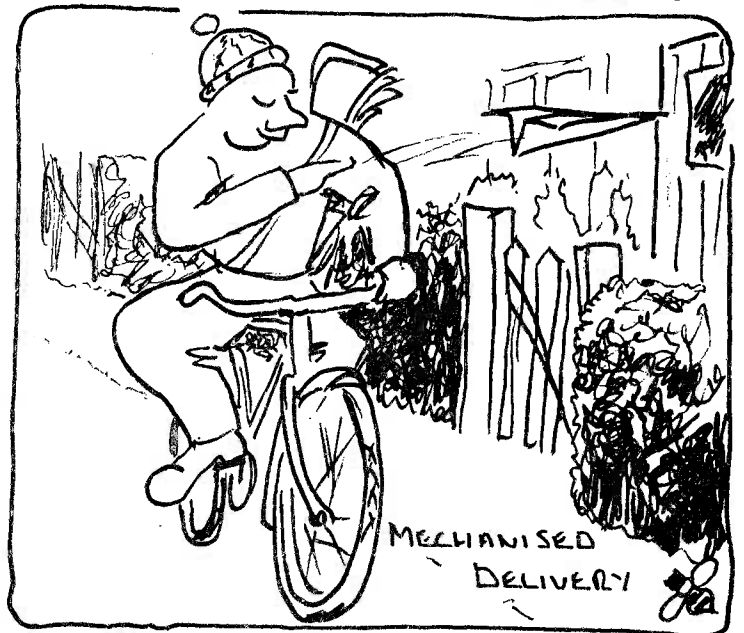
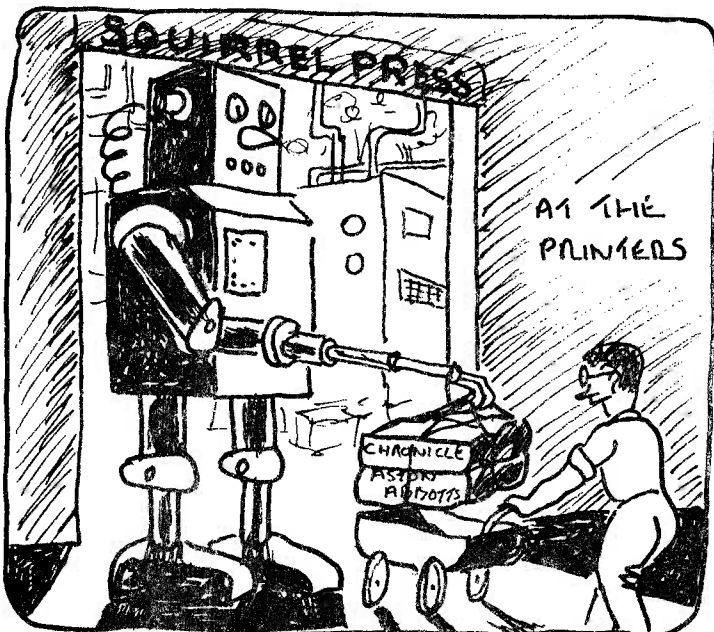


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APRIL 92



Editorial

One hundred issues of the Chronicle is quite an achievement. Looking back through the issues we can see how the magazine grew from a tentative beginning in 1983 to be a means of expression, one way or another, for many different aspects of village life. The Chronicle's success is a collective one - regular contributors, occasional contributors, artists, poets, letter-writers, advertisers, distributors and benefactors have all helped. We are sure we can include the previous editor, Graham Parker (70 issues: us, 30 issues) when we say, to all and sundry, well done! Hope to see you at the party (details inside).

We're not so happy about the A418/Wing bypass. In this issue we print a map showing various routes proposed for the bypass, the latest of which, put forward by Evelyn de Rothschild, comes unacceptably close to Aston Abbots and completely decimates Oxley's Farm. Nothing is yet decided officially - but we feel that if a major new trunk road, effectively a motorway, is going to be built then it's time everyone was properly informed and consulted. It's no good just talking about the Wing bypass - we need a public inquiry into the whole scheme.

Caroline Lane *Gordon Smith*

Deadline for the May issue is Friday 24th April. Please bring, send or telephone your material to us at 2 Church Row (681373).

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Thanks to Andy Bystra for tearing himself away from his new Kit Car to do the front cover this month!



What's On

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 April
The Green 2.00-2.30pm dates:
Longmoor 2.35-2.50pm 8th, 22nd

Mondays & Wednesdays: R&J mobile
grocers, about 9.30am

Wednesdays: free bus to Tesco
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Returns to Aston about 1pm

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

Thursday 2nd: Ladies Club
Mrs Christine Scott will
talk about Antique Dolls
2.45pm, Church Room
All welcome

Thursday 2nd: Whist Drive
7.30pm, Church Room

Saturday 4th: Cheese &
wine party for 100th
issue of Chronicle
8pm, Church Room

Monday 6th: Toddlers
2.30-4pm, Church Room

Tuesday 7th: Bingo
7.30pm, Church Room

Thursday 9th: ELECTION

Sunday 12th: Rambling Club
Meet Tring station llam

Monday 13th: Toddlers
2.30-4pm, Church Room

Thursday 16th: Whist Drive
7.30pm, Church Room

Tuesday 21st: Toddlers
2.30-4pm, Church Room

Thursday 23rd: Bingo
7.30pm, Church Room

Sunday 26th: Rambling Club
Meet Swanbourne Halt
2.30pm to join Winslow's
Spider Walk

Thursday 30th: Ladies Club
Anne Sharp will talk
about Colleges and
Characters of Oxford
2.45pm, Church Room

Thursday 30th: Whist Drive as above

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Sunday 24th May: coach outing
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Ring Caroline or Gordon
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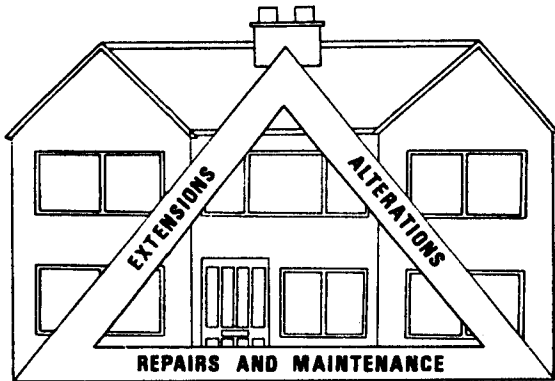
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Our monthly page about village people, edited by BRIDGET BRANDON

BIRTHDAYS

Chris Farrands.....1st April
Caroline Lane.....5th April
Karen Brandon.....7th April
Laura Whyte (3).....11th April
Alison Lewis.....20th April
Marc Brandon (18)....25th April
Kate Currey.....27th April
Diana Picking.....28th April



CONGRATULATIONS

to Louise and Frankie McManus
on the recent birth of their son

GET WELL SOON

Tony Hewitt, who was going into
hospital at the end of March

THANK YOU

to the mysterious cowboys
seen fertilizing the Green
at an advanced hour of the
evening last month. Such
attention to the condition
of the grass is really most
public-spirited.

VILLAGE APPRAISAL

Over 130 people filled in the village appraisal questionnaire, and we also had 14 back from young people aged 10-17. The work now begins on collating and analysing the results... we hope to have more news in the next issue of the Chronicle. (If you have not yet handed over your form, it's still worth doing so - please bring it to me, Caroline Lane, at 2 Church Row.)

DARTS

After a poor start to the season the Bull & Butcher darts team have improved form by beating every other team in the league, the most notable achievement in beating the 1st, 2nd and 3rd teams in the league on consecutive Mondays, moving the Bull & Butcher to 3rd place, a great improvement on last season!

Tony Hinds

TODDLERS

On an experimental basis during the Easter holidays we will be meeting each week instead of each fortnight - Mondays 6th and 13th, and Tuesday 21st.

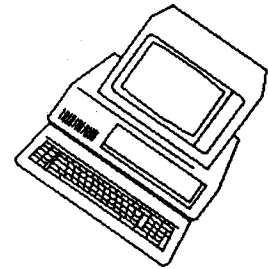
We will try to provide something of interest to all children between 0 and 5 - and older brothers and sisters are welcome too. We aim to have several 'crafty' activities each week as well as the normal toys, so there should be something for everyone to enjoy.

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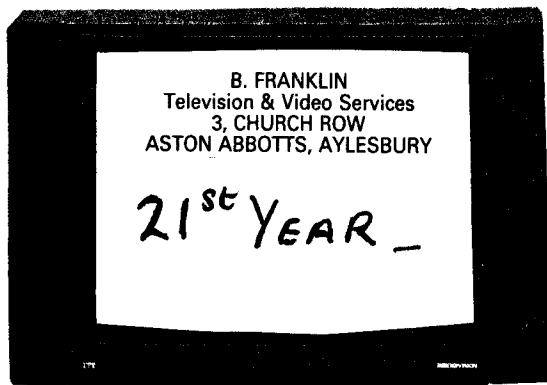
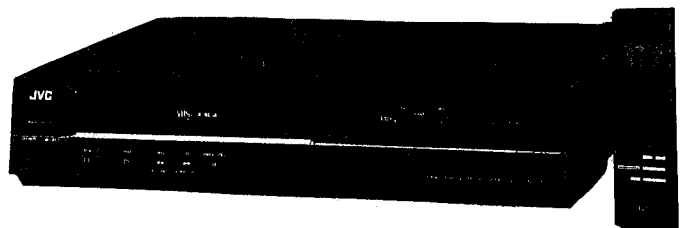


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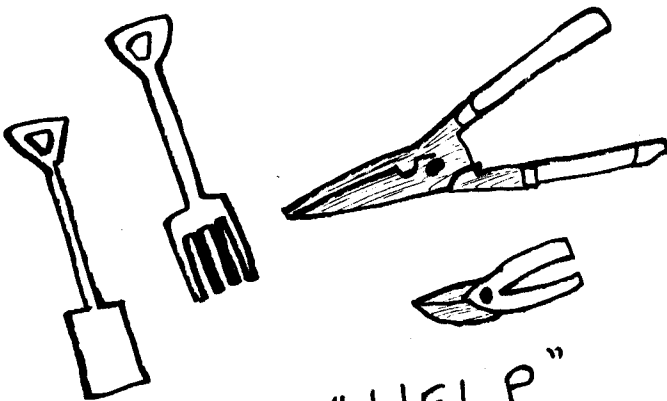
(This article arrived too late for the March issue, which is when the toads are really on the move in Moat Lane, but there may still be some about - please take care when driving up the Lane after dark - Editor)

For more years than I care to remember my family and I have done what we call "Toad Picking". Buckets wellies macks (it's usually a wet night) we set off several times a night for as long as they're making for the moat.

It gets more dangerous each year for us with the amount of traffic using Moat Lane, but more so for the toads. I do hope some of the young people in the village will try to help them over. Most go over when it's dark - we make a point of going about 10pm before the pubs turn out. You will need a good torch so that you can be seen, a bucket to carry them in and plastic gloves or bags on your hands as the ditch where they come up isn't called the sewer ditch for any other reason. Tip them in opposite the Windmill Farm.

Many villages have built toad tunnels - most come up the sewer ditch so a tunnel there would save a lot of them. I will try to find out if there is help to fund and build one.

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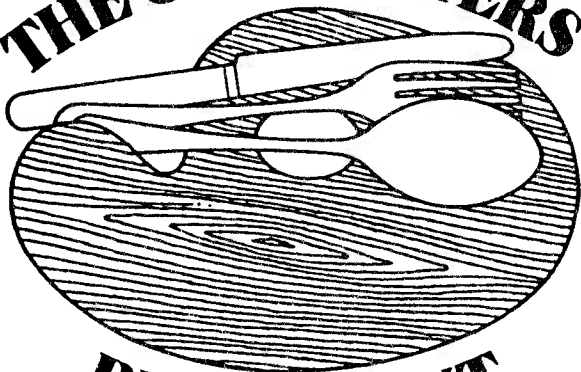
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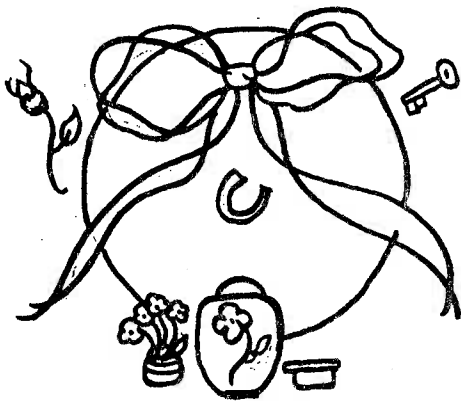
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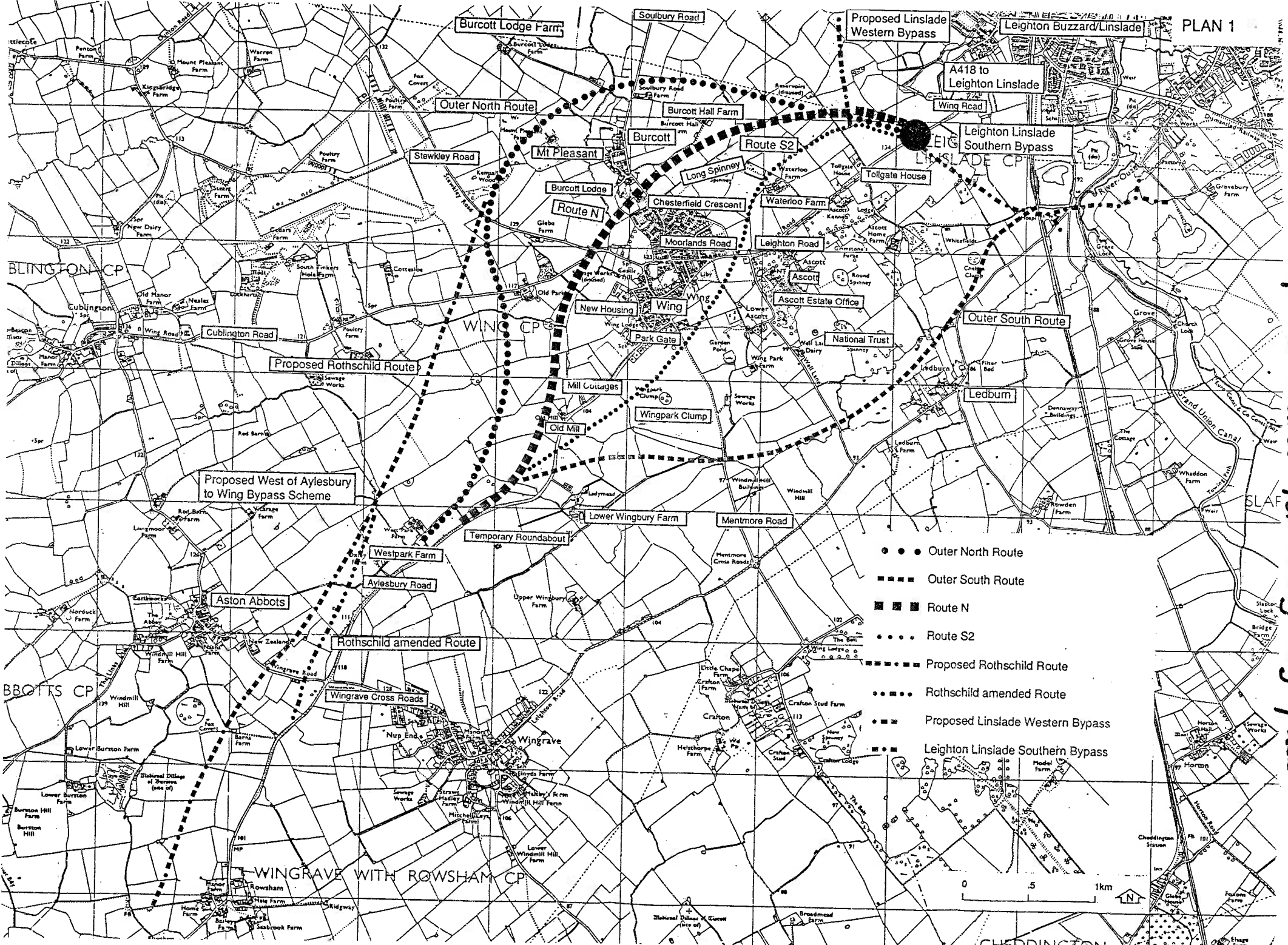
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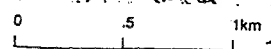
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- ■ ■ Route N
- ● ● Route S2
- ■ ■ Proposed Rothschild Route
- ● ● Rothschild amended Route
- ● ● Proposed Linslade Western Bypass
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CHESHER 'S NEW ORGAN REVEALED

Cannes has its film festival! Wembley its Cup Finals! Aston Abbotts has the Chronical Show! Similar in principle to the Christmas Show and yet somehow totally different: the same slick well rehearsed acts; the word perfect lines; and an enthusiasm only equalled by the most professional of Thespians.

There any resemblance with the Christmas Show ends, the normal greeting for the Aston Abbotts Christmas Show is a warm friendly greeting and a glass of Sherry. The tone for the Chronical Review is set as one walks through the door - "HAVE YOU PAID FOR YOUR TICKETS YET, IF NOT GIVE US THE CASH", in a tone that only John Whyte can manage.

The M.C. for the evening was Gordon Smith whose courage to undertake and oversee the good running order of the Show is only equalled by his talent. Stepping into the breach at very short notice to become the shaky Dennis for the evening, Dennis's talent missed through illness or was it good sense, and then followed a wide variety of subjects and themes for the Evenings entertainment.

The opening number being performed by Chris, Gordon, John and John, with Gordon Smith occasionally singing the same song as the other three, there followed Chris Brandons letter from Ireland. I can only assume his near perfect Irish accent is a reflection on the quantity of the black stuff he consumes at the Bull & Butcher. In contrast to the cultured Bernard, a real display of talent, there followed a rendition by the Bristols and a great deal of camera clicking: I am still at a loss as to the connection this fair act has with the City in question; and as always our Musical Maestro displaying his dexterity with his Mighty New Organ. The following Cockney act by Andy Bistro and John Branker was much about Balls and Balconies with Andy displaying a paunch that either reflected a shirt two sizes too small or the lingering effects of last year's quick setting custard. The Bull & Butcher will certainly have to sign up Gordon Smith for the Karioke Night occasions. Gordon's unaccompanied version of Whitsun Ladies was an act which met with raptuous applause, and Anne Branker's sketch of an Agony Aunt was different to say the least and her advice on how to get a spotted dick to rise had Neil Chesher collapsed over his organ. John and Ann send up of a well known television pension fund commercial had the audience in stitches although John really ought to have something done about those teeth, and where the Scottish gentlemen came from is a mystery but at least we all now know what a Scotsman wears under his kilt.

Gordon beaming in the knowledge, or was it the red wine, of yet another great evenings entertainment and fine food, announced the last act. John Whyte and Bridget Brandon brought some real culture to the stage (another example of Chris Brandon's talents), and sang "ALL I ASK OF YOU" And the final raptuous applause for the entire cast was indeed a reflection on a wonderful evening.

PTO

The other stars of the evening were the ladies who prepared a most superb lasagne, lots of fresh salad and french bread washed down with copious quantities of wine.

Author's note : this report has been censored much to my disgust. Unedited versions available from RGW, BB, BSC.

RAY WILKINSON

Editor's note: Special thanks to Sheila Read for helping with the catering at the last minute.



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RECTOR'S REPORT

It was clearly going to be one of those days!

One of those days when the Water mains were being cleaned out in Wingrave - so that I was thinking twice about turning on the tap.

Unfortunately there was a load of washing in mid-cycle when the electricity went off. My immediate thought was that there was a fault on the washing machine that had caused the trip switch to throw a wobbly. I reset the trip switch and tried again. Washing machine on- trip off!

When the washing had been finished by hand, we discovered that the vacuum cleaner also made the electricity fail. So, acting on an earlier piece of advice that the problem was usually in one of the appliances, I went round the house and unplugged everything - the fridge, the freezer, the television, the toaster, the microwave.. all the vast range of appliances that we seem to need for daily life to continue in the 20th century. Everything was unplugged, and still the power wouldn't come back on.

By this time Plan B had moved on to about Plan K, and were we running out of possible jobs that could be done without electricity?

Later in the day the electrician came. He tried this, he tried that. Individual circuits were isolated - still the problem persisted. Eventually it was decided that we should spend the evening on minimum power - using as little power as possible. The electrician left.

It was about time to sink into a chair to find out whether there was any news (other than the election) on the television.... Yes, you've guessed, as I switched on, out went all the lights! Once more to the trip switch.... the supply restored yet again!

The next morning - and we had managed without having to resort to the candles - the electrician came back again. He had reached the same conclusion that I had - the fault must be in the trip switch itself. So we had a new trip switch fitted, and hopefully all will now be well.

But it did make me think. The trip switch is there to find fault and to switch off the supply when it finds one. We are often good at finding fault with other people - but, like the trip switch, we find it very hard, if not impossible, to identify our own shortcomings. .

Meanwhile, there are all those jobs that almost got done yesterday, waiting

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Church News

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We have received three estimates for the repair to the tower roof:- £650 for just replacing and fixing loose tiles;
£890 for stripping roof, felt and battening and replacing tiles;
£970 was the third estimate.

I believe the vicar and churchwardens have accepted the £890 quote so we shall need some more fundraisers.

Our next fundraiser is SUNDAY 17th MAY when we are holding a country craft fair in the Church Room with teas, and a concert in church at 6pm in the evening; do please join us. Admission will be by ticket and I will give details in the May issue of the Chronicle, but book the date.

We shall shortly see the mowers in full swing keeping the churchyard neat and tidy. John will be happy to add your name to the mowing rota if you have a couple of hours to spare sometime; remember the church is for everyone's use, so it is important we should all care about its upkeep.

It has been nice to see new faces in church and I hope the people felt welcomed, it will be nice to see a good congregation for our important church festival EASTER, so please join us. Doris will no doubt be seeking the help of our usual helpers to decorate the church, and if you would like to help just let her know.

FLOWER ROTA FOR APRIL (Easter onwards) - Colin, plus combined group for Easter.

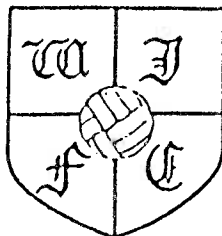
Look forward to seeing you at church.

COLIN HIGGS

SERVICES IN APRIL

		<u>Sidesman</u>
5th April	11.15am FAMILY SERVICE	
Lent 5	Heb. 9.11-14; Mark 10.32-45 (p.525)	Alison Ford
12th April	11.15am HOLY COMMUNION	
Palm	Phil. 2.5-11; Matt 21.1-13 (p.527)	Colin Higgs
17th April	<u>10.00am</u> DEVOTION (GOOD FRIDAY)	Michael Hasler
19th April	11.15am HOLY COMMUNION EASTER SUNDAY	Churchwardens
Easter	1 Cor 15.12-20; John 20.1-10 (p.576)	
26th April	11.15am HOLY COMMUNION	
Easter. 1	1 Cor 15.53-end; John 6.32-40 (p.605)	Gillian Ford
3rd May	11.15am FAMILY SERVICE	
Easter 2	1 Pet 5.1-11; John 10.7-16 (p.611)	Methodist Church

WINGRAVE JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB



KLARGESTER JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE

FEBRUARY RESULTS

Under 10s:- v Bucks C.C. - - - - - Lost 5-2 Remi Williams,
 ----- Martin Kennedy
 v Woodside - - - - - Lost 3-1 Remi Williams

Under 12s:- v Arrows [cup] - - - - - Won 5-2 Greg Pretty 3
 ----- Ben Blood, + OG
 v Aston Clinton [cup semil] - Lost 3-0
 v Aston Clinton [L] - - - - - Lost 4-1 Greg Pretty.

Under 14s:- v Brooklands [cup] - - - - - Won 2-0 James Marsh, Nick Kuh.
 ----- v Grendon Underwood [cup] - Lost 7-0

MARCH RESULTS

Under 10s:- March 8th [away] v Barnfield Colts - Lost 5-1 Stephen Charleson
 ----- March 15th[away] v Aston Clinton - - Lost 7-0

Under 12s:- March 1st v Arrows [L - home] - - - - Draw 2-2 Greg Pretty.
 ----- March 8th v Woodside [L - home] - - - Lost 5-0
 March 15th v Corinthians [L - away] - - Lost 4-0

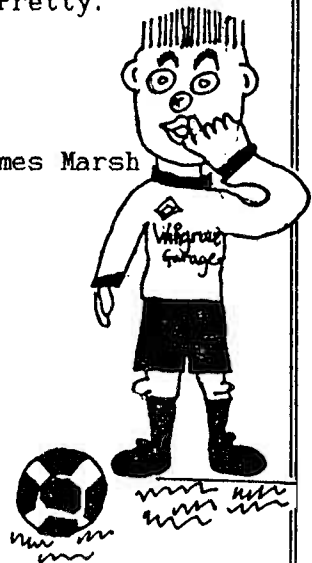
Under 14s:- March 1st v Pitstone [cup - away] - - - - Lost 4-0
 ----- March 8th v Grendon U. [L - away] - - Lost 7-1 James Marsh
 March 15th v Aston Clinton [L- away] - - - Lost 8-0

APRIL FIXTURES

To be arranged:- Under 14s:- Wingrave v Pitstone, Wingrave v Wing.

Internationals - WINGRAVE V LA BOUEXIERE :-

April 19th Easter Day:-
 Under 12s Trophy Match at the school KO 10.30am
 Under 14s match 2.30pm KO in the Recreation Ground.
 [with get together in Community Centre after 14s match]



Even though we are not in the cup finals of the Leighton League this year, you may wish to go along:-

CUP FINALS - LEIGHTON TOWN GROUND - April 26th am & pm

OUR NEXT MAJOR FUND RAISER - CABARET NIGHT 11th April at the Community Centre. Ticket £5 from Fred Megram and Terry at the garage. Supper included plus a real laugh! If you can do an act, great [please let Fred Know] if not just come and support one of the best nights out in Wingrave.
 [apart from Daiseys Birthday Bash of course!]

[Sketches by Greg Pretty]



Notes from the Parish Council meeting, 28th February

Matters arising: these included (1) the Oxley Farm tip had been closed until necessary aspects required to conform with the licensing had been rectified; (2) District Councillor Bryan Round was still pressing Aylesbury Vale District Council for a footway light in Bricstock despite being told by AVDC that it was not a high priority.

Planning applications: the following now go to AVDC (Parish Council made no comment on them): (1) installation of biodisc drainage system at Windmill Hill Farm; (2) Extension of garden onto agricultural land at Lower Burston Farm; (3) single storey rear extension at Gatesgarth.

An extension and garage at 1 Norduck Cottages has been granted by AVDC.

Accohts: Eastern Electric, £48.29; repair of street light, Value Electrics, £61.08; AVDC, election expenses, £61.40 to be paid.

Recreation Ground: Bucks County Council DSO put in the lowest of three quotes for mowing the Rec - £396 for sixteen cuts. This was accepted.

New tyres for the swings are to be bought.

Churchyard wall: The Rector had written to ask the Parish Council for significant help towards the cost of repairing the retaining wall of the burial ground. The Clerk had taken legal advice and reported that as the ground was still in use it was the sole responsibility of the Parochial Church Council. The Parish Council suggested to the Rector that he might like to raise it at the Annual Parish Meeting on 27th March.

Any other business: the question of restoring the Church Row pump is to be looked into again.

ANGLIAN WATER have written to the PC to say that from 1st April all customer enquiries about sewerage, sewerage flooding etc. should be reported directly to them on their 24-hour number 0832 276000 (address: Customer Services, AW Services Ltd, Western Division, Oundle, Northants PE8 4AS). However, Council house drainage problems should go to AVDC Housing Division (office hours 0296 395900; outside office hours 0296 415144). If you are on THAMES WATER, forget all that and ring AVDC Engineering Division on 0296 395900 if you have a problem...



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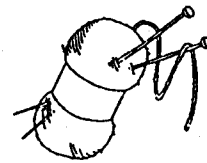
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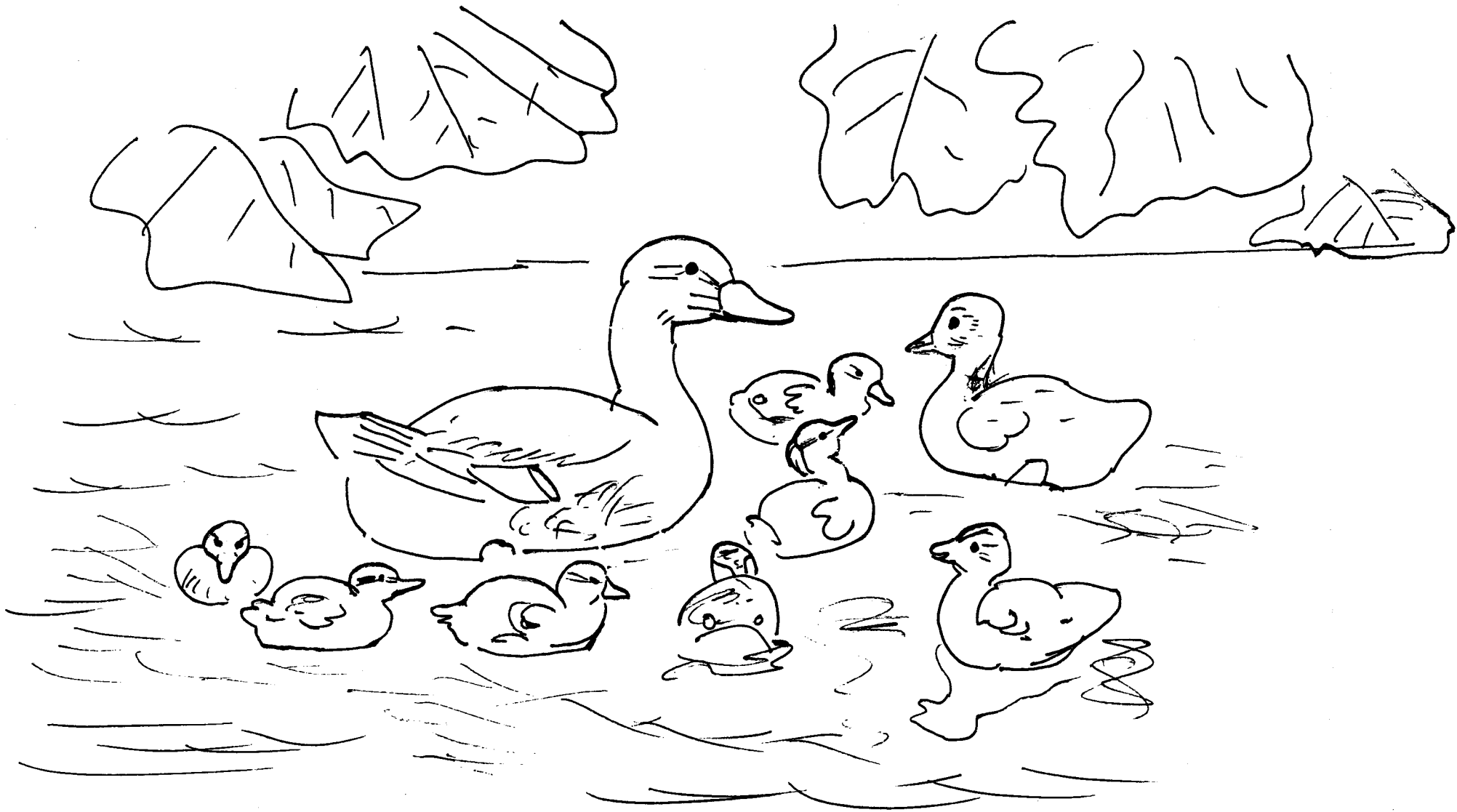
DO YOU KNOW YOUR TOWNS?

1. Which town is famous for its pancake race?
2. Which local town had an MP who refused to pay ship money?
3. Which town was William Cowper, the famous hymn writer, born in?
4. Which town holds a mop fair?
5. Which town is famous for oysters?
6. Which town is noted for its twisted church spire?
7. Which town is associated with the signing of the Magna Carta?
8. Which town is mentioned in the nursery rhyme 'Ride a Cock Horse'?
9. Where did John Bunyan spend his days in prison?
10. Which town is famous for chair making?
11. Which town is famous for stilton cheese and pork pies?
12. Where is the Lord Leycester hospital?
13. Which town is famous for blankets?
14. Which was the county town of Buckinghamshire?
15. Where is the annual tulip parade held?
16. Where was Gainsborough born?
17. What is the county town of Kent?
18. Where are the Wernher Collections?
19. Which town is at the end of the North Yorks Railway?
20. Which town is the base for climbing Ben Nevis?

ANSWERS

(Thanks to Colin)

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|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| 17. Maldstone | 18. Luton (Hoo) | 19. Pickering | 20. Fort William |
| 1. Olney | 5. Whitstable | 9. Bedford | 13. Witney |
| 2. Aylesbury | 6. Chesterfield | 10. High Wycombe | 14. Buckingham |
| 3. Berkhamsted | 7. Bury St Edmunds | 11. Melton Mowbray | 15. Spalding |
| 4. Amersham | 8. Banbury | 12. Warwick | 16. Sudbury |



Seven ducklings and the ugly duckling
(from The Ugly Duckling by Hans Christian Andersen)

EDITORIAL

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

This first issue of the CHRONICLE will I hope inform, entertain and amuse. The aim is to try and provide a magazine that will have something for everyone. If your area of interest is not covered please let me know and I will try and put the matter right in future editions.

There is almost too much to report this month - a successful Festival; a sensational (and much deserved) second place in the Best Kept Village Competition; news of a new 'Domesday Book' to be produced by the Friends of the Vale of Aylesbury, as well as our regular 'Message from the Rector'.

Other monthly feature include advice from our 'Amateur Gardener' and the 'Aston Abbots Cookbook', a pot-pourri of recipes old and new; familiar and unfamiliar.

But, this is your newsletter, available free to all. If you want to announce future events, suggest ideas, buy something or sell something why not use THE CHRONICLE.

The regular 'Update' section on Parish Council news will I hope keep you informed of issues that are discussed and enable you to use your voice in village affairs. This month the Council is seeking your advice on the future of the Church Room. All comments would be most welcome.

Graham Parker.

THIS IS HOW
'THE CHRONICLE'
WAS LAUNCHED IN
SEPTEMBER 1983.

ELEVEN ISSUES A
YEAR (WITH A
BREAK IN AUGUST)
HAVE APPEARED
SINCE, CONTAINING
LOCAL NEWS AND
ANNOUNCEMENTS,
LETTERS,
FEATURES, AND
ADVERTISEMENTS
FOR LOCAL
BUSINESSES AND
SUPPLIERS

AS WITH ALL MAJOR NEWSPAPERS, CRIME HAS FEATURED HEAVILY . . .

It was decided to re-order a new Neighbourhood Watch sign to replace the one stolen [!!!!] in the Cublington Road, and also to order the ASTON ABBOTTS [ENSTONE] Domesday Sign for the Green.

TEA TOWELS

Could anyone who has removed tea towels from the Church Room please return them.

Disappointment was expressed that the new electricity meter had suffered theft and Chris Brandon undertook to install a lock. The unit will also be 'boxed-in' when funds permit. Chris also agreed to hang the 'Best Kept Village' plaque in the room.

HOW LOW CAN YOU GO

Can the person or persons who stole concrete sections of the garage to be erected in the Recreation Ground please return them.

← THIS ITEM REFERS TO A
LONG-RUNNING STORY THAT
BEGAN WITH THE FOLLOWING

ANNOUNCEMENT IN MAY 1988

(see next page)



RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE

At a meeting on 21st April the committee noted that the baby swings, which had cost £280, had now been erected. A garage, to be used for additional storage, had been donated by Paul Drysdale and would be put up in the summer.

SOME ANNOUNCEMENTS (SEE BELOW) WERE HARDLY INTELLIGIBLE TO MOST OF THE VILLAGE

NOTICE

AT STUD: ONE NEAR BLACK LABRADOR
 PLACE: Almost anywhere in the village.
 PEDIGREE: As long as your toe.
 FEE: Free, does it for pleasure.
 KENNEL NAME: RA D AR (Ancient Tibetan)
 OWNERS RIGHTS: You keep them all.
 Please ring 681425 to apportion blame!



AND THE PROPOSAL BELOW HAD ALSO EXERCISED MANY OF OUR GREATEST MINDS OVER THE YEARS

... THIS IS FROM
 FEBRUARY 1985

OLD PUMP TO BE RESTORED

AMONG the business discussed at Friday's meeting of Aston Abbots Parish Council was the old water pump in Church Row.

The clerk, Mr. D. Watts, reported that there was a good chance it would soon be possible to restore it.

The parish council is to write to British Telecom expressing an interest in the old telephone exchange, which they would like to use for various village amenities.

Complaints had been received from several people in the village regarding the status of the bridle path running through Norduck Farm.

Councillors made it quite

clear that it was definitely a public bridleway, and could be used by pedestrians and horse riders.

Motor vehicles could not use it unless going to the farm on business.

The clerk was asked to seek guidelines from the electricity board regarding street light maintenance, and the standard required to meet its approval.

The present contract with the board for the maintenance of lighting will be ended on March 31.

SOME REPORTS CONCERNED MAJOR CHANGES IN THE VILLAGE . . .

BACK TO SCHOOL - TO DINNER

At first we were a little puzzled by the sign 'THE OLD MASTERS'. It is splendid though. The pictures adorning the walls are all in the modern idiom, so much so that one former pupil claimed that he had painted the abstract above the door to the 'Necessarium'.

Whatever would the 'Old Masters' have said about toilets in the Staffroom?

There was a subtle irony about taking our pre-dinner drinks in 'the corner' used more than once for the correction of our misdemeanours.

Gone were the ink stained desks, replaced by tables covered with snow white cloths. The heating stove has been updated, but is still in the same place. Our table was just where we used to sit in the third year, and how appropriate we thought it was that the wine racks are now where the tuck shop used to be, a great improvement on school milk!

Thanks Juan for a wonderful evening, not only for a superb meal, but for the opportunity to re-live some memories of our old school days; not all good, but at this distance in time, very interesting.

An experience we thoroughly recommend . . .

BACK TO SCHOOL - FOR DINNER.

... OTHERS LED TO
 SOME HEADSCRATCHING

Tuesday Club

Due to popular demand, the "Tuesday Club" has become a coffee morning, to be held every second Wednesday of the month

CHURCH NEWS

THE CHURCH AND CHAPEL HAVE ALWAYS
FEATURED PROMINENTLY. THIS IS HOW
FR. JOHN HEFTER ANNOUNCED HIS CAMPAIGN
FOR STREET-LIGHTING AT WINGRAVE CROSSROADS

THE CHURCHES IN WINGRAVE WITH ROWSHAM, ASTON ABBOTTS AND CUBLINGTON

June 1986

Aylesbury 681623

THE RECTOR SAYS -

One of the most depressing things in life is NOT when evil men do evil
evil deeds (that is to be expected, anyway).....BUT.....WHEN

Good Men do Nothing!

The Demonstration for safety at Wingrave Crossroads is set for Saturday,
June 14th - RAIN OR SHINE....

A REVIEW OF THE ROYAL OAK'S SEASON FROM OUR SENIOR
SPORTS REPORTER "DOUBLE SCOTCH".

Unfortunately the news is not good. The season got off to a disastrous start
with several games lost, however recent weeks have seen a return to form with
the last game (at the time of writing) being a 3 - 2 win over the Bedford
Arms, Leighton Buzzard.

The courageous decision of the captain, Tony Hinds, to drop himself paid off
and he received encouragement from several members of the team to repeat this
tactic in following weeks.

CHRISTMAS SHOW!

A cast of thousands is already
in training for this year's
extravaganza

ROBIN HOOD

(he likes his puddings, he likes
his beer
But he isn't kind to deer I fear)

meets the

SHERIFF OF CUBLINGTON

(This is a man of whom it's said
He'd strangle teddybears in their
bed)

Starring ANDY BYSTRA as Richard,
coeur de lion, jambes de grenouille
auto de Citroen

↑ REVIEWS OF SPORTING OR THEATRICAL
HIGHLIGHTS HAVE NOT ALWAYS BEEN
COMPLIMENTARY ... BUT THE
ANNOUNCEMENTS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN

OPTIMISTIC →

WANTED

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(ONE WAY ONLY)
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SUCCESSFUL
ADVERTISER HAS
NOT BEEN
SEEN SINCE

←

DARTS

The Estone Chronicles

George Lipscomb's "History and Antiquities of the County of Buckingham" published in 1847, is probably the most detailed history of the county that has yet been produced. Below is the first of several extracts dealing with 'Aston Abbats'.

ASTON ABBATS.

ASTON ABBATS, so called to distinguish it from the other Astons, or Estons, (i. e. *east towns*), in this County, and marked by that addition, in consequence of this Parish being part of the ancient demesnes of the Church of St. Alban's, is situated on elevated ground, on the northern verge of the Vale of Aylesbury, about five miles from that town. It is bounded, on the North, by Cublington; on the East, by Wing; on the South, by Wingrave; and on the West, by Whitchurch.

ASTON ABBOTTS COUNCIL HOUSES

SHOULD BATHS BE PROVIDED?

At a meeting of the Wing Rural District Council, at Linslade on Tuesday, when Councillor G. H. Southall occupied the chair, Councillor the Rev. C. W. Morris enquired whether it was too late to think about having baths in the proposed Council houses at Aston Abbots.

The Clerk said that at a previous Council meeting the general opinion had seemed to be that there was no demand for them at Aston Abbots.

Village was given away as present

THE history of Aston Abbots begins well over 900 years ago when the first recorded facts show that it belonged to Edward the Confessor from 1042 until 1066. Before his death in January 1066 Edward made a gift of this pretty Bucks Village to a Danish chief called Wulf. The village at this time was called Eastun. Wulf then obtained permission from the King to give the village in its entirety to the Abbots of St. Albans.

ASTON ABBOTTS

SCHOLASTIC SUCCESSES. — Congratulations to Alice Beckett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alf Beckett of Cublington, and to Victor Scott of Aston Abbots, on winning by the examination in March last, Free Places at Aylesbury Grammar School. Also to Elizabeth Carter of Cublington, on passing the same examination with sufficient marks to allow of her attending the Grammar School as a fee-paying pupil. All three are scholars at Aston Abbots C.E. School.

25
JUNE
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... AND THERE HAS ALWAYS BEEN ROOM FOR REPORTING RECENT AND NOT SO RECENT LOCAL ACHIEVEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS TO KAREN BRANDON FOR HER "STAR LETTER" IN THE 'BEANO' which appears below.

CONGRATULATIONS

to Piers Parker who was selected to play for the Leighton Linslade & District Under 14 representative side in a match at Bedford in the week after Christmas. Piers has another year in the age group as does fellow Wingrave team-mate Anthony Bishop.

LONDON MARATHON

ANDREW FORD finished 5 784th in this years race in a time of 3hrs 30min 42sec. and raised the very impressive sum of £408 for the Christopher Dobbs Leukaemia Appeal. A letter of thanks from Christopher to Andrew can be seen on the next page.

Dear Dennis,
I am just writing to tell you about my art teacher, Miss Crowther, who is a great fan of yours. The other day she came to school wearing a shirt, with a front cover from "The Beano" on it. She told us that she had painted it all with fabric paint to the last detail, and it had taken three days to do!
Yours paintingly,
Karen Brandon
Aylesbury,
Bucks.



Dear Karen,
It sounds like a great shirt. I hope the "Beano" artist doesn't take up her idea, though. If he started doing his drawings on shirts The "Beano" printer would not be at all pleased.
Yours pressingly,
Dennis.

T-SHIRT
AND POSTER

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HAVE SOMETIMES STIRRED
CONTROVERSY

Dear Graham,

As much as we the undersigned enjoy reading the Chronicle and most of the articles therein, we do, on this occasion have to agree with the comments made in last months issue regarding the use of pseudonyms.

We feel that if people write articles which they expect to be printed, they should at least be honest and decent enough to sign them with their real names, and if necessary their addresses as well, so that any hate mail can go directly to them without involving a third party (in the Chronicles case, yourself). You can rest assured that if we feel a need or desire to write an article for your magazine in the future, it will contain our name, address and anything else we feel may prove our authenticity.

With best wishes,

Don Caster	Win Grave	R.U. Kidding
Will E. Bethere	Carl S. Berg	Lynn Kings
Steven Age	Peter Borough	Ed Inborough.

12.

CHURCH ROOM MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

Thanks were expressed to Len Scutchings for fitting the external light and also for the emergency plumbing carried out during the bad weather. Without Len's timely intervention the committee could have been faced with a substantial bill.

MISCELLANY



COUNTY OF BUCKINGHAM
ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS



LADIES' CLUB NEWS

Gardening

THIS MONTH ITS WORMS

BEST KEPT VILLAGE

1983

VIEW FROM THE CORNER OF THE GREEN

Editor

CERTIFICATE
OF MERIT

CHURCH ROOM

Aston Abbotts

DIP-STICK DILEMMA

ELDERLY Aston Abbotts residents have been getting hot under the collar about the oil central heating systems at their homes.

The Aylesbury Vale District Council house tenants claim that the wrong gauges have been fitted to their fuel tanks, which makes it impossible for them to tell how much oil has been used.

Every time anyone from the old people's bungalows in Bricstock wants to check the amount of oil in their 250 gallon tank, they have to walk down to the bottom of the garden, climb a six-foot ladder and test the level in the tank with a dipstick.

A VERY WARM WELCOME TO

Pam and Tony Hewitt who have moved into Church Farm with their four children, Alison (10), Mark (9), Paul (5) and David who is three. Tony was Deputy Area Officer with Social Services Department of Rotherham and is now a teacher at Cassio Coll-

People

Abbotsbury.

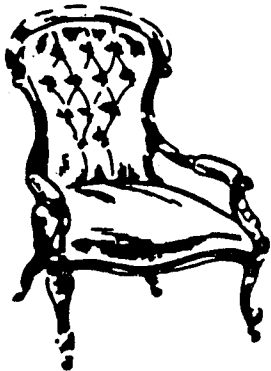
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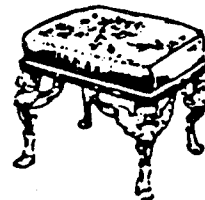
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