



# The Chronicle



# Editorial

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We were not able to give a report on Chronicle funds at the Annual Parish Meeting, but here is the figure: £453. This will keep us afloat for a while, and we have been promised a share of Festival proceeds, so we should be alright until next year.

We have a Festival Committee, we shall have a village festival this year - just. Don't sit back and leave it to the committee, several of whom have helped to organize it for several years now. The more help, the better it will be, so please pitch in - see article on p.9.

The Church Row pump is working again after... sixty years? We're not quite sure. Anyway, once the area is tidied up we shall have a grand opening - there will be notices up. Come and have a look.

Holiday time again soon, so a Happy Easter to all.

*Caroline Lane*

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by Friday 23rd April, please.

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## What's On : April

### REGULARS

Tuesdays: Bin Day

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

Tuesdays: mobile library  
Wingrave Road, 11.15-11.30  
The Green, 11.35-12.10  
Oxley's Farm, 12.15 alternate weeks (13th etc.)

Wednesdays: fish & chip van outside Bull & Butcher, 8pm (or can be up to 30mins later) rings bell around The Green

Wednesdays: toddler group in Wingrave, 10.00-11.30am Methodist Hall, Nup End

Wednesday 7th: Leighton Linslade transport meeting  
Bus/train problems to Colin, 681343

Thursday 8th: Ladies Club  
Miss Jean Archer, slides: A Chiltern Town in the Last Century  
2.45pm, Church Room

Sunday 11th: Outing to Weston (see below)

Monday 12th (Easter Monday)  
Rambling Club meet  
Quainton Church Rd 2pm

Thursday 15th: Whist Drive  
7.30pm, Church Room

Sunday 18th: Rambling Club meet Ashridge 2pm

Monday 19th: Toddlers  
2.30-4pm, Church Room

Thursday 22nd: Ladies Club  
Mr Mark Bryant, Library Talk; 2.45pm, Church Room

Thursday 22nd: Bingo  
7.30pm, Church Room

Monday 26th: Toddlers  
2.30-4pm, Church Room

Thursday 29th: Whist Drive  
7.30pm, Church Room

Friday 16th: Parish Council 8pm Ch. R.

### WING BYPASS INQUIRY

This opened on Tuesday 30th March and is expected to run until Friday 16th April (not bank holidays). It is open to the public. Aston Abbotts Action Group expects to put its case on the last morning. Please come and support us if you can. We have three main points: the bypass should not go ahead as a trunk road when the rest of the route is not settled; the local need is for a single carriageway; and we strongly oppose the outer northern (Rothschild) route.

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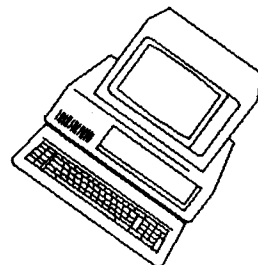
### BOOK THESE DATES

Sunday 11th April: Coach outing to WESTON SUPERMARE  
Depart The Green 7.20am  
Fare £8; OAP/child £7  
Book with Colin 681343

Sunday 2nd May: Coach outing to SPALDING BULB FIELDS  
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Commencing Monday 19th April the village bus times are changed as follows:

MONDAY - FRIDAY Service 65

Aylesbury	7.15	8.50	1.00	3.45	4.00	5.50	Change at Leighton B. arrive 9.42 depart 9.44
Aston A.	7.38	9.13	1.23	4.05	4.23	6.13	
Leighton B.	8.00	9.42	1.42	-	4.42	6.34	
Milton Key.	8.50	10.21	2.23	-	4.55	-	

Milton K.	-	-	-	11.30	1.30	5.00	Change at Leighton B.
Leighton	7.25	-	9.10	12.10	2.35	5.50	
Aston A.	7.44	8.05	9.30	12.30	3.05	6.10	
Aylesbury	8.10	8.25	9.53	12.53	3.27	6.32	

SATURDAYS Service 65 and Routemaster

			RM	RM		RM			
Aylesbury	7.15	8.09	9.00	12.0	1.00	3.10	4.10	5.50	
Aston A.	7.36	8.23	9.23	12.23	1.23	3.33	4.38	6.13	
Leighton	7.58	8.44	9.44	12.44	1.44	3.54	5.01	6.36	
Milton K.		9.23			2.23				
Milton K.	-	RM	-	RM	11.30	RM	2.30	RM	5.00
Leighton	7.25	-	9.10	11.05	12.10	2.05	3.10	4.05	5.40
Aston A.	7.44	8.25	9.30	11.25	12.30	2.25	3.30	4.25	6.02
Aylesbury	8.05	8.48	9.53	11.48	12.53	2.48	3.53	4.48	6.23

RM = Routemaster bus; tickets available for interchange on service 65

## WING SCHOOL

January was a relatively quiet month for the School with the emphasis on a return to academic work after the Christmas break.

In February and March we welcomed visiting theatre groups. One performed in French for the lower school and for the top class from Overstone, and another gave a selection from Romeo and Juliet.

Two groups of Year 11 language students visited Margate to take part in 3-day intensive courses in French and German.

Three teams were entered in the Annual Amersham and Wycombe College Business Computer Simulation competition. Ours came 3rd and 4th in closely fought games; the team who were runners up received vouchers to the value of £5.

Red Nose Day activities raised £100; the highlight of the day was throwing wet sponges at the Head of Science (on his birthday).

Two requests: Tesco computer vouchers; and good condition technical equipment. If your firm is updating photocopiers, printers, computers or other office equipment, we would be interested in your unwanted items. A Happy Easter from Wing.

## RECTOR'S REPORT

Penny and I have been very comforted by the support and kind wishes we have received during the past month following the death of Penny's mother.

A family bereavement can easily become a time of conflicting emotions. There are inevitably those bits of unfinished business that can now not be finished. We begin to regret the hurtful things we said but didn't really mean and the things that maybe we should have done, but somehow never quite got round to. Then again there are those secrets that become revealed - often pleasant, but not invariably so.

Another part of the process is the 'dividing of the spoils'. This can sometimes be upsetting - but makes you think that perhaps the Romanies do have a point in insisting that everything belonging to the deceased is destroyed! Our squabbles about the bits and pieces give us something to think about other than the more fundamental questions about our human existence.

We live in an age that finds it hard to think in terms of eternal life. We know too much about space and time to be able to exclude them from our thinking. We can understand the mystery of the processes of human life - conception, birth, growth, reproduction, maturity, ageing - but death retains its enigma. And in remaining a mystery, Death seems to hold the key to the meaning of life - which is why Easter holds such a fascination for the Christian.

Similar questions are posed by those haunting pictures of starving children - little lives lived without hope in a world that seems impotent to provide for them. Similar questions by those who face redundancy - what value do we place on human skills that nobody can afford in a greedy, materialistic society?

What has become of the values of those who get their 'kicks' from petty crime? What has become of the standards of decency and honour that are an integral part of our parents legacy to us? It certainly makes you think!

Bob Willmott

March has been quite a hectic month with church council meetings and preparing services for Easter. Both Len and John were re-elected our churchwardens with the remainder of the council members unchanged.

It was agreed to hold a family service on Good Friday morning at 10 o'clock, and Easter Day would be parish communion at 11.15am.

The church council agreed upon a new Hayter mower to enable the churchyard to be kept up to its usual standard of tidiness, and new bins are to be installed to take the grass cuttings thus alleviating the problem of drainage by the infilling of the ditch.

It is also hoped that we shall be starting the 100 Club as described in last month's Chronicle, with a draw taking place each month, so if you are interested please let Colin know.

No-one had approached the vicar about the grazing area of the allotments, so further investigations are to take place to find out other uses for the land.

The possibility of an additional toilet at the Church Room was also put before the church council; see the Rector's separate note in this issue of the Chronicle.

COLIN HIGGS

#### ST JAMES'S CHURCH SERVICES IN APRIL

##### Sidesman

4th April	11.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	Alison Ford
		Palm Sunday (p.532) 1 Cor 1.18-25; Matt 21.1-13	
4th April	6.00pm	MUSIC FOR EASTER	Methodist Church
9th April	10.00am	FAMILY SERVICE	Churchwardens
		Good Friday	
11th April	11.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	Churchwardens
		Easter Sunday (p.577) Col 3.1-11; John 20.1-10	
18th April	11.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	Michael Hasler
		Easter 1 (p.603) 1 Pet 1.3-9; John 20.19-29	
25th April	11.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	Colin Higgs
		Easter 2 (p.608) Rev 19.6-9; Luke 24.13-35	
2nd May	11.15am	FAMILY SERVICE	Gillian Ford
		Easter 3 (p.614) 1 Cor 15.1-11; John 21.1-14	

#### METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES IN APRIL

4th April	6.00pm	W. Smith
11th April	11.15am	Parish Church
25th April	6.00pm	Rev Peter Lemmon



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The lazy, hazy days of summer...

As the temperature rises, it is time to think again about the bank playing in the sunshine, ice cream dripping down summer frocks... Yes, it's time again for the

### ASTON ABBOTTS FESTIVAL

Festival weekend is 24/25 July, with the village fête on The Green on 24 July. All money raised during the festival goes to support village activities, so please think about what you might do for the occasion.

First, book the date in your diary now and tell your family and friends.

Second, start potting seedlings and cuttings now for the popular plant stall.

Third, SPONSOR the fête. Act quickly to grab your opportunity to sponsor one of the afternoon's activities:

£80 would sponsor the orchestra, £50 the printing of raffle tickets, £20 the teas, £20 the ice cream, £10 the Tombola or Lucky Dip. If you would like to offer less towards the cost of one of these, all offers will be welcome.

Fourth, please let the committee (see below) know about anything that you would like to do to help

- look after a game
- help behind a stall
- help with the collection around the village of prizes, donations etc
- dance around members of the Festival Committee swatting flies etc

AND let us know as soon as possible

The Committee are:

Barbara Bellingham / David da Silva, 681689

Janet Biddle, 681102

Gordon Smith, 681373

John Ford ) 681865

David Watts, 681376

Shirley Ford )

John Whyte, 681685

## It's a fax — the team wins a quality award



PHOTOCOPIER and fax dealers Zilon are one step nearer to achieving a quality award.

The company, based at Haybarn business park in Aston Abbots, has been presented with a plaque confirming it as a Canon Quality Approved Service Dealer.

Now the company wants to achieve the British Standard Institute 57 50 award, the highest service prize there is.

David Buffham, service manager said: "We are very proud. If

we win, it will be like having an A-level when no-one has one."

He predicted: "Eventually big companies like ICI will deal only with people who have this award. It will be crucial then."

Zilon, which deals on behalf of Canon and was judged by the photocopier giant, was rated on delivery, handling customer complaints and product servicing.

Service director Terry Sadler receives the award from Canon's Sean Doyle

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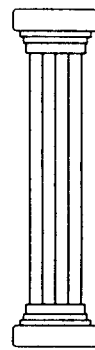


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Margaret Chesher, 20 The Green, 681201  
John Ford, 2 Ross Road, 681865  
Roy Malin, 3 Ross Road, 681358  
John Whyte, 14 Bricstock, 681685  
George Fox, 1 Church Row, 682024

HELP IN EMERGENCIES

### YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

Roger Biddle, 1 Firs Cottage, Wingrave Road 681102  
John Ford, 2 Ross Road 681865  
Caroline Lane, 2 Church Row (Chairman) 681373  
Roy Malin, 3 Ross Road 681358  
Victor Scott, 11 The Green 681488  
Clerk: Margaret Chesher 20 The Green 681201

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

## BIRTHDAYS

Chris Farrands . . . . . 1st April  
 Caroline Lane . . . . . 5th April  
 Laura Whyte . . . . . 11th April  
 Robert Clarke . . . . . 18th April  
 Sam King . . . . . 20th April  
 Alison Lewis . . . . . 20th April  
 Marc Brandon . . . . . 25th April  
 Kate Currey . . . . . 27th April  
 Diana Picking . . . . . 28th April

## CONGRATULATIONS

James Knight, who has landed himself a job as Falconer at the Gleneagles Hotel in Scotland. See you Jimmy.

## GET WELL SOON

Mrs Bennion of Bricstock, who at the time of writing was in hospital after having a fall.

## HESA NERVE

He was there, he was there, I swear he was there  
 He was sat in the 'Reserved for Ivor Cheek' chair  
 Was is grey, blond or black, the colour of his hair  
 I can't tell you that, it wouldn't be fair  
 He roared his approval, that short (or tall) man  
 Especially when Lyn and Vinn sang  
 He loved his Moussaka, his pud and his wine  
 In fact he had a ruddy good time.  
 He loved Chesh's playing  
 (Well somebody had to)  
 But dead on eleven he was  
 really quite glad to  
 Vacate that chair with a clap  
 and a cheer  
 The question is, will he be  
 sat there next year?

HENRIETTA SWEDE

## Birthday girl takes off at last

**IS it a bird? Is it a plane?**  
 No — it is birthday girl, great-grandma Elsie Clarke up up and away in a helicopter fulfilling her lifetime's ambition to fly.  
 At 82 disabled Elsie, from The Green, in Aston Abbotts, thought she would never experience her dream to touch the clouds.  
 But thanks to her three children, 10 grandchildren and four great grandchildren, her dream has come true. Realising what it meant to her, they clubbed together to give her a birthday helicopter surprise.

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Elsie said afterwards: "I still can't believe I was up there. I'll have to pinch myself when I wake up tomorrow morning."  
 The plucky pensioner even took over the controls and flew the two-seater helicopter for a while.  
 The 20-minute hover over Marlow has whetted Elsie's airborne appetite.  
 "I want to go up in Concorde for my next birthday," she said  
 "My husband would never fly when he was alive so I never got the chance. But you're never too old are you?"  
 All the family were at Wycombe Air Park to watch Elsie take off.



□ Up, up and away for birthday girl Elsie Clarke

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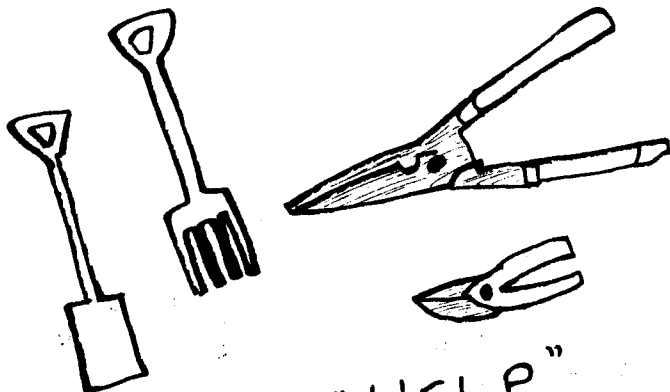
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## Annual Parish Meeting

A449

The minutes of the annual parish meeting held on 5th March do not get officially approved until next year's meeting; so here is a brief summary, and if you have any corrections please let Gordon Smith know before you forget them!

Present: Chairman of the parish council (Caroline Lane); Clerk to the APM (Gordon Smith); 11 members of the parish; the Rev Bob Willmott; Sergeant Owens and PC Griggs of Thames Valley Police

Matters arising: A418 The Aston Abbotts Action Group formed at the last meeting was continuing and would give evidence at the public inquiry at Wing Village appraisal Now completed and distributed; responses had been published in the Chronicle. All costs met by grant from Bucks Council for Voluntary Service (£100).

Thames Valley Police: Sgt Owens said that we are the most law-abiding village of the 16 for which he has responsibility. We should not be complacent though, and there was local anxiety on potential crime. He introduced Micky Griggs, our new community police officer, who said that he would be driving through two or three times a day and people were welcome to wave him down. He asked local representatives of Neighbourhood Watch to contact him - if enough interest he would convene a meeting of reps. Sgt Owens said that the local beat officer might be based in Wing, not Ivinghoe, in the future.

Village Festival: David Watts reported that since there had been no village festival due to lack of volunteers last year (there had been a church one instead) there had been little movement in the village festival account. £60 had been paid out, leaving £30 in the current account and £285 on deposit. The following agreed to serve on the committee for 1993: David Watts (treasurer), John Whyte, Gordon Smith, John Ford, Shirley Ford, Janet Biddle. Proceeds would be distributed: Toddlers 5%; Chronicle 10%; Church Room 20%; Chapel 20%; Church 30%; Recreation Ground 15%.

Church Room: Chairman of the management committee Rev Willmott reported that steps had been rebuilt and many chairs replaced. (Plans for other improvements - see p. 18 ). The committee: Ruth Bellingham, Barbara Bellingham, Chris Brandon, Margaret Chesher, Colin Higgs, John Whyte, Doris Scutchings, Rev Willmott and John Ford.

Recreation Ground: its committee is a subcommittee of the parish council and includes three councillors: Roger Biddle, John Ford and Vic Scott. The other members are Bridget Brandon, Chris Brandon, John Whyte, Lawrence Hinds and Margaret Kent. If anyone else in the village would like to help on this committee please let one of them know.

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**RELATE**

The annual parish meeting on 5th March was followed by the parish council meeting, from which these unofficial notes:

### Planning applications

Approved by AVDC: farmhouse, Willowbrook Farm; house, Moat Farm (if for essential worker); extension, Fair View.

New application: a 15-metre tower for communications network, Wingrave Road (down near the crossroads): parish council had not been asked for comments but made them anyway, being opposed to the idea.

### Accounts

A number of bills paid including electricity (£26.74), street light repairs (£100, of which we hope to recoup £20 from Eastern Electricity).

### Kerbing, Wingrave Road

It was discovered that half the cost of kerbing from the bus stop to the field gate on the bend would be more than expected, so after much discussion the clerk was asked to offer Bucks County Council £500 contribution to the work. BCC are to replace kerbing outside houses in Wingrave Road at no cost to the village - this should prevent flooding.

### AOB

It was decided not to enter the Best Kept Village competition this year; nor to join the Litter Blitz, partly due to lack of support in recent years but also the end of May is too late in the year - verges have grown too much by then. There were worries about parked cars blocking the entrance to the Recreation Ground, as Bucks County Council's mowing tractor needs to get in there. Please don't park across this gateway.

- NEXT MEETING ANNUAL PC MEETING Friday 16th April -  
8pm Church Room

## On the beat in three villages

WINGRAVE, Aston Abbots and Cublington have a new area beat officer in the form of PC Mick Griggs.

Mr Griggs (24) has just been transferred from Aylesbury town centre, where his beat was the town centre for four years.

He said: "Out here it's a different way of doing things because it is a different type of crime. There are hardly any drunks or shoplifters.

"It is more watching out for the odd burglary and traffic accident."

PC Griggs, who has been married for only three months, lives in Stone, so he is used to village life.

He said he hoped to be meeting villagers while on the beat and if anyone needs any help or advice to contact him at Ivinghoe police office.



□ New beat officer: PC Mike Griggs

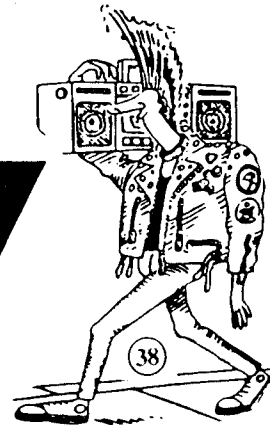
### STOP PRESS

In the early hours of Sunday 28 March a number of people in a car were seen driving across the Green and smashing a windscreen outside the Old Rectory. Any info, please contact the police on 0296 668218.

# ROSE & CROWN

Wingrave

**PRESENTS**  
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Sat 28th March

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Sat 10th April

(Wingraves Top Blues Band)

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Sat 24th April

(Bob Fox's Blues & Rock Band)

**FOX**

**STIRFRY**

Sat 8th May

(By Ever Popular Demand)

**MUDFISH**

**overseas**

Sat 22nd May

(All Girl 60's & 70's Group)

**AURA**

**Not  
included in  
the Handbook**



It's no good hanging about if you want tickets for the Cabaret. And it's no good hanging about if you want to be sure of a good seat. The first members of the audience were there forty minutes early, having made it from the far end of Ross Road. The first members of the cast turned up quarter of an hour later, having finally found the key to the Church Room. The scene was set for another memorable evening...

The organizers had cunningly forestalled the early arrivals by allocating everyone to tables in advance. It was a good idea, which worked well. The food was terrific - moussaka and salad, followed by raspberry meringue. The wine? - Gordon warned us to regard it as anaesthetic, deadening the pain of what was to come. It must have been strong stuff, for we settled back with a warm glow of anticipation and we were not disappointed. Talent streamed across the stage. Lyn, Vinny, Bridget, the Glums, the Bristols, Gordon and the Wincyettes, the two Johns... The applause rose to the rafters, and even the spot lights joined in by going on and off at random. As another bottle of anaesthetic soaked in, it seemed that the whole cast was going on and off at random. Gordon was getting away with murder; Chesh was struggling with Mr Singh and his wobbly head; John and Anne were unveiling a day in the life of the Branckers. Our heads were starting to swim, when suddenly it was time for the serious educational spots. Two of them. Hector told us a thing or two about his youth. He had had a thing about this girl. She had had two things. And then we heard how Roger had come into being. It was all to do with his mother sitting on a chair that somebody else had just been sitting on. It was all a bit new to me, and I'm still rather worried about it. Lots of people kept moving around at the end of the show and sitting in each other's seats. How many more Rogers are there going to be?

Congratulations and thanks to everybody who put so much work into it - another great evening.

CLIFFORD PRICE

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The Cabaret this year made just over £300, which has been paid into the Christmas Show Fund/Village Fund. The money is there to help the village, so any groups in need of a small grant should ask John Whyte or Margaret Cheshier (who is keeping the books) for details - 681685 and 681201 respectively.

Finally, our regular post-Cabaret item: if you have any cutlery or glasses that don't belong to you, or if you have lost any of the same at the Cabaret, let Bridget Brandon know on 681425 and she will attempt some matchmaking.

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## A MATTER OF CONVENIENCE

The Church Room Committee are looking at the possibility of improving the toilet facilities.

There are several factors that need to be taken into account:

- 1) The available space is very limited.
- 2) The Church Room is in the Conservation Area
- 3) Current standards of safety and hygiene need to be complied with.

After discussing the various options, the Committee feel that the best use of the available space will be to demolish the existing toilet and replace it with two new toilets. In addition there will be a new Entrance Lobby built as part of the new toilet block. Access to the Hall and the toilets will be through a doorway which will replace the window at that end of the Hall. There will also be a new pathway to the new entrance.

Before any plans are drawn we shall be talking informally to AVDC to try to ensure that our proposals meet with their requirements.

The cost of the project is likely to be in the region of £10,000, and whilst we are hoping for some grants to help with this, a large amount of money will need to be raised in the village.

There could be other complications which may arise from our informal discussions with AVDC. One of these is that before Planning Permission is granted we may have to undertake to comply with all the other fire and hygiene regulations. If this happens, then the project is hardly likely to get off the ground, because it will mean completely refitting the kitchen to EC Environmental Health standards and installing several other safety features (e.g Exit Signs and secondary lighting). The cost of these extras might bring the total cost to nearer £30,000.

I am sure you will agree that the policy of 'Make Haste - Slowly' is the right one for us to adopt. We want to be very sure that we are doing the right thing for the people of Aston Abbotts, and that we have their full support.

### HOSPITAL RADIO MARATHON BROADCAST

Many thanks to everyone who kindly sponsored me for my part in Stoke Mandeville Hospital Radio's 25 hour marathon broadcast which took place over the weekend of the 13th and 14th March. We raised over £1000 which will go towards maintaining and improving the daily radio service for patients.

Helen Smith

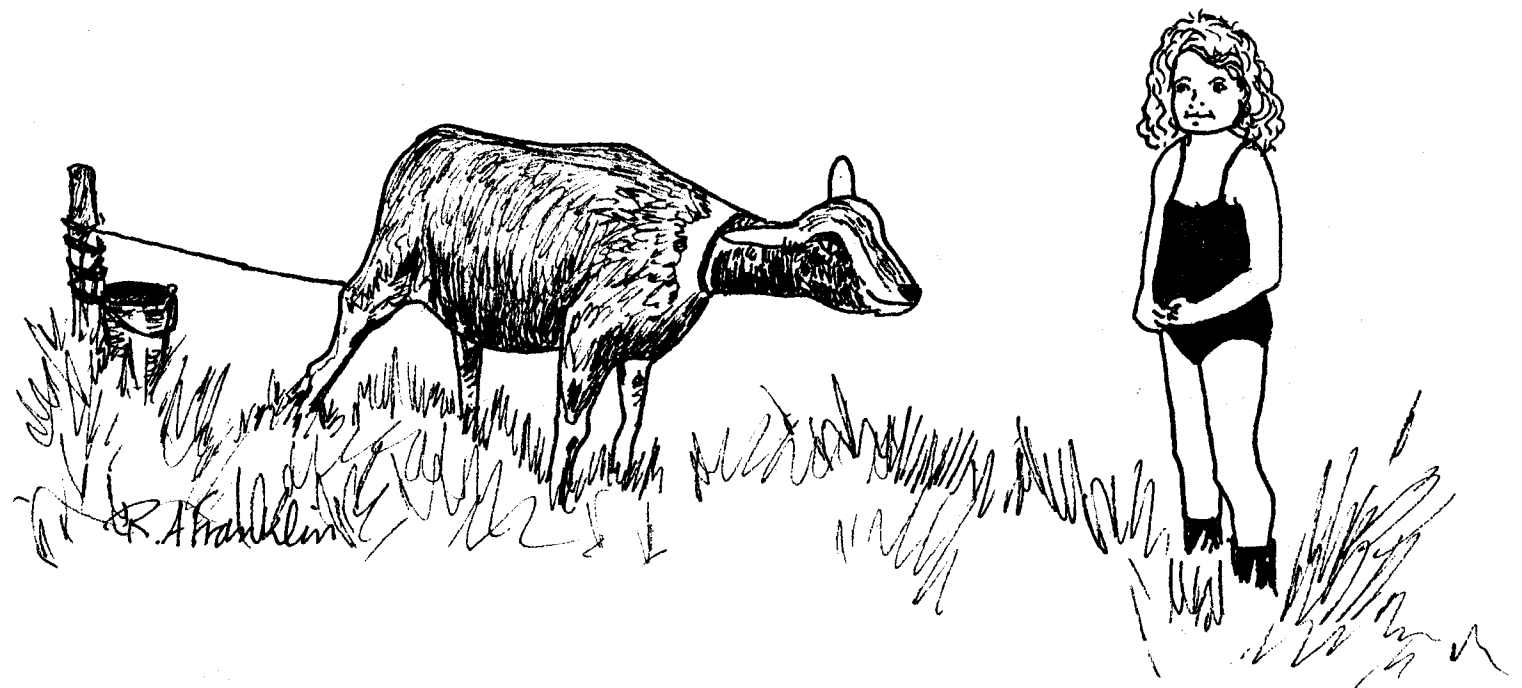
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Eleanor Franklin gets a spot of advice from the wise old goat (Millie, at Home Farm, to be precise)

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