

# The Chronicle

Parish Magazine for Aston Abbotts



## **CHRISTMAS GREETINGS**



DECEMBER '88 No. 63



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## Editorial

Another Christmas .... it can't be. The years seem to disappear at an alarming rate ... I hope this issue reaches you before Christmas but as I write that seems unlikely! Whether it be sooner or later may I wish all our readers a very happy Christmas.

A thank you this month to the Methodist Chapel for their generous donation the Chronicle funds and to Roy Malin who provided the excellent copies of the County 'Rights of Way' pamphlet.

The January issue will not be out until about the 6th.

A cautionary thought for the New Year ahead ... Dan Quayle will be the Vice President of America ... he is not a man, by all accounts who is well known for his intellect. The Quayle jokes abound such as the bumper stickers on cars in Washington "Primitive man found ... Save the Quayles", but the best remains "What's Mickey Mouse getting for Christmas? A new Dan Quayle watch." Happy Christmas Dan.

We also have for the first time a special Christmas Pull Out Section. In celebration of the new innovative GCSE examination we present the first ever GCSE in **CHRISTMAS STUDIES.**

*Graham Parker.*

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# INFO

## WHAT'S ON IN DECEMBER

- THURSDAY 1st & 15th DECEMBER : BINGO 7.30p.m. in the CHURCH ROOM.
- SATURDAY 3rd DECEMBER : PETERBOROUGH SHOPPER COACH. Departs Bull & Butcher at 9.15 a.m.
- SUNDAY 4th DECEMBER : RAMBLING CLUB MEETS CHACKMORE 2 p.m. to join with Winslow group.
- THURSDAY 8th & 29th DECEMBER : WHIST DRIVE 7.30p.m. in the CHURCH ROOM.
- WEDNESDAY 7th & 21st DECEMBER: MOBILE LIBRARY: THE GREEN 2-2.30 LONGMOOR 2.35-2.50.
- FRIDAY 9th & SATURDAY 10th DECEMBER : THE ASTON ABBOTTS CHRISTMAS PANTO  
"ALLOVA DINN & HIS WONDERFUL CAMP"
- FRIDAY 16th DECEMBER : PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 8 p.m. in the CHURCH ROOM.
- SATURDAY 17th DECEMBER : BINGO 7.30 p.m. in the CHURCH ROOM.
- TUESDAY 27th DECEMBER : RAMBLING CLUB MEET BRIDGEWATER MONUMENT 11 a.m.
- N.B. BINGO RECOMMENCES 12th JANUARY 1989.

## ASTON ABBOTTS & CUBLINGTON LADIES CLUB

The Ladies Club met on November 3rd to hold its Annual General Meeting. There were few changes amongst the officers and committee. At the end of the business meeting a bring and buy raised £27 for Club funds.

On November 17th the Ladies Club welcomed Mrs Betty Hill as their speaker. Thirty members were present to hear a talk entitled 'Never A Dull Moment'. She spoke about her life as a writer of over twenty five years experience and of the amusing happenings as a wife and professional writer. On December 1st Brenda Rhodes is the speaker on the 'Art of Quilting', and on December 15th we have our CAROL SERVICE in Aston Abbots Church at 2.45 p.m.

## COFFEE MORNING SUCCESS

The coffee morning held by Mrs Scutchings on Tuesday 22nd November raised the grand sum of £84 toward the Church's Inner City Fund. Many thanks to everyone for their wonderful support.

## CRAFT FAIR

SATURDAY 3rd DECEMBER  
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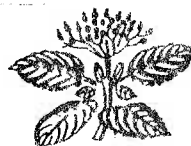
FOUR BENCHES FROM THE METHODIST CHAPEL  
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## THE BEST THINGS IN LIFE

The best things in life are free, or so the saying goes. Whether it was because it was free, or was it just the fascination of the fire, it certainly drew people to the Recreation Ground on November 5th. How nice to see so many village, and non village people enjoying this annual spectacle. A combination of the fire, the view, the splendid display of fireworks as always, and the very reasonably priced refreshments made for a thoroughly enjoyable evening. Thanks to those who organised the event and even cut the grass so we didn't get wet feet.

## MOAN BOARD

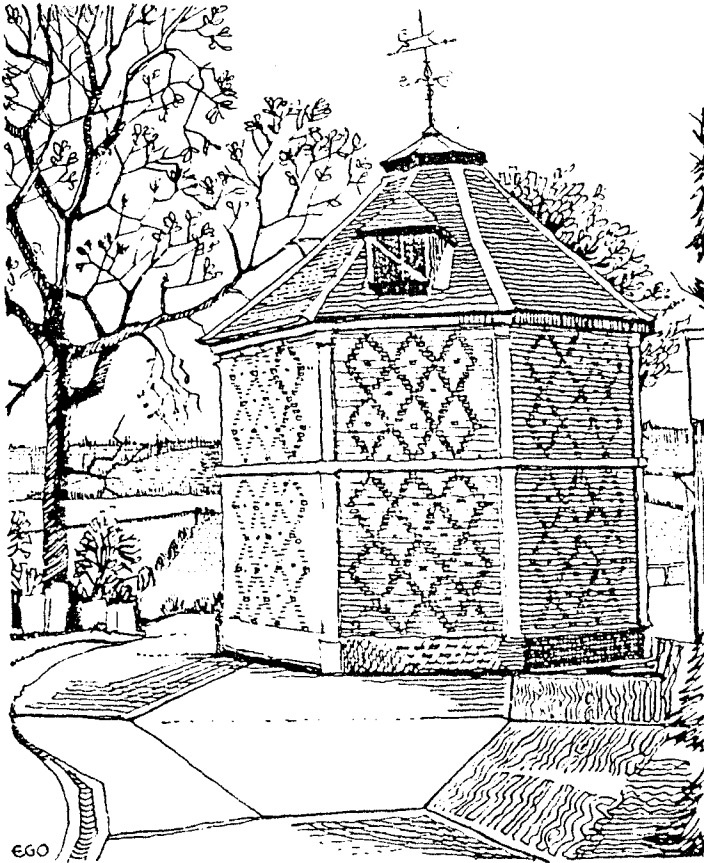
Why do people leave posters etc advertising events in position long after the event has been and gone. A typical case is near the Weedon turn where a sign is still telling us that the Bucks County Show will be held there on September 1st.



# Portraits of Buckinghamshire

No. 34 THE OCTAGONAL DOVECOTE, STEWKLEY

Sketch by Elizabeth Ogan in Elizabeth Cull's  
'A Picture of Buckinghamshire'.



The octagonal dovecote at Manor Farm, Stewkley, is dated 1704. It had nesting space for eight-hundred birds.

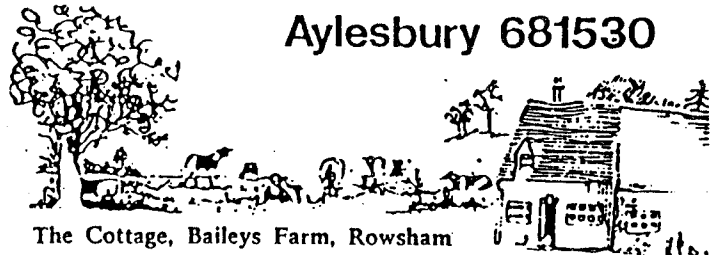
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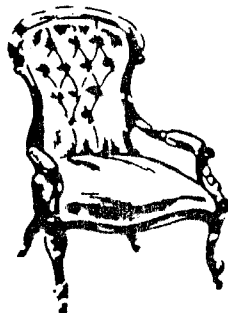
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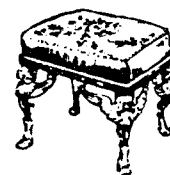
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# CHURCH NEWS

Christmastide is a time for giving. Giving of course to those we love, to family and friends, but also to those in need. Witness the wonderful response to the BBC Appeal for Children in Need. So it is that for the past few years the PCC has given away 10% of its gross income. This year has been no exception and we have given £100 to Christian Aid, £100 to the Urban Fund, £40 to the Royal Society for the Deaf, £40 to the Royal Society for the Blind and £40 to Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children. Last month, too, a coffee morning at Len and Doris's home raised £84 for the Urban Fund and with a gift of £32 we have started well again.



A detail from one of the vivid illustrations in Tomie de Paola's *The Story of the Three Wise Kings*, Magnet £4.50.

Now to the Christmas Services. First the Carol Service at 3.00 p.m. on Sunday 18th December. Robin Gurney will be conducting the service, the Christmas tree will be decorated and mince pies and coffee will be served afterwards. Do come and begin your festivities with some excellent singing and readings. Then on Christmas Day itself the three parishes will be coming (as is now traditional) to Aston Abbots at 10.00 a.m. The service will be conducted by Rev. Peter Binns. Those who have heard Peter preach and conduct a service will I am sure, agree with me that he is always stimulating and full of good humour and wisdom. Please come to both services and show that you put Christ where he belongs, first, especially at Christmastide.

## CHURCH SERVICES FOR DECEMBER

		<u>Sidesman</u>
4th DECEMBER :	FAMILY SERVICE 11.15 a.m. in the Methodist Chapel.	
11th DECEMBER :	HOLY COMMUNION 11.15 a.m. Isaiah 40(1-11) John 1(19-28).	Colin Higgs.
18th DECEMBER :	CAROL SERVICE 3.00 p.m. with mince pies & coffee.	John Ford Alison Ford.
25th DECEMBER :	FAMILY SERVICE 10 a.m.	Churchwardens
1st JANUARY :	NO SERVICE.	

## SONG & WORDS FOR CHRISTMAS

MONDAY 19th DECEMBER 7.30 p.m. in the METHODIST CHAPEL

### METHODIST CHAPEL SERVICES FOR DECEMBER

- 4th DECEMBER : FAMILY SERVICE with the Sunday Club 11.15 a.m. (Mr B.N.Smith)
- 11th DECEMBER : Service at 6.00 p.m. with Rev Peter Lemmon.
- 18th DECEMBER : CAROL SERVICE at 6.00 p.m. with Dr J.Prebble.
- 25th DECEMBER : Join with the FAMILY SERVICE in the Parish Church 10.00 a.m.

### SUNDAY CLUB PROGRAMME FOR DECEMBER

- 4th DECEMBER : FAMILY SERVICE 11.15 a.m. in the Methodist Chapel.
- 11th DECEMBER : SUNDAY CLUB 10.00 a.m. in the Chapel.
- 18th DECEMBER : SUNDAY CLUB 10.00 a.m. for ½ hr in the Chapel.  
CAROL SERVICE at 3.00 p.m. in the Parish Church.
- 25th DECEMBER : FAMILY SERVICE in the Parish Church at 10.00 a.m.

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# People

OUR MONTHLY COLUMN ABOUT VILLAGE PEOPLE  
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## BIRTHDAYS

ALISON HEWITT ..... 11th DECEMBER.  
DENNIS JUDD ..... 14th DECEMBER.  
JACK TURNER ..... 15th DECEMBER.  
PAULINE DIXON ..... 16th DECEMBER.  
MARGARET CHESHER ..... 18th DECEMBER.  
ANDREW LOVELL ..... 25th DECEMBER.  
NICHOLAS OSBORN ..... 25th DECEMBER.  
PAUL TURNHAM ..... 31st DECEMBER.

That fortieth birthday is amongst them  
somewhere .....

MAY WE WISH EVERYONE A VERY HAPPY  
CHRISTMAS

JACK & DORIS TURNER, 28 THE GREEN.

## GET WELL SOON

Mrs Martin who is in hospital at the moment

## WELCOME

Paul & Shona who have recently moved into  
their new house next to the shop.

## HOW LOW CAN YOU GO .....

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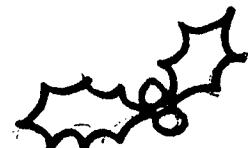
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" ASTON ABBOTTS MEMORABILIA "

A PAGE FROM THE PAST - THESE CUTTINGS ARE FROM THE BUCKS HERALD OF NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 1948 - culled from the archives by Ruth Watts.

## ASTON ABBOTTS

**The Bishop Confirms.** — The Bishop of Buckingham, the Rt. Rev. R. M. Hay, officiated at a Confirmation service at St. James' Church on Sunday. He was assisted by the Rev. C. W. Morris (vicar) and the Rev. C. N. Beasley (rector of Hoggeston with Dunton), who acted as Bishop's chaplain. The candidates were four ladies from Hoggeston and five local youths. The Bishop also gave an address. Mrs. D. Scutchings was organist.

**Death of Mrs. S. A. Simmonds.** — Mrs. Sarah Ann Simmonds, 17, Aston Abbots, was found dead by her daughter, Mrs. G. Kent, on Saturday evening. Only an hour before, Mrs. Simmonds had been out in her garden. Born at Aston Abbots 76 years ago. She lived in London and then Reading after her marriage, but returned to Aston Abbots many years ago. Mrs. Simmonds, a staunch chapel-lady, is survived by two married daughters. Her husband pre-deceased her 34 years ago. The funeral took place yesterday (Thursday) at Aston Abbots Methodist church, the Rev. W. Dolling, of Aylesbury, conducting the service. Mr. F. H. Sheffield, Great Western Street, Aylesbury, carried out the funeral arrangements.

## ASTON ABBOTTS

**Cricket Club.** — Mr. F. Humphreys was re-elected captain at the annual meeting of the Cricket Club in the Church Room on Monday. Other elections were: The Rev. C. W. Morris, chairman; Mr. T. Humphreys, treasurer; Messrs. A. and S. Bennion, joint secretaries; Mr. F. Higgs, vice-captain; and Messrs. G. Bennion and W. Brazier, umpires. Mr. V. Scott was appointed groundsman. Playing record for last season was won 8, lost 6, drawn 2. F. Higgs and A. Bennion headed the batting and bowling averages, respectively.

**Young Conservative Branch Formed.** — A Young Conservative branch, to incorporate Aston Abbots, Wingrave and Cublington, was formed at the annual meeting of the Aston Abbots and Cublington Conservative Association in the Schoolroom on Tuesday. Officers elected were: Chairman, Mr. C. Morton; vice-chairman, Miss D. Ford; hon. secretary, Mr. M. Page; and hon. treasurer, Mr. A. Read. Major H. T. Morton, chairman of the local association, presided over a well attended meeting, and it was stated that the Association had a balance in hand of £16 10s. 11d., £70 having been donated to the Central Fund. The Secretary, Mrs. L. Brock, said that she hoped that in the near future the century-mark would be reached in membership. There are at present 97 members, compared with 88 last year. The Chairman gave a short report on the four-day conference at Llandudno. Mr. M. B. Bladen, Agent for the North Bucks Conservative Association, gave some arresting figures about North Bucks area (Aston Abbots and Cublington have recently been transferred from Mid to North Bucks) and said that in 1945 there were only five branches of the Conservative Association. At the present time there are 61 branches, in an area comprising nearly 1,000 square miles. Mr. John Hayman, hon. secretary of Aylesbury Young Conservatives, also gave a short address. Officers re-elected were: Chairman, Major H. T. Morton; vice-chairman, Mr. A. Biggs; hon. secretary, Mrs. L. Brock; and hon. treasurer, Mr. H. How. Members elected to serve on the committee were: Mesdames H. T. Morton, W. S. Steel, G. Sharp, S. Porter and L. How, Messrs. A. Biggs, C. Sparkes, W. S. Steel, G. Sharp and J. Cowley, Dr. Brown and Miss Childerley. Mr. W. S. Steel and Mrs. H. T. Morton were re-elected to serve as delegates to the Divisional Executive meetings.

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I understand that we need a take up of 25 homes to 'enable the project to proceed' and at the moment we are a few short of that target. If you intend to take up the offer please do so NOW !

Perhaps this is not the time to discuss the price but it is interesting that in some villages connection cost has been as high as £1000 per house and in others as low as £250. This is the profit motive writ large ... a determination not to make any loss in the short term, little thought of the long term, and no concern for the customer.

Graham Parker.

# QUIZ PAGE

Christmas will see the newspapers full of quizzes to keep you occupied when the television becomes particular boring .... but just in case it really is a bad year on the telly we give you a few testers of our own. The first is another set compiled by Colin Higgs.

## WHAT IS QUIZ

1. What is a bench mark ?
2. What is a bill hook ?
3. What is a blue moon ?
4. What is a broch ?
5. What is crumble cap ?
6. What is (or was) the Lychgate used for?
7. What is a Martello Tower ?
8. What is a smorgasbord ?
9. What is nightshade ?
10. What is a red admiral ?
11. What is the animal that takes its name from Romney Marsh ?
12. What is a skep ?
13. What is a stickleback ?
14. What is a tor ?
15. What is the Tree of Lebanon ?

## DEFINITIONS

A trawl through the Chamber Twentieth Century Dictionary ; here is the definition, what's the word ?

1. The first shoots of corn or other crop to appear above ground (origin Scots).
2. One who eats to excess; one who is extremely eager.
3. A water animal in Job xli, apparantly a crocodile; a huge sea monster; anything of a hige size.
4. South American genus of ornamental plants near akin to tobacco.
5. Combined or co-ordinated action.

HOW ABOUT A WINTER WALK ? [ A LOCAL WALK TAKEN FROM A RECENT EDITION OF THE TIMES ]

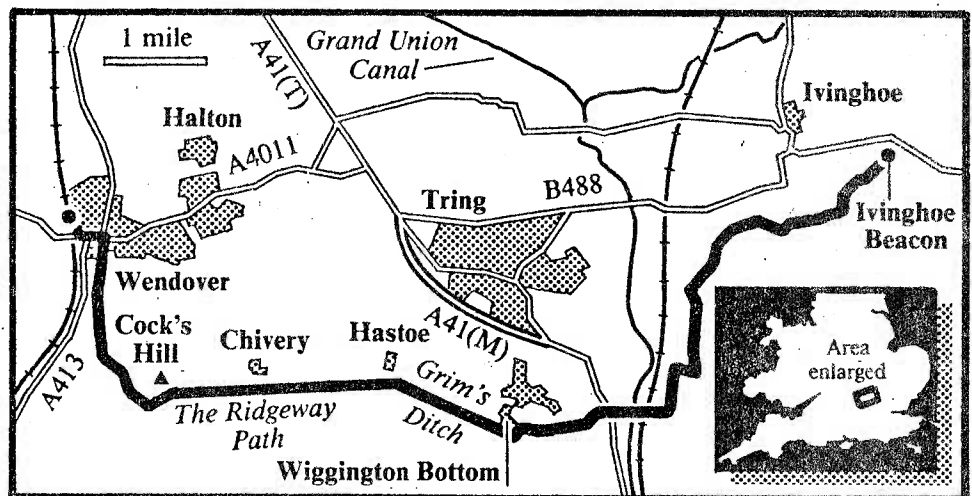
# A rolling English road with just a whisper of Betjeman country

## WEEKEND WALK

First, the bad news. If you do this walk by train, so to speak, you will have to retrace two-miles-worth of your footsteps at the end of the journey to get back to Tring.

No matter, there are plenty of consolations. Here is a bouncy, breezy hike along the Icknield Way, which has been trodden on by millions of people and animals since palaeolithic times. It was part of a vital chalk grid of pedestrian motorways, running all the way from south Dorset to Norwich and the Wash.

Part of the joy of this walk, if you are coming from London, is the train ride through Metroland to Wendover station, which is but a Betjeman's whisper from the route. Stroll through the town, then south and east into open



country and on to the long contours of Cock's Hill. Chivery, Hastoe and Wiggington Bottom — the names pass rhythmically by between the broken, rutted route of Grim's Ditch to the right and its modern counterpart, the

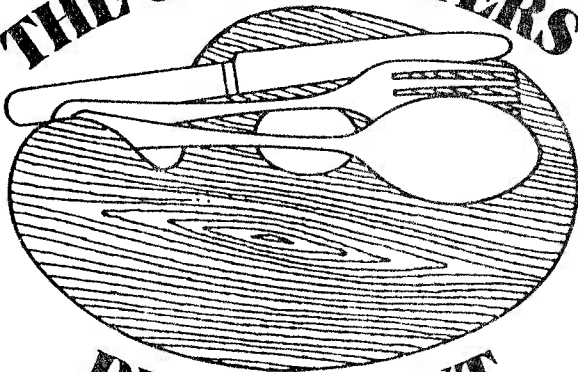
A41(M), mercifully distant on the left.

Wander on, across the course of an old Roman road, since hijacked by the motor car, then over the bridge straddling the Grand Union Canal, to the railway line and

the north. A compact, friendly switchback of hills takes you finally across a small protrusion of Hertfordshire, on to the fine vantage point of Ivinghoe Beacon and then, alas, back again.

Alan Franks

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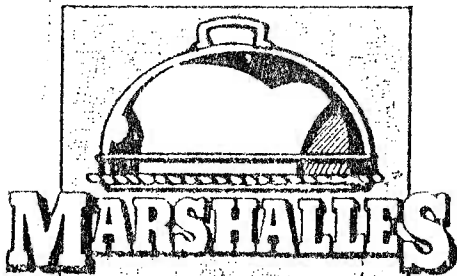
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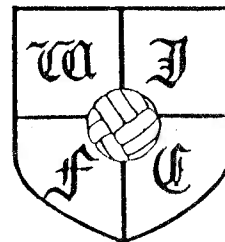
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# WINGRAVE JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

## RESULTS IN OCTOBER & NOVEMBER

### UNDER 16's

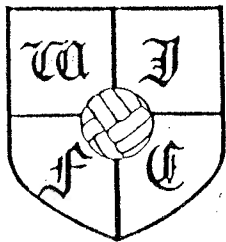
- 9th. OCTOBER : LONG CRENDON 2 WINGRAVE 9.  
A.Parker 4; M.Brown 4; R.Hickson.
- 16th. OCTOBER : v. Tring Tornadoes Postponed. Friendly played against Wendover Under 17.
- 23rd. OCTOBER : v. Tring Town Colts Postponed.
- 30th. OCTOBER : WINGRAVE 2 STEEPLE CLAYDON 4  
D.Scott; A.Parker.
- 6th. NOVEMBER : CLEVELAND YOUTH 0 WINGRAVE 1  
R.Hickson.
- 13th. NOVEMBER : WINGRAVE 7 STOCKLAKE LIONS 2  
S.Megram; A.Simmonds; M.Brown 2; A.Parker 2(1Pen); R.Hickson.
- 20th. NOVEMBER : WING 3 WINGRAVE 4  
M.Brown 2; A.Cheshire; A.Parker.
- 27th. NOVEMBER : WINGRAVE 5 LONG CRENDON 0 (Played at Long Crendon)  
A.Parker 3; M.Brown; R.Hickson.



### UNDER 14's

- 2nd. OCTOBER : CORINTHIANS 2 WINGRAVE 5  
A.Fry; D.Arnold; A.Bishop 2; R.Godfrey.  
9th & 23rd October - No fixtures.
- 16th. OCTOBER : ARROWS COLTS 0 WINGRAVE 16.  
A.Bishop 6; C.Arnold 4; G.Sorace; D.Perry 3; J.Perritt 2.
- 30th. OCTOBER : WOODSIDE 1 WINGRAVE 1  
Unfortunate to only draw the team had sixty per cent of the game and a goal disallowed in 'unusual' circumstances before Anthony Bishop scored a cracking equaliser.
- 6th. NOVEMBER : v. Arrows - postponed.
- 13th. NOVEMBER : AVAIS 2 WINGRAVE 2  
Another game that slipped away. This time the team had eighty per cent of the game but found themselves two behind to break away runs that were well finished. Piers Parker earned a penalty just before half time converted by Anthony Bishop. All the forwards then missed a hat-full of chances before Piers Parker found the net for a face saving equaliser.
- 20th. NOVEMBER : v. Pitstone - postponed; pitch waterlogged after overnight snow!
- 27th. NOVEMBER : WING 3 WINGRAVE 2  
A great game in which Wingrave found themselves three down to a fluent Wing side, but gradually gaps were found in the Wing defence and Piers Parker managed to score after a goal mouth scramble. An exciting second half saw Ellis Kitchener reduce the deficit and set the game up for an exciting finish in which Wing just managed to hold out.





JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB QUIZ

The Junior Football Club now has 3 teams, Under 12s, Under 14s and Under 16s, and also has a pool of younger players waiting to join. The teams' enthusiasm is matched by the parents' willingness to help raise funds to buy kit, send the teams on tour to France etc.

A second quiz evening was organised by the team managers on Saturday 15 October. Many thanks to Graham Parker, the imaginative question-setter and quiz-master. A capacity crowd, comprising teams of all ages and interests competed for the shield, which was won by the Cook's Collaborators, comprising the Cooks, Morleys, Combes and Wallises. You didn't have to win the quiz to get a prize, however; other lucky recipients included the noisiest table, the table with the oldest average age (prize - a bottle of Wincarnis and some chocs!), and the team with the funniest incorrect answers.

All in all it was great fun and the evening succeeded in raising over £250 for the club. A delicious hot meal was served, entirely prepared by Joan Bishop, who was presented with a £50 travel voucher, which had been kindly donated.

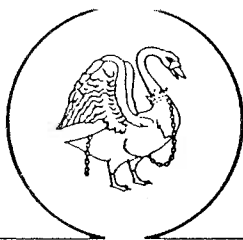
UNDER 12's

- 2nd. OCTOBER : WINGRAVE 0 WING 7.
- 9th. OCTOBER : v. Corinthians - postponed.
- 16th. OCTOBER : ARROWS 2 WINGRAVE 3.  
L.Bracey-Wright 3.
- 23rd. OCTOBER : BROOKLANDS 1 WINGRAVE 1.  
S.Christie.
- 30th. OCTOBER : WINGRAVE 2 WOODSIDE 1  
K.Pretty; D.Springett.
- 6th. NOVEMBER : WINGRAVE 3 PITSTONE 5  
L.Bracey-Wright 2; M.Hewitt.
- 13th. NOVEMBER : ALL SAINTS 1 WINGRAVE 0
- 20th. NOVEMBER : 999 1 WINGRAVE 4  
A.Duncan 3; L.Bracey-Wright.
- 27th. NOVEMBER : WINGRAVE 10 ALL SAINTS 1  
L.Bracey-Wright 5(2Pen); D.Springett 3  
A.Duncan 2.



REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS

Lee Bracey-Wright and Darren Springett have been selected for the League Rep squad, while in the Under 14's Simeon Banks and Anthony Bishop will be attending Rep trials.



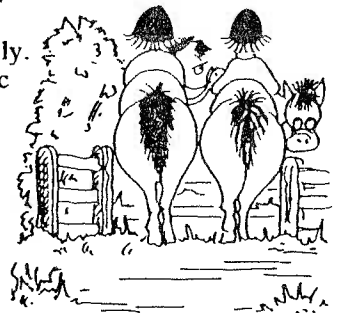
# RIGHTS OF WAY



There is an ancient Common Law right to pass and repass along the highways at all times. Footpaths and bridleways are highways. They only differ from other forms of highway, such as roads, by the type of traffic entitled to use them.

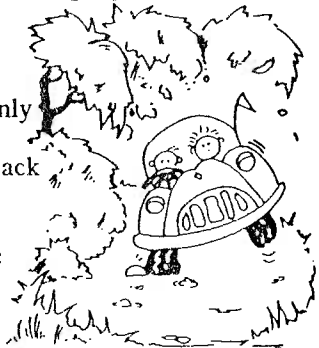
Lack of use has no effect on the legal existence of a right of way.

Widths of Rights of Way – The Definitive Map kept by the County Council sometimes specifies the width of a path, but where this is not so the assumption is that a footpath without boundaries crossing open ground or fields should have a width sufficient for two walkers to pass in comfort. A bridleway without boundaries should allow a horse to overtake and pass another horse safely. On roads used as public paths or ‘byways’ the width is normally accepted as whatever exists on the ground.



### Your Rights of Way are:

- Public footpaths – on foot only
- Bridleways – on foot, horseback and pedal cycle
- By-ways – open to all traffic but do not expect a smooth surface.



‘Roads used as Public Paths’ – the traffic entitled to use these depends on the legal history of the path and will probably be at least the same as the traffic entitled to use a bridleway.

The nature of the use you can make of rights of way is important. You may only take a bona fide journey with reasonable rest along the way.

### On Rights of Way you can:

take a pram, pushchair, wheelchair, but expect to encounter stiles on footpaths



- take a dog, preferably on a lead or in any case under close control
- take a short alternative route around an illegal obstacle
- remove an illegal obstacle sufficiently to get past.

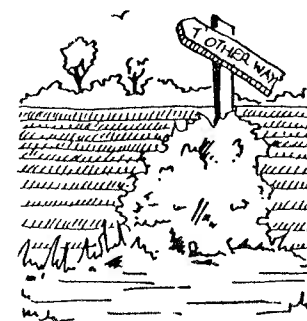
Obstructions or misleading signs on rights of way may be illegal and should be reported to the County Council.

Ordnance Survey Pathfinder and Landranger maps show most public rights of way but there may have been changes since the map was published. The Definitive Map is the most reliable guide.

You must leave land to which you have no legal right of access if asked to do so by the owner or his representative.

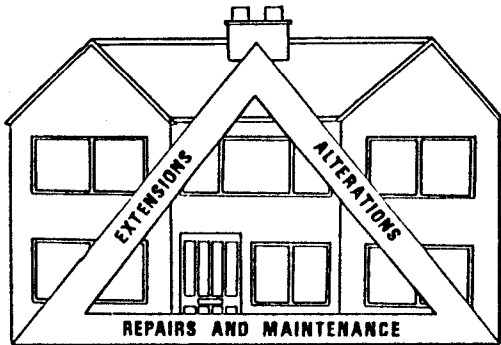
### The County Council is responsible for:

The accurate and continuous recording of public rights of way on the DEFINITIVE MAP. This map may be inspected at County Hall or at District Council Offices. Copies are supplied to Parish Councils.



Signposting of footpaths and bridleways and necessary way-marking.

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Maintaining, and controlling natural vegetation on the surface of footpaths and bridleways. In practice, few field paths receive routine maintenance, and walkers should be prepared to use boots or wellingtons in poor weather.



Maintaining bridges over natural water courses.

Making grants to farmers or landowners of at least a quarter of the cost of maintaining approved stiles and bridlegates.

Administering the law concerning rights of way, and in particular ensuring that they can be used by the public.

#### Farmers should:

know where public rights of way cross their land and maintain stiles and bridlegates in good order.

refrain from obstructing the paths, and cut back overhanging vegetation (growing crops are obstructions).



refrain from ploughing a footpath or bridleway which constitutes a headland of a field, or runs alongside a hedgerow.

ensure that paths across fields are reinstated two weeks after ploughing. Disturbance to paths following drainage schemes should be remedied without delay.

not allow any dairy bull over ten months of age free range of any field through which a path or bridleway passes.

The following are the dairy breeds:

Ayrshire	Jersey
Dairy Shorthorn	Kerry
British Friesian	British Holstein
Guernsey	

To be legal, bulls of other breeds must be accompanied by cows or heifers.

obtain the consent of the County Council before erecting new stiles or gates.

provide adequate bridges where new ditches are made or existing ones widened.



It is illegal to put plain, barbed, or electrified wire

across a right of way. It is not illegal to run wire along the side of a right of way unless it is dangerous or inconvenient to a person using the way.

By-ways and "Roads used as Public Paths" may not be ploughed under any circumstances.

Landowners and farmers may shoot on their land but not in such a way as to endanger the public using a right of way.



Remember that by using the paths properly and within your rights you are much less likely to come across problems than if you abuse them.

#### Follow the Country Code:

Enjoy the countryside and respect its life and work.

Guard against all risk of fire.

Fasten all gates.

Keep your dogs under close control.

Keep to public paths across farmland.

Use gates and stiles to cross fences, hedges, and walls.

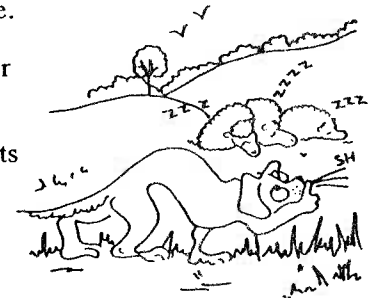
Leave livestock, crops and machinery alone.

Take your litter home.

Help to keep all water clean.

Protect wildlife, plants and trees.

Take special care on country roads.



Make no unnecessary noise.

Apart from this, there are two ways in particular by which you can help to promote harmony in the countryside.

If you drive out before starting your walk, do not park your car where it can obstruct access to fields.

If you are in a party, walk or ride in single file, and do not trespass by spreading out beyond the confines of the path.

The statutory duty to protect public footpaths, bridleways and by-ways rests with the County Council. Parliament, however, has given important rights and powers to district and parish councils.

Would Twinning Association members and friends please note that there will be  
 AN OPEN MEETING  
 on Thursday 12 January at 8 pm in the  
 Community Centre, Wingrave.

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#### QUIZ ANSWERS

WHAT IS QUIZ: 1. An Ordnance Survey arrow-headed sign. 2. A short handled chopping tool. 3. A long indeterminate time - a rare meteorological phenomenon. 4. A Scottish fortified homestead. 5. Type of fungi. 6. To rest coffins on before the final procession to church. 7. A circular fort for coast defence - from Cape Martello in Corsica, where one resisted for some time a British cannonade in 1794. 8. A Swedish style table assortment of hors d'oeuvres and many other dishes to which you help yourself. 9. A poisonous plant; deadly, black and woody are the most common. 10. A type of butterfly. 11. A breed of sheep. 12. An old fashioned beehive made of plaited straw. 13. A freshwater fish. 14. A hill or rocky height. 15. A cedar tree.

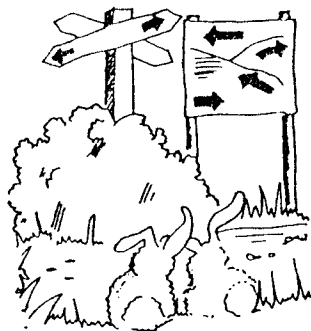
DEFINITIONS : 1. Braird. 2. Glutton. 3. Leviathan. 4. Petunia 5. Synergy.

These local councils, and Parish Meetings too, have a central and crucial role to play in safeguarding the network of ancient rights of way which covers the whole of our countryside and our settlements. No other authority can know the local paths as well as a local council can.

**Ways in which a local council can look after its public rights of way:**

Form a Rights of Way Committee and co-opt farmers and other interested local people to gain the benefit of their knowledge and experience.

Carry out regular inspections (at least twice a year) of all the rights of way in the parish or community, noting any matters which need attention, and following these up as appropriate.



Try to resolve problems such as ploughing and obstruction with the person responsible. If this approach is not successful, report the matter to the County Council and see that it takes action.

Check that all stiles and gates on public rights of way are easy for all members of the public to use, and draw attention of the occupiers to any difficulties.



In agreement with the County Council and landowners, ensure that rights of way are waymarked along their length, either by carrying out the work or by asking for the assistance of the County Council.

Display a map showing the local rights of way in one or more places in the parish or community.

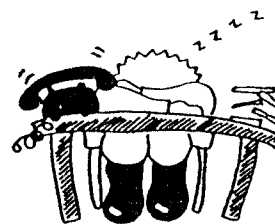
Publish a guidebook to local walks. The County Council may be able to help in this.

Organise walks for the public. This both encourages the public to use the paths, and provides an opportunity for the council to show to the public the work it has done on their behalf.

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Further information and advice may be obtained from:  
The County Engineers Dept.  
County Hall  
Aylesbury,  
Bucks. HP20 1UY



or by telephoning Aylesbury (0296) 382796 or 382413



A number of leaflets are now available describing circular and linear walks and rides in Buckinghamshire. These can be obtained free of charge by sending a stamped addressed envelope to the above address.

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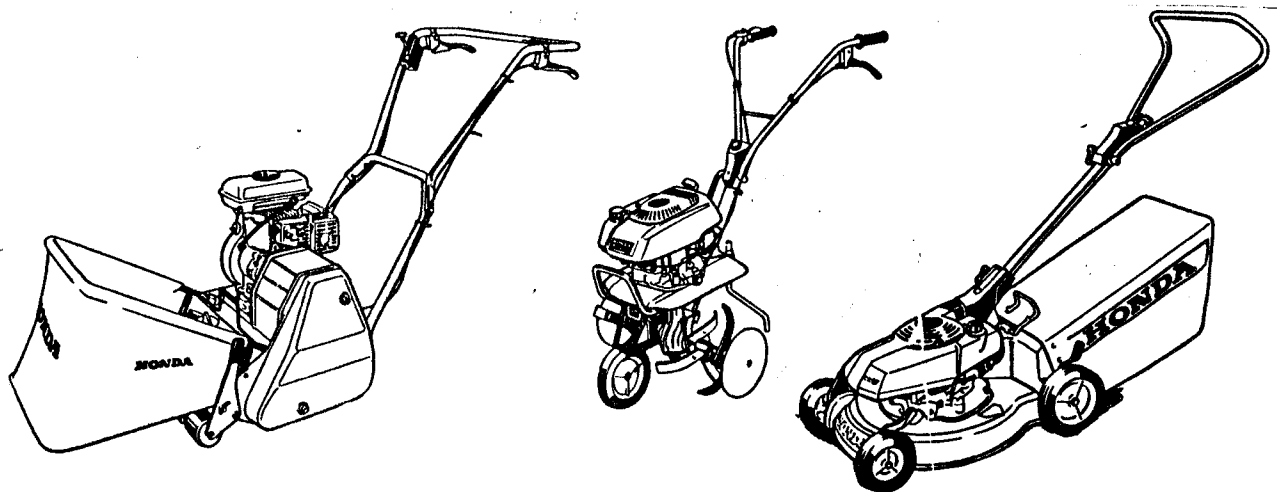
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# Christmas Studies

25th December 12.00-3.00

The following equipment should be brought into the examination room:

- (a) Dictionary
- (b) Glass of Sherry
- (c) 2 Mince Pies.

Cigars are optional

All questions carry equal marks but credit will be given for cheating.

Scripts for assessment should be returned to the examiner by the Twelfth Day of Christmas.

No fees, no failures, certificates to all candidates.

1. RELIGIOUS KNOWLEDGE

Who might have used this ticket?  
Briefly tell their story.

2. MATHEMATICS

The Earth is 8,000 miles in diameter. Calculate how many six foot lengths of Woolworth's tinsel you would need to wrap up the world for Christmas. Who would you give it to?

3. ENGLISH

Imagine that you are writing the Queen's Christmas broadcast. Complete the following sentences:

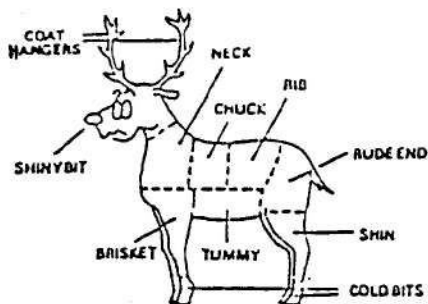
- (a) "My husband and I, in this season of joy ...."
- (b) "As we gather with our families ..."
- (c) "Today we join with the people of the Commonwealth ..."

4. PHYSICAL EDUCATION

"While shepherds watched their flocks by night." Who provided the floodlights for this occasion? Explain why flock-watching is not recognised by the Olympic Committee as a competitive sport.

5. FOOD AND NUTRITION

(Answer either (a) or (b))



- (a) List 10 different festive dishes that you might prepare from selected cuts of reindeer.
- (b) Explain the method by which you would prepare "Stir-fry reindeer chunks with bean sprouts" in your new wok.

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6. HISTORY

"Herod was a bit of a wally."

How far is this a fair summing up of ancient Roman Imperialism?

7. CHEMISTRY

$C_2H_3OH$  (Alcohol) +  $O_2$  = Falling off pavements. Explain.

8. WOODWORK

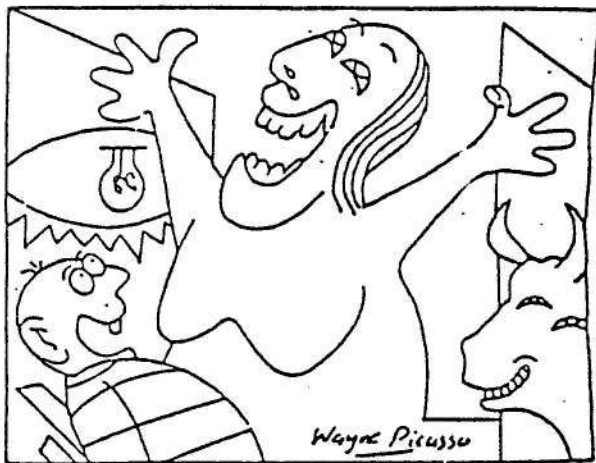
Joseph the Carpenter was a busy man. Explain why Dutch Elm disease did not have any effect on his trade.

9. ART AND DESIGN

(Answer either (a) or (b))

(a) Account for the ideological controversies surrounding Epstein's "Madonna and Child" (1958)

(b) Trace and colour in this masterpiece with your new felt tips or crayons.



10. PHYSICS

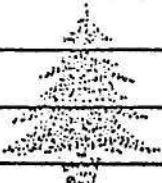
Explain why stars twinkle. How might a knowledge of the Doppler Effect added to our understanding of the Three Kings arrival at Herod's Court?

11. BIOLOGY

Make notes on the following: (a) Virgin births (b) Cattle in the nursery - a health hazard? (c) Myrrh.

12. COMMERCE

Draw out and complete the cheque below for a withdrawal of £19.86. Explain how you would cash it for chocolate money at the Cocoa Bank.

<b>Cocoa Bank</b>		_____ 19 _____
		£ _____
		F. CHRISTMAS

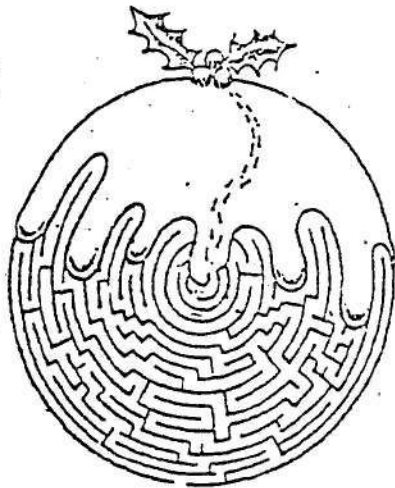
13. TEXTILES

Did the Virgin Mary do textiles at school? How does this help us to understand why the baby Jesus was wrapped in "swaddling clothes" as opposed to:

- (a) lambswool layette,
- (b) smocked Christening robe,
- (c) wrapping paper ?

14. CAREERS

Explain why Santa's helpers need a good sense of direction and are required to take this Christmas maze test.



15. SOCIAL STUDIES

Karl Marx wrote that "religion is the opiate of the people", but he still knew how to have a good time at Christmas. Justify.