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Aston Abbots Parish Magazine

March 92

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Editorial

The Annual Parish Meeting takes place on Friday 27th March at 7.30pm in the Church Room. This is a yearly meeting for everyone in the village, independent of the Parish Council. Any subject can be discussed (but it would help to give advance notice to Roy Malin, chairman, 3 Ross Road, or Gordon Smith, clerk, 2 Church Row). The agenda will include this year's festival and division of proceeds. Please come if you can - you will not be forced to stay for the Parish Council afterwards!

You should receive your village appraisal questionnaire at the same time as this Chronicle. We really want you to fill it in, even if it's only to have a grouse. If our collectors miss you, please leave your forms at the shop.

Caroline Lane

Gordon Smith

Please let us have material for the April issue by Friday 20th March. Bring, send or telephone to 2 Church Row, 681373.

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Recycled cover by Andy Bystra - spot the improvements to the outside of the Bull & Butcher!



What's On: March

- Monday 2nd: Toddlers
2.30-4pm, Church Room
- Wednesday 4th: Aylesbury Vale
Transport meeting
Bus complaints to Colin
681343
- Thursday 5th: Ladies Club
Spring Lunch 12pm
- Thursday 5th: Whist Drive
7.30pm, Church Room
- Friday 6th: Jumble Sale
7pm, Church Room
- Saturday 7th: Fashion show
7.30pm, Wingrave School
(see p. 12)
- Sunday 8th: Annual sponsored
walk in aid of Church funds
Forms from Colin, 681343
Everyone welcome
2pm, The Green
- Thursday 12th: Bingo
Church Room, 7.30pm
- Monday 16th: Toddlers
Usborne Books, Bring & Buy,
teas
2.30-4pm, Church Room
- Thursday 19th: Ladies Club
Mrs Terry Dufton speaking
on Paraplegic Sports
2.45pm, Church Room
- Thursday 19th: Whist Drive
7.30pm, Church Room
- Saturday 21st: Games Evening,
Wingrave School (see p. 12)
- Sunday 22nd: Recreation
Ground clean-up, 3pm
All welcome

- Thursday 26th: Bingo
7.30pm, Church Room
- Friday 27th: Annual Parish
Meeting
7.30pm, Church Room
followed by Parish Council
All welcome

Sunday 29th: Fun Run
10am, Bricstock

Thursday 2nd April: Ladies Club
Mrs Christine Scott speaking
on Antique Dolls
2.45pm, Church Room

Monday 30th: Toddlers

Regulars

Mondays and Wednesdays: R & J
mobile grocer, about 9.30am,
The Green

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
March dates: 11th, 25th

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

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

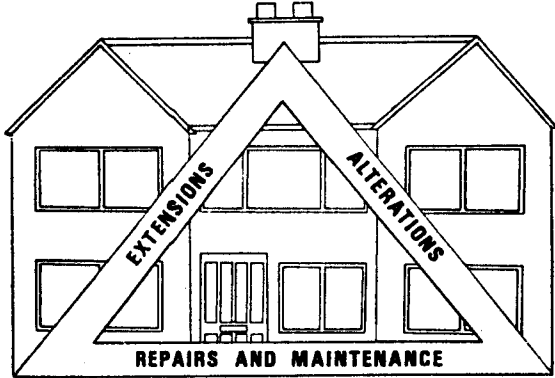
LADIES CLUB SPRING LUNCH - some
tickets still available from
Shirley Ford, 681865 (£1.50
members, £2.50 non-members,
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NEW SELECTION of Usborne Books
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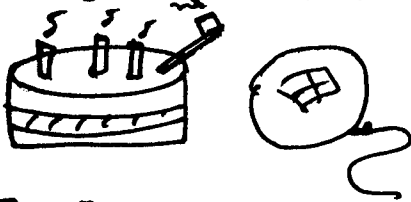
our monthly column about village people, edited by BRIDGET BROWN

BIRTHDAYS

Andy Bystra.....8th March

Tracey Fletcher....17th March

George Brandon (81)31st March



Fun Run

We will be having a Fun Run on 29th March (Sunday) at 10am. This year we will only be running 3-4 miles, and it is purely for fun, so if you fancy coming along, meet at Bricstock. It is surprising how many people you see out running lately, so perhaps this would be a good opportunity for them to meet up and swop running tales.

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We are having Open Days on Monday 9th March, 10am - 12 noon, and Wednesday 11th March, 2-4pm, when everyone is welcome to come and have a look round without actually having to be ill!

Alison J. Whittaker, B.A. Hons. Music

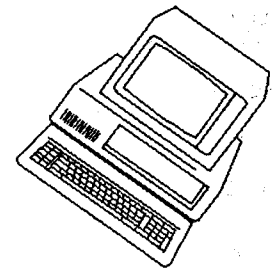
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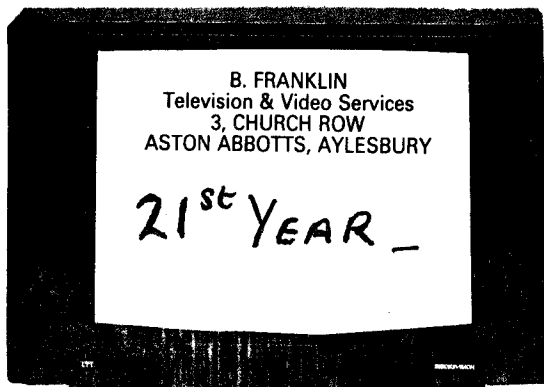


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Church news

At the annual church meeting chaired by Rev Bob Willmott both John Ford and Len Scutchings were re-elected as churchwardens.

The balance of £153 left over from the clock repair fund was to be left in the CLOCK ACCOUNT towards any future maintenance or check-ups.

The churchwardens reported the porch had been replastered and painted, and new seat runners made and added to the comfort of the congregation.

Estimates are to be obtained for repairs to the bell tower roof, which would be the main fund-raising scheme for this year.

Mrs Scutchings was in charge of the flower rota and was pleased to welcome new names to the list.

Rev Willmott announced various parishes would be losing their vicars shortly, so we were lucky to have Bob and Peter our curate.

A request was made for the bells to be rung for Sunday morning services and also if the Monday evening practice could be brought forward to alleviate sleeping problems for young children nearby; this was to be considered.

A jumble sale, sponsored walk and craft fair and concert are some of the fund-raising events to be held this year. Details of dates will appear in the Chronicle.

There are no flowers in church during LENT (4th March-18th April).

We look forward to seeing you in church and supporting our functions.

Colin Higgs

Gillett & Johnston, who repaired the clock, have written to the Rector to advise us not to "bar-off the chimes and strike every night as this may cause excessive wear on the clock".

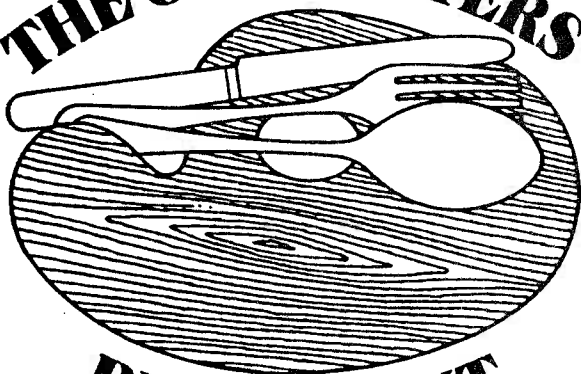
ST JAMES'S CHURCH SERVICES IN MARCH

	<u>Sidesman</u>
1st March: FAMILY SERVICE (Methodist) 11.15am 7 before Easter Col 1.18-23; John 8.2-11 (p.497)	
8th March: HOLY COMMUNION 11.15am Lent 1 Heb 4.12-end; Luke 4.1-13 (p.507)	Colin Higgs
15th March: HOLY COMMUNION 11.15am Lent 2 1 John 3.1-10; Matt 12.22-32 (p.511)	Michael Hasler
22nd March: HOLY COMMUNION 11.15am Lent 3 1 Pet 2.19-end; Matt 16.13-end (p.515)	Gillian Ford
29th March: No service	

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

1st, Family service, 11.15am; 15th, Mr Morris, 6pm
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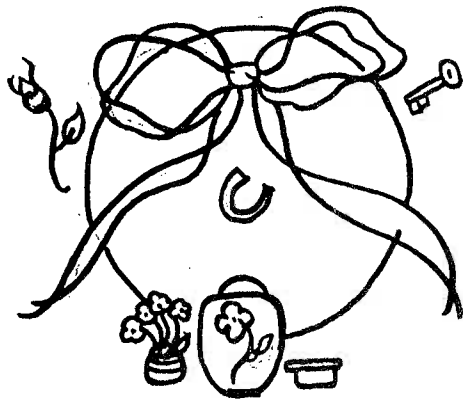
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RECTORS REPORT

It has been suggested that, where possible, I should include Baptisms in the monthly list of Services.

There are several different views on Baptism, and it is easy for people who hold differing views to get all steamed up about it. Yet one important and generally accepted viewpoint is that, at Baptism the child is being welcomed into the Family of God. This suggests that Baptism should take place when the Family of God (the congregation) assembles - in other words at a main service rather than in the afternoon. However there are practical considerations to be taken into account, and it is not always possible to incorporate Baptisms into the normal Sunday service - especially as I have to travel from Church to Church. By publishing the times when Baptisms will take place, I hope that people will feel free to come and welcome those who are being baptised.

Baptisms are almost invariable happy family occasions - times when family and friends can come together. There are other family occasions which demand a degree of celebration, and, at the end of this month we shall be celebrating our Silver Wedding. Penny and I thought it would be a good idea to share this occasion with those who have 'been around' and supported us during those 25 years as well as our immediate family. So on Sunday 29th March at 10.0 we shall be having a Service of Thanksgiving in Wingrave Church - at which we shall be glad to welcome anyone who wants to come and share this milestone on life's journey.

Turning to more mundane matters (or more important, depending on your viewpoint), questions are being asked! The Church throughout the Diocese is currently tackling a question paper on Vision and Growth. It is important that from time to time we take stock of our situation - to look at where we are and where we think we are going. It is so easy to cling to the way things have always been and to miss out on the new challenges and opportunities that present themselves. And when better to take stock of your life than during Lent - except that our replies have to be returned to the Diocese before Lent begins!

Bob Willmott

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New village bobby dives in



□ Rural beat: PC Gareth Blaken based at Ivinghoe

SCUBA-DIVING bobby PC Gareth Blaken is the new rural beat officer for Wingrave, Aston Abbots and Cublington, replacing PC Chas Trendell who has moved to the traffic division.

Mr Blaken (23), joined the Thames Valley force four years ago and after training worked at Aylesbury Police station.

But he jumped at the chance of a job in the country and is now based at Ivinghoe Police Station.

"It's a nice place to work and I fancied the job of

community policeman. I think we can devote more time to individuals and get more involved in the community," he said.

His main hobby is scuba-diving, usually on the south coast, though he has been to Jamaica. He is also a keen rugby player, playing both for Aylesbury and the newly formed police team.

"I'm just getting to know people but will start holding surgeries in the next couple of months and will be visiting my one school, in Wingrave, this week," he said.

ROMANIA APPEAL

Footwear urgently wanted - children's shoes, boots, socks, tights... PLEASE if you have any children's footwear that you would normally 'bin', your donations may be given to Chris Chapman (tel. 641452).

Also needed: baby, children's and teenagers' clothes, any conditions as long as clean and basically sound. Also baby sterilizing units, toys, bedding etc. Thank you.

STREET LIGHTS: letter from Helen Dowling to parish council

I noted in February's Chronicle that a decision had been made to replace the existing white lights. I would like to say thank you for the amount of time you have spent on investigating this matter and how pleased I am with the results. I do hope, however, that when the existing orange lights finally expire they will be replaced with the new photo-cell white lights.

NEW BENEFITS FOR DISABLED PEOPLE

Disability Living Allowance - this is a new taxfree benefit for people who need care or help getting around because of disability or illness which arises before the person is 65.

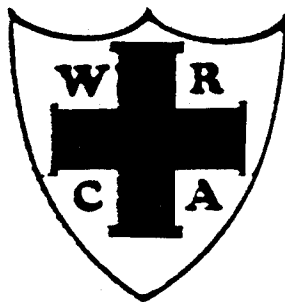
It replaces Mobility Allowance, and, for those who are disabled before they reach 65, it replaces Attendance Allowance (Attendance Allowance continues for those whose troubles begin after they are 65).

You can claim extra for help with personal care (e.g. washing, dressing, cooking, or if you need someone with you all or part of the time).

Disability Working Allowance - a taxfree allowance which can be claimed as well as DLA. It helps people with a disability or illness who have just started work or who are already working. You have to be over 16 and working 16 hours a week or more.

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Wingrave CE Combined School School Association



WINGRAVE SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

MONTHLY REPORT

The primary aim of the Wingrave School Association is to raise funds in order to purchase additional educational resources for the school, such as reading books and computers. But it is also the intention to organise enjoyable social opportunities involving pupils, teachers, parents and friends. We have planned a number of events over the coming months and hope that we will continue to receive the support of the village.

Games Evening

On 21 March there will be a Games Evening. This involves teams with around 8 people in each (drawn up as you enter) competing against each other playing a series of well known family games, such as dominoes, Connect 4 and pairs. No particular skills are needed! There will be a bar throughout the evening and supper will be served. Last year a similar event proved to be a great success, enjoyed by all. Tickets are £3.50 each (including supper) available from the School Secretary or Eunice Creed (681470). Please come at 8pm for a prompt start at 8.15.

Buy your tickets now numbers are limited!

Fashion Show

Don't forget the Fashion Show at 7.30 on 7 March. There are still some tickets left at £2.00 each from Eunice Creed (681470).

Forthcoming Events

A Sponsored Walk will take place on Monday 4 May along local footpaths.

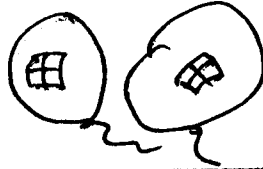
On Saturday 9 May by popular request there will be another Disco.

More details on both of these events in next month's report.

For Further details about the School Association contact Nick Gardner 681747 (Committee Chairman).

Chronicle gets a telegram...

...well, nearly. Issue 100 comes out next month and we are celebrating with a cheese & wine party at 8pm in the Church Room on Saturday 4th April. Numbers in the Room are limited to 60, so get your tickets (£1, children and OAPs 50p) from Caroline or Gordon at 2 Church Row (tel. 681373).



A MONTHLY LOOK AT FACTS YOU NEVER WANTED TO KNOW

Counting

If a person counted at the rate of 100 numbers a minute, and kept on counting for eight hours a day, five days a week, it would take a little over four weeks to count to one million - and just over 80 years to reach 1000 million, or what is often called one billion.

Hard and soft

The difference between hardwood and softwood has nothing to do with the density of the timber. Hardwood comes from broad-leaved deciduous trees - those which lose their leaves in winter. Balsa, for instance, is classified as a hardwood because it comes from a broad-leaved tree, even though the wood is very soft. Softwood comes from coniferous trees such as pines and cedars. Yew, similarly, is classified as a softwood even though the wood is strong and very durable.

Dog power

A three-wheeled vehicle powered by dogs was invented in the 1880s by a Monsieur Huret of France. Inside the two huge rear wheels were treadmills driven by the animals. An outcry by animal-lovers led to the idea being scrapped.

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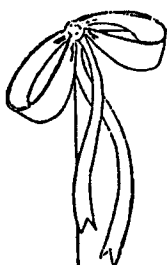
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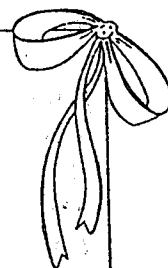
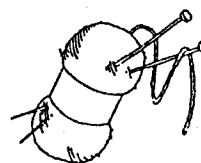
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WILKES AND LIBERTY!

Whenever the General Election takes place, and whoever wins it, our next MP will have some difficulty having quite as much impact as a previous holder of the office. Here is an account of some of the events in the life of John Wilkes, M.P.

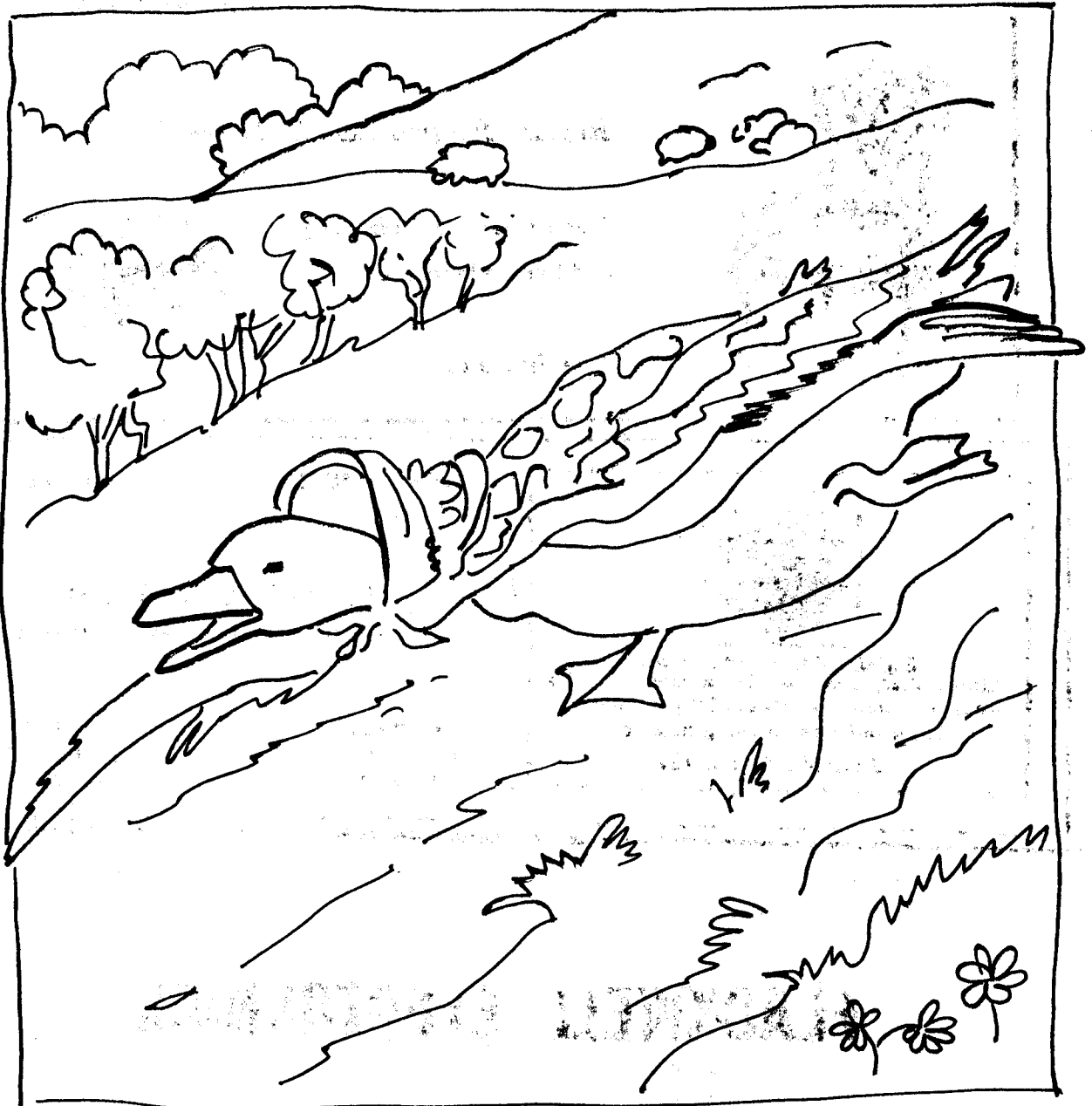
'John Wilkes, libertine, spendthrift and occasional reformer, provoked one of the most important outbursts of popular radicalism in the middle years of the eighteenth century.

In no. 45 of his journal The North Briton he appeared to impugn the king, and was prosecuted for seditious libel. Since he sat in the House of Commons, his arrest raised two issues: the immunity of an MP, and the nature of the General Warrant served upon him. Wilkes proclaimed that 'the liberty of the subject at large' was threatened and fervent crowds of supporters took up the slogan 'Wilkes and Liberty'. Released from prison, Wilkes was re-elected to Parliament in March 1768 with tremendous demonstrations of popular support, his picture appearing in every public house in London. Having fled a charge of obscene libel for printing a ribald essay, Wilkes surrendered to the King's Bench prison the following month to settle the question of his outlawry. Eleven were killed in riots on this occasion.

Sentenced to 22 months' imprisonment, Wilkes encouraged the formation of the Society of Supporters of the Bill of Rights in February 1769 to take up the cause of increased representation and annual elections. Expelled from Parliament in April, Wilkes won re-election, but unprecedentedly, Parliament chose to seat his defeated opponent. A vast number of petitions from throughout the nation objected, while prominent MPs like Edmund Burke took up the cause. Support came even from the American colonies, whose disillusionment with the Crown can be dated from this point. (At least two town names, Wilkesbarre in Pennsylvania and Wilkesboro in Wilkes County, North Carolina commemorate this enthusiasm.) For the first time, something like a modern political campaign emerged. Popular meetings of a type never witnessed before drew thousands in protest. Wilkites gained important posts in London elections. Striking weavers in Spitalfields linked Wilkes's cause to their own.

After several attempts, Wilkes became Lord Mayor of London in 1774, serving honourably and respectably. Later re-elected to Parliament until 1790, he ended his days as an undistinguished MP with little interest in reform. ... His last known follower died in 1834, having when drunk commonly paraded through the streets of Aylesbury in an overcoat given him by his hero, shouting "Wilkes and Liberty".

From G. Claeys, Thomas Paine: Social and Political Thought, London: Unwin Hyman (1989).



JEMIMA PUDDLE-DUCK was not much in the habit of flying. She ran downhill a few yards flapping her shawl, and then she jumped off into the air.

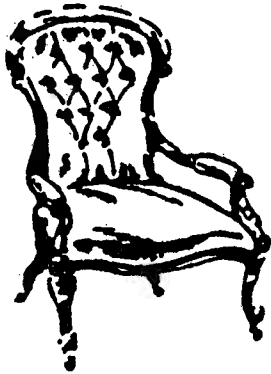
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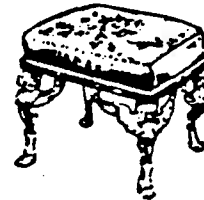
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