13th at 6.00 p.m.

CAROL SERVICES Advance notice of these to be held in Aston Abbotts and Cublington Parish Churches on Sunday, December 20th at 3.00 p.m.

SUNDAY LESSONS

(ASB)

November 22nd	5th bf.Ch'mas	(417)	Isaiah 10(20-23)	Mark 13(14-23)
November 29th	Advent Sunday	(422)	Romans 13(8-14)	Matthew 25(31-46)
December 6th	Advent Two	(426)	Isaiah 64(1-7)	Luke 4(14-21)
December 13th	Advent Three	(432)	Philippians 4(4-9)	Matthew 11(2-15)
December 20th	Advent Four	(436)	Zechariah 2(10-13)	Matthew 1(18-23)

TELEPHONE PRAYER CHAIN "has been formed to provide support for the three parishes. Members are asked to pray daily for the work of the Churches in these parishes; for the wider concerns of the world; any personal needs known to them, or brought to their notice; for a strengthening of their commitment to the service of our Lord. Members are kept up to date with requests, and are given the opportunity to meet together from time to time to share thoughts, to study and to pray. If you are concerned for our work in these parishes and would like to join us, please have a word with Mrs. Janet Rickard, Dovecot, Winslow Road, Wingrave(Telephone 681208)"

CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE

Wingrave Parish Church:

September 26; Clifford Ronald Marshall & Karen Mary KEMPSTER

Aston Abbotts Parish Church:

October 3rd: Raymond ROWSWELL & Gillian Angela ROFF

FUNERALS

1st October	Jim BLACKLOCK (Cublington)
8th October	Paul FISHER (Wingrave)
22nd October	Beatrice GOLDNEY (Wingrave) (22)

INSIDE THE BACK PAGE

A little heap of apples under the stairs

"WHERE shall I put them?" enquired my wife, indicating a basket of apples a neighbour had given her. "In the place designed for storing apples," I told her, "the bedroom window-sill." Of course.

So now we fall asleep in a room fragrant with the scent of apples and pears, and when I wake up during the night I think for a moment that I am a boy again. For then my father not only had an orchard of his own but also purchased the fruit of other orchards, for sale on his retail round.

Every bedroom had heaps of apples on the floor, as well as those adorning the window-sill. At bedtime my brother and I had to pick our way between piles of Tom Putts, Beauty of Baths, Orange Pippins, Bramleys and the rest, all of which we could then identify by taste in the dark, though I am not sure that I could now.

"What about the little heap under the stairs?" put in my wife, willing to let me know that she remembered as much about these matters as I did.

Ah yes. The Wassailing Song.

"Old Apple Tree! Old Apple Tree!

*We wassail thee and hope that
thou wilt bear
Hats full,
Caps full,
Dree bushel baskets full,
And a little heap under the
stairs!"*

So we chanted on the eve of Old Twelfth Night when we went on to wassail the apple trees, anointing their roots with libations of cider, wedging cider-soaked toast in the branches for the robins to eat, and discharging shot-guns up through the branches to make sure the apple-tree goddess was awake and noting what we were doing. We wanted to ensure that no neglect of ours would deter the trees from bearing a good harvest next year.

And the cupboard under the stairs was certainly another recognised place for storing apples. Also sacks of gleaned wheat, in the days before we had a farm and my grandmother went gleaned.

Storage space was at a premium in cottage homes. Great-grandfather William has told me of an old chapel preacher who, living in a three-roomed hutch bursting at the seams like a long-tailed tit's nest with proliferating children,

used to keep his family Bible, wrapped in oilskin, in a recess in the thatch over his back door. And storage space was what was needed in the autumn of the year.

It is axiomatic that farmers in Britain need to devote the five months of summer of growing and conserving crops to feed the farm livestock during the seven months of winter. Less generally recognised is the fact that, until well into the present century, the same forethought had to be applied to human needs. Cash being a scarce commodity in cottage homes, one didn't waste it on food that prudent parents could themselves provide.

In my boyhood home, a cottage enlarged to make a smallish farmhouse, an important feature of the kitchen was the bacon-rack. This was a series of planks, a foot or so apart, fastened to the great exposed beam in the ceiling. Autumn saw the sacrifice of the pig which had been fattening all the summer in the sty by the privy at the far end of the garden path.

I believe I have in a previous article described the ritual in which, on misty mornings in October or November, my father played the role of executioner, and in which I was a regular acolyte. The feast that followed, spread over a week or so, was one of the gastronomic highlights of the year.

Fresh meat was for once abundant, and we also tucked into such luxuries as chitterlings, faggots, scraps (crackling to northerners?), fried brains, melts, eye-pieces and other titbits which my mother understood well how to prepare. As this delectable period tapered off we were left with a store of hams, Bath chaps, brawn and sides of bacon. These last had been salted several times by having the salt well rubbed in, by hand, while they lay in a wooden silt. Sometimes one, or a part of one, was hung in the wide chimney, for smoking. When all the operations were finished, the cured bacon took its place in the bacon rack. As we sat at breakfast beneath it throughout the winter we could watch it gradually disappearing as my father, from time to time, cut off chunks of it, for slicing into rashers. Or often we simply had cold bacon for breakfast. Towards

the end of the winter the outside of the cuts tended to become rancid and had to be pared off, but that was regarded as evidence of imperfect curing.

The bacon rack in our house extended right to one wall, enabling the plank nearest the wall to be hung with strings of onions, bunches of herbs and basins of lard. The brawn, also in basins, shared a stonelined cupboard over the bread-oven with jars of pickles, sundry bottles of herbal remedies, several jars of slab-like vinegar plants and other mysteries. My mother baked an occasional batch of bread in the bread-oven, which, however, was used just as frequently for baking bags of feathers for stuffing pillows and cushions.

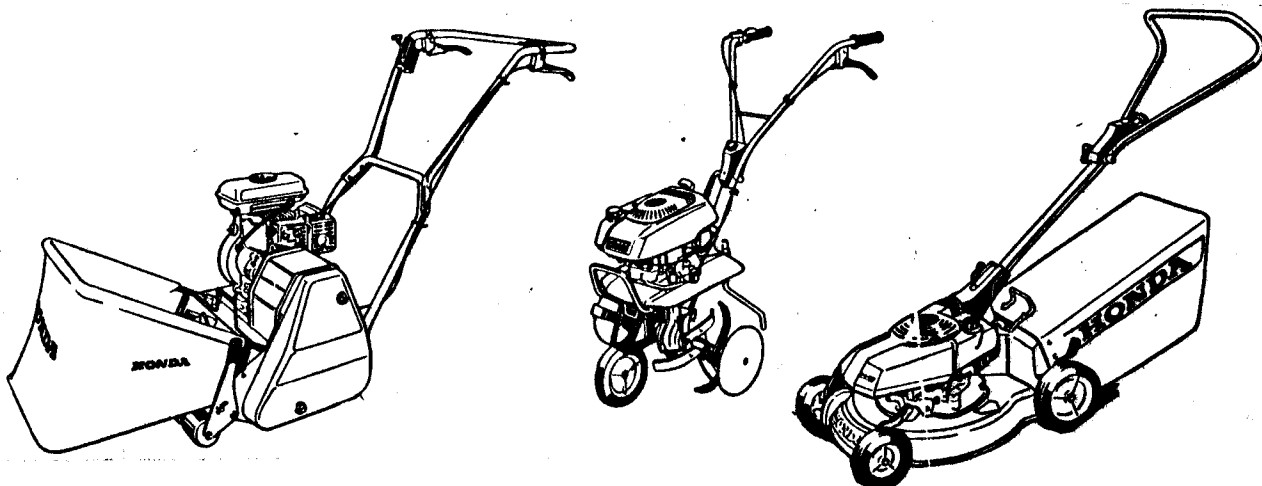
In our part of the country cheese was not often made, and we made butter every week throughout the year so did not need to store it (though we sometimes had to place the pats in cold water in warm weather). We did, however, sometimes smoke fish, in a home-made smoke-box, when my father brought home from market more fresh herrings than we could immediately eat. As I remember it, our smoke-box was a box or barrel let into the ground but equipped with ventilation and flues to ensure a steady current of air over the smouldering sawdust. I do recall that the sawdust had to be of oak.

Potatoes and all the root crops were stored in outdoor clamps, always known as pits, because at least half their area was below the surface. When in the late 1940s and 1950s I used to conduct quizzes on the radio or for Young Farmers Clubs one of the questions I sometimes asked was, "What thatching job on the farm could you do without a ladder?" The answer was, "Thatching a tatie-pit or a mangold pit". I suppose the question would be meaningless now.

By Ralph Whitlock

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