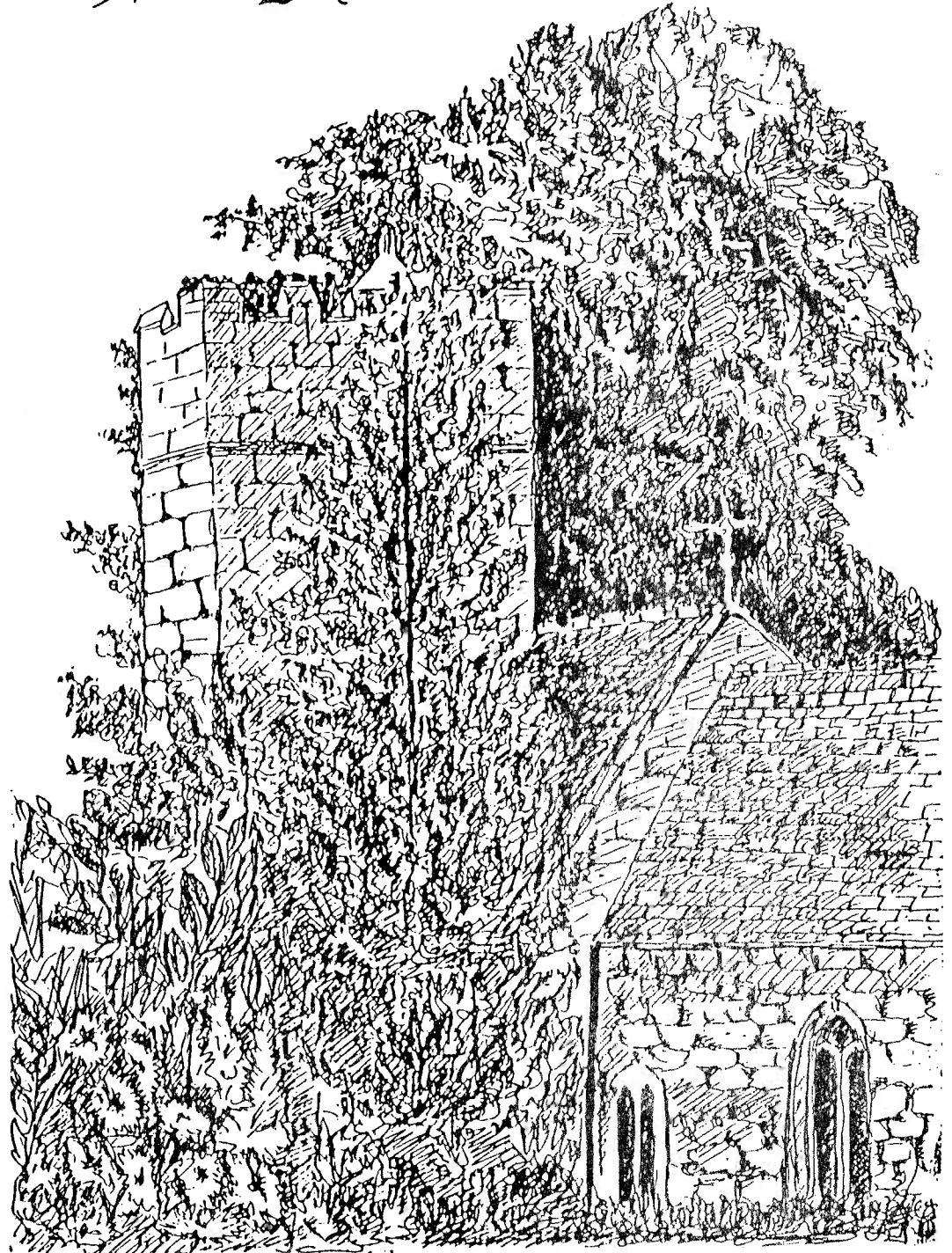


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Editorial

Time seems to rush by. I suppose it's my age. Another month gone and rumours that someone is interested in having a go at editing The Chronicle are, well if not rife at least in existence. One thought was to form a committee to take over, an arrangement that has been adopted in our sister villages. This has the advantage of spreading the responsibility as well as reducing the risk of total collapse if the 'one man band' should move away from the village. There is, of course, the added attraction of compulsory monthly meetings at the Bull & Butcher or the Royal Oak. If there is anyone interested in forming such a committee please let me know.

Bonfire night will soon be upon us and this year falls on a Saturday. Tony and John will once again be organising a fire and display to start at 7 p.m. in the Recreation ground. They hope that we will all support the evening by contributing fireworks [in fact one good firework - i.e. expensive firework - would be better than a box of smaller ones] or cash. Whatever you do please come along on the 5th. The Recreation Ground gives you a grandstand view not just of our display but of the more spectacular, high priced, displays right across the Vale!

Graham Parker

Graham Parker.

DEADLINE FOR THE NOVEMBER ISSUE IS OCTOBER 26th [22nd if possible].

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THE SUNDAY CLUB

The Sunday Club has now started, with only a limited response.

Sunday Club is held at the Methodist Chapel at 10 a.m. Sunday mornings. We are also involved in a Family Service in the Church once a month.

The Sunday Club is for children aged 3 upwards, all are welcome from either Church or Chapel.

We look forward to seeing you in October, please join us.
We have lots of exciting things for you to do.

INFO

WHAT'S ON IN OCTOBER

- SUNDAY 2nd :RAMBLING CLUB MEMBERS MEET STOCKGROVE CAR PARK AT 2.00 p.m. - FUNGI HUNT.
- TUESDAY 11th :RAMBLING CLUB MEMBERS AUTUMN/WINTER PROGRAMME PLANNING MEETING [17 WOODSIDE WAY 7.30p.m.]
- WEDNESDAY 12th :WING ASSOCIATION OF PARISH COUNCILS MEETING IN THE CHURCH ROOM ASTON ABBOTTS 7.15p.m.
- WEDNESDAYS 12th, :MOBILE LIBRARY - THE GREEN 2 - 2.30 and LONG- & 26th. MOOR 2.35 - 2.50p.m.
- THURSDAYS 13th, :WHIST DRIVE CHURCH ROOM 7.30p.m. & 27th.
- SATURDAY 15th :FAMILY QUIZ EVENING - WINGRAVE COMMUNITY CENTRE ON BEHALF OF WINGRAVE JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB - SEE ADVERT FOR FURTHER DETAILS.
- THURSDAY 20th :BINGO CHURCH ROOM 7.30 p.m.
- SUNDAY 23rd :RAMBLING CLUB MEMBERS MEET WENDOVER CAR PARK 2p.m.
- TUESDAY 25th :CHURCH ROOM MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 8.00p.m.

TO REMEMBER FOR NOVEMBER

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GRAHAM PARKER 19th Oct
RITA ROBINSON 26th Oct
HALEY WILKINSIN 31st Oct

BELATED BIRTHDAY GREETINGS to

MIKE COX 20th Sept

FORTHCOMING BIRTHDAYS

In December we have a ladies 40th and a gentlemans 50th birthday. Watch this column for more details and your invitations.

OUR THOUGHTS

go to Steve and Perri Kent who's baby Emma has sadly passed away.



FROM JOHN CHANDLER

Through your columns could I please thank you all for your kind thoughts and condolences in my sad loss on the 30th of August of Margaret, and particularly Dr. Roberts for her help and care.

Thank you
John Chandler.

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:

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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)
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QUIZ PAGE

Variety is the spice of life so this month a varied choice of puzzles for you to ponder as the nights draw in.

OUT & ABOUT by Colin Higgs

1. What is the Old Man of Hoy ?
2. Which battle took place at Glencoe ?
3. What is the meaning of Craig ?
4. How high is Snowdon ?
5. What is Ralph'S Cross ?
6. What is the capital of the Fens ?
7. Where is the worlds largest chained library ?
8. Where was the childhood home of Anne Boleyn ?
9. Name the breed of sheep having the same name as a range of northern hills.
10. Where did the legendry Tom Cobley come from ?

TWO MORE to set the mind off - don't forget you can use reference books in the pivacy of your own home. Both of these came from the Times - the one below from the Sunday Times that to the right from the daily.

TWENTY QUESTIONS

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Which metal is made from bauxite? 2. Which country is celebrating a bicentennial in 1988? 3. What is the name given to the theory about the movement of world "plates", mainly developed by Alfred Wegener in the early twentieth century? 4. On which North American lake does Chicago stand? 5. What name is given to French-speaking Belgians? 6. What do millibars measure? 7. Tenerife is the largest of which group of islands? 8. What is the name of the Soviet national airline? 9. Which country was formerly East Pakistan? 10. What are strata? 11. What is the name of the large desert lying partly in Mongolia and partly in Russia? 12. The Gulf of Finland is an arm of which sea? | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 13. In which American city would you find the main thoroughfare known as "The Strip"? 14. What is the name used to describe all animals who eat flesh? 15. Greece has boundaries with four other countries. Yugoslavia and Albania are two of them; can you name one of the other two? 16. The North Atlantic Drift is the extension of another warm water current which originates off the coast of the USA. What is its name? 17. The Paleolithic and Neolithic periods are part of which distinctive Age of history? 18. Managua is the capital city of which Central American republic? 19. What natural element is involved in weathering processes which are known as Aeolian? 20. What is the name of the channel between Spain and Morocco? |
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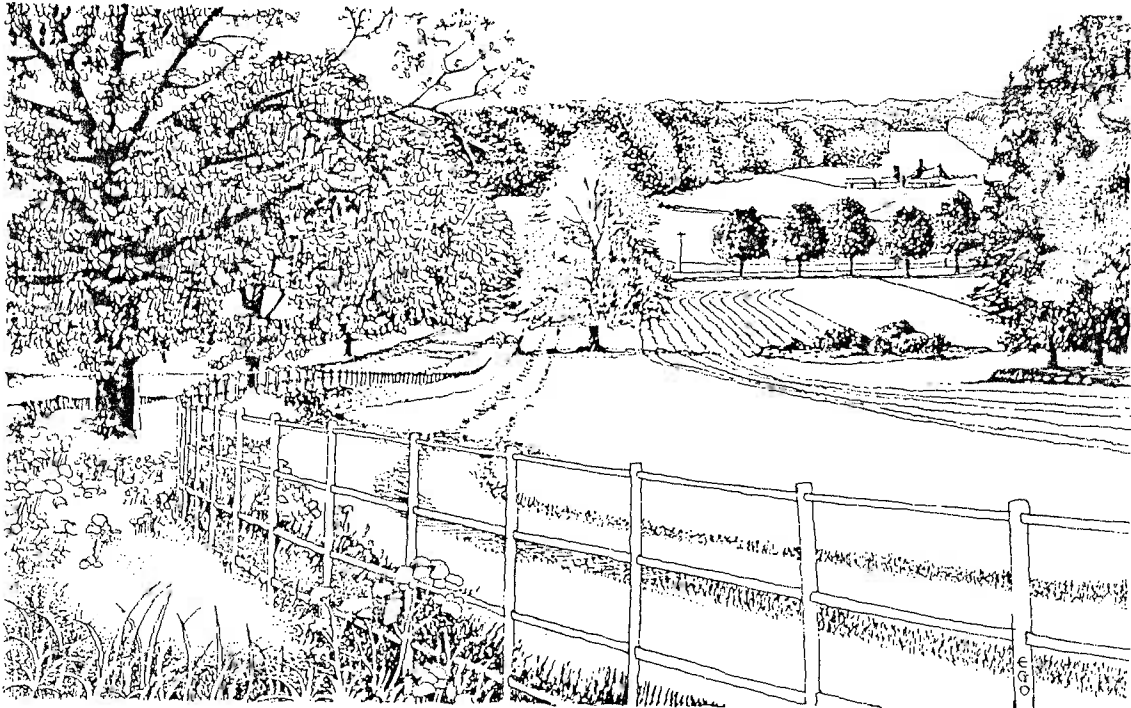
Each row, column and diagonal line containing five numbers adds up to 150. You must fill in the missing numbers to discover the value of the question mark. Watch out, this is slightly tricky.

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Portraits of Buckinghamshire

No. 33 THE CHEQUERS CROSSING

A public footpath crosses the Prime Minister's land at Chequers. It crosses the main drive about 150 yards from the house. The sketch is by Elizabeth Ogan in Elizabeth Cull's 'A Picture of Buckinghamshire.



WINGRAVE JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB




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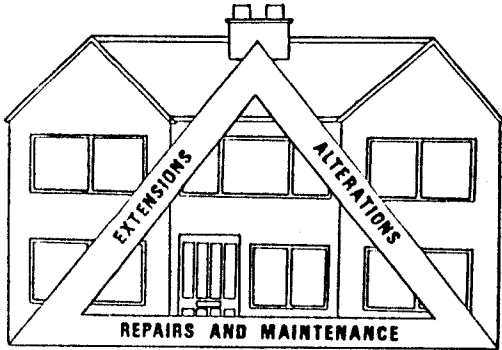
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Village rector moves to a new diocese

WINGRAVE'S Rector, the Rev. John Heffer, is off to pastures new.

Mr. Heffer is moving to Wilden, Beds, in the diocese of St. Albans, after seven years in the Oxford Diocese, to shepherd one of the fastest-growing 'flocks' in the south-east.

His new parish of Wilden, with Colmworth and Ravensden, has slightly fewer parishioners than the 2,100 he presently ministers to in Wingrave with Rowsham, Aston Abbotts and Cublington, but rapid development is expected to mushroom in his new area.

He is looking forward to the challenge but sorry to be leaving after what he describes as seven very happy years in Wingrave and the neighbouring villages.

"My wife (Sheila) and myself will be sorry to leave after such a wonderful stay here but there comes a time when you have to move on and that time has come," he said.

"Obviously, it is a difficult decision to make but it is the right one and I think, as a parish, we have done all we could in my stay here.

"I hope my stay will be remembered as one where the communities of the different churches came together as one, with more shared community activities, and I hope we have formed stronger bonds in doing so.

"We will take some very special memories with us when we go."

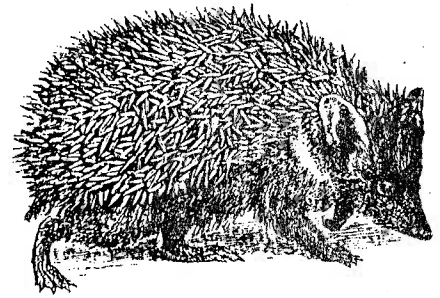
The couple, who have five grown up children, will not be moving until the end of November but the packing starts now.

Mr. Heffer (58) will conduct his last Sunday service at Wingrave on November 27, although his institution into his new parish takes place at the church of St. Denys, Colmworth, on November 14, and will be performed by the Bishop of St. Albans.

"I just hope my successor enjoys his time here as much we have," he said.



The Rev. John Heffer: Taking very special memories with him



EMERGENCY AT ST TIGGY-WINKLE'S

So many hedgehogs were brought into the Wildlife Hospital Trust in 1985 that a special unit was set up, the first of its kind in the world. Casualties arrive at St Tiggy-Winkle's from all over the country, sometimes via British Rail's Red Star network - about 500 hedgehogs during the first half of 1988. The Trust has been rescuing injured animals and birds and rehabilitating them to the wild for the past 11 years. This September it is launching an appeal to build Europe's first Wildlife Teaching Hospital on land donated by The Royco Corporation - £1,100,000 is needed to fund this project. Already Hedgehog Foods Ltd of Powys has agreed to sponsor it: every 20 tokens from packets of Hedgehog Crisps will buy another brick for a new hedgehog unit. To help, contact the Trust at 1 Pemberton Close, Aylesbury, Bucks HP21 7NY.

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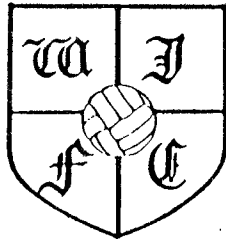
OUT & ABOUT : 1. A spectacular stack just off the coast in the Orkney's. 2. The McDonalds Massacre. 3. Gaelic for rock. 4. 3560 feet. 5. A moorland cross near Pickering, N. Yorks. 6. Ely. 7. Hereford Cathedral. 8. Hever Castle. 9. Cheviots. 10. Widecombe.

TWENTY QUESTIONS :

1: Aluminium; 2: Australia; 3: Continental Drift; 4: Michigan; 5: Walloons; 6: Air pressure; 7: Canaries; 8: Aeroflot; 9: Bangladesh; 10: Beds of rock; 11: Gobi;

12: Baltic; 13: Las Vegas; 14: Carnivores; 15: Bulgaria, Turkey; 16: Gulf Stream; 17: Stone Age; 18: Nicaragua; 19: Wind; 20: Straits of Gibraltar.

MATHEMATICS PUZZLE : We can't give you all the answers - struggle on a little longer - answer in next months issue, if I can work it out !



No.1. SEASON 1988-9

THANKS TERRY

Once again the Club is indebted to Terry Bracey-Wright for his generous sponsorship of the Under 16 squad. Terry has purchased the new strip of white shirts, navy shorts and navy socks with white trim. The team certainly look the part and are determined to do justice to their new image.

EARLY SEASON PROMISE FROM THE UNDER 14's

The Under 14 squad have looked good in their pre-season friendlies, having notched up victories over Corinthians (7-1) and Pitstone (9-1), followed by an impressive 3-2 win over the powerful Wing side. The team enters the league programme with high hopes.

Fixtures for October

- 2nd. v. Corinthians (Away).
- 9th. No Fixture
- 16th. v. Arrows Colts (Away).
- 23rd. No fixture (La Bouexiere weekend)
- 30th. v. Woodside (Away).

The Under 16 squad has also impressed despite a 0-2 defeat at the hands of Tring Colts and a hard lesson from the Wingrave senior team. The squad have shown some real talent and once they settle down together should fear no one in their league. There were no details of fixtures at the time of going to press.

The Under 12 team are more of an unknown quantity having lost 2-3 to Brooklands and 2-8 away to a very good Pitstone side, coached, incidentally, by a former Wingrave Junior footballer.

Fixtures for October

- 2nd. v. Wing (Home; K.O. 10.15 a.m. at the school pitch)
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RAFFLE PRIZES IN MANY CATEGORIES.

The men who have raised the wrath of a village

Bootsey and Co.

The saga rumbles on as both the Aylesbury Plus and the Bucks Herald give space to the issue. On this page two letters followed by Paul Pry's piece from the 'Plus' and on the following pages the Angela Carless special in the Herald that painted Bootsey & Co in image cleansing Tory blue.



Not all anti-biker

IT MAKES me sick. I live in Cublington and not once have I been invited to a meeting about banning the National Chopper Club from holding rallies in the field down the road.

All I have heard is what has been written in your paper.

Well, as far as I am concerned the photo which you published on August 17, showed the only villagers that oppose the NCC. If 100-odd villagers were against them, couldn't you have got a photo of them, or even half of them, and not just six?

It seems to me that certain people in this village should think of better things to moan about, like the speed which lorries go through the village.

Cublington has a lot of old folk and young children, so why not help them and do something for what happens every day, not just three or four times a year - or are our lives not as important as some silly field down the road?

And as for the council refusing rallies to be held, they should enquire themselves what villagers think and not rely on second-hand information. And as for the gypsies having a say, I cannot understand how it affects them as they are on the move most of the time.

Maybe by printing this letter, "Bootsie" and several Cublington residents can see that not everyone is against them doing their own thing.

One annoyed resident of Cublington

EDITOR'S NOTE: It is not this paper's general policy to publish anonymous letters. We would rather have the name and address supplied, even if it is not for publication. We have made an exception in this case, in a bid to balance our coverage of this on-going story.

THINGS at Cublington have gone rather quiet since the villagers won their legal move to stop the bikers using the land for rallies.

Cublington village consortium leader, Brian Williams, has written to biker, Bootsie Waite offering to buy the land back from him for what he paid for it.

So far there has been no reply from the Leighton Buzzard diplomat and saint.

Bootsie was seen emerging from MP George Walden's last Whig surgery brandishing a copy of the Bucks Herald.

He is understood to have told George, during a half-hour session, that he is now an accredited Thatcherite, as outlined in an "Angela Carless special" last week.

Reading lesson

A LARGE number of Cublington people were unconvinced by your reasons for publishing an anonymous letter last week.

However, we understand that reading the Aylesbury Plus has, for some, become dangerously addictive.

Even so, for it to occur in an individual who has no recourse to other reading matter is a condition not previously recorded in the Vale.

Fortunately the prognosis is good for this condition. The remedy is a mixed diet of reading matter, starting with the village notice board, moving on to the examination of leaflets in letterboxes (the temptation to burn without reading must be resisted), through village newspapers, until attendance at Parish Council meetings becomes a regular and enjoyable part of the rehabilitation process.

Treatment along these lines has been shown, elsewhere, to remove the most evident symptoms expressed by the individual's:

"Why don't THEY do something?"

"NOBODY told me."

"THEY do nothing for the old/young, etc."

So, for the lady who wrote under the title 'One annoyed resident of Cublington', I can promise her that the treatment is short, effective, and can be carried out in the anonymity of her own home.

Brian Williams, Edgefield House, Wing Road, Cublington

The lanes in Cublington were reported to be strewn with hysterical locals who could not believe the feature was for real.

One enraged villager stormed a note off to the Herald editor saying his paper was treating its copy like an east end fallor treats his cloth - "never mind the quality, feel the width".

Unfortunately, wiser councils prevailed and the villager threw the letter in the bin.

Meanwhile council chairman Mike Griffin denies that he refused an invitation from Cublington farmer, Mike Corcoran, to pay an official visit to the village.

Mr Griffin says the invite never arrived.

[Top left letter from the Plus of 7 Sept; top right letter from the Plus of Sept 14th, with Paul Pry's comments coming from the Sept 21st issue.]

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The men who have raised the wrath of a village

Bootsey and Co. the true blue Tory bikers

by Angela Carless

*'We have been
condemned
without trial'*

BOOTSEY Waite is the kind of man who brings out the worst prejudices in people.

Arms covered in tatoos, ears adorned with jewellery, spiky long hair, bushy beard brushing his chest, leathers and big, mean-looking motorbikes.

Judging by looks alone, one certainly wouldn't want to meet this monster of a man down a dark alley at night.

And in the eyes of the good people of Cublington Bootsey and his fellow members of the National Chopper Club are right brutes.

Ever since word got out that the club — Bootsey is its president — had paid £18,000 for 8½ acres of rough agricultural land near their village, the battle has been underway.

The bikers bought the land to hold Bank Holiday rallies and the villagers rallied round to stop them.

They fear such events will lead to trouble, noise, mess and clashes with local gypsies.

Now a damning local residents' report and tireless anti-biker campaigning has led to the district council slapping a so-called article four direction on the land.

In effect this quashes the club's legal right to hold meetings on the land on any 28 days in a year.

But it must be proved that such meetings will cause trouble and the Secretary of State for the Environment has the final say.

Bootsey and friends reckon they have six months to prove they are not such brutes after all.

And if that doesn't work, they'll appeal to the European Court of Human Rights.

"It's so unfair," wails Bootsey, "I've been here all my life and now these yuppies who've just moved in are complaining.

"Had we been a caravan club or a gymkhana club nobody would have said anything.

"They think we are going to cause trouble and fight with gypsies without bothering to find out anything about us or listening to our point of view.

"It is so insulting."
If Cublington villagers had look further than Bootsey's beard, I can guarantee they'd be surprised, I not a little embarrassed to find he's not so different from them after all.

Big and burly he may be and yes, not everyone raves about tatoos and leathers.

But he's a local boy, a family man, a proud home owner and he's made good in business.

What's more, he even votes Tory.

But then what else would you expect from a man who's vice-chairman of the PTA, sports a £2,500 gold bracelet and boasts lovingly of the great job he has made wood-panelling his 'beautiful' three-bedroom semi at Slapton?

Happily married for 14 years to wife Maggie, a school governor, he dotes on his children Fiona (11), Claire (8) and 16-month-old baby Kieran.

Indeed, just look at his family background, achievements and aspirations and you find a typical product of Thatcher's Britain as Bootsey is only too happy to admit.



Danny Underwood (left), Bootsey Waite and Iain Flavell. We are not Hells Angels. Ours is a very exclusive club.

SKINHEAD

Born in a picturesque pub, The Ship at Marsworth now an off-licence — still kept by his parents Graham and Lyn — Bootsey grew up with the less menacing, more yuppie-sounding name of Lindsey.

His nickname came about in his mid-teens when he found himself following the fad of the times — shaving his head, donning Doc Marten boots and joining the Skinheads.

It was his stunning customised gold Doc Martens which earned him the name 'Boots', later to be corrupted to 'Bootsey' and now as much a part of him as the thick, wavy blond beard he grew at 18.

"I'm just too lazy to shave it off — shaving just makes my skin go all red,"

he says with a sheepish sort of smile which makes him look like a cuddly teddy bear.

More of a joker than an academic at school, he shone at practical subjects like art and woodwork, though he did excel at French and even now speaks it fluently.

But it was always motorbikes which fired him with passion.

Indeed, he was just eight when — much to his mother's horror — he saved up 30 shillings from his pocket money to buy his first machine.

Little Lindsey gloried in taking it to bits and putting it back together again. By the time he was 11 he had THIRTEEN motorbikes in various states of repair.

It's hardly surprising then to learn his greatest ambition was to become a professional motorcycle racer.

Calling for justice

Sadly, he discovered it was who you knew rather than what you knew which got you places.

So at 16 he put his dreams aside and began an apprenticeship as a motor vehicle technician with the REME at Bicester. He stuck it out for about a year.

"I didn't want to spend my life flat on my back under someone's car working for someone else — I wanted someone to do that for me!" he says candidly.

Today, after a chain of diverse jobs — installing TV aerials, building site work, lorry-driving, taxi-driving, chaffering — he does indeed have people working for him.

At 33 he's one of three partners in a Leighton Buzzard business called 'Desperate Dan's' which specialises in parts and repairs for custom motorbikes and trikes.

WITCH HUNT

Customers arrive on his doorstep not only from all parts of Britain, but from Australia, America — all over the world.

The love of his life has been his livelihood for the best part of seven years and business is booming.

Not that any of it has landed in his lap. If you look like Bootsey, achieving anything is just that little bit harder.

"I can put on a smart suit and go out and I still look like one of the Kray twins. It's twice as hard for a biker to make it because of all the prejudices people have against us."

Even so, only a handful of the National Chopper Club's members are unemployed. If they didn't work, they could hardly afford their splendid machines which can cost anything from £2,000 to £20,000.

Bootsey rides an enviable £13,000 gold-plated Harley Davidson, though he also owns a vast array of other bikes and cars including a Bench Buggy and a scarlet Pontiac Firebird which he bought at auction just last week.

His friend 29-year-old Danny Underwood is typical of fellow club members.

Married with a little boy called Jake, Danny employs 35 in his own double-glazing business, drives a £15,000 Renault and earns £20,000 a year.

"We are not layabouts or Hells Angels, we work hard. We just want somewhere where we can meet. Somewhere to call our own" he protests.

Thirty-two-year-old Iain 'Flav' Flavell, a partner in Desperate Dan's, cannot quite get over the way the bikers have been found guilty without trial.

Aylesbury Vale District Councillors voted by seven votes to six to slap on the section four directive overturning officers' recommendations to give the club a chance and wait and see what happened.

"We have been condemned out of hand, it's very wrong and very unfair," he says quietly.

Bootsey simply labels the whole affair a witch hunt.

He SEETHES because villagers believe they will churn up land paid for by donations and fundraising by every member of the National Chopper Club.

He WINGES at the thought of even attempting to stage motor-cross races with his beloved gold plated Harley Davidson and the other expensive machines.

He SEES RED when the bikers are labelled as trouble-seeking Hells Angels.

"We are a very exclusive club, we won't just let anyone join and we are not Hells Angels," he insists.

"If we were out to cause trouble we would be destroying our own land.

"We want to improve that land. We want to turn a swampy area into a lake. We want to plant trees. We have already sown grass seed.

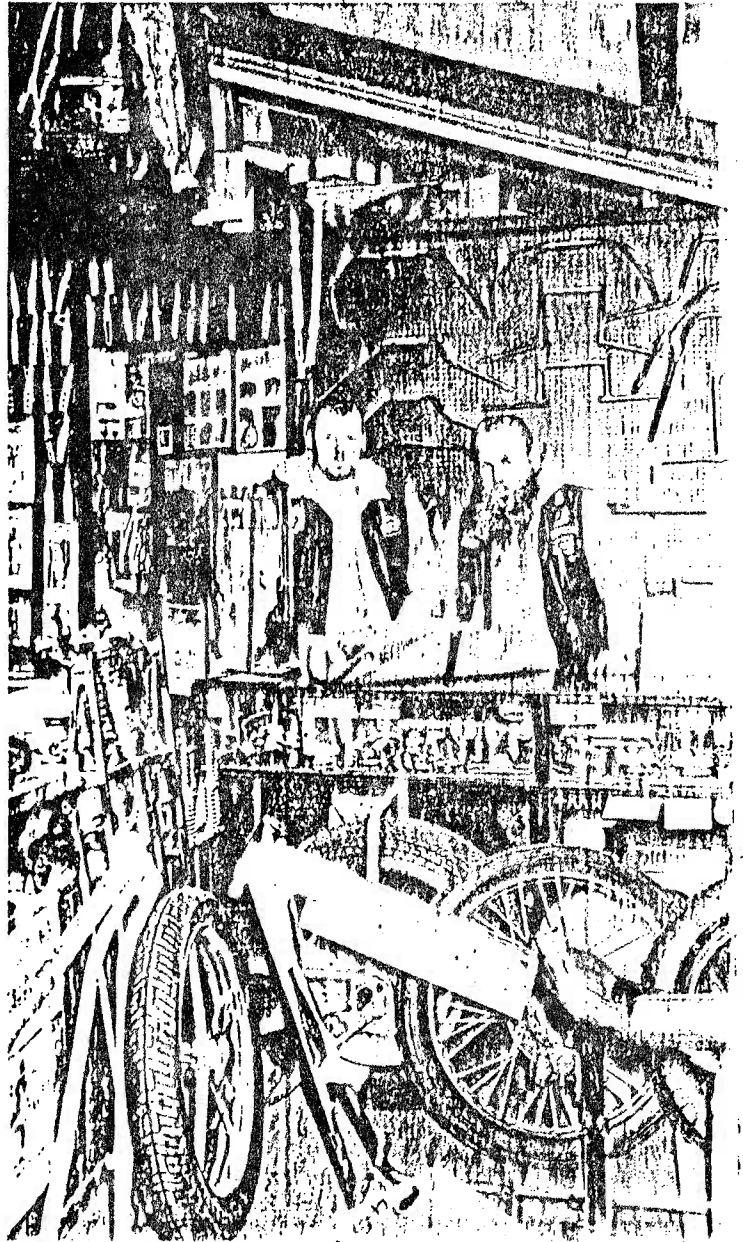
"We certainly won't be racing our bikes and we won't be riding there in unison.

"We simply want to meet in our own place about three times a year just like any other club."

The club, which has been going for 15 years, has regularly held trouble-free rallies all over the country.

Well known bands like Dr. Feelgood and Climax Blues Band are invited to play. Bikers and their families camp on site over a three-day period.

The site at Cublington is a mile from the outskirts of the village and Bootsey and his boys believe no one will even realise they are there.



Danny Underwood, who has his own double glazing business (left) is behind the counter at Desperate Dan's, the shop that draws bike riders from all over the world.

"Some years we may not even use the site at all," he points out. "And we are happy to let the villagers use it whenever they want for fetes and other events."

The club will even stage a parade of their eye-catching machines to raise money for local funds just as they have done in other parts of the country for many years.

CHARITIES

A thick scrapbook proudly records their fund-raising achievements with

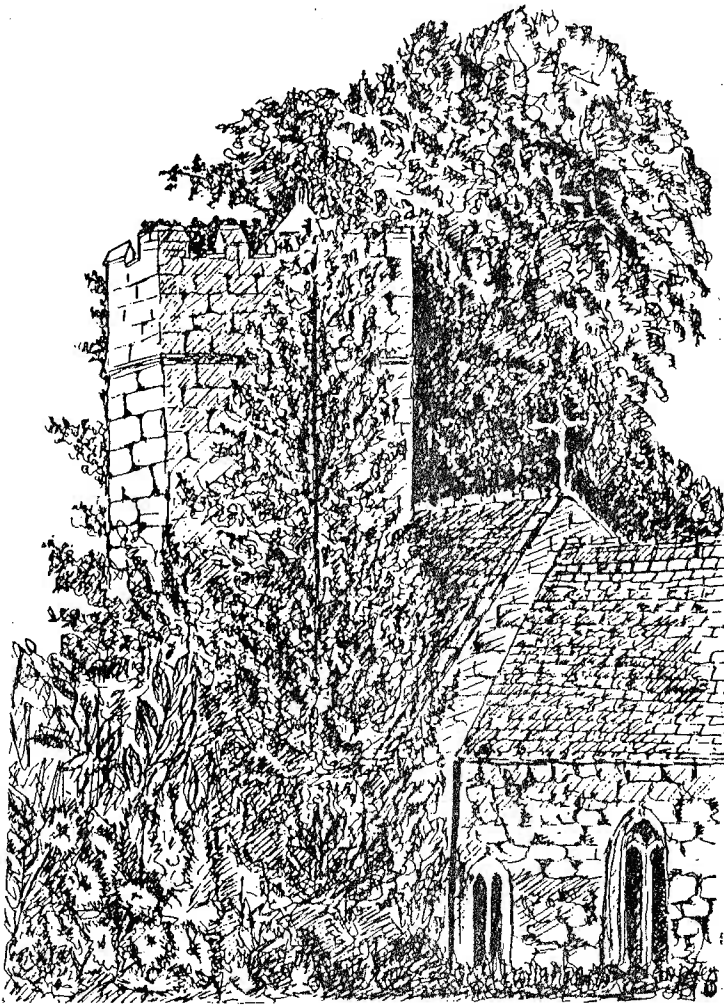
happy thank-you letters from organisations like the Salvation Army, hospitals and children's charities.

Just this month the club got together at Northampton to raise nearly £700 for children with learning difficulties.

"What kind of people do they think we are that we will spoil the countryside and attack pipsies?" Bootsey shakes his head.

"We work hard, we have our own businesses, our own homes, we vote Conservative..."

CHURCH NEWS



I must begin by thanking all those who contributed to the Harvest Supper and Sale. It really was a very good evening indeed. It was good because so many people contributed in so many different ways. There were those who arranged the supper itself, and what a feast it was - soup, sausage, mash and sauce, home made apple pie and cream, cheese and biscuits and coffee, all with wine! There were those who gave and gave generously to the harvest sale. There were those who gave the fourteen raffle prizes and those who bought the tickets. Above all there were those who came and came to enjoy themselves and gave generously. The sale made £67 which we had agreed would go straight to Christian Aid. As we made a further £142.64 we decided to send Christian Aid £100 and to earmark the rest for our 'wall fund'. We hope to relay the top three courses of the churchyard wall in the spring and to repaint the lot. The intention is to employ a bricklayer for three or four Saturdays and to provide a gang to keep him supplied with cleaned up bricks and cement. So watch out your labour will be required! Seriously if you could help please let Len or Peter know.

Thanks everyone.

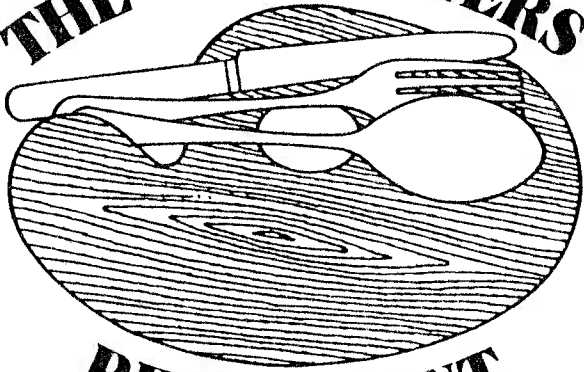
Peter Dines.

CHURCH SERVICES FOR OCTOBER

2nd.	October	: HOLY COMMUNION	11.15 a.m.	<u>Sidesman</u>
		Romans 5(1-11)	728 Luke 19(1-10)	John Ford
9th.	October	: HOLY COMMUNION	11.15 a.m.	Tony Hewitt
		1 Corinthians 9(19-27)	733 Matthew 7(13-27)	
16th.	October	: HOLY COMMUNION	11.15 a.m.	Colin Higgs
		Isaiah 33(17-22)	745 Matthew 25(1-13)	
23rd.	October	: HOLY COMMUNION	11.15 a.m.	Alison Ford
		See Rector's page		
30th.	October	: HOLY COMMUNION	11.15 a.m.	Gillian Ford
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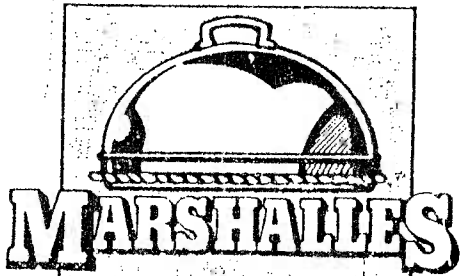
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A MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

Aylesbury 681623

I was looking at the school report of an eleven year old boy recently. It was a sorry tale: "weak at history; slow at arithmetic..." Then, to cap it all, came these unbelievable words: 'Number of pupils in the form, 21; position this pupil, 22' ! But the really bad news was that the name at the top of the report was MINE - it was me.

Soon afterwards, my family moved away from that area and I began to attend a new School. Well might you say, Poor headmaster, Poor unfortunate teachers. To be stuck with me. But you would be wrong.

They began to look for the best in me. It must have been a job, yet they looked after my interests. They ENCOURAGED me, and it produced miraculous, astounding results. I actually came top-of-the-form in history (when the bright boy was absent through illness, that is) and I 'clicked' with algebra. It was amazing.

One of the ways I was able to accept God's call to the priesthood was because I was encouraged. Some of you know I left the parochial ministry for three years and drove a bus. I couldn't have done either without the encouragement of my family and friends.

One Friday afternoon as I drove the School Bus into Leighton Buzzard station yard, a young lad stood beside my cab. He looked really miserable and was clutching a brown envelope. He told me it was his school report and he knew it was going to be bad enough for his dad to punish him.

Just then, his friend joined him. "I'll go home with you," he said briskly, "and I'll tell your dad that you're the best at football in our class; better than me, anyway."

I wished I'd had a friend like that at my school, and it reminds me of something S. Paul wrote to some of his friends in Phillipi:

"Count others better than yourselves - look out for the interests of others." (Phillipians 2, 3f)

I'm sure a lot of folk refrain from saying encouraging things to others because they think in some way that it diminishes themselves. How wrong they are. The reverse is true. A wise person once said: "He who has at heart the best interests of others will always bring credit on himself."

Yours sincerely,

FR. JOHN HEFFER

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

SCHOOL HARVEST SERVICE on Thursday, 13th October in Wingrave Parish Church at 9.30 a.m. Parents and friends are welcome to attend.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY (November 13th)

CUBLINGTON Parish Communion 8.45 a.m. (includes Wreath Ceremony)

WINGRAVE Parish Communion 9.45 a.m. (Remembrance Meditation)

ASTON ABBOTTS SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE 11.00 A.M.
(Parade & Assembly 10.45 a.m.)

Uniformed Organisations are encouraged to attend District Services. The British Legion Service for Wingrave and Long Marston will be held this year at Aston Abbots. Where a remembrance service is not taking place, wreaths can be laid on the village memorial at some other convenient time.

SUNDAY LESSONS (Year 1) (ASB)

23rd October 9 before Christmas (398) Colossians 1(15-20) John 1(1-14)
30th October 8 before Christmas (403) 1 John 3(9-18) Mark 7(14-23)
6th November 7 before Christmas (407) Genesis 12(1-9) John 8(51-59)
13th November 6 before Christmas (413) Exodus 3(7-15) John 6(25-35)
20th November Next before Advent (417) Isaiah 10(20-23) Matthew 24(37-44)
(Year 2)

HOLY BAPTISM At the Wingrave Parish Communion:

28th August: LYDIA ALICE, daughter of Christopher & Carol BAKER
GEMMA LOUISE, daughter of Andrew & Susan FRY

Cublington Parish Church:

11th September: JOSHUA CHARLES, son of Adrian & Sally WILTSHIRE

CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE Wingrave Parish Church:

24th September: Anthony BOURKE and Samantha HIGGS

FUNERALS

23rd August Harry GIGGLE (Cublington)
2nd September Margaret CHANDLER (Aston Abbots)
9th September Emma Kent (Aston Abbots)

CONFIRMATION 1988 will be held in Linslade Parish Church on Wednesday, November 23rd. Preparation classes are being held on Mondays leading up to the Confirmation conducted by the Bishop of Buckingham.

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Waddesdon Open



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SATURDAY 12th. NOVEMBER 1987.

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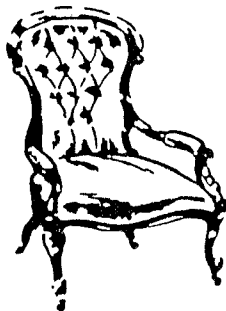
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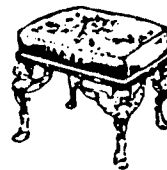
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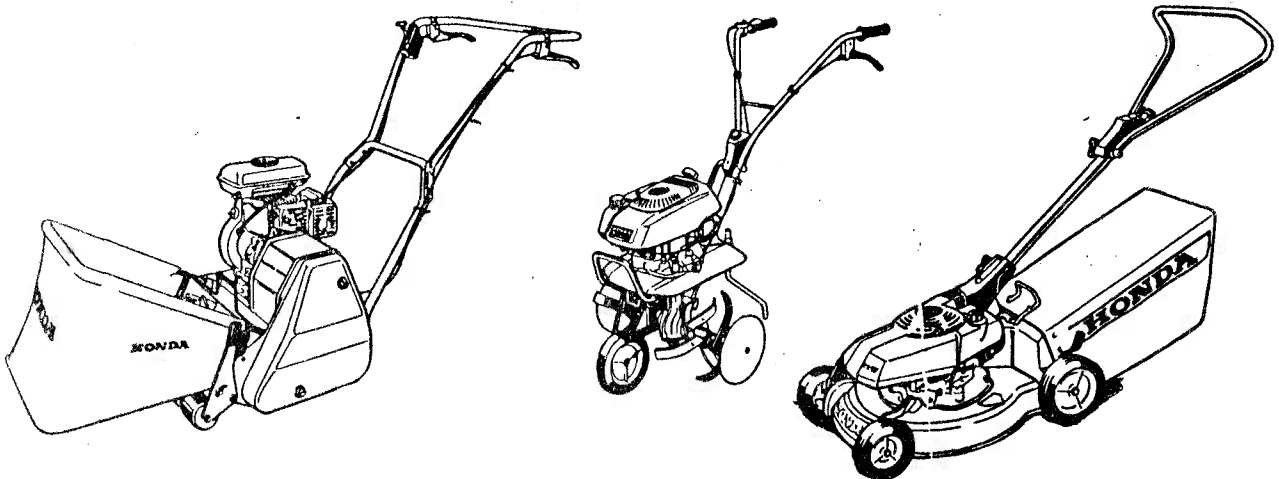
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