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Editorial

Not really very much to say this month except to thank all those concerned with the Chronicle evening which, if anything, was more successful than the last one. I would however draw your attention to Fr. John Heffer's letter which we feature 'Inside the Back Page'. There is much I would like to say in response and given a little time this month I will endeavour to write it all down. In the meantime what do you think? Please let me know.

Graham Parker



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INFO

WHAT'S ON IN APRIL

WEDNESDAY 13th & 27th. : MOBILE LIBRARY at THE GREEN 2 p.m. LONGMOOR 2.35 p.m.
THURSDAY 7th & 21st. : BINGO in the CHURCH ROOM at 7.30 p.m.
SUNDAY 17th. : RAMBLING CLUB MEMBERS MEET AT SOULBURY 2 p.m.
SUNDAY 24th. : FOOTPATH WALK MEET THE GREEN 2 p.m.

BUS SERVICES [SERVICES 65 X14/X15]

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The 05.40 Leighton Buzzard to Aston Abbotts

will cease to call at Leighton Buzzard Railway Station (nearest stop Church Road).

USE YOUR BUS : SURVEYS WILL BE CARRIED OUT THIS MONTH : CONCESSION FARES - TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE (£3) FROM AYLESBURY VALE DISTRICT COUNCIL OFFICES (THE MALL) - IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR THE FIRST TIME PLEASE TAKE YOUR PENSION BOOK.

LADIES CLUB

The Annual Luncheon this year was the best yet. Nearly fifty members and guests enjoyed a wide range of superbly prepared dishes in a lively and friendly atmosphere. The open meeting on the 24th with Mrs Mayes talk on canals was a great success and we now break for Easter to reassemble on April 21st for 'Party Cooking' with Mrs Smith.

SATURDAY 28TH MAY

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KAREN BRANDON 7th April.
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BARRY SYKES25th April.
DIANA PICKING 28th April.

If anyone would like their birthdays recorded in the Chronicle, please phone me on 681 425. If we don't know, we can't print it !

CONGRATULATIONS

to Tina and Barry who were married on the 26th. March.

" MOAN BOARD "

I would like to moan about the moaners who criticise the young people of this village for their acts of supposed mischievousness. If they care to think back to their own childhood they will perhaps realise what a nice bunch of kids we have in Aston Abbots.

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REPORT ON THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD AT THE CHURCH ROOM ON 25th. MARCH

" NO TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION "

Well not exactly but the principal is the same - the meeting felt that those village organisations that benefited from money raised by the annual Fete should have a representative on the Fete Committee in order to qualify for the cash. *John and Shirley Ford agreed to contact last years committee [who, by not having indicated to the contrary, were duly elected for another year] to confirm their commitment. The Church made a case for an additional share from this years Fete because of the expense anticipated in rebuilding the Church yard wall. This was taken into account in the resolution that was finally agreed, in which money raised this year would be distributed : 30% to the P.C.C.; 20% to the Methodist Church; 20% to the Church Room; 20% to the Recreation Ground Committee and 10% to the Chronicle. The present reserve of £165 was considered adequate, even when the Toddlers Club had requested further help. [Can I just add here how good it is to see village organisations taking advantage of the reserve fund - see detailed accounts on another page].

NEW HEATERS

The Church Room Management Committee expected additional heaters costing £746 to be installed in the near future. Following advice from the Electricity Board it had been decided to place high level, wall fixed heaters at either end of the room, with independent switches and their own

slot meter. The committee will also be looking into the provision of improved toilet facilities and seeking grant assistance from the District Council.

" A ROOM TOO NEAR "

That's certainly the view of those villagers who live at the Church Room end of the village. One recent party went on until 4.30a.m. and meant a sleepless night for those who live nearby. That really is unreasonable - not the 4.30, but the accompanying noise. We are all guilty now and again, but while its only one late night for us, to those living near the Church Room it can be once or twice a week - which is not really very funny.

" POLICE CHECKS "

The meeting also heard of the growing interest of the police in village functions, following violent disturbances at Dagnell, Wing and Grendon Underwood. They would like to be aware of all bookings and intend to visit as many as possible to ensure that the conditions of the booking and the licence arrangements are strictly adhered to - I can vouch for this as this police visited the Junior Football Club's 'Family Quiz Evening' at Wingrave a couple of weeks ago. In the light of this the committee would be discussing a new set of 'rules and regulations' to be displayed in the room and will also be proposing that bookings should not continue after 1.00 a.m. on a weekday and 11.45 p.m. on a Saturday night. In addition the committee will be asking for full payment when the room is booked.

The Church Room Management Committee for 1988/9 will be: Fr. John Heffer (be constitution), Chris Brandon, Ivy Brandon, Margaret Chesher, Michael Cox, John Ford, Colin Higgs David Watts, John Whyte, Betty Bennett and Brenda Roff. The next committee would be held on 23rd. May.

" PARISH COUNCIL MEETING "

"GARAGE SAGA CONTINUED ... "

A parish Council meeting followed the Annual Parish Meeting and the sad saga of the empty garage continued. The 'official' in charge of this complex operation [i.e. finding the list of applicants and allocating the garage to the individual who has been waiting longest] claims that she had not been told, and anyhow how did we know it was empty? [Well, we live in the village and we can SEE that it is empty]. 'Ah, but even if it is empty, how do we know that the person was not still paying for its use? [Well, we live in the village and we know that the people who rented the garage have moved to Norfolk and have written to the Council to say they no longer need the garage.]

This is a classic example of an official, and officious, prevarication on a grand scale and smacks of gross incompetence. Following a visit from an irate Colin Higgs [an ordeal not to be welcomed] the official in question agreed to allocate the garage by 29th. February. This was not done. Another month has passed, another month - 11 in all - the garage has remained empty and income to the Council denied. Doubtless this

this will run and run.

The rest of the meeting did not have the same manic ingredients but from what I can recall it would appear the old telephone exchange is still being used, but will be coming up for public auction later in the year. The Parish Council will be sent details as soon as they are available.

Road Safety - Lines Hill is to have priority signs - giving the priority to traffic leaving the village. It is also hoped that there will be large 'Slow' signs painted on the road approaching the corner.

Further 'slow' signs will also be painted at the approaches to the Royal Oak corner in an attempt to reduce the risk at the dangerous entrance and exit to the pub. The Parish Council and the County Council would support the entrance being resited further down the road, thus reducing the danger to a minimum. [But this costs money and one can only assume saving money comes before safety ... or am I being cynical?]

The village conservation proposals had produced a surprise visit from the planning office who had met with Bryan Round and Colin Higgs recently. They praised the document and were sympathetic to our claims, although they thought we had asked for too much. Apparently twenty six claims are in for consideration and it would be June - September that we might be 'looked at' can this be true? Well done to all concerned, movement at last.

The kerb along the Wingrave Road has been completed but the expected extension to New Zealand cottages had failed to mater-



ialise. County Councillor Reg Keen was surprised as he had understood both jobs were part of the same contract, and he would be looking into the matter.

The Chairman pointed out that Bryan Round is a full member of the Parish Council - an error in the Chronicle - difficult to believe I know, but there you are. He also said he had been entertained royally at the District Council's 'Clean Food Awards' evening and was pleased to be able to congratulate the Old Masters on being highly commended - yet again.

LITTERBLITZ IN THE VILLAGE

ON

SATURDAY 23rd APRIL

10.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

EVERYONE WELCOME

LET'S TRY AND CLEAR THE HEDGES AND DITCHES ON THE APPROACHES TO THE VILLAGE AS WELL AS THE VILLAGE ITSELF.

Parking and its growing problem in the village engendered a vigorous debate, with a member of the public speaking strongly in favour of reducing the area of the Green to give additional parking and allow lorries to gain access when vehicles were parked alongside the Green. This was met with equally strong opposition. Another suggestion was to seek the purchase of land next to Vic Scotts and make that available for off street parking at that end of the Green. While the Council approved the idea they held out little hope that such a purchase would be possible.

" FLUORIDATION "

The final discussion was initiated by a letter from the Water Board indicating that they intended to apply , under the terms of recent legislation, for permission to add fluoride to our water supplies. Most present thought it had already been added ! The letter was to seek the Parish Council's

NEXT SKIP IN EARLY JUNE
TO BE SITED IN WINGRAVE ROAD,
THEN NO FURTHER SKIP UNTIL
NEXT FEBRUARY ON THE GREEN.

views on the matter and they have until July 31st to submit any response. If you have strong views about fluoridation of your water supply please contact your Parish Councillor or write to Miss Roads, at Milton Keynes Health Authority.

YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS

Colin Higgs, [Chairman & Acting Clerk]
6 Wingrave Road. Tel:681343.

John Whyte, 14 Bricstock. Tel:681685.

John Ford, 2 Ross Road. Tel:681865.

Richard Speakman, 79 The Green. Tel:681042.

Bryan Round, 11 Nup End Lane, Wingrave,
Tel: 681621.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

FRIDAY 22nd MAY at 8.00 p.m.

IN THE CHURCH ROOM.

THIS IS THE COUNCIL'S ANNUAL MEETING
AT WHICH THE OFFICERS FOR THE NEXT
YEAR ARE DECIDED.

ASTON ABBOTTS FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

TREASURER'S REPORT TO THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

25 MARCH 1988

The Village Fete on 25 July 1987 achieved net proceeds of £736.66 after all expenses. This amount was distributed in accordance with the resolution at last year's Annual Parish Meeting, as follows:-

Aston Abbotts P.C.C.	£153
" " Methodist Church	£153
" " Church Room	£153
Recreation ground fund	£153
"The Chronicle"	£153

In addition, the following contributions to village activities were made at the discretion of the Committee during the year :-

Ladies' Club	£30
Toddlers Group	£25
Contribution to village fireworks	£20

The gaming licence has been renewed for 1988, and the amount now available for pre-fete expenses or other authorised distributions is approximately £165.



D J WATTS
Hon. Treasurer



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COLD RED ... HOT VEG !

The Chronicle fund raising evening from a guests point of view, appeared to go like clockwork , which reminds me I must get mine repaired.

Food had been promised, and as I entered the Church Room and was handed my 'all in the price of the ticket' glass of red - slightly too cold - wine, I was well pleased to see it was Chinese food, at least that's what I thought when I saw the vegetables being stir fried in the kitchen. I learnt later that it was being done for another reason which I didn't like to go into at the time. As I glanced round the room I could sense this was one of those evenings being run on a fairly tight budget when I saw a candle on each table. Surely they could afford fifty pence when the previous hirers electric runs out ? I had a feeling this was going to be a memorable evening. I certainly wasn't disappointed on that count.

After the lamb supper (it must have been a heck of a big lamb to feed fifty people) we were entertained ... I think that's what they called it.

TALENT GALORE

The group, 'The Spanners', began the proceedings with 'Everybody Loves Saturday Night' in several different languages, which tuned the group up for the evening, and also got the guests singing along to the extent that you would almost think that they had been drinking.

After pudding I had my second glass of

wine and settled back to savour the cabaret. The acts were varied and some stuck in my mind. For instance, the guests were so hushed at the power of Bridget's voice, you could have heard a six inch nail drop on a stone floor. Another singer, who went by the name of Tony and was greeted by thunderous applause, once again mesmerised the audience with his unique blend of winsome charm and subtle harmony ... or is it subtle charm and wincing harmony ?

John stood up and sang 'Danny Boy' with such gusto I'll swear the roof was raised three or four inches, and a star was born when a portly gentleman managed to make one joke stretch to twenty minutes.

I will never be able to think of Freddie Mercury again with a straight face having seen Les and his lady friend give a performance of 'Barcelona'.

The evening was masterminded Neil and held together by 'Harem'. Mike spent weeks collecting the raffle prizes, and Art gave another rousing performance on the keyboard. John was the very smart bartender, and, including a generous donation, I understand £123 was made towards the Chronicle funds. Same again next year ?

CLIFF HANGER.

[I would like to add my thanks to everyone who contributed toward a really great night - but there must be a special 'thank you' to Margaret and Neil who shouldered the bulk of the responsibility and worry. Many thanks.

Graham.]

ASTON ABBOTTS CHURCH ROOM

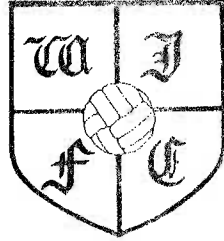
Statement of Affairs for the Year Ended 31.12.87

(1986)	<u>INCOME</u>			
33	Bingo		36.00	
80	Youth Club		48.75	
44	Ladies Club		35.25	
71	Whist		62.25	
-	Keep Fit		9.75	
-	Election Fees		100.00	
99	Auction Proceeds		-	
-	Festival Proceeds		153.00	
392	Others		116.60	
-	Electricity Meter	144.00		
-	LEB Elec. Charges	<u>119.52</u>	<u>24.48</u>	586.08
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>				
125	Insurance		123.47	
27	Water Rates		28.27	
160	New Tables		-	
91	Repairs		31.76	
<u>50</u>	Chronicle Donation		<u>-</u>	183.50
<u>266</u>	SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR			<u><u>£402.58</u></u>
<u>BANK BALANCE</u>				
490	Balance 1.1.1987		755.55	
<u>756</u>	Balance 31.12.1987		<u>1158.13</u>	<u>402.58</u>
<u>266</u>	INCREASE DURING THE YEAR			<u><u>£402.58</u></u>

Doris Scutchings..... TREASURER

The above accounts have been audited by me and are in order.

..... Michael Cox..... HON. AUDITOR



WHAT A TURN OUT

Overwhelmed to the point of panic, the Junior Football Club welcomed over 150 people from all walks of village life to the first, of what we hope will become, our annual Family Quiz Evening. Joan Bishop and Judy Sorace received a great reception for the food they provided and everyone dug deep into their pockets to support the raffle - so deep we ran out of raffle tickets and thus had to settle for only £100 profit !

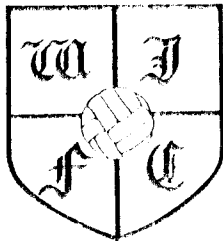
We were honoured to have as our guest, Pam Crooks, the secretary of the Aylesbury Junior Football League. Pam has worked tirelessly for over twenty years to ensure that junior football exists in Aylesbury and many of today's senior players owe a great debt of gratitude to Pam. We were pleased that she agreed to present the prizes at the end of the evening, although, I must confess that by that time the details of what was going on escaped me - so the details of prize winners may not be entirely accurate. From what I can recall the overall table winners were the "Wingrave Ducks" who were presented with a shield and a bottle of champagne. The highest average team score was won by the "Cublington Crew" and the Marathon prize went to the team from Stewkley - which also shows the range of support the Club has for its football teams. A special award was also made to the Wingrave Women's Institute team which had an accumulated age of 477 for 7 team members.

WE THANK EVERYBODY FOR THEIR SUPPORT and hope you all enjoyed the evening. We are pleased to report that although the night was not intended as a fund raising event we managed to end up with a profit of £240 or thereabouts.

RESULTS FOR MARCH

UNDER 12's

- 6th. March : Wingrave 0 Corinthians 5 (With this victory Corinthians clinched the League title).
- 13th. March : All Saints 0 Wingrave 1
Alistair Duncan.
- 20th. March : Wingrave 1 999 1 (Cup 2nd. Round)
David Arnold.
- 27th. March : 999 1 Wingrave 2 (Cup 2nd. Round Replay - a real thriller with extra time having to be played and an unfortunate own goal giving Wingrave victory seconds before the end, Darren Springett scoring the other goal. Next match is the Cup Semi-Final against Corinthians at Pages Park on 10th. April.



RESULTS FOR MARCH Continued :

UNDER 14's

- 6th. March : Wingrave 2 Woodside 1.
Ky Gatherer and Danny Scott.
- 13th. March : Wingrave 2 Arrows 5.
Danny Scott and Ky Gatherer.
- 20th. March : Wingrave 6 Brooklands 0.
Danny Scott 2, Ky Gatherer 2, John Keighley and Mike Cheval.
- 27th. March : Wingrave 4 Woodside 2.
Danny Scott 2, John Keighley and Mike Cheval.

No details of April fixtures at time of going to press.

UNDER 16's

- 6th. March : Wing 1 Wingrave 1
Richard Hickson.
- 13th. March : Bedgrove 5 Wingrave 0.
- 20th. March : Wingrave 0 Chiltern 7.
- 27th. March : Tring 2 Wingrave 2.
R.Hickson and N.Ferguson.

Fixtures for April: 17th. v Thame (H) and 24th. v.Tring (H) K.O. 2.30 Recreation Ground, Wingrave. These games complete the Under 16 season.

Vive la différence!

Easter sees our traditional international fixtures against La Bouexiere. The " Trophy " is played for at Under 12 level, so the 'Big Match' will be held at Wingrave School on Saturday 9th. April with a 10.30 a.m. K.O. Please, everyone, come and support the lads if you can. The Under 16's will play in the afternoon at the Recreation Ground K.O. 2.00 p.m., with the men's match to follow (K.O. 3.30 p.m.).

P.S. I have just been told that the profit from the Quiz evening was in fact the almost unbelievable figure of £287. Can this be true ?

From Jean Keighley (681235)

The Twinning Association's main family visits this year are in May and October. A large French party will be in Wingrave 12 - 15 May. We have booked to go back to La Bouëxière 22 - 25 October.



The May visit is already partly organised. On the Friday (13 May) we shall take our visitors to see Windsor. On the Saturday (14 May) our theme is hobbies and pastimes, with the emphasis on participating rather than just watching. Among the activities we hope to be able to offer are rambling, cycling, lace-making, painting, fishing, shooting, photography, bird-watching, vintage cars, hand-bell ringing, bridge, canoeing etc, etc!! Light lunches will be available at the Community Centre, where many of the activities will take place, and the Aldbury Morris Men will be dancing during lunchtime.

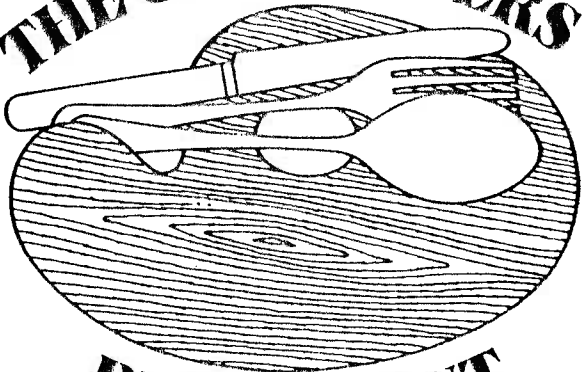
There are 2 things you might like to do to help us. Firstly, if you have a burning talent for one of the pastimes above, or a different one, and would like to join in on 14 May, please let us know. Secondly, we shall need hospitality for some new French families, or individuals, coming over here for the first time. If you would care to join our merry band of twinnings and offer hospitality, would you also let us know. Of course, you get your chance to receive hospitality in October when we go to La Bouëxière. These weekends are always a lot of fun and we certainly enjoy ourselves.

Meanwhile you may see visitors from La Bouëxière here around Easter. About 20 boys and girls from France will be here 2 - 10 April on the first leg of this year's exchange. Then from 7 - 10 April we have 3 football teams coming, to play against our Under 12s, Under 16s, and an adult Wingrave team. Please come and support our Internationals, which are all on Saturday 9 April:

Under 12s	10.30 am at Wingrave School
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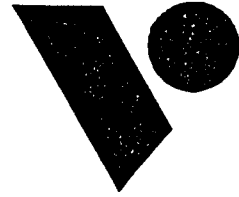
Please bring your items for auction along to the school.
We will be open on Thursday 5th May from 3:30 - 6:30 p.m.
and on Friday 6th May from 3:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Please ring the School, Aylesbury 688264 if you need
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22 March 1988

Dear Editor

The Volunteer Bureau, an independant charity, is planning an extra publicity campaign in order to recruit new volunteers for the Bureaux. Our requests for volunteers, from organisations using them, are becoming more frequent and we are sometimes not able to supply suitable volunteers quickly enough.

I enclose a small handbill and I would be grateful is this could be incorporated into your next Parish Newsletter.

The Aylesbury Vale Volunteer Bureau has been in existance for just five years, and has offices in Aylesbury and Buckingham. We recruit, interview, place and support individuals wishing to give some of their time and skills on a voluntary basis. We are in contact with, and supply volunteers to, many voluntary and statutory organisations using volunteers and therefore act as a centre for much local information as well.

I thank you if you are able to help with this publicity and I would be very happy to answer any questions you may have about the work of the Bureaux.

Yours sincerely

Ann Lermitt

MRS ANN LERMIT
BUREAU ORGANISER

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A LETTER FROM WING SCHOOL

This will be the last letter I will be writing to the magazines as Headteacher of Wing School. On 4th March I was appointed Education Officer for Aylesbury Vale and the Chairman of Governors has agreed that I can be released from Wing on 31st March. This will give me the month of April to visit other Area Offices, meet County Education Officers and work alongside the present acting Area Officer. I then officially take up my position at the beginning of May.

For the summer term Mr. Tony Mackown will be the acting Headteacher at Wing School. I have every confidence that you will give him the support you have given me over the past four years. The new Headteacher is likely to be appointed in mid May and will take up the position in September.

I have thoroughly enjoyed the four years I have been at Wing. It is very satisfying to see young people learning skills and developing their personality and character in such a way that all of them are able to enter Further Education or obtain employment. It is very satisfying to meet young people who left Wing two or three years ago and to hear how they are making progress. There is no doubt that they have made good use of the skills learned at Wing and they are a credit to their parents and the school.

On many occasions employers do let us know how happy they are with Wing pupils. This is reflected in the positive response we have from our Work Experience programme, the comments made at the Careers Convention and the fact that we are often asked if we have anyone looking for work. Many parents have also spoken to me in a very complimentary way about the ethos of the school. We try to develop every young person's potential by encouraging them to use their initiative, develop independent learning strategies and to care for other people.

The successes we have had over the past years indicate the dedication of all the staff at the school both teaching and support personnel. They are an excellent group of people to work with. The progress that has been made in developing the curriculum to suit the needs of the pupils has demanded much time and hard work. This is given freely because they are professional people who want the standards of Wing School to be as high as any in the area. I believe we have achieved this.

I also believe the relationship between the school and the local community has developed so that we now see each other in a very supportive way. The school facilities are very extensively used and young people from school are becoming more and more involved in work in the villages. This is a great help in awakening a sense of responsibility in young people and I hope it continues in the future.

The P.T.A. organised events have also proved very popular and I know many of you will be looking forward to the **ATTIC AUCTION** on Saturday 7th May. If you have anything to sell, on a 50/50 basis, please bring it to school on the Thursday or Friday night. This kind of event provides a social function for the village as well as raising funds for the school. Please continue to give your support.

Thank you all very much for the help you have given me. I will continue to meet many of you in my new position and I will look forward to this in the future.

IVAN ANDREW - 14/03/88

Elsie gets her lift upstairs

THE whole upstairs of Mrs. Elsie Clarke's home has been re-opened to her after 12 months, thanks to her new electric chairlift.

The disabled pensioner from Aston Abbotts is the 25th Aylesbury Vale homeowner to receive the chair thanks to the district council.

And for Elsie, who walks with the aid of sticks, it means she can move back into the upstairs bedroom she left a year ago when she became increasingly immobile.

Since that time, she has been sleeping downstairs in the lounge, in the house she moved into when it was built 44 years ago.

But all that changed with the delivery of the £1,300 chair lift which was officially handed over to her on Friday, to mark the final day of National Housing Week.

But no sooner were all the invited guests ringed around the foot of the stairs, than it blew a fuse and stopped.

"Ah yes, a nice demonstration of the built-in safety cut-out devices," grinned district chairman Mike Griffin, as technicians swapped fuses and got it working again.



The up-to-the-minute model is packed with safety devices and the repair team can be on the scene within 24 hours.

Mr. Griffin then presented Mrs. Clarke with a pottery Lilliput home, as a keepsake of the day.

A delighted Mrs. Clarke, overwhelmed at the number of visitors who squeezed into her house, said: "The chair is absolutely marvelous."

"It has made a tremendous difference to me and I can start living upstairs again now."

The chair was put in six weeks ago, only months after Mrs. Clarke applied for one.

"I got it really quickly and it's very popular with my grandchildren, but I'm



Chairman's lift: Council chairman Mike Griffin and environmental health officer Christopher Lofts watch Elsie Clarke go upstairs

not letting them play with it," she said.

The chairlift presentation was the last event in a five day programme of events by the district council housing department, celebrating its successes.

Wednesday saw an open day at Thistle Court sheltered housing scheme, on Aylesbury's Walton Court estate, marking its achievements.

And on Thursday, an Oakley couple, Percy and Gertie Laws, were presented with the 2,000th Piper security system in the district.

Piper Alarm is a wall-mounted speech unit, allowing elderly and less mobile people to speak to the person answering an alarm call for help.

Alarm cords are also placed in the bathroom, bedroom and living room.

CHURCH NEWS

These notes are written before our Easter services but may be read after they have taken place. Nevertheless it is worth repeating that all are welcome both at our Good Friday 11 a.m. Service which is a Family Service designed to remind us why it is 'GOOD' Friday and why we eat, and enjoy, hot cross buns! On Easter Day our service here is Evensong at 6 p.m. and will be followed by Holy Communion. Please come to one or the other service or preferably both!

Now, looking beyond Easter we are having a cheese and wine evening on Saturday 23rd. April. It may be St. George's Day but it is St. James's Church we need to raise money for. We are facing up to a hefty bill for repairs to the chancel roof and have just bought a new mower for the churchyard. So please come, £3 a head, all profits to help meet the chancel roof bill.

Are there any readers who would like to try the new mower? It is self-propelled and the churchyard needs mowing about once a week to keep it really trim. We have a mowing rota but could always add more reliable volunteers, anyone interested see Len or Peter.

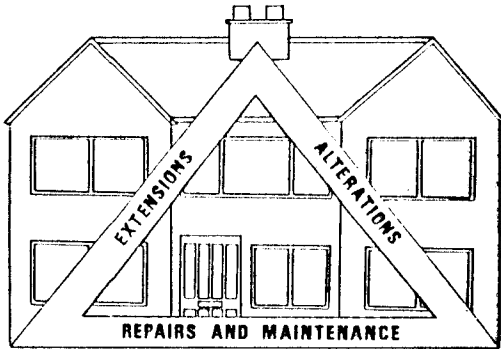
Finally, please note that the May Family Service will be on May 8th and will be conducted by Miss Angela Hughes.

APRIL SERVICES

		<u>Sidesman</u>
1st.	APRIL : GOOD FRIDAY : FAMILY SERVICE 11 a.m.	Alison Hewitt
3rd.	APRIL : EASTER DAY : EVENSONG 6 p.m. followed by HOLY COMMUNION.	The Churchwardens.
10th.	APRIL : HOLY COMMUNION 11.15 a.m. 1 Corinthians 15(53-58) 605 John 6(32-40)	John Ford.
17th.	APRIL : HOLY COMMUNION 11.15 a.m. 1 Peter 5(1-11) 611 John 10(7-16)	Colin Higgs.
24th.	APRIL : HOLY COMMUNION 11.15 a.m. [See Rector's Page].	Tony Hewitt.
1st.	MAY : HOLY COMMUNION 11.15 a.m. [See Rector's Page].	Alison Ford.



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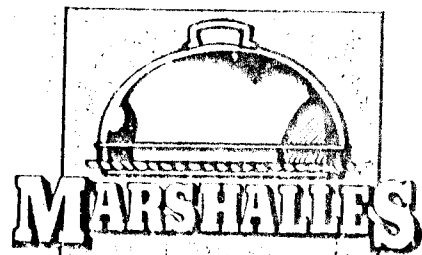
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A MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

Aylesbury 681623

Some years ago some native tribesmen captured a motor car but were ignorant of its use. They found out how to get the brake off so that the vehicle could be moved. They then turned it into a ceremonial carriage for the chief of the tribe. On special occasions he sat in the car, while his subjects pulled it along by ropes.

This vehicle, meant originally to save strain and effort, had become a burden to be manhandled along. If only there had been someone to tell of the engine's potential they could have made the car move by a power far greater than their own man-power. There was no one to tell them.

In the seven weeks after Easter, we prepare to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit on the first Whitsunday - the Feast of Pentecost. God's Spirit set the disciples free to tell all who they met of this power for Christian living.

At Ephesus, S. Paul found some disciples who had never heard of the Holy Spirit (Acts 19, 1-7). There was no one to tell them. They had been manhandling their lives towards their goal. Like men in a small boat trying to cross the Atlantic by pulling at the oars because no one had told them to step a mast and loose a sail, to be carried along by the favouring breath of the wind.

To be carried along by the breath of the power of God - that is real Christian living.

Christian living, however, too often gets misrepresented so that the way of Christ is set before us, and we make strenuous efforts to keep up with that way. But we need inspiration, not perspiration.

An eloquent, enthusiastic young man spoke at a meeting in such a way that could have caused trouble for the chairman. Complimenting the speaker on his ten minute speech, telling what was wanted, the chairman offered him five minutes to tell the meeting how to get it. The young man remained silent.

At that point, we often fall silent. We know what is wanted in the world for ourselves and for others. How to get it? This is certain: to conform to the way of Christ is beyond us - except in the strength that God's Spirit supplies. "Letting Go, Letting God" is the only answer. And, incidentally, to 'Let Go, Let God' is the sure way to find true happiness, real peace of mind.

Yours sincerely,

FR. JOHN HEFFER

SERVICES AND EVENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETING for Cublington, Monday 11th April 8.00 p.m. at The Granary, Reads Lane. Details in the Cublington Crier.

SUNDAY EVENINGS AT MENTMORE Beginning 24th April at 6.00 p.m., a series of lectures in Mentmore Parish Church about the Christian Faith. See our church notice boards for further details.

FAMILY SERVICES IN MAY Not the first Sunday of the month. At Cublington on 8th May conducted by the Methodist Minister. Also at Aston Abbots on the 8th May conducted by Miss Angela Hughes who is a Licensed Reader in this Deanery.

ASCENSION DAY (12th May) School Assembly in Wingrave Parish Church at 9.30 a.m. Parents and friends are very welcome at this Service.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK (16th to 23rd May) Please support our local House-to-house Collectors in this very important work. Christian Aid tries to answer the needs of the world's poor, not by free handouts but, by helping them to help themselves. Fundraising and publicity for this annual week only cost 10p in the pound.

COTTESLOE TRAINING SCHEME For Summer Term and programme of courses, please see our church notice boards.

ARCHDEACON OF BUCKINGHAM, the Venerable John Bone has written to thank us for the gifts from the parishes to celebrate his 10th anniversary of Installation in this Archdeaconry. "You can be sure," he writes, "that the money will be used to buy something that will remind me of this Archdeaconry and your kindness to me."

<u>SUNDAY LESSONS</u>	(ASB)		
24th April	Easter 3 (612)	Colossians 3(1-11)	John 11(17-27)
1st May	Easter 4 (617)	Proverbs 4(10-19)	John 14(1-11)
May 8th	Easter 5 (622)	Romans 8(28-39)	John 16(12-24)
May 15th	Easter 6 (630)	Ephesians 4(1-13)	Luke 24(45-53)
May 22nd	Pentecost (635)	Acts 2(1-11)	John 20(19-23)

FUNERALS

Cublington Parish Church - 26th February
Gladys Edith BROCKLESS

Wingrave Parish Church - 17th March
Arthur Roads PARGETER

Wingrave Interment of ashes in the churchyard
Teja Singh BANSE

22. "May the souls of the faithful, and all whose faith is known to God alone, rest in peace."

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THE RECTORY
WINGRAVE

The Editor,
Aston Abbots Chronicle

26th March 1988

Dear Sir,

I was able to attend the Annual Parish Meeting on 25th March and was aghast at the poor attendance, and lack of apologies.

Who knows better than I how difficult it is to make every meeting in the calendar! But it does occur to me that this was just one sign among many of the considerable inertia in our lovely village of Aston Abbots.

Lots of folk are moving in to be part of this idyllic scene, as indeed it is. The price of houses goes on rocketing so that only those with good incomes can come. Yet, how disappointing that so few newcomers offer to pull their weight when it comes to serving the community.

For example, I'm sorry to have to say this, but it is pathetic that not enough residents are willing to be considered for places on the Parish Council. That membership of the Fete Committee is confined to a few persons. That groups who benefit from the proceeds of the Fete cannot even put up one member.

True, when the great day comes there are willing hands, but the spade work has been done by the very few - and they are exhausted!

Sir, what has happened over the past few years? In 1981 the Parish Council had its full complement, and there was tremendous enthusiasm within and for the village. Its life was throbbing.

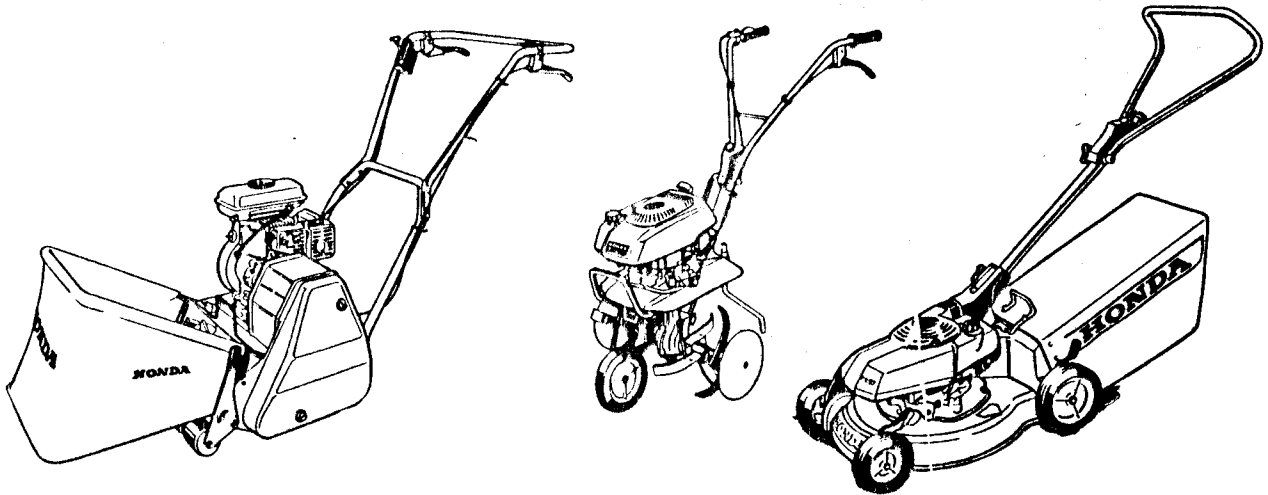
As your parish priest I am concerned at the apparent apathy. Those who live here are fortunate indeed to reside in such a picturesque village. But surroundings are not enough: relationships are everything. And the heart of the community depends on each resident.

So let's have a lot of volunteers in the future for SERVICE and less waiting around for others to give their time and do the work.

Yours sincerely,

John Heffer
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