

The Chronicle

Parish Magazine for Aston Abbotts



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Editorial

We'd like to begin in traditional style by wishing everyone a happy New Year.

Contributions to the Chronicle are always welcome (well, nearly always). Letters, articles, drawings, poems - don't be shy.

We'd like to publish something before long on the time Edvard Beňes spent at the Abbey during the second world war - his was the Czech government in exile. We know that his parting gift was the bus shelter on Wingrave Crossroads, but presumably he did more interesting things here than wait in the rain for the X15. If anyone met him or has any information, Gordon would love to talk to you!

Caroline Lane

Gordon Smith

Deadline for the February issue is Friday, 24th January. Please bring, send or telephone items to us at 2 Church Row, 681373.

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What's on: January

Friday 10th: Parish Council
8pm, Church Room
All welcome
(NB change of date)

Monday 20th: Toddlers
2.30-4pm, Church Room

Thursday 23rd: Ladies Club
2.45pm, Church Room
Community Liaison Officer
WPC Lee

Tuesday 28th: Annual
Parodial Church Council
7.45pm, Church Room
All welcome

Friday 31st - Monday 3rd:
Skip on the Green

REGULARS

Tuesdays: Bin Day

Tuesdays: Wingrave Toddlers
Community Centre, 2-4pm

Tuesdays: The Trawler mobile
fish shop, The Green,
1.40-2pm

Alternate Wednesdays:
mobile library
The Green 2.00-2.30pm
Longmoor 2.35-2.50pm
January dates: 15th, 29th

Wednesdays: free bus to
Tesco (Aylesbury)
10.31 Bull & Butcher
Arrives back about 1pm

Wednesdays: fish & chip van
outside Bull & Butcher
about 8pm

BINGO & WHIST

No dates fixed at time of
writing; more info from
Colin, 681343

NOTICE FROM PARISH COUNCIL

Please do not tip rubbish
around the Rec - it only
means someone else has to
clear it up. There will be
a skip on the Green at the
end of this month - see
opposite column.



WALKS

Bucks County Council's organized
walks include:

Sunday 19th Jan, Weston Turville
Reservoir (2 miles, 2 hours)
meet layby on World's End Lane
at 10.30am (binoculars)

Sunday 2nd Feb, Pavis Wood, 2½
mile walk, wear old clothes and
bring picnic. Meet 11am at Pavis
Wood car park (near Hastoe, just
south of Tring).

More details from Assistant
Countryside Officer, 383426.

BOOK THIS DATE

Saturday 7th March, this year's
Cabaret in the Church Room.
Details and ticket prices in next
month's Chronicle. If you would
like to do a turn please ring
Neil Chesher (681201) or Chris
Brandon (681425)

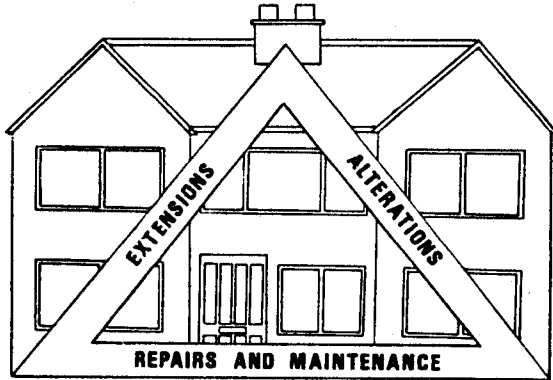
LEDBURN ROAD is being closed
again, for three months from
6th January while work is carried
out to strengthen the Redborough
Farm bridge.

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ST. JAMES'S CHURCH SERVICES IN JANUARY

Sidesman

- 12th January: HOLY COMMUNION 11.15am Michael Hasler
Epiphany 1 Eph 2.1-10; John 1.29-34 (p.465)
- 19th January: HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) 11.15am Gillian Ford
Epiphany 2 Gal 1.11-end; Jon 1.35-end (p.469)
- 26th January: HOLY COMMUNION 11.15am Alison Ford
Epiphany 3 Phil 4.10-20; John 6.1-14 (p.474)
- 2nd February: FAMILY SERVICE 11.15am Colin Higgs
Presentation 1 Pet 2.1-10; Luke 2.22-35 (p.758)

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The St. James's Church annual meeting will be held in the Church Room at 7.45pm on Tuesday 28th January.

Everybody is welcome at this meeting.

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES IN JANUARY

- 12th January: No service
- 19th January: Rev Peter Lemmon 6pm
- 26th January: No service
- 2nd February: United Family Service 11.15am St. James's



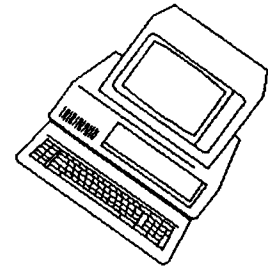
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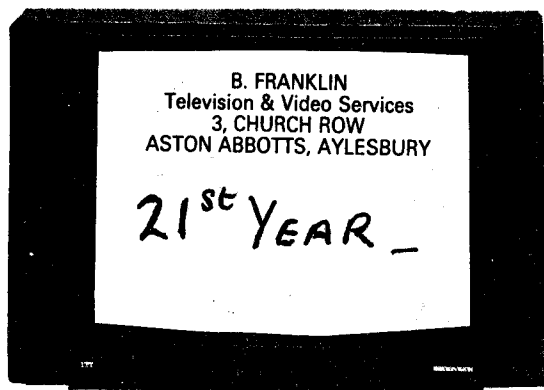


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RECTOR'S REPORT

Opinion is divided in our household over the merits of shops opening on Sundays.

Leaving aside the legal argument, the mad scramble of shoppers to those shops that did illegally open on the Sundays running up to Christmas seems to suggest that there are large numbers of people who do actually want to shop on Sundays. Church congregations do not seem to have been significantly lower because of it either.

The arrangements that were made - not that I really know much about them - would doubtless be arranged rather differently if Sunday Trading became a normal and regular part of British life. No business that I can think of would want to pay its staff enhanced wages on a regular basis. Someone, after all, has to pay that extra cost, together with the extra overheads of such things as heating, lighting & cleaning. Unless prices are set to rise dramatically, there will have to be some way of timetabling staff so that they have days off which are not Sundays.

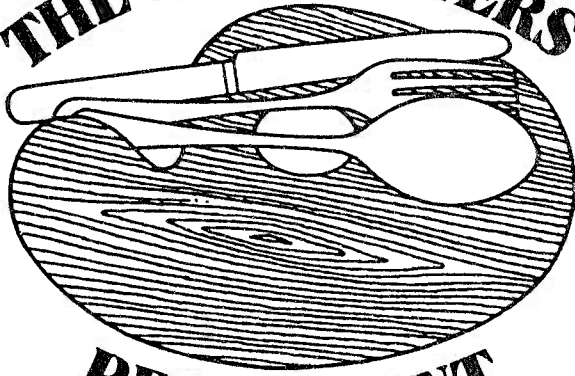
And what a prospect that opens up for the Church! At the moment we have all these lovely buildings which are grossly underused during the week whilst people are at work. Why should we only have services on Sundays? Surely our Christian faith is not something that we keep in a special 'Sunday - only' box. We do not shut it away for the rest of the week - or do we?

True, Sunday does have a special significance for Christians as being the weekly reminder of the day of Resurrection, the first day of the week. But then, nearly all the diaries I have had over the past few years have regarded Monday as the first day of the week!

I doubt we shall ever resolve the problem to everyone's satisfaction. In the meantime I'll go back to the 'dog-house', but wish you all a very happy New Year!

Bob Willmott

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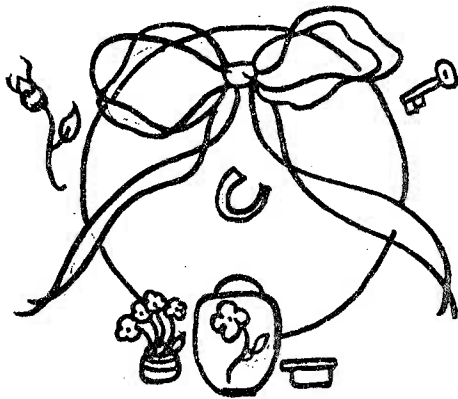
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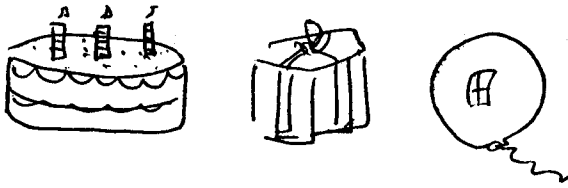


People

edited by Bridget Brandon

BIRTHDAYS

Jane Plested 7th Jan
 Sarah Plested 7th Jan
 James Clarke 10th Jan
 Tony Hinds 13th Jan
 Ben Price 13th Jan
 Zoe Judd 25th Jan
 Clifford Price 28th Jan
 Richard Plested 29th Jan



THANKS

Arthur Roff would like to thank everybody for all their good wishes during and after his recent spell in hospital. We hope he soon makes a full recovery.

CONGRATULATIONS

to Vic and Christine Scott who were married recently. Good luck for the future.

WELCOME

to Robert and Karen Lee and their daughters Jenny and Anna who have recently come to live in Ross Road.

WELL DONE

Piers Parker, for winning the Rothschild Citizenship Cup at Wing School last year. For being outstandingly brilliant, we understand.

Lucky dogs as roof flies

LG0, 31.12.91

"There was a barking and yelling and the dogs came running in. If I'd been out there it would have squashed me I'm sure," said 60-year-old Gwen.

The two Fox Terrier show dogs inside were left bewildered as their home was torn apart, and two other dogs in the garden ran for cover as the 9ft by 6ft roof plummeted to the ground.

The two dogs are part of a family of prize-winning Fox Terriers, one of whom became World Champion last year. They had to spend Christmas Eve in a near-by shed as their home was being repaired.

AN elderly lady and her ten show dogs had a narrow escape when a large kennel roof was blown clean off.

The incident happened in Aston Abbots during last Monday's gales.

Mrs Gwen Kempster was just loading her washing machine at the back of her house when a freak gust lifted the entire roof off one of her kennels sending it crashing into her garden.

UP AND AWAY

There must be something about Ross Road. First it was Lol larking about in an aeroplane. Then it was George Brandon in a balloon. Now we can reveal that your vice chairman of the Parish Council John Ford, no less, has been floating above the village. They'll be chartering Concorde next.

FOUND

A camera case was found on Lines Hill on Sunday 8th December. If you know who it belongs to, phone 681425.

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Wingrave Road 681102
John Ford, 2 Ross Road 681865
Caroline Lane, 2 Church Row
681373
Roy Malin, 3 Ross Road 681358
(Chairman)
Victor Scott, 11 The Green
681488
Clerk: Margaret Cheshier
20 The Green 681201

District Councillor: Bryan Round
11 Nup End Lane, Wingrave 681621



CHRISTMAS SHOW COMMITTEE

We find we are gathering an increasing number of props and other paraphernalia needed to put on a Show. The problem is where to store it. For the past few years we have had the use of a garage to store the stage in (for which we have been very very grateful), but as we only agreed to put it there as a temporary measure, feel we should be looking for a more permanent site. If anyone has a redundant barn, shed, garage or whatever, which is water-tight and reasonably secure, and which they would be prepared to loan to the Committee, then we should be very glad to hear from you. Please contact Chris on 681425.



Secret scenes for Morse

CAMERA, lights, action! Inspector Morse is in the patch!

The next series begins in February 1992, and one of the episodes, which involves an acid house party, was filmed in a rural country house location just a few miles west of Leighton on Thursday.

Coach loads of nubile females and long-haired youths were driven in from Maidenhead, London, and Oxford, and assembled at a venue which film-makers Zenith prefer to keep a secret.

Inside the former towering stately home, lights blazed down as the extras thoroughly enjoyed themselves. By 4pm, filming of the party was over and the several hundred extras meandered outside to their coaches where they were fed sandwiches and tea.

Meanwhile, outside in the fog, on the tree-lined village green on its hill, two cold camera men waited for Inspector Morse to come past in a red saloon, in a cavalcade of 30 cars.

"We could be here another three hours yet," said one laconically. "They say a time, but it doesn't mean anything."

So, look out for a Morse episode about an acid house party, and the secret of the venue will be revealed — that is if you haven't guessed already, of course! By Patricia Image.

L30

FOR SALE - YAMAHA KEYBOARD

Recent users of the Church Room will have seen that the piano has been replaced by an electric organ. This was donated by Neil Chesher, who thus gives new meaning to the expression "organ donor".

Neil has a further surplus organ, capable of all sorts of tricks. This is the all-singing all-dancing YAMAHA KEYBOARD seen to such advantage in the recent Christmas Show. Anyone interested in buying this instrument, sure to achieve the legendary status of Lonnie Donnegan's comb & paper or Paul McCartney's first piano should ring Neil on 681201. Offers in the region of £200 please.

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GOIN ON

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IN THE DISTANCE
- A DOOR SLAMMED

CHRISTMAS
SHOW
1991

VILLAGE
HALL

THEY WENT
IN.....

THEY WERE
GIVEN A SHOT

SHERRY

DRINKS

PEOPLE
WERE A
SINGIN AN A
DANCIN

GAMBLING

RAFFLE

BOOZE

WINE

BEER

THERE WERE
MOMENTS OF
DRAMA

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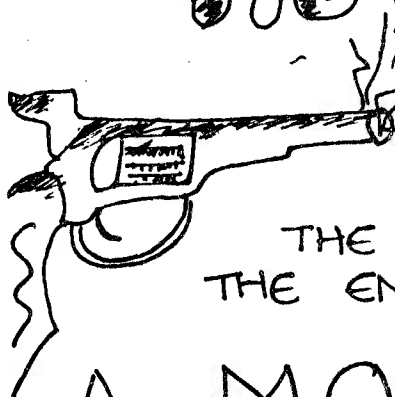
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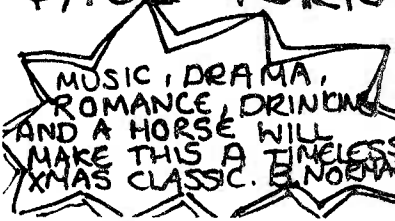
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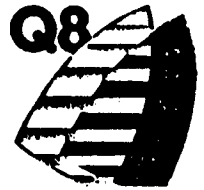
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Parish Council

Unofficial notes from the Parish Council meeting held on Friday, 6th December.

Church room: the Parochial Church Council had refused permission for a sign saying "Please do not park on the grass" to be put back on the railings. The Parish Council had been advised that making hard-standing would cost several thousand pounds and the footpath would have to be diverted, so rejected this solution.

Landfill at Wingsrave Road: P.C. Trendell had visited the site and warned operators about wheel-cleaning, hours and so on. More hardcore had been laid; Parish Council to continue keeping an eye on it

Planning applications

Approved by AVDC:- six dwellings at Longmoor to be converted from dwelling and agricultural buildings
- new windows at the Abbey (rendering refused)
- Farmhouse at Bridge Farm
- Extensions at 2 The Cottages, Cublington Road

Going to AVDC: - Extension at 1 Norduck Cottages
- Extension/new terracing at Lower Burston Farmhouse
- Stable conversion at 2 Abbey Cottages
- Extension at Gatesgarth

Accounts Two street lighting bills, one for electricity (£48.29) and one for maintenance (£28.50) paid
Touche Ross, our accountants, have let us know that accounts can in future be done once every three years instead of every year, thus saving £50-£60.

Recreation Ground: Decided to move one of the litter bins from the bus shelter instead of buying a new one for the Rec. Litter/larger rubbish is still being dumped on the Rec. Please do not.

Street lights: adding time clocks with photocell units (so that lights come on automatically) is likely to cost about £75 per light, significantly cheaper than complete replacement of the old and newer white lights (wake up at the back there - the white lights do not go on and off in response to the amount of daylight like the orange ones do, and so are more expensive to run). Some discussion about whether to settle for this or to gradually replace all the white lights with modern ones. The Clerk was asked to get information about modern white lights. As for the orange lights: these can't be changed to white just by changing a tube - has to be the whole unit at a cost of about £140 - so Parish Council felt existing orange ones had to be left.

NEXT MEETING FRIDAY 10th JANUARY
8pm CHURCH ROOM



A MONTHLY LOOK AT FACTS YOU NEVER WANTED TO KNOW

AVALANCHE

The very slightest vibration can trigger a disastrous avalanche, In spring, when the risk is greatest, Swiss mountain villagers traditionally ban yodeling and forbid their children to shout or even sing.

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TIDDLE MY WINK

Tiddlywinks has a language all its own. The aim of the game, which is played internationally, is to flick small counters, known as winks, into a central pot. But in the early part of the game, players also try to cover an opponent's wink with their own to prevent it being played, a technique known as squopping.

Players flick the winks by pressing down on the counter's edge with a larger counter called a squidger, and keen players have their own squidgers specially made to their personal design.

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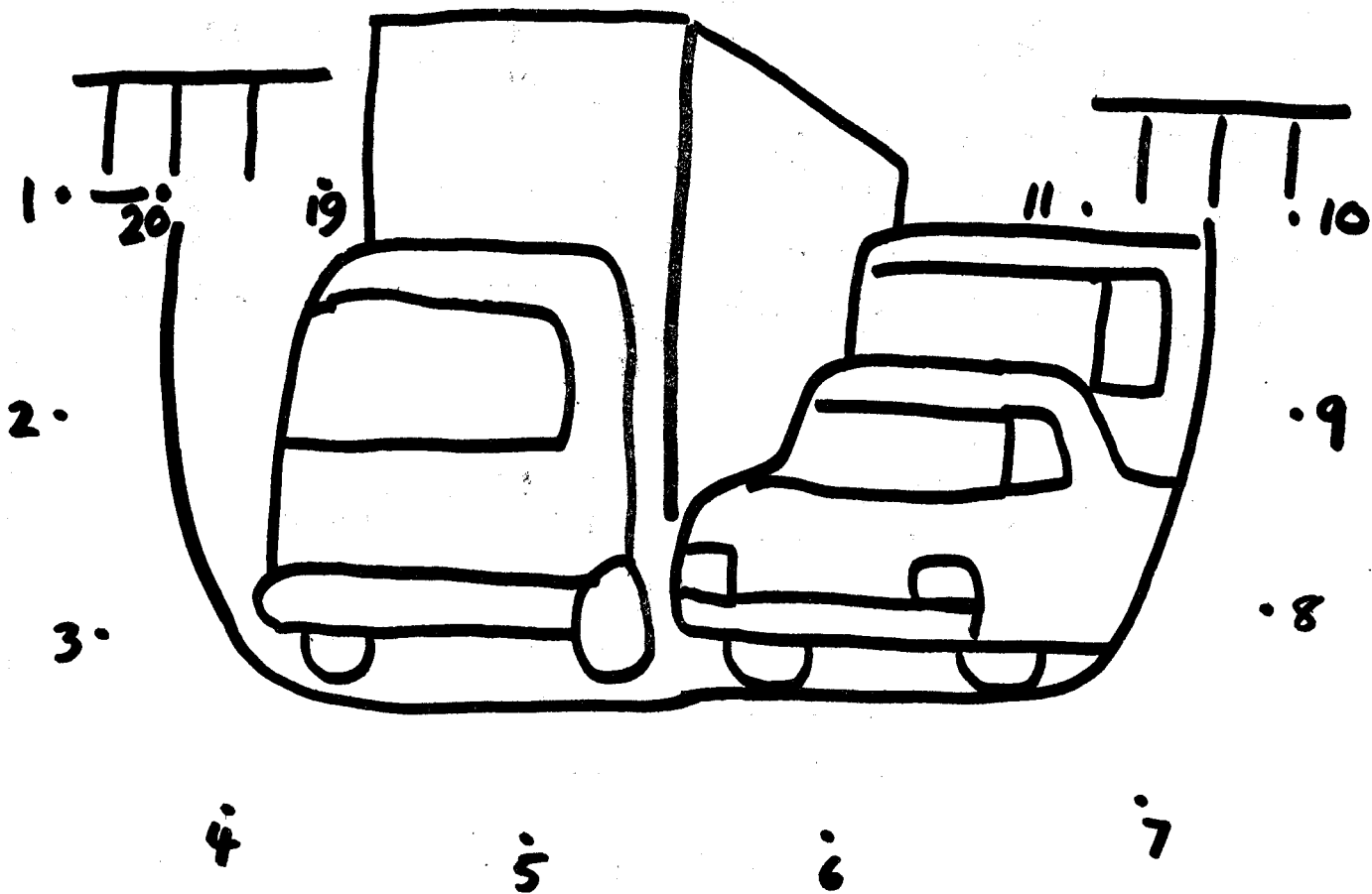
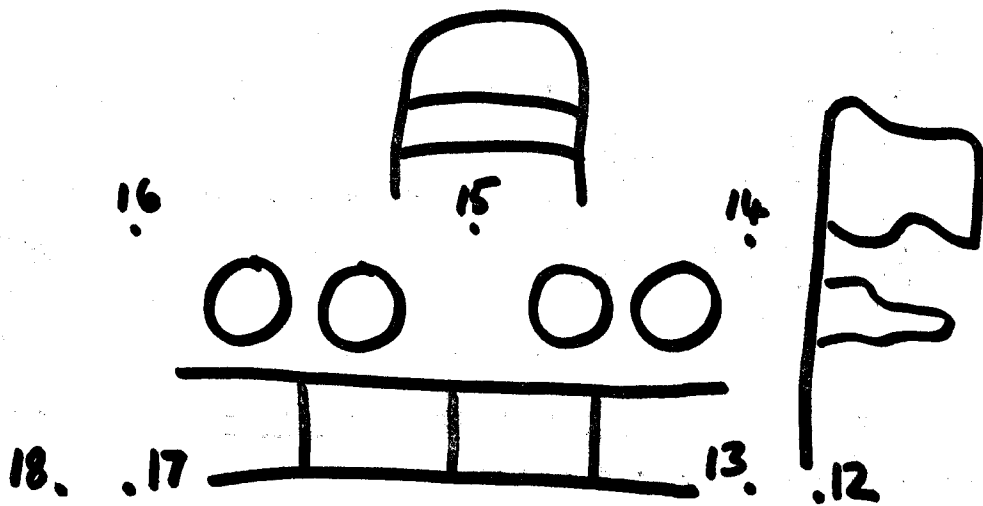
From the Daily Chronicle of May 7th 1922.

There is in the Newport Workhouse a remarkable centenarian who claims to be 106 years of age. Her name is Mrs Aschella Price, and she belongs to the nomads. She has spent the greater part of her life in a caravan and has not slept in a house more than a week.

She was born in Derbyshire on March 17th 1816, and has travelled all over the country in her caravan. She attended fairs and has been on the road all her life. Denied the advantages of education she can neither read nor write. Her one solace is her clay pipe and tobacco. She has been an ardent smoker ever since she was five years of age.

She remembers the festivities on the occasion of the coronation of Queen Victoria. She said she had fifteen children and her oldest girl is a white haired woman of seventy-three. Her one desire now is to regain her liberty. "I want to go back to my caravan", she said, "and live an open air life. I do not like the confinement in this place and hope I shall not be here long", although she admits she is well treated.

There are five generations of the Price family in Monmouthshire.

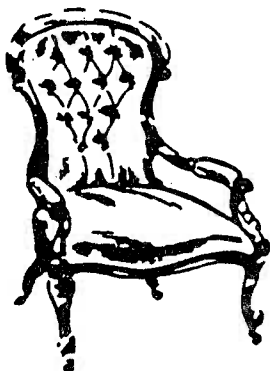


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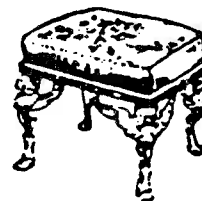
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