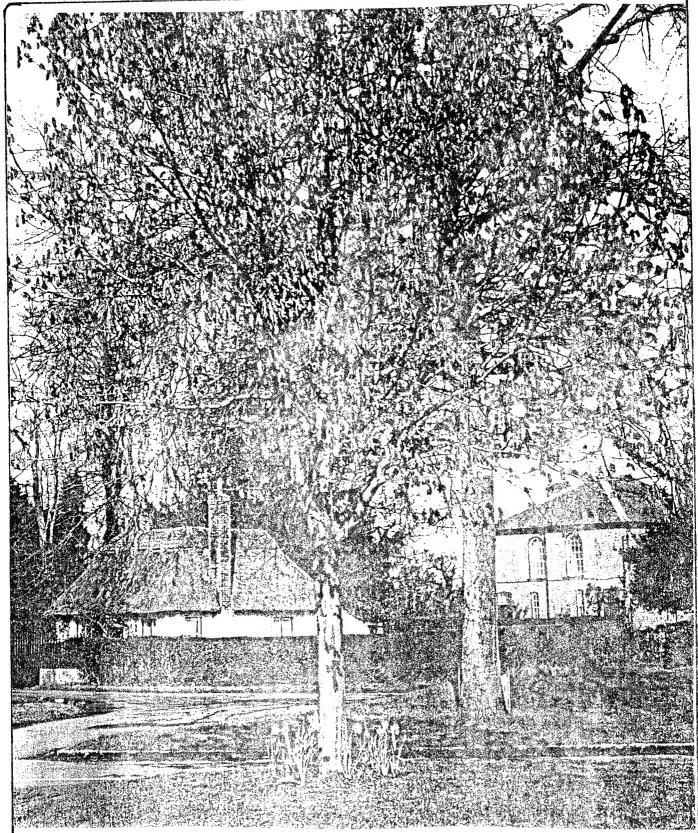
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Editorial

In this month's <u>Chronicle</u> we have included a cony of Aston Abbotts Conservation Area, a report published by the Planning Division of Aylesbury Vale District Council. The report is dated July 1989, but we understand that the copy sent then to the Parish Council was lost in the post... that's life! Anyway, the report is very interesting reading and will, we hope, contribute to future planning decisions which will benefit everyone in the village. It's nice to see how many trees are protected, especially the big beeches. Elsewhere there is news about National Tree Week - we have been given more young trees to plant around the village.

I for one (Caroline) was thinking about going to the Abbey auction - I love auctions - but since admission is by £15 catalogue I shall stey at home!

Many thanks to all who have contributed to this issue; and a special thankyou to our anonymous benefactor for a splendid contribution to funds.

Gordan fruill

Cardine Lane

Deadline date for the December issue will be Friday 24th November. Please note that the January issue will probably not be distributed before Sunday 7th, so it will be better to publicise events for the first ten days of January in the December issue. Please bring or send articles, letters, and information to us at 2 Church Row, or telephone Aylesbury 681373.

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UPDATE



WHAT'S ON IN NOVEMBER

Thursdays 2nd, 16th, 30th: Whist Drive, Church Room, 7.30 pm

Saturday 4th: Bonfire and Fireworks,
Recreation Ground. 6.30 pm

Friday 3rd, Saturday 4th, Sunday 5th:
Viewing for auction of
contents. The Abbey, 10am-4pm

Tuesday 7th, Wednesday 8th,
Thursday 9th: Auction,
10.30 am each day. Admission
by catalogue, £15 on the door

Monday 6th, 20th: Toddlers & Babies mornings, 10.30 am - 12 pm, Church Room

Thursdays 9th, 23rd: Bingo, Church Room, 7.30 pm

Friday 10th: Parish Council, Church Room, 8 pm

Saturday 11th: New bus times by
Routemaster.
To Leighton Buzzard depart
9.22, 12.22 and 3.22
To Aylesbury: depart
11.30, 2.30 and 4.13

Sunday 5th: Coach trip to Brighton for Old Crocks Race. Fare £6.00.

Depart Green, 8 am. Book with Colin Higgs

Sunday 12th: Footpath Ramble. Meet
The Green, 2 pm. Everyone
welcome

Saturday 18th: British Legion Bingo. Church Room, 7.30 pm

Saturday 25th: Barn Dance in aid of Church funds. Church Room, 8 - 11.30 pm. Tickets from Doris Scutchings (Post Office) or Colin Higgs

Wednesdays, 8pm: Fish & chip van, opposite Bull & Butcher

Saturday 2nd December: Tree planting.
Meet The Green, 10.30 am

--- See next page for Ladies'Club meetings --

Mr Colin Higgs was MC for a whist drive in Aston Abbotts church room. Winners were Mrs Barber, Miss V Saunders, Mr W Hogg, Mrs Scutchings, Mrs Brackley, Mr Higgs, Mr N Tapping. Raffle winners were Mrs Wesley, Mrs Janes, Mrs Barber and Mr Hogg.

26th Sept.

Colin Higgs was MC for a Thursday evening whist drive heid in the Church Room at Aston Abotts. Prizewinners were: Mr C Griffen Mrs Scutchings, Mr N Tapping, Mr N Pollard, Mrs Fennables (most 6/7s) Mr M Shackshait, Mrs Janes (raffle) Mrs Scutchings, Mr N Tapping, Mr Waite, Mr Pollard, Mr J Gell and Mrs Fennables.

10th oct.

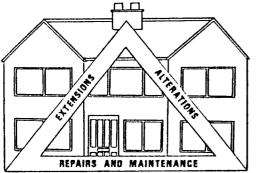
Bingo evenings back

THE Good Samaritans held their first bingo session of the autumn / winter season in the Church Room at Aston Abbotis.

Mr D Waite was door steward, Mrs Waite ran the raffle and Mr C Higgs was calier. Winners were: (lines) Mrs Fox, Mr Luxenburg, Mrs Martin, Mrs Matters, Mrs Coleman, Mrs E Allen, Mrs Humphrey, (houses) Mr Luxenburg, Mrs M Stevens, Mrs G Brandon, Mrs D Hinds, Mrs E Allen.

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THE LADIES' CLUB

5th October: the first meeting of our new season was well attended to hear Mrs Hilary Stainer Rice talk and show slides entitled <u>Curiosities</u> of the Chilterns.

19th October: once again a well-attended meeting to hear Mr Dorrance talk about Namibia.

November meetings:

2nd November: AGM and White Elephant stall

16th November: Microwave Cookery Demonstration given by Mrs R. Woods

30th November: Christmas
Decorations by members.
B.B.O.N.T. stall; Anthea
Bellingham will give a
brief outline of the Trust.

All meetings in the Church Room, 2.45 pm.

BONFIRE NICHT

Bonfire night will be held on Saturday 4th November at 6.30 pm on the playing field. As usual, we would be pleased to receive contributions of fireworks to ensure a good display. The Bonfire also needs your support, so now is the opportunity to get rid of your combustible rubbish which you should take to the far right hand corner of the playing field. Hot soup and baked potatoes will be on sale. So come along and enjoy the evening.

Thanking you in anticipation

of your support.

Tony Hewitt and John Ford



FOOTPATHS

Many of you will know certain land around the village has changed hands, but public footpaths have not changed route. Please keep to the footpaths, which are easily followed by the white discs with yellow arrows (blue for bridleveys).

THE RAMBILING CLUB

Walking in the woods

ASTON Abbotts Rambling Club members met at Salcey Forest between Olney and Hartwell for their Sunday afternoon walk, led by Robert Green.

Starting at the car park, the walk followed the Great Spotted Woodpecker route through a forest of oaks, ash and conifers, and passed the Church Path Oak where William Henry, Duke of Grafton, used to rest on his way to Piddington Church.

26th Sept.

RAMBLING Club members at Astor Abbotts played best to fellow walkers from London when they started a Sunday walk at Ascot House, ied by Dianne and Peter Gulland.

A ploughman's lunch had been prepared for the 35 visitors who travelled by coach from Hillingdon and Uxbridge to take advantage of some Buckinghamshire footpaths.

Members discussed their autumn and winter programme at a group meeting. Walks are planned from Aston, Cublington, Great Brickhill, Whipsnade, Three Locks and Thornborough Bridge, and there will be a New Year's party.

It was noted that the Ramblers' Association annual subscription was now £12.

24th Ock.

10th Oct.

Aston Abbotts Rambling Club members met at Dunsmore for an afternoon walk in the woods hunting for fungi.

Local naturalist Victor Scott led the group and found more than 40 different kinds, from honey fungus and sulphur tuft to shaggy parasol, coral spot, ink ball and shining beech tuft.







THE DECEMBER FESTIVAL CHOIR

Several people from the village who belong to the Choir will be taking part in a full performance of Haydn's The Creation on Saturday 25th November at the Civic Centre, Aylesbury.

This promises to be a good concert and we would like to sell lots of tickets. Your support would be most welcome.

Tickets at £4.50 and £3.50 are available from:

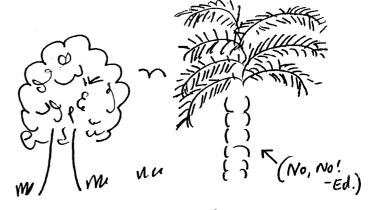
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FRDAY 8 DECEMBER SATURDAY 9 DECEMBER

THE 13th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SHOW

Tickets for the Show can now be ordered from John on 681685. Price of tickets remain the same as previous years at £2 for adults and £1.50 for children and OAPs. Please hurry with your orders (money with orders please) as Saturday night especially is usually sold out within days. Any raffle prizes would be very welcome. If there is anyone who would like to take part in the show, or wishes to donate a reffle prize, please contact either John or Chris (681425) or Tony (681390). Our 24-hour enquiry line is 681201.





NATIONAL TREE WEEK 1989

25th November - 3rd December

Each November, the Tree Council organizes National Tree Week at the start of the tree-planting season, arranging wide coverage on radio, TV, national and local press throughout the country to encourage tree planting and care. Last year an estimated 600,000 trees were planted during the week.

This year, Aston Abbotts
Parish Council has acquired 40
trees - mountain ash, lime and
flowering cherry - for planting
as part of National Tree Week.
The trees will be planted around
the village on 2nd December.
Volunteers are needed: would all
those who can help meet Colin
Higgs on the Green at 10.30 am,
suitably equipped with spades
and well-oiled backs.

To find out more about the Tree Council, write to The Secretary, The Tree Council, 35 Belgrave Square, London SWIX 8QN. Please enclose an SAE.

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

BEST WISHES

and get well soon to ARTHUR ROFF, who is now out of hospital and doing well.

SCRUFFY

Mrs Ellis' (7 Wingrave Road) dog Towser, famous for his good looks and his vicious guard dog abilities (??) won the Red Cross Scruffiest Pet Competition in October. Anyone who has seen him on walkabout round the village would definitely NOT deny him his title!

And Mrs Ellis' son John is over from Canada for three weeks from 25th October, so former drinking partners beware...

Scruffiest - but tops!

ALL THE scruffiest pets are found around Aylesbury — that's according to a contest run by Bucks Red Cross.

Diana Hartshorn of Wellington Avenue, Princes Risborough, entered her black cat Womble as a joke — and the top mog came third! Tina Munday of Wingrave Park, Aston Abbotts, entered Towser her brown and white terrier type dog — and he clinched a first.

(Spot the difference - Ed.)

FIREWOOD

Firelighting wood is always available, at any time of year, for £2 a bag. Just phone Marc on 681425

TAKE HEED

Police will be checking cycle lamps, brakes, and tyres. Ensure yours are in working order. Don't get caught!

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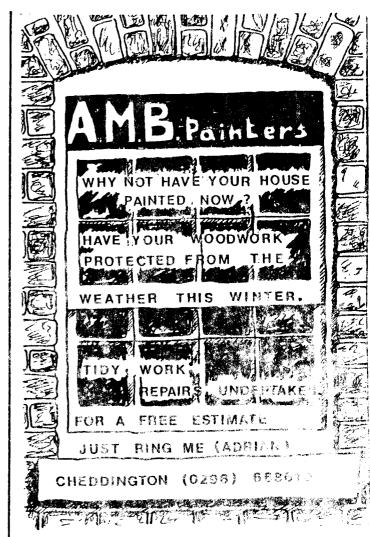
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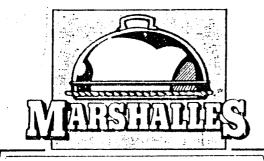
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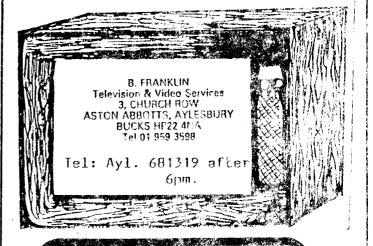


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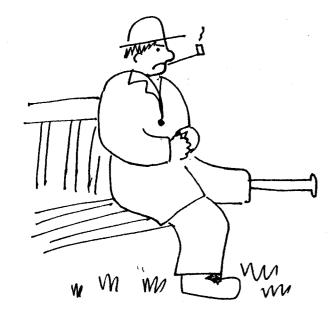
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David Watts, 'White Wheels' (581376) Rosemary Franklin, 3 Church Row. (681319).



Introducing... OLD CRUSTIE

"Here I sit, Old Crustie, on the beach on the Green, watching the village go by, 440 years old, and frisky as a thirsty flea.

You may not see me. Mo-one has seen me properly since just after the Great War, when I forgot meself in a fit of fright and became flesh, as it were, right in front of the parson, practising his sermon as he walked round the Green, half past midnight, with no moon at all. I don't know who was more discomfited: me confronted with this silver-bearded loon mumbling 'I am the Rose of Sharon and the lily of the valleys' or him

seeing a one-legged old Crustie, the worse for wear (it being Saturday night) and bedecked again with the bottom of the Moat Lane ditch.

Any road, see me you may not but respect me you should, or one dark night or sunny noon-time (I'm not choosy) you'll measure your length on the Green, and as you rub your knees you may think you hear the sound of a one-legged man clopping away.

Crustie by name and Crustie by nature - I got two complaints.

One: fish & chips, not known in my original time. Small wonderful. Hoise of bell in circulating round my bench on Green diabelical. Old Crustie's nan previous to convivial evening in

B & B sipping the drinks of those kind enough to buy them entirely
ruined. What this village needs is quiet fish and chips. Two: fetes.

Definition - tiresome hot days when squally infants drip pink ice
cream all over your best bib & T. Solution - stuff same haloed
nipper's mush right into the squashy cone - very satisfying.

Crustie not to be taken lightly! or heavily! Crustie malks!

All complaints to: Old Crustie, The Bench, The Green, Poste Restante, 2 Church Row, Aston Abbotts."

A MONTHLY LOOK AT FACTS YOU NEVER WANTED TO KNOW

Spring begins . . March 20 Autumn begins . . Sept 23

Summer begins . . June 21 Winter begins . . Dec 22

The beginning of Spring is called the 'Vernal Equinox' when the Sun crosses the line (Equator) from the south to the north. On 21st June it will be the 'Summer Solstice'; on 23rd September the 'Autumnal Equinox' when the Sun crosses the Equator from north to south; and on 22nd December the 'Winter Solstice' at which time the sun reaches its farthest south. Not a lot of people know that.

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Church news

RECTOR'S REPORT

I suppose it was my own stupid fault!

After all, feeling that I was getting on quite well with things inside the Rectory, and that it was a fairly warm sunny afternoon, I set forth into the garden armed with the secateurs. I thought it was a task I could approach in a fairly gentle manner - a snip here, a snip there - nothing too drastic. Some of the shrubs did seem to have grown a little out of hand - but, I thought, with some 'occasional snipping', it shouldn't take too long to restore things.

Yet some of the roses had the most wicked thorns, and it was not long before I was stopping every few minutes to pick them out of my fingers. I didn't worry too much - after all, I

had pricks, not scratches.

Then I felt that I had done enough for one day and came indoors. Within a day or two I became aware of one or two thorns that I had missed in my fingers. But there was one that, even with a magnifying glass I could not find, no matter how hard I tried. I think it must have gone down the side of my fingernail -because now, about a week later, that finger is very swollen and very sore.

I admit to being a coward, and that my attempts at lancing it have only been half-hearted. But nevertheless, it is a nuisance! For, not only does it stop me doing any more gardening for the time being - or any other of the odd jobs that are waiting to be done, but writing is also uncomfortable, and the one thing I did

want to do this month - visiting people, saying Hello and introducing myself, is extremely difficult.

'Hello, I'm your new Rector, I'm glad to meet you - Please do not shake my hand or you might hear some very irreverent language!'

I do not want sympathy, because, by the time you read this, I shall hopefully be 'Full-fingered' again, and working my way around the parishes. As for the roses - they can wait! - although I have been and bought some gardening gloves!

Bob

SERVICES AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

5th Nov Family Service 11.15 am
Preacher Mr Pope

12th Nov Mr Edgson 6.00 pm

19th Nov Weedon 3.00 pm

26th Nov Mr Mccully 6.00 pm

THE SUNDAY CLUB

The Sunday Club is held at the Methodist Chapel at 10 am on Sunday mornings. We are also involved in a Family Service in the Church once a month. The Club is for children aged 3 upwards, all are welcome.

CALLING ALL UNDER-5s!

Aston Abbotts Mothers (or Fathers) and Toddlers meet every fortnight in the Church Room, Mondays 10.30 am - 12 pm. Due to Andrew, Sarah and Emily going to school we need more people - please come along! Toys, games, refreshments, all for 50p a session.

Next meeting Monday 6th Nov.

*Donations of toys and equipment would be most welcome.

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Church news

Elsewhere in this issue we have the Rector's letter to us all. These other notes are intended to have a particularly Aston Abbotts flavour. The flavour this month is of tomato soup, sausage and mash with a splendid sauce, apple pie and cream followed by coffee! For that was our harvest supper which preceded the sale of produce. This included a splendid donation of local honey. We also had been given, amonst much else, bread, cakes, jam and vegetables. The whole evening gave us a profit of nearly £250 which welcome addition to the church funds should help us to keep the church building in good repair yet also to support others for whom such a feast would be a rarity indeed. Thanks to all who helped, all who came and all who enjoyed the auction including the auctioneer.

Do come to the Family Service which this month is in the Methodist Chapel and do remember on Remembrance Sunday, 12th November, all those to whom we owe so much. Our local service of Remembrance will be at Vingrave beginning at 10.30 am.

PETER DINES

Church services in November

<u>Sidesman</u>

November 5th: FAMILY SERVICE 11.15 am

Eighth METHODIST CHAPEL

Sunday before Christmas Gen 3, 1-15: John 3, 13-21

November 12th: REMEMBRANCE SERVICE 10.30 am -

Seventh WINGRAVE

Sunday before Christmas Gen 22, 1-18: Luke 20, 9-17

November 19th: HOLY COMMUNION 11.15 am Colin Higgs

Sixth Sunday

before Christmas Exod 6, 2-8; Mark 13, 5-13

November 26th: HOLY COMMUNION 11.15 am Michael Hasler

Fifth Sunday

before Christmas Isa 10, 20-23: Mark 13, 14-23

December 3rd FAMILY SERVICE 11.15 am

Advent Isa 51, 4-11; Matt 25, 31-end ·

ASTON ABBOTTS CONSERVATION AREA

The next six pages are copied from the Conservation Area booklet sent to the Parish Council by Aylesbury Vale District Council's Planning Division. There is also a Preface, which reads:

On the 19th July 1989, Aylesbury Vale District Council designated parts of Aston Abbotts as a conservation area. This followed a period of six weeks public consultation with the Parish Council and other interested parties during April and May 1989. The Council also adopted policies which will be used for the purpose of development control and guiding development.

This report describes the area so designated and the

development control policies adopted.

District Planning Officer J.W. Peeters M.R.T.P.1.

ASION ABBOITS CONSERVATION AREA

INTRODUCTION:

All local planning authorities are required to determine which parts of their districts should be designated as conservation areas. These are areas of special architectural or historic interest, the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance.

This special character will be derived from one or, more probably, several of the following features: the topography of the land; a unity of scale in the buildings; building densities; the nature of building materials; the shape and incidence of open and enclosed spaces; a historic street pattern or archaeological features; the incidence of individual or groups of trees; the use of walls, fences, railings and hedgerows as means of enclosure and views into within and out of the settlement. The objective of the Council's conservation policy is to protect those features recognised as being of special interest and character from despoliation.

In conservation areas, the local planning authority can exercise greater control over new development, demolitions, or works to trees than elsewhere. Where new development is permitted, its design, scale and the external materials used will necessarily be sympathetic with its surroundings.

CHARACTERISTICS AND SETTING

Aston Abbotts is situated on elevated ground half a mile west of the A418 Aylesbury to Leighton Buzzard trunk road, five miles north north west of Aylesbury. Originally dating from pre-Norman Conquest times, the present village is essentially Victorian in character and is a relatively good example of a nineteenth century 'High Farming' settlement.

The village is broadly triangular in shape and centres upon the original Green, known simply as The Green, which is now infilled with housing and a smaller Green immediately north of The Green. The village is entered from one of three roads: Cublington Road, from the north; Moat Lane, from the south west; and Wingrave Road from the south east.

The northern entrance, along the winding hedgerow lined Cublington Road, enters between the twin listed buildings of Church Farm and the Church of St.James. The tight enclosure afforded by the tall hedgerows in the lane gives way to iron railings in front of the Old School House and a one metre high, brick retaining wall around the elevated site of the Church.

The Church, (which is Grade II* listed), does by reason of its scale and elevated setting, command the northern approach to the village. Although retaining its fifteenth century tower, the remainder of the Church was rebuilt by G.E.Street in 1865. Alongside the Church and the adjacent Old Vicarage, stands a magnificient line of beech and sycamore trees.

Fine townscape views are obtained between the Church and the thatched, half timbered Church Farm, of a group of Victorian dwellings dated 1854, comprising The Old Forge and two terraces of former labourers cottages known as The Haven, Cloisters and Church Row.

Turning south westerly from Cublington Road, the road opens out to reveal what remains open of The Green. It is here that some of the finest townscape views in the village are obtained of: the entrance to The Abbey, with its thatched gatehouse; the former Chapel, erected in 1861 but now converted into a pair of dwellings; a further block of Victorian cottages and Home Farm. This Green is enclosed by neat box hedges and contains a number of fine trees.

The bulk of the former green has been infilled with modern dwelling houses but despite this, its outer ring retains much of its essentially Victorian character. Three blocks of distinctive red brick terraces, each dated 1854, face inward across The Green, as do the similarly distinctive properties The Old House, The Methodist Chapel and The Bull and Butcher public house. Perhaps the most striking of all properties fronting The Green is that at the junction of Wingrave Road, the fifteenth century thatched and timber framed Old Cottage, part of which contains the village shop.

The south east approach, along Wingrave Road is again characterized by wide grass verges and neat hedgerows. Having passed a small ribbon of modern dwelling houses on the right, ones vision is attracted to another terrace of Victorian cottages known collectively as New Zealand and its backdrop of magnificient sycamoré and copper beech trees. The road then turns left to reveal The Royal Oak, a part thatched and timbered seventeenth century public house. Opposite The Royal Oak, behind a tall and imposing brick wall and two very fine fir trees, is The Firs with its stable yard and workers cottages. Swinging right towards The Green there is, on the left, another of the Victoria terraces built in 1854 and on the right is the partly thatched Oak Farm House.

The south western approach, along Moat Lane, affords fine commanding views south and south east over the Vale of Aylesbury towards the Chiltern escarpment. In similarity to both of the other approach Moat Lane is bounded on either side by roads into the village, hedgerows, with the exception of a small stretch on the southern side of Windmill Hill Farm where the enclosure is provided by a brick wall. The hedging along the southern side of the road tends to be lower and less dense than that on the northern side, which defines the southern boundary to the extensively landscaped and private ground of The Abbey (formally known as Aston House). Originally the country seat of the Abbot of St. Albans, only geometrically shaped earthworks indicate the site of the original buildings. The present house is a Grade II listed building built in the late eighteenth century and subsequently altered in the nineteenth century. During the Second World War it was the Official residence of the exiled President of Czechoslovakia Dr Edward Benes.

Off the southern end of The Green is a short cul-de-sac known as Bricstock which leads to the Recreational Ground, across which are fine views over the Vale of Aylesbury. A couple of modern dwellings and a terrace of old peoples bungalows are sited at the end of this road.

THE CONSERVATION AREA MAPS:

The Appraisal Map, identifies features important to the character of the conservation area. Its building groups, listed buildings, the important townscape views and green areas are shown. The written description, and the appraisal map together describe and show where development control policies will apply.

The Conservation Area Map, defines the extent of the area which is regarded as possessing those qualities of townscape and architectural character, or of historic interest, which it is proposed to preserve.

The area designated is not a 'village envelope' or 'limit to development'. The boundary shown will not necessarily preclude development beyond the area; conversely, the fact that some open land is included in the area does not signify that permission for its development will be forthcoming.

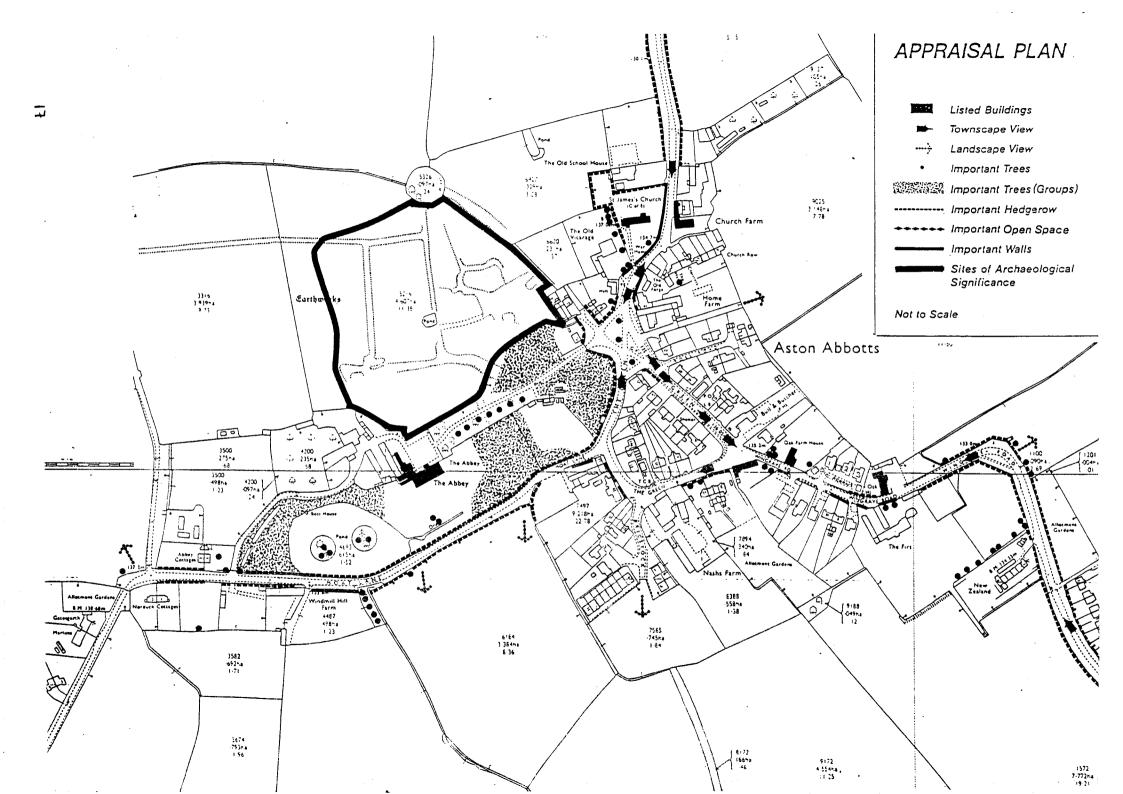
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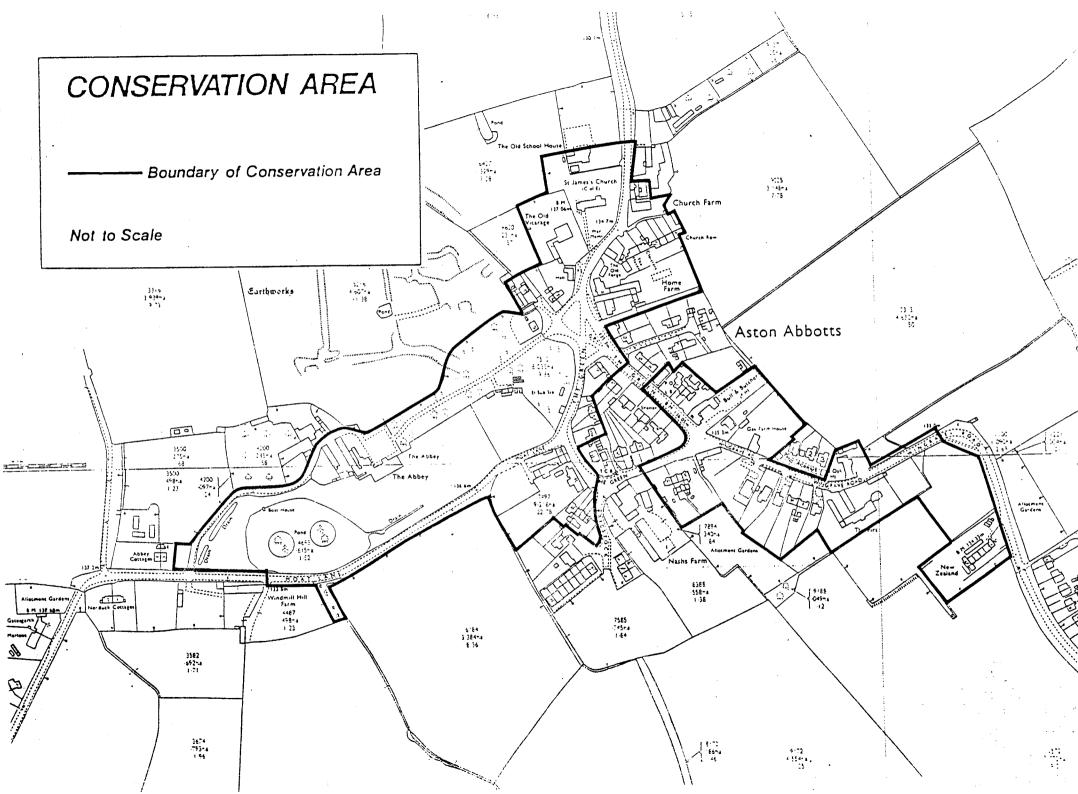
It is generally accepted that more rigorous standards of design should be sought in areas of special character, especially conservation areas. Moreover, the use and development of land adjacent to such areas frequently has a material affect upon the areas of Special character.

The following policies will apply generally to development within and, where appropriate, adjacent to the conservation area:

- C1. "In dealing with applications for planning permission on land adjacent to the conservation area, the Council will have regard to the proximity of the Conservation Area, the effect the development would have on the special character of that area and the higher standards of design required within it".
- "Before permission is granted and in order to ensure a high standard of design, the Council will wish to satisfy itself that any proposal will preserve or enhance the character or appearance of the Conservation Area. The Council will therefore require the submission of detailed plans of any proposed development showing it in relation to surrounding development, both on plan and in elevation, showing siting, design, material finish, means of access, parking, landscaping and enclosure".

- C3. "The siting of new buildings should generally follow the pattern established by the old and infilling or backland development will be strictly controlled. A site should not be developed if it would result in the loss of an open area across which uninterupted views into or out of the conservation area are available, or alternatively, the land contributes significantly to the setting of individual or groups of buildings".
- C4. "In considering proposals for new development or changes of use within conservation areas, the Council will not be prepared to grant permission if it is likely to generate a significant increase and/or type of vehicular traffic alien and detrimental to the area."
- C5. "The demolition and redevelopment of any building of individual merit or of group value will not be permitted unless the local planning authority is satisfied that the building or buildings cannot reasonably be retained for some suitable use."
- C.6 "Before permission is granted for the demolition of any building within the Conservation Area, the Local Planning Authority will wish to be generally satisfied as to proposals for the subsequent development or other use of the site."
- C7. "Proposals for the alteration or extension of any building in the Conservation Area, where such works are appropriate to their retention and can be effected without loss of the intrinsic quality of the buildings concerned, will be considered favourably, providing there are no other overriding objections."
- C8. "The Council will seek to ensure the retention of the most important trees within the Conservation Area and in the event that they are threatened will, if appropriate, having regard to safety considerations and the principals of sound arboricultural management, take steps to seek their preservation. Where consent is granted for the removal of existing trees important to the character of the Conservation Area, the Local Planning Authority will require that replacements are provided in the next planting season, whose species and height have been previously agreed in writing.
- C9. "Special consideration should be given by statutory undertakers and others to the scale and finished appearance of all engineering works, plant or buildings carried out or erected in the Conservation Area."
- C10. "Except in special circumstances the use of overhead cables should be avoided and all new services laid underground.
- C.11. Any projecting sign should normally be below first floor cill level and hung beneath brackets rather than side mounted.
- C.12. Fascia signs should relate well in scale, character and materials to the buildings on which they are affixed.
- c. 13. Illumination of signs should be kept to the minimum but in any case should normally be achieved by external lighting.







ODE TO TIM

His motto is Tim'll Fix It, I know he really tries, If your car is giving you trouble, Put it under Tim's expert eyes!

He'll pull it all to pieces, And then he'll put it back, And if it still doesn't go right He'll follow the same track!

He has cars everywhere, They always come back to him, He gives them all his love & care, But his own car is thrashed by Tim!

Now this is just his spare time It makes him very tired, During the week he gets plenty of Because...by Bucks CC he is hired!

So lazy days are gently spent, Just leaning on a shovel, Dozing in the summer sunshine, On payday he goes to see the boss and does his usual grovel!

Now Tim, he wants to win a trophy, It is his wild ambition. He doesn't really care what for, Just ANY sort of competition!

But just lately he's done very well, He's passed his HGV, Good job they didn't see him drive his Golf, He'd have failed it miserably!

Although I am getting at poor Tim, He's not a bad lad at all, I know that if ever I break down I just have to give Tim a call!

So if ever you come across good ol'Tim, It will more than likely be in the bar. Just buy him a pint, and some porky scratchings, Then make his day ... ASK HIM TO MEND YOUR CAR!

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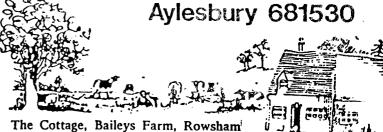
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