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Aston Abbots Parish Magazine

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Editorial

Following the cutting down of the two new trees near the bus shelter we are publishing an article on the trees, the car parking problem and so on; we would welcome further comments on this unpleasant situation. We are quite happy to withhold names from publication as long as we know who you are - this is usual newspaper policy.

As the article says, a £25 reward has been offered for information leading to conviction of the person who cut the trees. If you did see anything, please think carefully about continuing to keep it to yourself.

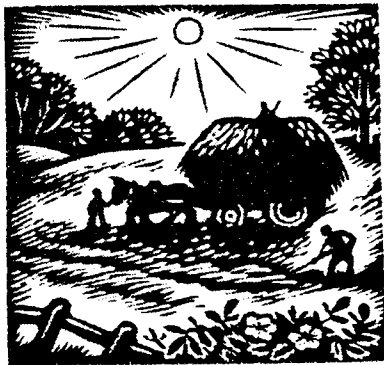
You may have heard that 19th-27th June is to be Green Transport Week. If you have never pitched and rolled about the top deck of the 65 on its way through Cublington and Wing to Leighton, give it a try - the views are excellent!

Caroline Lane

Gordon Smith

The next issue will be July and August combined; please let us have items for inclusion by Friday 25th June. Bring, send or telephone to 2 Church Row (681373).

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What's On: June

- Thursday 3rd: Ladies Club
Victorian Society, Upstairs
Downstairs talk and slides
by Mrs Anne Sharpe
2.45pm, Church Room
- Sunday 6th: coach outing,
Stratford - book with Colin,
681343
- Sunday 6th: Rambling Club
meet Cublington Crossroads
2pm for Creslow walk &
picnic tea
- Monday 7th: Toddlers
2.30-4pm, Church Room
- Thursday 10th: Whist Drive
Church Room, 7.30pm
- Friday 11th: Jumble sale
Church Room, 7.30pm
(see opposite)
- Saturday 12th: Wingrave School
fête, 11am-2pm
followed by disco for adults
- Sunday 13th: Floral display/
organ music, St James's
2-5pm; bric-à-brac and teas
3-5pm Church Room
6pm Concert - see Church News
- Thursday 17th: Ladies Club
Reflexology by Mrs Riches
2.45pm, Church Room
- Friday 18th - Monday 21st
SKIP at Bricstock
- Sunday 20th: Cricket at
Ascott in aid of Stoke
Mandeville Burns Unit - see p.9
2pm start
- Saturday 19th: Cublington Fête
- Monday 21st: Toddlers
2.30-4pm, Church Room
- Tuesday 22nd: Bucks Road Safety
meeting; highway matters to
Colin or Caroline

- Thursday 24th: Whist Drive
Church Room, 7.30pm
- Sunday 27th: Car boot sale,
Hardwick, 10am (see p.14)
- Sunday 27th: Rambling Club
meet Wendover 2pm

Coming up

ASTON ABBOTTS FÊTE
Saturday 24th July

Saturday 31st July: concert
in aid of Stoke burns unit,
Wingrave church - see p.9

JUMBLE SALE

in aid of CANCER RELIEF

Friday 11th June, 7.30pm
Church Room

Organized by the Toddler
Group in memory of Karen
White, who died of cancer
a year ago. Please come!

Jumble Bric a brac Cakes
Raffle

Admittance 20p

Offers of help/jumble/cakes:
Janet Biddle 681102
Barry White 681335
David De Silva } 681689
Barbara Bellingham }

Regulars

Tuesdays: Bin Day

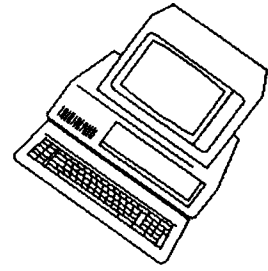
Tuesdays: The Trawler mobile
fish shop, The Green, 1.40-2pm

Tuesdays: mobile library
Wingrave Road, 11.15-11.30am
The Green, 11.35-12.10
Oxley's Farm, 12.15 alternate
weeks (8th etc.)

Wednesdays: fish & chip van
outside Bull & Butcher, about 8pm
(rings bell around Green first)
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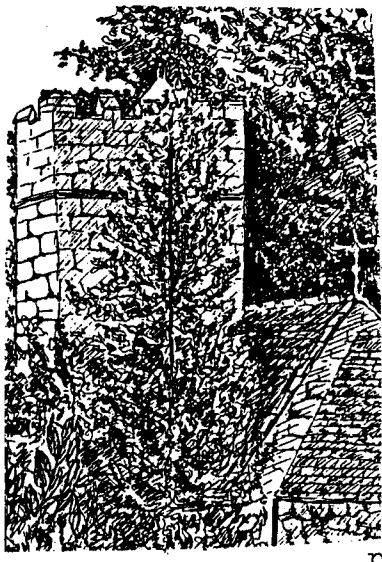
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May has been quite a busy month with the mowing rota in full swing and bedding out plants etc. to add to the beauty of the church's surroundings.

The parochial church council held a May meeting and agreed to support the Mursley Deanery youth fund (Aston Abbotts is in the Mursley deanery). The council also agreed to commence the 100 Club, the first draw to take place at Festival Evensong on Sunday 25th July.

We are also having another concert on Sunday 13th June at 6pm, given by the December Festival Choir, and those of you who attended last year will remember how enjoyable that was, so do come along again this year. Tickets will be available from Doris or myself (Doris Scutchings, 681243; Colin Higgs, 681343). During the afternoon we shall have floral displays to the theme 100 Best Tunes, organ music and teas will be served in the Church Room.

Our new type Family Service proved popular and the July Family Service will have a special emphasis on children, so do bring them along, we shall look forward to seeing you.

COLIN HIGGS

St James's Church Services in June

Sidesman

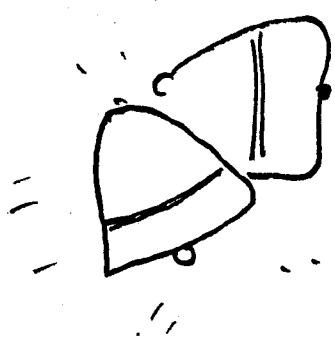
- 6th June 11.15am FAMILY SERVICE Methodists Church
Trinity (p.641) Eph 1.3-14; John 14.8-17
- 13th June 6.00pm CONCERT
Pentecost 2 (p.644) 1 Pet 2.1-10; John 15.1-5
- 20th June 11.15am HOLY COMMUNION Alison Ford
Pentecost 3 (p.649) Rom 6.3-11; John 15.5-17
- 27th June 11.15am HOLY COMMUNION Michael Hasler
Pentecost 4 (p.654) Gal 3.23-4.7; John 15.12-17
- 5th July 11.15am FAMILY SERVICE Colin Higgs
Peter & Paul (p.784) 2 Tim 4.6-8; 16-18; Matt 16.13-20
Pentecost 5 (p.659) Eph 5.1-10; Matt 19.16-26

Methodist Church Services in June

- 6th June 11.15am Family Service: Rev A. Baxter
- 13th June 3.00pm Rev Peter Lemmon (Christening)
- 20th June 5.30pm Service at Hardwick
- 27th June 6.00pm Mrs Wadsworth

THE BELLS, THE BELLS...

The Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers will be meeting in Aston Abbotts on 12th June. There will be bell ringing from approx. 3pm until 8pm, but not continuously...and the standard is expected to be high!



RECTOR'S REPORT

This month's report seems to have had more false starts than usual. The chances are that this is because my deadline is a week too soon - I know that I must something written before I go on holiday.

The theme I have been exploring is the goodness of God's Creation - how easily we take natural beauty for granted - and the dangers of trying to manipulate nature.

I've done the rounds of the Rogation Processions - including the story of the irate farmer who complained that the Vicar had not blessed one of his fields. The Vicar's response was that that particular field was more in need of 'muck' than prayer!

I've tried the 'We don't inherit the earth from our fathers, we borrow it from our children' line. But that too was unfruitful - except that I went on a nostalgia trip and ended up longing for the return of the 'rag and bone' man.

Both conservation and recycling are very important principles. Being a hoarder by nature, I have no difficulty with the theory of conservation and recycling, it's actually doing it that I find so hard. It is not that I mind taking the empty bottles to the bottle bank, the cans to the can bank and the bundles of newspaper, etc. (when there are a tidy few, that is) - my trouble is that I keep forgetting to put them in the car! But then- it is always just after I have remembered to get rid of all the cardboard boxes that I discover that I need one.

I was intrigued to discover that the cartridges used in some photocopiers are sent to China after they are used. I thought that they would simply be stripped down, cleaned and reloaded. Apparently they are recycled even more thoroughly - the mechanical parts and the aluminium parts are recycled - the plastic housing is melted down and remoulded - the residual toner is also melted down and recycled for further industrial use. Makes you think!

Bob Willmott.

PEOPLE

Our monthly column about village people, edited by BRIDGET BRANDON

BIRTHDAYS

Bernard Franklin...13th June
 Jason White.....1st June
 Fred Cross.....6th June
 Pauline Price.....7th June
 Emily De Looze....17th June
 Dave Wheaton.....21st June
 Paul Drysdale.....21st June
 Sarah Lovell.....25th June
 Kim Picking.....27th June
 David Hewitt.....28th June

OUR THOUGHTS

go out to the family of Charlie Griffin who died recently. Charlie was a very upright man, and a gentleman in every sense of the word.

GET WELL SOON

Bob Higgs, who was taken ill recently.



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Malin is elected

A WELL-KNOWN figure in local soccer, Roy Malin, has recently been elected to the Council of the Berks & Bucks Football Association.

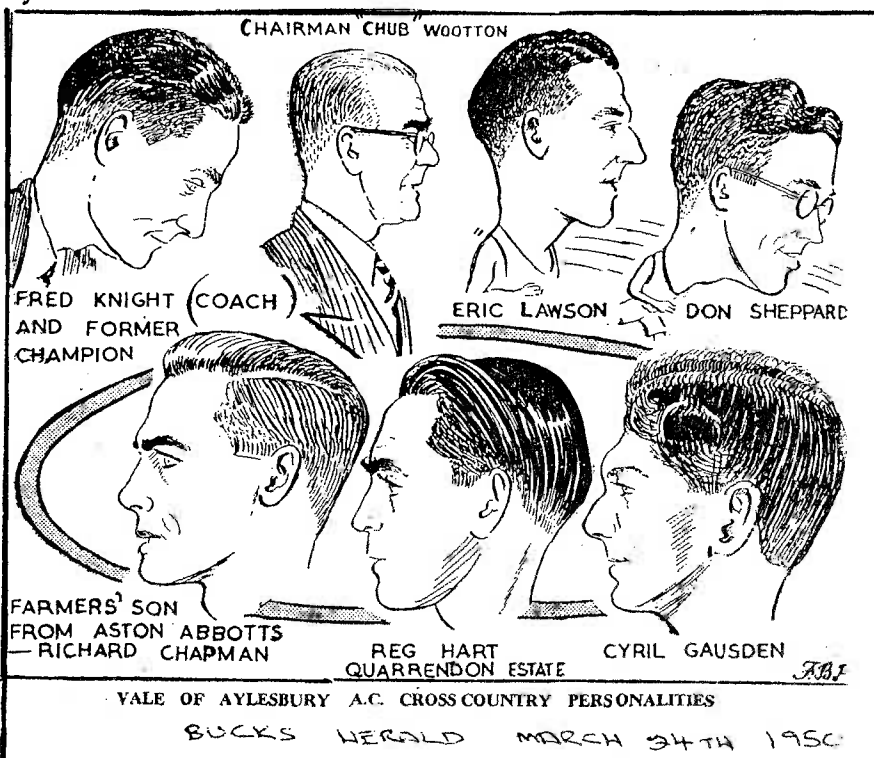


He has for over 20 years been involved in the administration of local football, although it was as a referee that he first came to prominence at both local and county level, and he is vice-president of both the Buckingham and Aylesbury Referees' Associations.

Since 1975 Roy has been referees' secretary of the Aylesbury and District Football League, and has also been closely involved in the organisation of various local Cup Competitions including the Oving Villages Cup, the Marsworth Cup, and The Field Shield.

He lives in Aston Abbots with wife Brenda, who he describes as an unpaid secretary, and he works locally for security printers Aero-Print, where he has been employed for the last 23 years.

Herald, 6.5.93 (but you read it first in the Chronicle!)



It's not only in the 1990s that people in Aston Abbots have been fast on their feet, as this cutting from the Bucks Herald in 1950 shows.

There have been complaints about dog mess on the Rec. Please clear up after your dog - it's nasty stuff to step in.

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Fete 9

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The fête approaches and people are being very generous in their support. We have sponsors who have volunteered to cover the costs of: the orchestra, the printing of tickets, the Morris Men, the teas, and the ice cream. Anyone still wishing to sponsor could contribute towards juggling and other entertainments (£50), the tombola (£10) or a lucky dip (£10). We are very grateful to the sponsors who have already come forward.

ADVANCE NEWS For the first time this year the fête will feature an 'Antiques Roadshow', so start looking out any items that you would like to be commented upon by an expert.

RAFFLE Members of the committee will shortly be approaching people around the village to ask if they would be willing to buy raffle tickets or sell them on. Anyone wanting more tickets please contact a member of the committee:

John Whyte 681685	Janet Biddle 681102
Gordon Smith 681373	Barbara Bellingham)
Shirley Ford)	David De Silva) 681689
John Ford) 681865	David Watts 681376

Don't forget the garden stall, for your cuttings and seedlings!

Stoke Mandeville Burns and Reconstructive Surgery Research Trust

Two events coming up:

CRICKET MATCH Sunday 20th June, NatWest Old England Cricket Team vs a Stoke Mandeville celebrity team. 2pm at the Cricket Ground at Ascott Estate, Wing. Tickets £3 adults, £1.50 children in advance or £5 and £2.50 on the day.

CONCERT Saturday 31st July in Wingrave Church by the Wingrave Singers (light music) followed by a buffet supper at the home of Alan and Janet Frost. Concert starts 8pm.

Tickets for both events from Janet and Alan Frost, Windmill House, Wingrave; Jean and Peter Jones, The Buttery, Nup End Lane, Wingrave; Anthony and Vivian Roberts, Longmoor Farm, Aston Abbots.

The Trust is now halfway to its £500,000 target and will soon be employing its first Research Fellow.

Anthony Roberts

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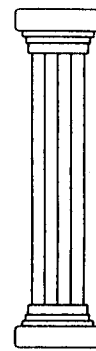


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John Whyte, 14 Bricstock, 681685
George Fox, 1 Church Row, 682024

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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

Opinion

Of cars and trees and grass verges and things that go snip in the night - or how one person can bring discontent and mayhem to a village

This is a factual statement combined with comment for those of you that did not know the awful things that have been going on in this lovely village of ours.

Some History

Taking a trip backwards in time, the County Council supplied a number of trees to be planted around the village. This was part of their policy to improve the local environment.

So saplings were planted . Amongst those , two were planted outside Nos. 32-34 , The Green. This is almost opposite the old Post Office.

One tree died and the other was struggling to grow , but had been nominated for replacement

Parking

Parking began on that spot just over a year ago.

It could have been the first incidence of the forthcoming nastiness, but the young sapling was broken.

Despite numerous complaints from the Parish council and from other villagers the parking continued.

The Parish Council made representations to the people parking on the verges, which it was obliged to do.

For it is their duty to listen to and act on the views expressed strongly by concerned villagers.

More so , when there is the probability that laws are being broken.

No agreement was reached with the parkers.

The new Tree

In November 1992, the Parish Council planted a new larger sapling in the same spot as the original.

Mysteriously, this sapling vanished over the weekend of 21/22 November.

Nobody living around the area saw it go or saw any one doing it.

The parking continued.

Two more Trees

By now the Parish Council had more complaints and had resolved to end this situation. In March 1993, two large saplings were donated by a local well wisher and were planted with solid wooden posts as support to discourage any further disappearances.

The Nasty Act !

Then, over the weekend of 24/25 April , this year some nasty minded person sneaked out in the middle of the night and cut both of the saplings at ground level.

They died !

Continued ...

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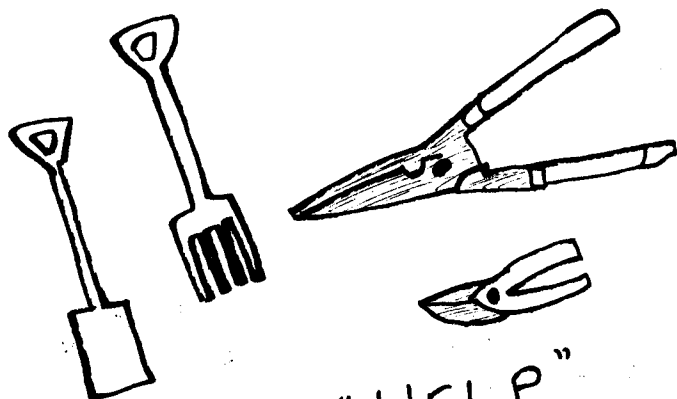
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Comment

There is a parking problem in the village and there are two genuine but opposed sides.

There are those that say their cars are too valuable to be left on the road, that they want to be able to see their cars from their windows, that they are doing no harm and that they find parking on the verges necessary

There are then those who say that this type of parking makes the village unsightly, destroys the verges and that any one moving into the village should have made sure they had adequate parking facilities before arriving. That parking on the verge in front of someone else's house is rude ; crossing a footpath, illegal

Village Life

We are privileged to live in one of the last unspoilt villages in Buckinghamshire.

For the most part life is civilised and disputes are sorted out in a neighbourly way.

Whilst the writers of this article do not believe that those parking on the verges are responsible for the criminal act of destroying the trees ,it is clear that there is someone else in the village who takes joy in committing malicious acts knowing this will cause further dissent and argument in the village.

Someone who looks in the mirror and smirks at a job well done and calls himself a hero.

Someone who we should all regard as thoroughly despicable.

The outcome

This act has now meant that the police have had to be brought in and the full force of the law applied to not just the criminal damage to the trees but also the illegal parking

Another incensed well wisher has volunteered a reward for the apprehension of the nasty minded person who cut the trees

Final Thought

Committing this sort of act is easy, all you require is spite and a hacksaw. But , we hope that no one will give him encouragement by any action of a nudge or a wink.

Best of all would be to stop the illicit parking .Voice your opinions to the Council

In the end the best way to deal with these things is on a civilised level respecting neighbours needs and views wherever possible, but always respecting the law.

But next ,we should replant the Trees

If you have any information ring :
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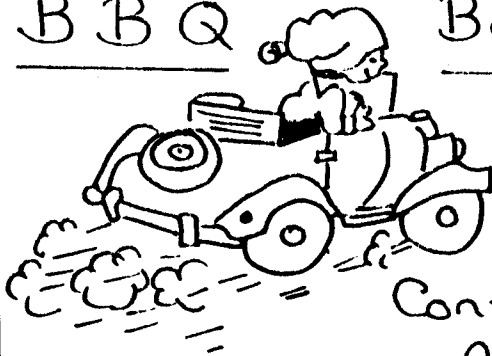
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