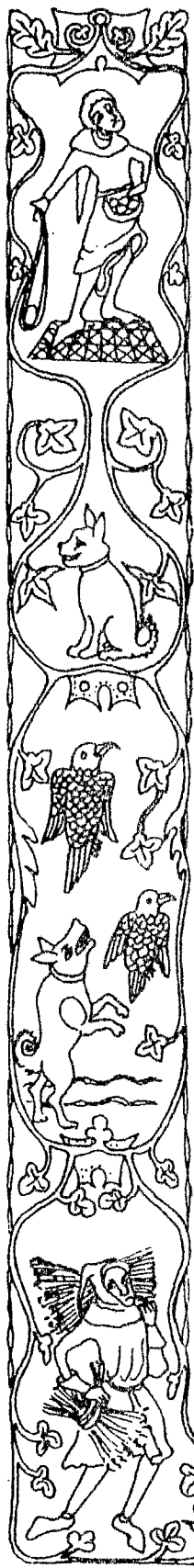


# The Chronicle

Parish Magazine for Aston Abbotts



NOVEMBER 1988

ISSUE NO 62

62-



## Editorial



The Rev. John Heffer:

The departure of Fr John Heffer at the end of this month will be a great loss to the village. As is often the case appreciation of the qualities of an individual are only realised when departure is imminent.

To me Fr John has always been a man who stood four-square for what he believed in, spoke up against injustice and bigotry and encouraged us all to think of others less fortunate than ourselves. He truly brought the Christian message to the Parish. Unfortunately that message does not always soothe the troubled brow, although, as Peter Dines pays tribute to later in this issue, Fr John did more than his fair share of brow soothing. The message of Christianity he brought was not one that, often prosperous and successful people felt comfortable hearing. The message was to give - to give time to your neighbour; to give energy to your community, and to give some of the material wealth that we have accumulated around us to those that have less. But there is in all of us that little voice, at the back of reason, telling us that if they have less its because they deserve it ! Not a sentiment with which Fr John would find much sympathy. The challenge of Christianity is to live the truly Christian life and perhaps the greatest compliment I can pay John Heffer is to say that for me he was a 'good Christian'.

*Graham Parker.*

DEADLINE FOR THE DECEMBER ISSUE IS NOVEMBER 26th PLEASE

HOW TO PASS ON ARTICLES/INFORMATION FOR "THE CHRONICLE"

1. By telephone to Graham on Aylesbury 681325.
2. By dropping a note through his door - The Cloisters.
3. Leave a note in the Village Shop or at the Post Office.

Published by Graham Parker.

Printed by THE SQUIRREL PRESS, Waddesdon School, WADDESDON.  
Distributed free to all households in the Parish of Aston Abbotts. If you would like extra copies please inform the Editor.

# INFO

## WHAT'S ON IN NOVEMBER

FRIDAY 4th NOVEMBER : PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 8 p.m. CHURCH ROOM.

\*\*\*\*\*

SATURDAY 5th NOVEMBER: BONFIRE NIGHT 7.00 p.m. ON THE RECREATION GROUND  
Contributions of fireworks to Tony Hewitt or John Ford, on or before the night.

\*\*\*\*\*

SUNDAY 6th NOVEMBER : LONDON-BRIGHTON 'OLD CROCKS RACE'  
Coach leaves The Green at 8.00a.m.

THURSDAYS 3rd & 17th : BINGO 7.30 p.m. in the CHURCH ROOM

WEDNESDAYS 9th & 23rd: MOBILE LIBRARY at The Green 2-2.30p.m. Longmoor 2.35-2.50p.m.

THURSDAYS 10th & 24th: WHIST DRIVE 7.30p.m. in the CHURCH ROOM.

SATURDAY 12th NOVEMBER: BRITISH LEGION BINGO 7.30 p.m. in the CHURCH ROOM.

SUNDAY 13th NOVEMBER : RAMBLING CLUB FOOTPATH WALK Meet The Green 2.00 p.m.  
Everyone welcome.

TUESDAY 15th NOVEMBER: RAMBLING CLUB MEMBERS SLIDE EVENING 8 p.m. CHURCH ROOM  
Everyone welcome.

## FORTHCOMING EVENT

SATURDAY 3rd DECEMBER : COACH TO PETERBOROUGH FOR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING  
Depart The Green at 9.15 a.m. Fare approx £4.  
Book with Colin (Tel:681343) by 19th. Nov.

## ASTON ABBOTTS & CUBLINGTON LADIES CLUB

We met on October 6th, after the summer break, to welcome Mrs Kay once again on the subject of embroidery.

She demonstrated some easy steps to making a simple embroidered picture. We learned a little about 'pulled thread' work and were spellbound at Mrs Kay's own examples of this lovely work. We all enjoyed the afternoon and were pleased to welcome new members and visitors on this occasion.

On October 20th Mr & Mrs Bunker came to tell us about the Aylesbury Wildlife Trust Hospital. They brought lively slides of familiar birds and animals rescued by the Trust. Some of the pictures were taken before and after treatment and were very impressive.

Members were able to help this worthy cause by bringing gifts of pet food and buying small souvenir gifts.

## GAS NEWS

The Gas Board have indicated that notices giving quotes for installation will be sent out shortly. In order to be sure that the Board will go ahead with the link up we will need in the region of a 30% take up from the village.

Further information can be obtained from Tony Hewitt or David Brown.

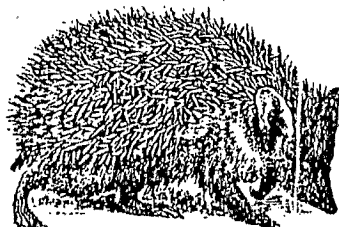
## FROM SHIRLEY FORD

I would like to thank everyone who sent cards, good wishes and flowers during my recent stay in hospital. I am now back home and recovering well.

Thank you all  
Shirley Ford.

## BUCKS COUNTY SHOW

On the next page we print a copy of the letter received from the Thames Valley Police expressing their appreciation of the kindness and hospitality afforded to them while on duty in Aston Abbots on County Show day.



Clerk to the Council,  
Aston Abbots Parish Council,  
Aston Abbots,  
Nr. Aylesbury,  
Bucks.

My ref. TC/JK

Your ref:

Date: 9th September 1988

Dear Sir,

Bucks County Show

Having recently spent much of the day in your village, on duty at the Bucks County Show, I would like, through yourselves, to express how pleasant it was to be in Aston Abbots. Although the day was somewhat damp, it was very refreshing to find such a happy and helpful village community.

On arriving and having to stand in the pouring rain, it wasn't long before someone came to our rescue with a large umbrella and two chairs, followed shortly by a cup of tea. We also could not forget the man in the house at the junction where we were posted, he again supplied us with refreshments and gave us free access to his house and the use of his facilities.

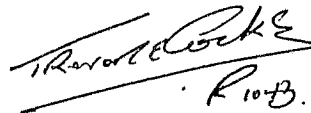
In a world in which we live today where we are not always accepted as readily as this, it brought home to us that on a day like the Bucks Show we were appreciated even though some villagers were put to some inconvenience by our presence.

Finally, we would wish to add to you, the Parish Council, how pleasant it was to work in such a well kept and tidy village. I ask that should you have a Parish News Letter, our thanks be passed on to your parishioners.

Yours faithfully,



Pc 2115



R10B



CHURCH FARM TURKEYS

We have a limited number of home reared  
Turkeys available for Christmas.

If you would like to reserve one please  
telephone us as soon as possible.

CHURCH FARM, ASTON ABBOTTS  
Tel: 681858

# People

OUR MONTHLY COLUMN ABOUT VILLAGE PEOPLE  
Edited by Bridget Brandon.

## BIRTHDAYS

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

## PEOPLE.....

have been asking who is the lady that is about to celebrate her 40th birthday on December 18th. We could not possibly print the ladies name, but a cryptic clue could be 'The Prime Minister's Country Cat'. The gentleman celebrating his half century in December will be made known in Decembers issue.

## HELP LINE

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

Les Smith, 'Gatesgarth', Lines Hill (Tel:681368)  
Peter Dines, 87 The Green. (Tel:681459)  
Colin Higgs, 6, Wingrave Road. (Tel:681343)  
John Whyte, 14 Bricstock. (Tel:681685)  
Graham Parker, The Cloisters, Church Row (681325)  
David Watts, 'White Wheels' (681376)  
Rosemary Franklin, 3 Church Row. (681319).

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

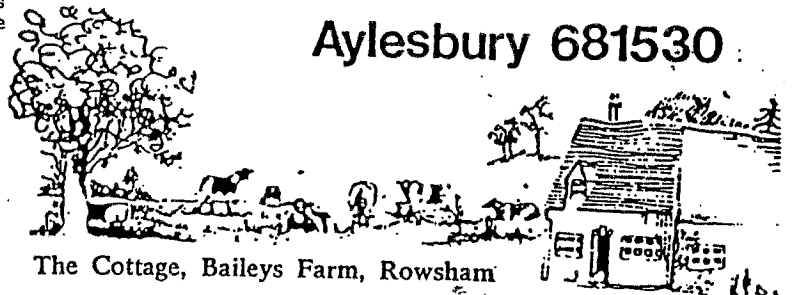
Fresh from the Farm

## Christmas Poultry

Turkeys, Cockerels, Geese

Ring John Masters ~

Aylesbury 681530



The Cottage, Baileys Farm, Rowsham

## KWIK MECH

### MOBILE MECHANIC

- \* ELECTRONIC ENGINE TUNING
  - \* SERVICING
  - \* GENERAL REPAIRS
  - \* BREAKDOWNS
  - \* HYDROLASTIC PUMP UP
- TELEPHONE ASTON ABBOTTS 681520  
MOBILE TELEPHONE 0836 219530

## BULL & BUTCHER

### FORTCOMING EVENTS

- LIVE MUSIC EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT  
STARTING SEPTEMBER 1st
- MEAT RAFFLE EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT
- BAR AVAILABLE FOR HIRE FOR  
AFTERNOON FUNCTIONS MON TO FRI

ASTON ABBOTS  
CHRISTMAS PANTO

ALLOVA + DINN  
and his  
WONDERFUL  
GAMP

Showing at the Church Rooms

On Friday and Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> December  
at 8pm.

Tickets from John Whyte

tel. 681685

adults £2

children and senior citizens £1.50

To include a glass of sherry on arrival.

# UPDATE

## Concern over road work hold-ups

ASTON Abbotts Cllr Colin Higgs has expressed concern at the slow progress of road improvements to Lines Hill and Moat Lane.

He was also concerned about storm drains and gulleys being cleared, and the completion of the Wingrave Road footpath.

County Cllr Reg Keen shared Cllr Higgs' concern, but assured him that the matters were on the priority list for discussion at the Bucks Road Safety meeting this month.

Councillors heard that Aylesbury, Vale District Council is still awaiting the Secretary

of State's decision on the proposed Chopper Club site at Cublington.

Cllr John Ford asked when the next stage of the Wingrave Cross road improvements would be completed — another question for the Road Safety meeting.

Cllr John Whyte pointed out that gas pipes had been delivered to Wingrave, and was told that the date for the Aston Abbotts contract would be early spring 1989.

Cllr Richard Speakman reported that the lights that had been out recently had been repaired, except on the

allotment corner.

District Cllr Bryan Round said he would look into a request from the residents of the OAP's homes on the green for their gardens to be made smaller by having car parking bays put in.

The Royal Oak corner was discussed, but the chairman pointed out that it was brewery land, and it was up to them to apply to the county highways department.

●THERE was a full house for the Aston Abbotts Harvest Supper — an enjoyable four-course meal of tomato

soup, bangers and mash, apple pie with cream and cheese and biscuits, washed down with coffee and wine.

The harvest produce was auctioned and the proceeds were donated to Christian Aid.

St James' Church was decorated with flowers, fruit and produce for the harvest festival.

The children added to the array by bringing gifts, which were later distributed to the sick and elderly in the village.

Mrs Scutchings was organist for the harvest hymns, and Miss Ruth Watts led the children's sections. The Rev John Heffer conducted the service.

## Ramblers go funny about fungi!



ASTON Abbotts Rambling Club members met at Stockgrove Park for a Sunday afternoon walk, led by local naturalist Victor Scott.

The walkers were shown various types of fungi, including Roast Beef fungi and Earthballs, and Mr Scott pointed out the poisonous and the edible varieties. All the

members thanked him for an interesting afternoon.

Since then the ramblers have held a meeting at their chairman's home to arrange an autumn-winter programme of walks, starting from Wendover, Aston Abbotts, Checkmore, Ashridge Monument,

Waddesdon, Great Brickhill and Linslade. An outing is planned to Brighton for the old crocks rally and a New Year fancy dress party.

● Pictured: Mr Scott shows the ramblers a bracket fungus growing on a birch stump during their hike.



**ASTON ABBOTTS**

**WATER COLOURS**

BY

**DON CURRELL**

**SUNDAY NOV 6TH**

**11 AM TO 4 PM**

**ADMISSION FREE**

**LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE**





## UPDATE



This month's article is about safety tips for teenagers.

Teenage girls in particular, but boys as well, can find themselves at risk, whether working at a part-time job or out in the evening. So you should try to follow these basic guidelines.

Be sure your parents always know where you are and how to contact you.

If possible, go out accompanied by friends and return home with them.

If you do go out alone, arrange transport to and from where you are going - with a relative, friend or taxi - and confirm arrangements for your return journey before you set off.

If your arranged transport from a concert or other event fails to arrive and you can see that you will be left on your own, speak to the organisers and ask to use their telephone to make arrangements. Ask to stay until transport arrives.

Don't accept the offer of a lift from someone you've only just met.

Try to find casual jobs, such as babysitting, through family or friends and be careful about answering advertisements. Try to go with a parent or friend on the first day.

When working a paper round, if strangers invite you into their homes or offer you a lift, politely refuse and move on quickly.

Wherever you are, be aware of how to make an emergency telephone call and the quickest way out.

### MESSAGE TO PARENTS:-

If your teenage son or daughter wants to go out for the evening, check what arrangements have been made for transport, and if necessary take them and bring them back. It may be inconvenient, but it is worth it for your peace of mind and their safety.

### THE SUNDAY CLUB

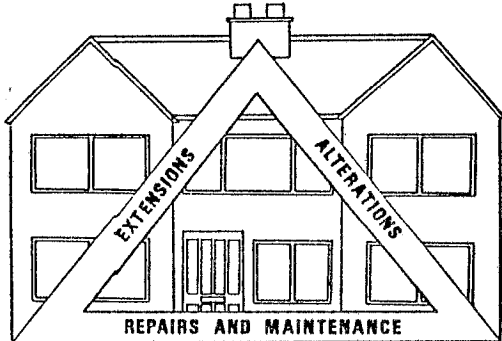
The Sunday Club has now started, with only a limited response.

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.

# CHALLENGER BUILDERS



20 YEARS EXPERIENCE

FREE ESTIMATES

AD GIBBS

CJF SAVAGE

**WE CARE FOR  
YOUR HOME**

WING  
AYLESBURY 688910

MARSWORTH  
CHEDDINGTON 661219

# GARDEN MACHINERY SERVICE

*REPAIRS and SALES*

Most Leading Makes Supplied

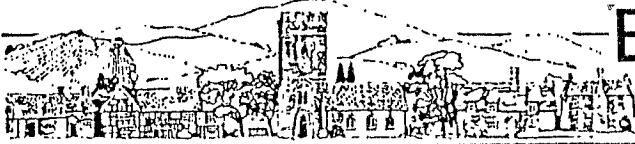
Free Collection and Delivery

**R. G. CLARKE**

**Aston Abbots**

**Telephone:**

**Aylesbury 681286**



# Bikers versus villagers

THE SAGA CONTINUES .....

A selection of letters from the local press and a page from last months 'Crier' - the Cublington Parish Magazine. Sometime toward the end of the next century a student will be browsing through the archives of the 1980's looking for an interesting, and original, piece of research. What a little goldmine s/he will find in the 'Saga of Biker Bootsie'; a story that will give to that student a fascinating insight into the social attitudes of a section of English society in the late 1980's.

## Letters

80 AYLESBURY PLUS, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5,

### Confused Cublington

THERE IS confusion among a large number of Cublington people as to why we read sarcastic letters concerning the bikers' dispute, instead of logical letters.

People of Cublington have always been open-minded, 'live and let live', 'Who am I to condemn?', hardly ever complain of neighbours' party noise or planning applications.

The bikers dispute started with a handful of hysterical people printing out a leaflet condemning all sporting activity surrounding the village, finalised by a vindictive description of the bikers.

I am one of many that were not approached to sign for or against. The facts and figures first printed in the Press were way out of order.

Cublington people have always been calm and collected in any protest and organize their intention with decorum and harmony.

What a change of heart it was bringing the gypsy people into the picture, when at the same time they were accused of eating farmers' sheep and pilfering in the local area.

I am sure a lot of the misinformed people will be more at ease after reading Angela Carless' article in the Bucks Herald. One of my colleagues is a direct neighbour to Bootsie and assures me he couldn't have a better neighbour.

The description put into print about Bootsie and colleagues would be classed in court as evil intent.

We have a respectable public house in Cublington and I am sure it will stay the same when the bikers come.

I would like to say that I am a Cublingtonian more than twice over, not a five-minute wonder. When out meeting friends I am now greeted with "Hal'o Yuppie Village".

For the small band of protesters to solicit individual persons for financial support to try to buy the land back has been unforgivable and a sore point. Would anyone think different?

The village is now being dragged in the mud and degraded of its good name.

May your God be with you.

H Beckett, 14 Bell Close, Cublington

THE BUCKS HERALD, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6,

SIR, — I am now getting used to the Cublington Residents' Association constantly getting its facts wrong, exaggerating figures and jumping to conclusions.

John Jackson (Letters, September 22) quotes our magazine as having a circulation of 55,000. We do, indeed, publish a magazine, On The Highway. One copy is sent to every member of the National Chopper Club.

It is published once every three months and is not available to the public or through newsagents. It is distributed on a strict "one member, one copy" basis.

Does this suggest that we have 55,000 members, or could he be referring to a Myatt McFarlane publication called Back Street Heroes, published monthly.

If Mr. Jackson can find any advertisements giving advance notice of an NCC official run — I don't mean custom shows in proper venues — I will donate £1,000 to the Cublington residents' fund myself!

Details of a run are sent to county representatives a week in advance — all we know is the date until then, not the location.

As for a field in Slapton — well, a couple of years ago, one came up for sale, which was when we started the land account because we wanted to buy it. We could not raise the cash at the time, otherwise that is the field we would have bought.

We are getting fed up with people using pure speculation to try to stop us using our field. We fought hard to raise the money and, rest assured, we will fight hard to keep it.

In future, Mr. Jackson, I suggest you pay more attention to researching your subject before writing your letters.

CHRIS IRELAND

Bucks. Rep., National Chopper Club, Old Road, Linlade.

### Angered by Herald article

SIR, — I read with interest your article on September 15 Bootsey & Co: The true blue bikers.

By the end of the piece, however, my interest had turned to anger. If the article purports to add evidence to the Cublington versus Bikers battle then it does no justice at all to your paper's journalistic credibility.

Firstly, because it is patronising sentimentality at its worst, and secondly because it makes the same gross assumptions of "the good people of Cublington" as it suggests they do of the bikers.

Now I can speak only for myself, but may I catalogue the following:

Bootsey Waite is not the kind of man who brings out the worst prejudices in me. In fact the only damning piece of evidence I have found against him so far is that he votes Conservative!

I am not some village "yuppie" out to maintain a sterile and gentrified form of civilised country living for myself.

Yes, I have only lived in the area some four years, having moved down from my home city of Glasgow but should I forever seek forgiveness for such an act? And ano-

# "THE BATTLES OF BIKER BOOTSIE



ther thing, the "National" in NCC suggests that its membership does not all consist of long-term locals either, so where does that particular argument go?

I have a wife and a young son (but not a "£2,500 gold bracelet") for whom I want a reasonable standard of living. Terrific that Bootsey is a happy family man with similar aspirations, but why would anyone presume otherwise?

I could go on but I won't because frankly none of it bears any relevance to the facts of the issue which, simply put,

are:

1. The National Chopper Club has every right to purchase land with the intent of holding their National Rallies.

2. The people most likely to be affected by this (in whichever way) have every right to fight off such intent.

It is not, as I see it, a Bikers versus Yuppies war with "condemnation" of the former being meted out "without trial." It is the measuring of one set of rights against another or, better put, so-called British justice.

In conclusion, two questions might be put. The first addressed to Ms. Carless: Would you have written such an article if you lived in Cublington?

The second to Bootsey: Would you feel happy if a regular venue of the same magnitude (maybe a hippy or a mods festival) were to threaten Slapton and perhaps the market value of your house?

Come on, let's stop individualising the argument even if it does make for good emotive newspaper reading.

C. McLaren  
Pump Cottages, Cublington.



# "THE BATTLES OF BIKER BOOTSIE

The 'Battle of Cublington' between Biker 'Bootsie' Waite and the Cublington Residents Association looks set to run and run. The two camps are now settling down behind well defended lines preparing for the next foray 'over the top' into the guns of the enemy. With the positions of each side becoming more and more entrenched the likelihood of reasoned dialogue is reduced. Both sides will want nothing but total victory. Such is the way groups behave when threatened; indeed, such is the way nations behave when threatened. When will we ever learn? Fear stalks the mind, fear reinterprets every pronouncement of the other side until we have one side producing their smooth, grandiloquent embellishment of the truth, while the other side responds with exaggerated bombast.

The Cublington Residents Association, a grandiose name for four concerned individuals.

### THE 'NIMBY' SYNDROME

The issue has resulted in a widespread outbreak of the Nimby Syndrome in which concern is expressed that something has to be done so long as it is not in my back yard. Cllr Leslie Jole gave a classic example during the sub-committee meeting (see above right).

### THE 'WHAT IF' GAME

As this seems to form a basis for much of the arguments in this case .... what if the site had been purchased for the holding of 28 Hunt Balls a year, or as the organisers would claim only 4, would the reaction have been the same? Rumour has it that the potential environmental disturbances would not have been too dissimilar!

Bootsie and his friends must realise that they must effectively police themselves, root out any hooligan elements in their organisation and build on the philanthropic reputation they have locally. In such an instance the local community and the police should be involved early to establish the ground rules before the rally, rather than everyone reacting to events as they happen. This would help ensure that the reality lived up to Bootsie's predictions rather than the fears of Cublington 'residents'.

Whatever the eventual outcome this is a saga to follow, a real life soap in your own backyard.

Graham Parker



We believe that the residents of Aston Abbots are widely enough read to have seen elsewhere the three pages of "Soap Opera" in the September issue and, further, are unlikely to need the guidance of a Guru, heavily disguised as an Editor, to take them to the threshold of new reasoning and enlightenment. Further, if they had read the report to which he refers - and several had - then they would know that his presentation was based upon a misrepresentation of the facts.

Several Cublington residents found copies of the Chronicle on their doormat with the relevant pages marked, by friends in Aston Abbots, and there were, additionally, several phone calls in which "apologies" were proffered for what was seen as an ill informed intrusion into a neighbour's affair.

In the issue in which the commentary appeared, the Editor announced his proposal to stand down from his duties. That would be a pity. It may be that he feels the task is onerous and not always appreciated. That is probably true, but a number of readers of the Cublington Crier, who also read the Aston Abbots Chronicle, see the organ of their neighbouring village as informative and carrying a number of articles of special interest.

Maybe he should reconsider his decision:

Certainly he should reconsider, while in office, his role as Editor. It is to abbreviate, and to balance the occasional excesses of his own correspondents before attempting to indulge in the inappropriate role of opinion former upon a subject in which it is clear that, in many instances, the reader is better informed than the writer.

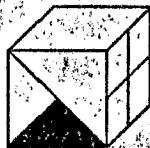
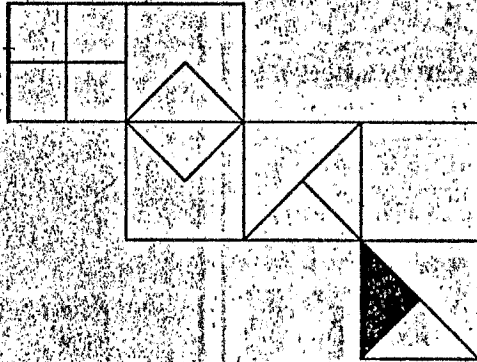
Brian Williams.  
Member of Cublington Residents Association.

# QUIZ PAGE

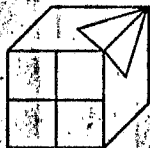
Some more of the Mensa puzzles - no answers provided.

## LOGIC

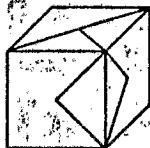
Look at the flattened out diagram of a cube. There are six completed ones below it. Can you tell us which ones can be made?



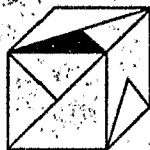
a



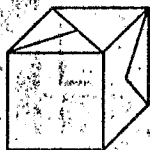
b



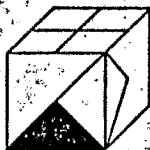
c



d



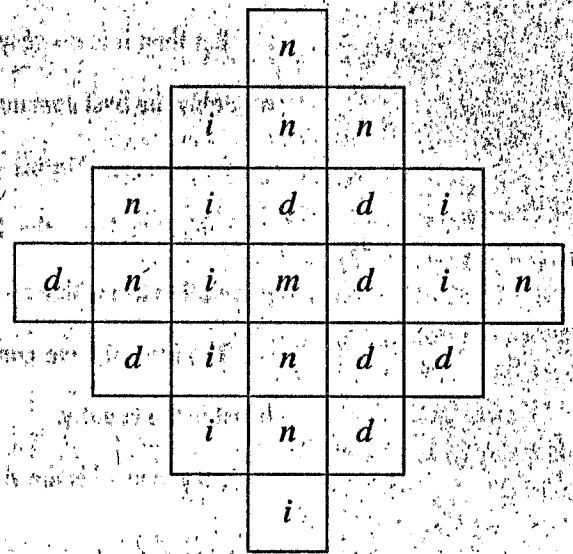
e



f

## WORDGAME

If you get your pencil out you can trace the letters of the word MIND in any order several times. You must always start at the centre 'M' and move from square to touching square in any direction except diagonally. Once you have found one set of letters you count that as one and start again. How many different routes can you find?



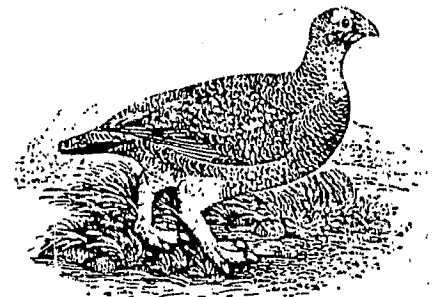
## ANSWER TO LAST MONTHS PUZZLE

The empty squares in last months maths puzzle are indicated by the black line in the top left corner of the square. The question mark square was -8.

35	37	38	6	34
?	35	39	33	51
32	36	30	24	28
65	27	21	25	12
26	15	22	62	25

## WINTER FIREWOOD

BEAT THE RUSH, ORDER YOUR BAGS OF READY SPLIT FIREWOOD NOW BY CALLING MARC ON 681425. THE PRICE REMAINS UNCHANGED AT £2 A BAG.



## GARDENING PROBLEMS ?

THEN CONSULT NORMAN TAPPING, 14 MILL LANE, WINGRAVE TO REMOVE WEEDS FROM YOUR GARDEN. A BARGAIN AT £1 PER HOUR.

# ASTON ABBOTTS CHURCH ROOM

AVAILABLE FOR WEDDING RECEPTIONS: BIRTHDAY  
PARTIES: FOLK EVENINGS: DANCES: BINGO ETC...

MAXIMUM 60 PEOPLE.

FURTHER DETAILS FROM DORIS SCUTCHINGS ON  
AYLESBURY 681243

COST: £2.50 per hour + metered electricity.  
£1.50 per hour + metered electricity  
for residents of the parish.

## The Chronicle:

### Advertisement Rates for 1988.

FULL PAGE	: Back	£50 per annum.
	: Inside	£25 per annum.
HALF PAGE	: Back	£25 per annum.
	: Inside	£12 per annum.
QUARTER PAGE	: Back	£12 per annum.
	: Inside	£ 7 per annum.
EIGHTH PAGE	: Back	£ 7 per annum.
	: Inside	£ 5 per annum.
ALL OTHER ADS.	: Inside only	£5 per annum.

Please send copy and cheque [made payable to 'The Chronicle'] to Michael Cox, The Old House, Aston Abbots, Aylesbury, Bucks.

**S & N BRACKLEY**  
**117 WINSLOW ROAD**  
**WINGRAVE**

VEGETABLE & FLOWER PLANTS.  
CUT FLOWERS MAY - NOVEMBER  
PRESENTATION BOUQUETS & FLORAL  
TRIBUTES TO ORDER.

GARDEN SUNDRIES. POTTING COMPOSTS.  
PEAT. POTTING SAND. FERTILIZERS.

CHEMPAK SOILLESS COMPOST COMPOUNDS  
& SPECIAL FERTILIZER STOCKISTS.

ALL ENQUIRIES WELCOME - TELEPHONE  
AYLESBURY 681384.

**TSP** *Quality Coats at Sensible Prices*

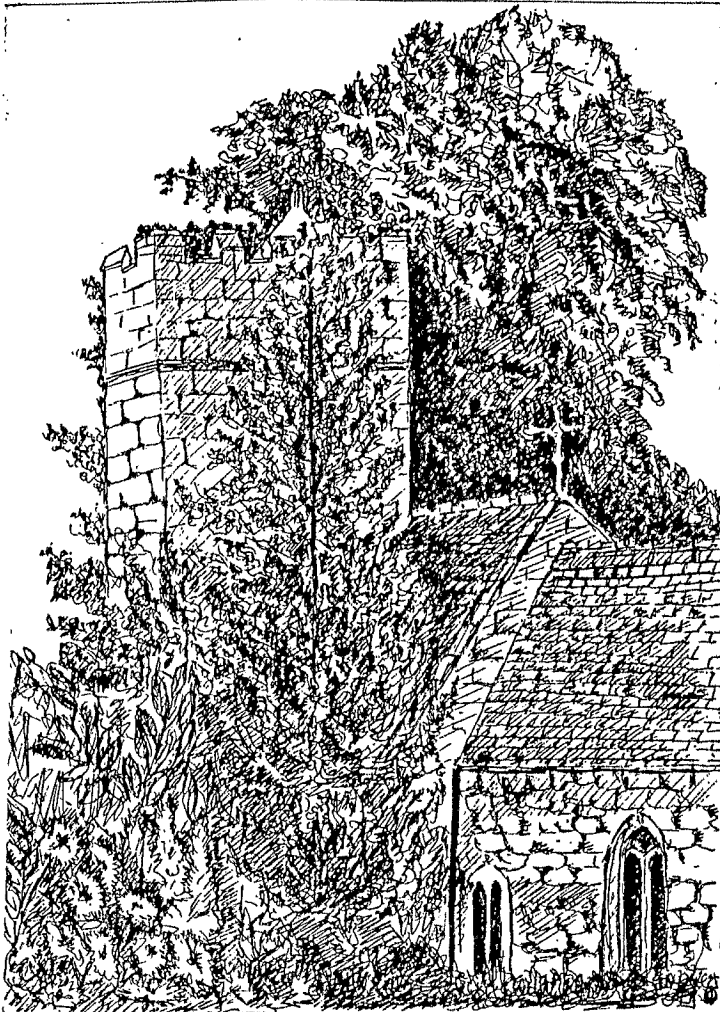
**Talbot Sheepskin Products**

Telephone  
AYLESBURY 681218

*M. Talbot*

ADVERTISE IN THE CHRONICLE  
IT MAY NOT PAY....BUT YOU  
FEEL BETTER !

# CHURCH NEWS



This month we say goodbye to the Rector. It does not seem so very long ago that he joined us and, amongst other things, introduced the new service and fixed our Sunday service at 11.15a.m. There is no doubt that during his time with us the average congregation has increased and our church finances are now soundly based. However no doubt the real achievements and memories will be of individuals helped through 'a bad patch' by timely visits and points well made. We shall miss you John and our best wishes go with you and Sheila in your new and challenging work. We look forward to being able to express these things better on Sunday November 27th when of course we will all be both at our service at 11.15 and at the special service at 6.00p.m. in Wingrave.

Kay and I were very fortunate to have a five day holiday in Rome recently and at church on the Sunday it so happened that the epistle told of Paul's warnings against the dark powers of this world. In Rome where so many dark and unbelievably cruel acts had been almost commonplace the courage and wisdom of Paul's words struck home. Despite all the shortcomings of those through the ages who dared to call themselves Christians, how they have brought, and continue to bring, light and love into the world, is one of the

great gifts of Christianity. In England we are enormously enriched by our Christian traditions, but I do wonder if we are in danger of forgetting that, and I am sure we could revert to the dark ages if we are not, one and all, vigilant about such matters.

Peter Dines.

## CHURCH SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

6th.	November	: FAMILY SERVICE	11.15 a.m.		
		Genesis 12(1-9)	407	John 8(51-59)	
13th.	November	: HOLY COMMUNION	11.15 a.m.		
		Exodus 3(7-15)	413	John 6(25-35)	
20th.	November	: HOLY COMMUNION	11.15 a.m.		
		Isaiah 10(20-23)	417	Matthew 24(37-44)	
27th.	November	: HOLY COMMUNION	11.15 a.m.		
		Isaiah 52(7-10)	422	Luke 21(25-33)	
		ADVENT CAROL SERVICE	6.00 p.m.	at WINGRAVE PARISH CHURCH.	

## Sidesman

Alison Ford.

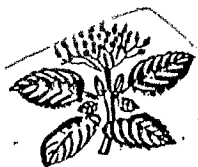
Tony Hewitt.

Colin Higgs.

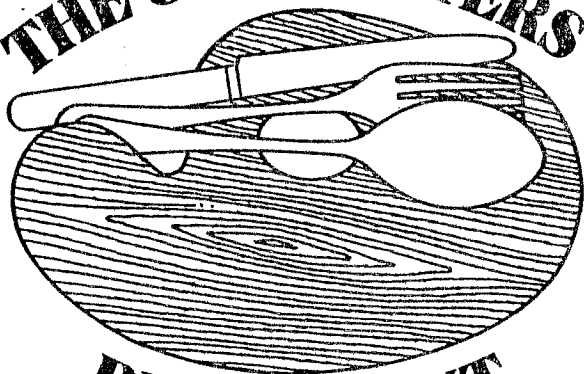
John Ford.

## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY (November 13th)

: SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE 11.00 a.m.



# THE OLD MASTERS



## RESTAURANT

English and Continental Cuisine

Cublington Road, Aston Abbots,  
Buckinghamshire.

Telephone: Aylesbury (0296) 681432

Lunch: 12.00 noon-2.00 p.m.

Dinner: 7.00 p.m.-10.00 p.m.

Closed all day Sunday and for Monday lunch

# AMB Painters

WHY NOT HAVE YOUR HOUSE  
PAINTED, NOW?

HAVE YOUR WOODWORK  
PROTECTED FROM THE

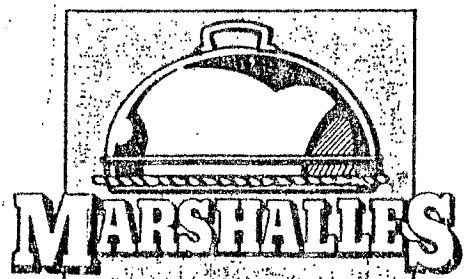
WEATHER THIS WINTER.

TIDY WORK  
REPAIRS UNDERTAKEN

FOR A FREE ESTIMATE

JUST RING ME (ADRIAN)

CHEDDINGTON (0296) 668610



HOLLY COTTAGE · THE GREEN  
ASTON ABBOTS · BUCKS

**Your  
Personal Caterer  
for all occasions**



TEL: AYLESBURY 681778

# TIME TO SPARE?

## WHY NOT VOLUNTEER?

Ring Aylesbury 81666

Aylesbury Vale Volunteer Bureau  
Walton Parish Hall, Walton Street,  
Aylesbury, Bucks. HP21 7QX



THE CHURCHES IN WINGRAVE WITH ROWSHAM, ASTON ABBOTTS & CUBLINGTON

November 1988

"THE RECTOR LOOKS BACK"

Aylesbury 681623

At the beginning of my ministry here I was able to write (January 1982) that we celebrated Christmas in Wingrave with Servers in red cassocks.

In April of that year Aston Abbots and Cublington arranged their own special occasion Services where I was just the 'compere'. "It is that kind of self-help," I wrote, "which is so important these days. How well each of the parishes are working together." **THEY STILL ARE!**

July 1983: "It is unwise to send your children to Church...please don't send them - **BRING THEM.** The Junior Church at Wingrave with the First of the month Family Services at Aston and Cublington have proved their value in bringing your children to Church."

September 1983: "I'm glad that Aston Abbots now has its own parish newspaper. It should encourage the sense of the community as I believe it does in Wingrave. How about it Cublington!"

May 1984: "I feel like lying down in the middle of the road, the A418... Just concerned about the Crossroads between Aston Abbots and Cublington. This intersection is a nightmare." **IT STILL IS!**

September 1984: "I welcome a new move in Cublington to publish its own newspaper...I do so hope the parish will rise to this new opportunity." **THEY DID! THEY DID!**

May 1985: "It must be an outrage that more than one hundred thousand children in England and Wales are killed each year...Abortion is murder whichever way we look at it."

July 1985: I recalled an overheard conversation at my Induction here in October 1981 - "He doesn't seem too bad at first sight," said one. "No," replied the other, "but of course we should have preferred someone younger!"

April 1987: "To the question, 'Shall we meet our loved ones in the next life?' It is unthinkable that we should not receive everything in the next life that we want (C/f Romans 8, v.32)"

January 1982. I reiterate this as my last written message to you: "There is one thing I can promise - If you work to put God at the centre of your life. If you make worship and prayer your top priority, no matter what happens, you will always have true joy."

Yours sincerely,

FR. JOHN HEFFER

P.S. Please see the invitation on the other page. It would be good to see a few familiar faces on the 14th December.

The Churchwardens of the Parishes of Wilden with Colmworth and Ravensden  
*have pleasure in inviting*

the parishioners of Aston Abbotts

to the Institution by the Bishop of St. Albans  
and Induction by the Archdeacon of Bedford  
of the  
**REVEREND WILLIAM JOHN GAMBRELL HEFFER**  
to the United Benefice  
in the Church of St. Denys, Colmworth  
on Wednesday, 14th December, 1988, at 7.30 p.m.  
*followed by refreshments in Colmworth Village Hall*  
PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHES AND OUR NEW RECTOR

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY (November 13th)

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE	ASTON ABBOTTS	11 A.M.
Cublington	Parish Communion (wreath laying)	8.45 a.m.
Wingrave	Parish Communion (meditation)	<u>9.45 a.m.</u>

(District Service for Cublington at Whitchurch)

CONFIRMATION at S. Barnabas, Linslade - Wednesday November 23rd, 7.30 p.m.

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE for all three parishes in Wingrave Parish Church  
on Sunday, November 27th at 6 p.m.

CHRISTINGLE will be conducted by the Archdeacon of Buckingham on Sunday,  
December 18th at 6 o'clock, Wingrave Parish Church. The Collection goes  
to support the work of the Children's Society.

SUNDAY LESSONS

(ASB)

November 27th	Advent Sunday	(422)	Isaiah 52(7-10)	Luke 21(25-33)
December 4th	Advent 2	(426)	Isaiah 55(1-11)	John 5(36b-47)
December 11th	Advent 3	(432)	Isaiah 40(1-11)	John 1(19-28)
December 18th	Advent 4	(436)	Isaiah 11(1-9)	Luke 1(26-38a)

HOLY BAPTISM

Cublington Parish Church

2nd October FIONA LOUISE, daughter of Geoffrey & Deborah HALHEAD

Wingrave Parish Church

9th October NATHAN STEVEN DANIEL, son of Jack & Valerie KIDD

9th October ZOE ANNE, daughter of Steven & Tracy JUDD

CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE

Wingrave Parish Church

22nd October David John BIRD & Sarah Jane BENSON

FUNERALS

30th September Mayne Mervyn Maurice MANTON (Wingrave)

20th October Peter SWANNELL (Rowsham)

# **INSIDE THE BACK PAGE**

## **Waddesdon Open**



### **THE JOLLY JOG**

SATURDAY 12th. NOVEMBER 1987.

AT WADDESDON SECONDARY SCHOOL

RACES START AT 10.30 a.m.

CROSS COUNTRY RACES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AT UNDER 14; UNDER 16; AND UNDER 18 AND A "FUN RUN" FOR ALL THE FAMILY.

ENTRIES CAN BE MADE ON THE DAY BUT PLEASE ARRIVE EARLY, OR SEND YOUR NAME, AGE AND ADDRESS TO "THE WADDESDON OPEN, WADDESDON SEC. SCHOOL, WADDESDON, AYLESBURY, BUCKS." THERE ARE NO ENTRY FEES.

ALL COMPETITORS RECEIVE A PRIZE: WINNERS RECEIVE SUBSTANTIAL PRIZES AND MEDALS. THERE IS ALSO A COMPETITORS RAFFLE IN WHICH YOUR RACE NUMBER COULD BE DRAWN OUT TO WIN A MAJOR PRIZE.

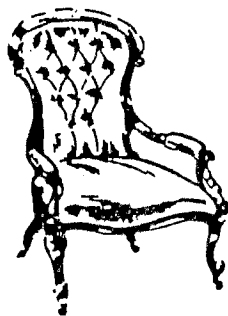
WHY NOT COME AND ENJOY A MORNING IN THE COUNTRY OVER THE MAGNIFICENT WADDESDON ESTATE COURSES . . . . . YOU WILL BE SURE OF A WARM WELCOME.

**F.A.J. Megram**

**Traditional & Modern Upholstery**

*Thatched Cottage  
Nup End Lane  
Wingrave  
Nr Aylesbury  
Bucks*

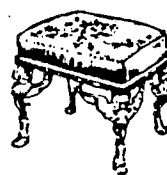
*Aylesbury 681464*



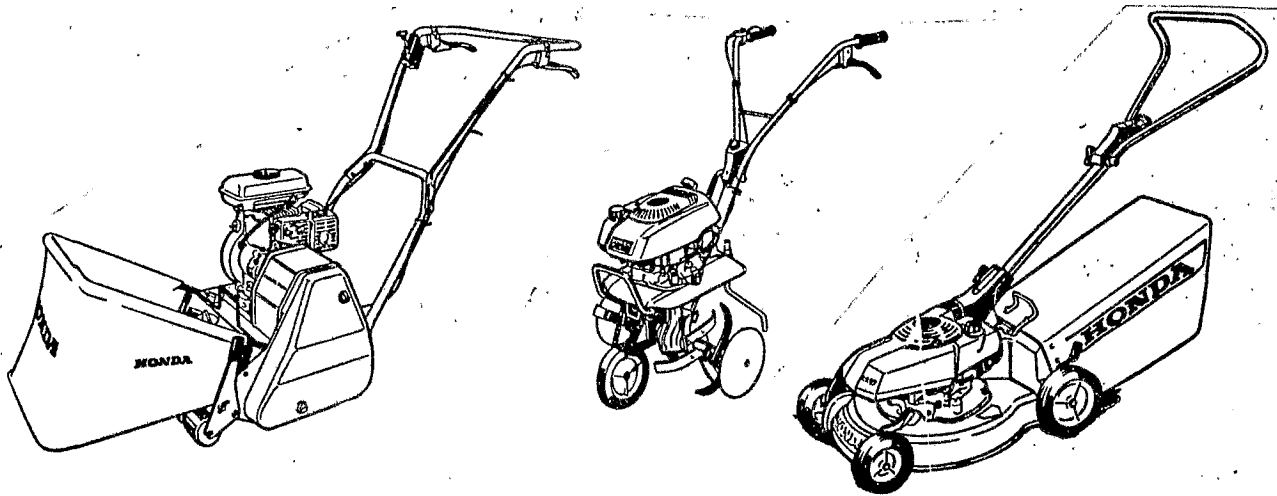
*Repairs, Reupholstery & Recovering*

*Sample Books of Upholstery  
and Curtain Materials.*

*Free Estimates.*



# LONGMOOR FARM ENTERPRISES



FOR YOUR NEW OR USED HONDA MOWER OR GARDEN TILLER  
CONTACT YOUR LOCAL AGENT AT

**Lower St. Quainton. (Tel:Qu. 555/6)**

REPAIRS AND SERVICING ALSO UNDERTAKEN



English and Continental Cuisine  
Cublington Road, Aston Abbots, Buckinghamshire HP22 4NB  
Monday to Saturday 12.00 - 2.00 p.m. 7.00 p.m. - 10.00 p.m.  
Reservations now being taken on  
AYLESBURY 681432

Aylesbury 681542

Aylesbury 681425

## BIGNELL & BRANDON

CARPENTRY, GLAZING & GENERAL BUILDING

51 CHURCH STREET  
WINGRAVE  
AYLESBURY


12 BRICSTOCK  
ASTON ABBOTTS  
AYLESBURY

# OSBORN'S

## THE VILLAGE SHOP

### WE STOCK LOCAL

COOKED HAMS    MUSTARD  
SAUSAGES    PIES    YOGHURTS  
EGGS    BREAD    MINERAL WATER  
SQUASHES    LEMONADE  
PLUS MORE . . . .

Elizabeth  Osborn

Antiques