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# Editorial

Fête time again, and as you will read elsewhere, there are plenty of things planned by the fête committee and by St James's church for that weekend. Don't miss it!

If you find time hanging heavy on your hands, why not have a day out on the bus? Colin Higgs has pored over the timetables and done much of the hard planning work to get you to the chair museum and caves at Wycombe, the river at Oxford, Woburn, and even (dare we say it) Milton Keynes (an elaborate display for children is being built in the shopping centre for the summer holidays).

Good holidays to everyone - and remember to keep this Chronicle for July and August.

*Caroline Lane*

*Gordon Smith*

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The next issue will be September's. Please let us have copy by Friday, 27th August; to 2 Church Row (681373).

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Cover shows the silver band at a previous fête - by Andy Bystra



# What's On: July + August

## JULY

- Thursday 1st: Ladies Club  
Talk by Christine Scott  
2.45pm, Church Room
- Monday 5th: Toddlers  
2.30-4pm, Church Room
- Thursday 8th: Whist Drive  
Church Room, 7.30pm
- Friday 9th: Parish Council  
8pm, Church Room
- Tuesday 13th: Parochial Church  
Council meeting  
8pm, Hilary & Michael's
- Saturday 17th: Wingrave Fête  
2pm, village green Rec.  
2.30pm, Community Centre:  
Wingrave Garden & Allotments  
Society show (see p.9)
- Sunday 18th: Rambling Club  
meet Whiteleaf Hill 2pm
- Thursday 14th: Ladies Club  
end of season tea party
- Monday 19th: Toddlers  
2.30pm-4pm, Church Room
- Thursday 22nd: Whist Drive  
Church Room, 7.30pm
- Saturday 24th: Village  
festival (see p.5)
- Sunday 25th: floral displays  
in St James's (theme village  
life) with organ music  
Teas in Church Room, 2-5pm  
6pm, Festival Songs of Praise
- Tuesday 27th: Rambling Club meet  
The Green, 7pm, for Aylesbury  
Vale holiday walk; all welcome
- Saturday 31st: concert in aid of  
Stoke Mandeville burns unit,  
Wingrave Church. Followed by  
buffet supper. Contact Drs  
Roberts, Longmoor Farm.

## AUGUST

- Monday 2nd: Toddlers  
2.30-4pm, Church Room
- Wednesday 4th: Children's show  
11am, Church Room  
(FREE show organized by AVDC)
- Tuesday 10th-Friday 13th August:  
Children's Playscheme, Wingrave  
(see p.17) (children have to  
be aged 5 or over but do not  
have to attend Wingrave school)
- Monday 16th: Toddlers  
2.30-4pm, Church Room
- Friday 20th: Parish Council  
8pm, Church Room
- Sunday 29th: coach outing to  
Folkestone; depart The Green  
7.20am Fare £9 (OAP £8, child £7)  
Book with Colin 681343

## BOOK THESE DATES

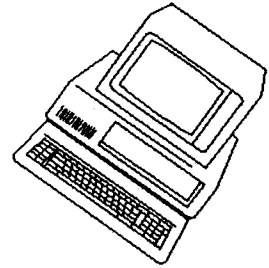
- Thursday 2nd September: Bucks County  
Show (Weedon)  
Special bus departs Bull & Butcher  
9.45am, fare £1 return
- Sunday 5th Sept: coach outing to  
Kew Gardens, depart The Green  
10.20am, fare £4.50  
(contact Colin, 681343 for both)

## 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 (6th July etc.)  
(apologies for non-arrival on  
22nd June - lack of a driver)
- Wednesdays: fish & chip van  
outside Bull & Butcher, about 8pm  
(rings bell first; can be up to  
30 mins later)
- Fridays: free Tesco bus, The Green,  
10.06am (gets you back 1.40pm)

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# Village Fête

Proceeds to: St James's;  
Methodist Church;  
Church Room; Toddlers;  
Chronicle; The Rec.

Fête day is Saturday 24th July. Please help in any way that you can; but above all please come, lend your support, and enjoy yourself!

## The approximate timetable:

- 2.00pm Opening by Don Bellingham  
Great Horwood Silver Band  
Mini Antiques Roadshow begins
- 2.45pm The Diabolos, jugglers and clowns
- 3.00pm Morris Men
- 3.20pm Great Horwood Silver Band
- 4.00pm Raffle Draw

St James's Church:  
Floral displays on  
"Village Life"

Teas  
Church Room

Ice Creams

There will be skittles, coconut shy, bric-a-brac, toys, groceries, home produce, craft stall, pony rides and games - and an Antiques Roadshow! Bring along any portable items you would like to have valued or identified (not sold, though!)

There will be a collection round the village on the evening of Monday 19th July; can you donate anything for the stalls, or any raffle prizes? If you miss the collection please contact:

Bric-a-brac: Tony & Pam Hewitt 681390  
Garden stall: Janet Biddle 681102  
Toy stall: Caroline Lane 681373  
Home produce: Ivy Brandon 681486  
Groceries: Bridget Gutierrez 681432

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS      THERE IS STILL TIME FOR  
DONATIONS      BUY RAFFLE TICKETS

Anyone wanting more raffle tickets or to offer help in any way please contact one of the committee:

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

\* Don't forget the floral displays in St. James's on Saturday and Sunday. Teas in Church Room on Sunday, 2-5pm. Festival Songs of Praise, St James's, 6pm Sunday \*

RECTOR'S REPORT

At first sight it was only a bookmark. The fact that it was between pages 30 and 31 reminded me that I had not read very much of the book. In fact it was one of those books that I had given up as a bad job.

But it was an interesting bookmark. It was a 'Day Anywhere' Ticket issued by the Midland Red bus company. I'd done two return trips from Lichfield to Birmingham on a day when Penny had come to visit before we were married. The ticket had cost 12/6 (that's 62½p) and I had probably saved about 10p by buying a Day Ticket instead of two Returns (Well, I was a student!). I can't quite make out the date on it - but it triggered many memories of a period of my life that I can still recall in some detail.

The book (which was not 'required reading', and cost 5/- ) offered a new look at 'the historical puzzle of Jesus'. This time round I have read rather more of it, and was fascinated to discover that some of the ideas being put forward by the Bishop of Durham a few years back were nothing new.

Yet the old bus ticket helped me to understand what the author was trying to say. Looking at the story of Jesus through twentieth century eyes, with twentieth century thought forms and understanding of human relationships does not give an entirely clear picture. The story of Jesus had been passed on by word of mouth for far longer than my bookmark has been around before it was written down, so it should hardly surprise us that some details may have changed in the telling. Nor should we assume that the lifestyle of Jesus and his contemporaries will fit our mental picture of how things were.

Put very simply, our perception of things changes as time passes. Things can seem very different with the wisdom of hindsight - 'If I knew then what I know now!' - and there is no telling what we have still to discover. Things that are true must remain true- even if our understanding of 'truth' changes.

Time to move the bus ticket forward a few more pages!

June has been a good month for us at church; we held a mini flower festival based on 100 Best Tunes, with the December Festival Choir joining us for an evening concert which was well attended and much enjoyed by those who came and who joined us for refreshments afterwards. We raised £143.

The tickets for the 100 Club have now been numbered, entered onto the board and distributed in readiness for the first draw to take place at Festival Evensong on July 25th, so do come along.

Our flower theme for the July Festival is based on village life which should create some interest; so why not drop in and view the displays on Saturday and Sunday 24th and 25th July and have a cuppa?

The mowing is now in full swing and the churchyard looks neat and tidy, thanks must go to the people who help with this chore and everyone else who helps in any way to keep the church in good order.

Have a good holiday, or enjoy your days out if you are not going away.

Colin

#### ST JAMES'S CHURCH SERVICES

Sidesman

4th July 11.15am	FAMILY SERVICE	Colin Higgs
Pentecost 5	Eph 5.1-10 Matt 19.16-26 (p.659) or Peter & Paul 2 Tim 4.6-8.16-18; Matt 16.13-20 (p.784)	
11th July 11.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	Gillian Ford
Pentecost 6	Col 3.12-17; Lk 14.11-end (p.664)	
18th July 11.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	Alison Ford
Pentecost 7	1 Cor 12.27-13 end; Matt 18.21-end (p.669)	
25th July 6.00pm	PATRONAL FESTIVAL	Churchwardens
St James	Acts 11.27-12.2; Mk 10.35-45 (p.790)	
1st August 11.15am	FAMILY SERVICE	Methodist Church
Pentecost 9	Eph 6.10-20; John 17.11-19 (p.679)	
8th August 11.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	Michael Hasler
Pentecost 10	Phil 2.1-11; John 13. 1-15 (p.684)	
15th August 11.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	Colin Higgs
Pentecost 11	2 Cor 4.1-10; John 13.31-35 (p.689)	
22nd August 11.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	Gillian Ford
Pentecost 12	2 Cor 5.14-6.2; John 17.20-end (p.694)	
29th August	Benefice Eucharist at Wingrave 10.00am	
5th September 11.15am	FAMILY SERVICE	Alison Ford
Pentecost 14	Eph 5.25-6.4; Mk 10.2-16 (p.705)	

#### METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

18th July, Rev Lemmon, 6pm; 1st August, Rev Willmott (Family) 11.15am;  
15th August, Mr Morris, 6pm

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Dear Editors

I am writing on the issue of the parking, and the trees. I, like many others, have lived here for a good number of years. Also like many others, I love the peace of the place, the friendliness and most of the people. I like to see new people move into the village, especially those that want to mix and join in with things. These people are very welcome, and necessary. Without them the place can get very stagnant.

I dislike people that move in and have no thought or respect for other people by parking where they think fit. We all know there is a problem with parking. Equally we know that parking on the road has the effect of slowing down the through traffic, and that can only be a good thing.

I would suggest that people that move in with cars either park where it is sensible and legal to do so, or get them onto their own land.

Concerning the mutilation of the trees, I don't believe that is an act of a newcomer. I believe it is an older village person that is trying to encourage illegal parking. I can only think they are sick in the head. I hope he is caught. Unfortunately, I think he is too cunning. Just beware of late night walkers.

(name & address supplied)

Editors' note: this letter was duly signed and we have withheld the name as requested. We have also had a strongly expressed letter which was not signed. We are quite happy to discuss it with the writer if s/he cares to contact us. But we are not going to pass it on, either to unspecified persons or to the parish council, without a signature.

Caroline & Gordon

WINGRAVE GARDEN &  
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Open  
Summer Show

Saturday 17th July  
2.30pm, Community Centre

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Vegetables  
Arts & Crafts  
Children's

For details or to  
exhibit, contact the  
show secretary:

Tony White 681548

TESCO COMPUTER VOUCHER

Thank you to all parents and friends of Wingrave C.E. Combined School for your superb response to the appeal for Tesco vouchers. It was so good we have been able to go for the Acorn 5000 instead of the 4000 and we also have vouchers over to get some software on punctuation for the BBC Masters we already have. Thank you again to all of you.

B. D. McClellan  
Head Teacher

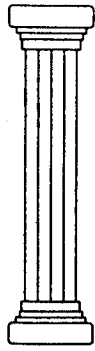
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Has anyone a second-hand

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in the attic? I am keen to spin fleeces from my Clun sheep on Lines Hill. If you can help, contact Jill Mogford (681178)

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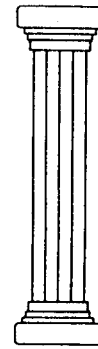


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Margaret Cheshier, 20 The Green, 681201  
John Ford, 2 Ross Road, 681865  
Roy Malin, 3 Ross Road, 681358  
John Whyte, 14 Bricstock, 681685  
George Fox, 1 Church Row, 682024

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 Cheshier 20 The Green 681201

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

# Mission India

Who did paint all those toad signs?  
It was me, I must confess  
Along with toad watch, day and night  
To prevent the gory mess!

Now my mission's over  
And the toads have safely crossed  
But now I'm onto something new  
And without your help, I'm lost!

I have been selected by the organization 'Schools Partnership Worldwide' to undertake voluntary teaching in rural India in January 1994. The organization is a registered charity based in Westminster and is involved with many underdeveloped countries, aiming to educate and improve the standard of life there. India is often forgotten about amid the focus by the media upon Somalia and Romania, yet its people suffer the same poverty and live extremely primitive lives.

I will be based in one of the many small villages surrounding Madras, teaching English in orphanages, homes for the retarded and rehabilitation centres. Here, text books are rare and writing is limited to slate and chalk.

For five months, my partner and I will share the sparse lifestyle, living on rice and lentils whilst developing our communication skills and personal character. I feel that this work will broaden my outlook on the world and will be highly satisfying.

This is where I need your help. Unfortunately my school doesn't belong to this scheme and therefore doesn't contribute to costs. A total of £1200 is needed to pay for accommodation and a return flight and must be raised myself.

I am currently seeking sponsorship, but any donations however big or small or any fundraising ideas would be gratefully received.

I hope that I can raise the money, because this is a great opportunity and means a lot to me. I look forward to hearing from you.

Please contact:

Haidee Mogford  
2 Abbey Cottages  
Moat Lane  
Aston Abbots

Tel. 681178

## CANCER RESEARCH CAMPAIGN

The jumble sale organized by the Toddlers group raised £262.19 for cancer research. Many thanks to everyone who supported this event in any way.

## CHRISTIAN AID

The Aston Abbots village collection for Christian Aid raised £81.37. My thanks to all who gave. I am now standing down as village organizer; would someone, or a group, be prepared to do it next May? Shirley Ford (681865)

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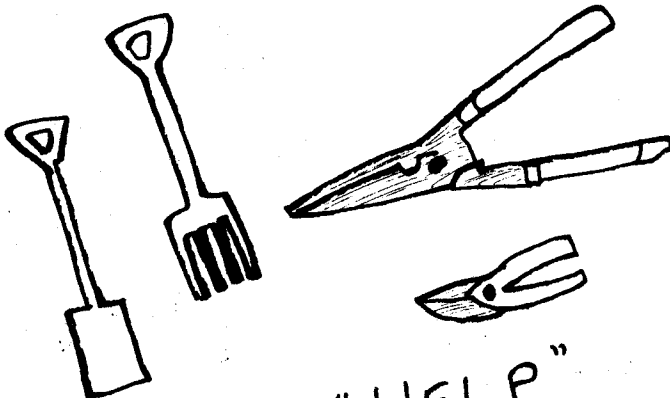
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Brief notes from the meeting on 28th May.

The Chairman (Caroline Lane) and the Vice Chairman (Roger Biddle) were re-elected. Representation on other bodies and committees unchanged (including Cllrs Biddle, Ford and Scott on the Recreation Ground Committee).

Post office: the Post Office had written to say that it was not possible to provide a mobile service. Neighbouring offices had been asked if they were interested in doing a session here once a week but no office wanted to.

Planning applications: alterations to Bull & Butcher approved by AVDC; farmhouse at Moat Farm ditto; the parish council made no comment on new application for garage extension at Maplewood, The Green.

Cllr Ford reported from the meeting of the Wing Association of Parish Councils.

The Rec: decided to apply for an environmental grant from Bucks County Council for replanting of the hedgerow overlooking Aylesbury.

Parking: parking by the bus shelter was now out of the parish council's hands, but it was decided to replace the dead saplings in the autumn.

### RUBBISH COLLECTION

New charges for special collections by AVDC are:

furniture, fridges etc (not DIY)  
£28.60 per visit

DIY rubbish (i.e. timber, kitchen units, old fireplaces) please ask for an estimate

Green sacks for garden rubbish (put them out with normal rubbish) 38p  
Buy them from the Cambridge Street depot, Aylesbury, Mon-Fri 9-4.45pm

Telephone Aylesbury 395900 x 5588

### CRICKET FOR THE BURNS UNIT

Captained by Anthony Roberts, the Stoke Mandeville side went down by a mere 41 runs to the NatWest Old England XI at Ascott. Final score was NatWest 171-4, Stoke 130 all out.

### Bible Cake

Thanks to Phyl Page for passing on this recipe she found in a magazine recently; you need not a cookbook but a Bible:

1. 6oz Judges 5 v 25
2. 6oz Jeremiah 6 v 20
3. 4 of Jeremiah 17 v 11
4. 8oz 1 Samuel 30 v 12
5. 8oz Nahum 3 v 12 (chopped)  
(or dates if you prefer)
6. 2oz Numbers 17 v 8  
(blanched and chopped)
7. 10oz 1 Kings 4 v 22
8. 1tsp 2 Chronicles 9 v 9
9. A pinch of Leviticus 2 v 13
10.  $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp Amos 4 v 5 (alright,  
baking powder)

Method: Beat 1 and 2 to cream. Add 3 one at a time. Add 4, 5, 6 and beat again. Sieve 7, 8, 9, 10 together and add. Use a 7" cake tin and bake in a low oven for 2 hours (1 hour 150°C, 1 hour 140°C and cover for last hour).

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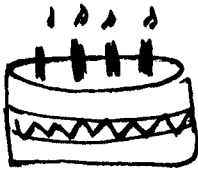
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George Fox . . . . 2nd July  
 Brenda Malin . . . 6th July  
 Margaret Kent. . . 6th July  
 Len Scutchings . . 7th July  
 Nicola Lovell. . . 9th July  
 Vic Scott. . . . .13th July  
 Gordon Smith . . .15th July  
 Diane Lovell . . .17th July  
 Andrew Pledsted . .19th July  
 Daniel Smith . . .24th July  
 Dee Whyte. . . . .27th July  
 Lawrence Hinds . .29th July

Paul Fletcher . . . . .4th August  
 Doris Turner. . . . .10th August  
 Christine Fox . . . . .10th August  
 Mark Hewitt . . . . .11th August  
 Andrew Parker . . . . .21st August

## Thanks

Bob and Elsie Higgs would like to thank everyone for their kindness and cards following their illness and accident.



## A MONTHLY LOOK AT FACTS YOU NEVER WANTED TO KNOW

An MP in shining armour.

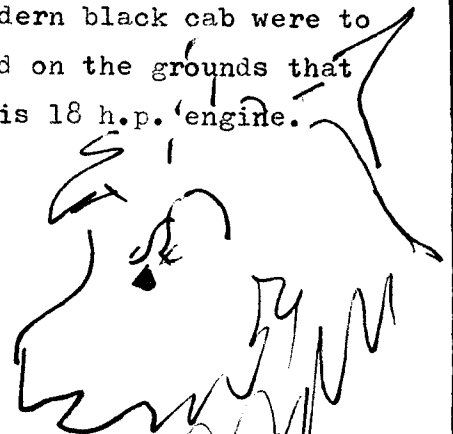
If a Member of Parliament ever took it into his head to appear in the House dressed in a suit of armour he would be breaking a law of Edward 11 (1284-1327) dated 1313. This statute, which has never been repealed, expressly forbids the wearing of armour by Members of Parliament when attending the House.

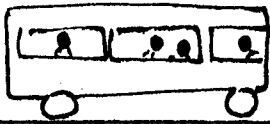
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A cabby is still required to carry a nose-bag on the side of his vehicle, just as he is supposed to have 'adequate foodstuffs for the horse'. Lawyers generally assume, however, that if any driver of a modern black cab were to be prosecuted under this section, he would be acquitted on the grounds that a tank full of diesel constitutes adequate fuel for his 18 h.p. engine.

.....

"Wise Old Goat"





# Days out on the bus

<u>Aston Abbotts</u>	<u>Aylesbury</u>	<u>Aylesbury</u>	<u>Aston Abbotts</u>
7.44	8.09	1.00	1.23
8.10	8.39	3.15 Sats	3.27
9.32	9.53	4.00	4.28
12.32	12.53	4.15 Sats	4.38
		5.50	6.13

<u>Aylesbury</u>	<u>Thame</u> (Tues. market)	<u>Oxford</u> (shopping; river; cathedral)
8.35	9.13	9.55
10.35	11.13	11.55
11.35 Sats	12.13	12.55
1.35	2.13	2.55

<u>Oxford</u>	<u>Thame</u>	<u>Aylesbury</u>
	11.55	12.50
2.05	2.43	3.20
4.15	4.53	5.30

<u>Aylesbury</u>	<u>High Wycombe</u> (shopping; chair museum; caves)	<u>Reading</u> (shopping; river trips)
8.45 then $\frac{1}{2}$ hrly to Wycombe		
8.50	-	10.23
11.40	-	1.23

Returns From Wycombe, 5 or 35mins past each hour  
 From Reading, X14 at 4.10 comes direct to Aston Abbotts, arriving 6.13

<u>Aylesbury</u>	<u>Tring</u> (museum; reservoir)	<u>Marsworth</u> (reservoir; canal walks; fishing)
8.45	9.09	9.19
10.45	11.09	11.19
11.45 Sats	12.09	-
2.45 Sats	3.09	3.19

<u>Marsworth</u>	<u>Tring</u>	<u>Aylesbury</u>
11.45	11.58	12.22
1.45 Sats	1.58	2.22
-	2.48	3.10
4.30	-	4.50
-	4.45	5.03

<u>Aston Abbotts</u>	<u>Leighton Buzzard</u>	<u>Milton Keynes</u>	<u>Woburn</u> (for Abbey)	<u>Luton</u>
8.23 Sats	8.44	9.23	-	-
9.13	9.42(a) 9.44 (d)	10.23	-	10.40
12.17 Sats	12.38(a) 12.44 (d)	-	1.05	-
	12.44	-	-	1.40

<u>Luton</u>	<u>Woburn</u>	<u>Leighton</u>	<u>Aston Abbotts</u>
12.30 Sats	-	1.32(a) 1.50	2.11
3.00 Sats	-	3.59(a) 4.10	4.31
4.30	-	5.32(a) 5.40	6.02
-	5.00 Sats	5.22(a)	

Milton Keynes returns 11.30, 2.30 (Sats), 5.00, connect with 12.10, 3.10 & 5.40 from LB





# Don't be bored

# Playscheme

# is back

# Tues Aug 10<sup>th</sup> to Fri 13<sup>th</sup>

# 10am-3pm Wingrave School

outside games

badge making

pottery

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## WING SCHOOL MISCELLANEA

The Summer Term began with the return of the group of students and teachers who had spent an interesting and enjoyable Easter in Germany. They were soon followed by the return of a second group who had spent 6 weeks in the USA as guests of American families. They too had a wonderful experience and were given the usual generous American welcome.

The usual intensive pre-examination work followed. Year 11 have now started their GCSEs and we wish them every success.

Special congratulations are due to the school's basketball team who, after a disappointing start, losing to the Gyosi School in Milton Keynes, went on to compile an impressive seven game winning streak. They then went on to lose only twice more throughout the rest of the season and these were both desperately close calls - by one point in overtime to Sir Henry Floyd 6th form and by 2 points away to Stantonbury 6th form. This is exceptional in a school of only 430 students.

During the last weeks of term students will be taking part in a multiplicity of activities. Groups are:

- Spending in week at Moulton Agricultural College, Northants
- Visiting Ironbridge
- Visiting the Imperial War Museum
- Competing in an 'Its a Knockout' competition at RAF Stanbridge
- Visiting France for four days
- Sailing across the Channel on a yacht
- Attending the Oxford Drama School
- Taking part in watersports and horse riding

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award group have just taken their Bronze Award during an expedition to the Peak District.

The Year 10 drama group will be presenting an evening entertainment 'Our Day Out' on the evenings of 30 June and 1 July. Tickets £1.00 (adults) and 50p (children, students and OAPs) either from school or at the door.

Finally, we have been awarded Grant Maintained Status from 1 September 1993. To recognise its position in the wider community the governors have decided to rename the school. From 1 September we will be THE COTTESLOE SCHOOL. Wing was at the centre of the ancient 'hundred' of Cottesloe, which stretched roughly from Whaddon in the west, Pitstone in the south, Whitchurch in the west and Edlesborough in the east. It is felt that this more accurately represents the students who attend, and we look forward to a continued close association with all the villages in the years to come.

A JACKSON  
Deputy Head

June 1993

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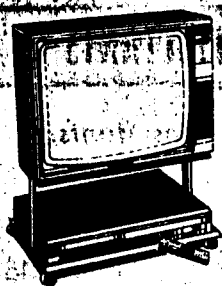
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