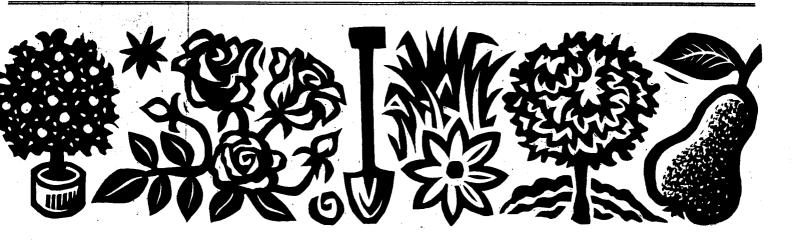
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Please put the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 7th March, 7.30pm in the Church Room, in your diary - and be there if you can. It's a meeting for everyone in the village and it will be discussing the village fete, and hearing reports from the Church Room, the Recreation Ground, the Chronicle and anything else people want to raise.

Thanks to Rosemary Franklin again for providing the cover illustration of the Abbey gates. Perhaps she would go out again and do the new thatch for the next issue - it really does look delightful now.

Caroline Latte

Deadline for the April issue is Friday, 19th March. Bring, send or telephone your items to 2 Church Row (681373).

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Wednesdays 2nd, 16th: Toddlers Church Room, 1.30-3pm

Thursdays 3rd, 17th: Whist Drive, Church Room, 7.30pm

Friday 4th: Aston Abbotts School Reunion, Old Masters, 7.30pm for 8pm

Saturday 5th: Hardwick Table Top Sale, 10am (see opp.)

Monday 7th: Annual Parish Meeting, Church Room, 7.30pm

Tuesday 8th: Floral Class (note change of date), Church Room, 7pm

Thursday 10th: Bingo Church Room, 7.30pm

Friday 11th, Family Disco, Wingrave School Association, look out for details or ring John Whyte, 681685

Friday 11th: Parish Council, Church Room, 8pm

Saturday 12th: Cabaret in aid of the Chronicle (all tickets sold). 8pm, Church Room

Tuesday 15th: Annual Parochial Church Council meeting, Church Room, 7.30pm

Saturday 19th: Table Top sale/Nat and Nibble. Church Room, 2-4pm. Book table top with Colin (681343) £4

Sunday 20th: St James's Church annual sponsored walk (5 miles) starts The Green 2pm. Forms from Colin (681343)

What's On: March

REGULARS

Tuesdays: Bin Day

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

Tuesdays: mobile library Wingrave Road, 9.30-9.45am The Green, 9.50-10.20am

Tuesdays: mobile butchers, about 3-4pm, will deliver to door, ring 0296 75220

Wednesdays: fish & chip van outside Bull & Butcher, about 8pm; rings bell first, can be up to 30 mins later

Thursdays: butcher as above

Fridays: free bus to Tesco (Aylesbury), depart The Green 10.06am, arrives Tesco 11.01am (new superstore, Tring Road); 11.11am (Tesco Bicester Road). Return journey departs Bicester Road 12.45pm. Back to Aston Abbotts about 1.40pm

LADIES CLUB IN MARCH

(No meeting on 3rd)
March 17th: Spring lunch. 12
noon for 12.30. Members
£1.50, guests £3, children
£1. Tickets from Shirley
Ford (681865) or any
committee member.
31st March: Talk on
Ellesborough, Church of
Chequers, by Mr Lane. Church
Room, 2.45pm

HARDWICK PLAYGROUP TABLE TOP SALE

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BIRTHDAYS

Claire Biddle.....8th March Andy Bystra.....8th March Lydia Smith.....15th March Tracey Fletcher...17th March George Brandon....31st March

If you would like to see your birthday in The Chronicle, phone me on 681425.

WHY do people reach the tender age of 50 and then try and keep it quiet? I think the world should know that ANITA PARKER was 50 last month. Rejoice NEAT and be thankful that you look so good on it. C.B.

ANOTHER 50 Congratulations to Kate and Don Waite, who will be celebrating their Golden Wedding on 5th March.

BEST WISHES To Mrs Clark (Bricstock) who is in hospital.

People edited by Bridget Brandon

RECREATION GROUND

The final total for last autumn's sponsored walk is £347.49, so well done everyone. The Rec. committee will be thinking what to spend it on!

The SWINGS are now in operation again - only 8 months after we had to take the tyres down. Hooray!

Dog mess again...PLEASE clear up after your dog if it makes a mess on the Rec; it's very nasty stuff, and a hazard to footballers and kite flyers.

The Parish Council is hoping to join a scheme to install dog bins, but in the meantime what DO you do with it...(dog mess not the PC)? All suggestions on a postcard please to Chronicle editors for a special indepth article next month.

LIGHT FINGERED

We hope sincerely the person or persons who STOLE the Florence Nightingale House collection box from OSBORNS enjoy spending the contents. Should they or theirs ever require the love, kindness and expertise of the nurses and staff at FNH, conscience will stare them right back in the face. What we feel about such a mean act would be unprintable.

<u>Valerie Osborn</u>

WINGRAVE CABARET or The Return of Chesh's Organ

The School Association cabaret on 19th February was lots of fun - good food and a high standard of entertainment (mostly from Aston Abbotts, but who's complaining?). There were some old favourites from Chris "My Way" Brandon, including the welcome return of Why-Vonne and I've-forgotten-my-lines; lovely singing from Bridget both solo and (in boots) with Anne Brancker; strong performances from John Brancker, John Whyte and "the group"; and Wingrave's violin, piano and guitars completed an evening of pretty good acts.



Once again we have reached that time of year when all our local eligible toads are on the lookout for a mate. The moat Lane toads will soon be awake, and undertaking their periloris annual crossing. Hopefully with the help of everyones

sons and careful driving, we can make the journey a little easier. If you have the guts: (geddit?!), please pick them up and put them in the moat Dorit leave them for the next person to squash.

Please don't forget!

"DON'T SPLAT THE TOADS,
ON OUR ROADS!"

Signed: "TOAD PATROL"

CHURCH SERVICES

WINGRAVE	6th Mar	10.0	Parish Communion			
		4.0	Annual Church Meeting			
	13th	10.0	Parish Communion			
	20th	10.0	Parish Communion			
	27th	10.0	Palm Sunday Liturgy			
Maundy Thurs	31st					
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	13th	11.15	Family Service	Gillian wyer		
	20th	11.15	Parish Communion	Alisan Ford		
	27th	6.0	Franciscan style worship			
Good Friday			Family Service			
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		6.0	Evensong			

Sunday Readings

6th Mar Lent3 (p.515) 1 Pet 2.19-end; Matt 16.13-end 13th Lent 4 (p.520) 2 Petl.16-19; Matt 17.1-13 20th Lent 5 (p.525) Heb 9.11-14; Mark 10.32-45 27th Palm (p,527) Phil 2.5-11; Mk 14.32-15.41 3rd Apr Easter (p.577) Col 3.1-11; John 20.1-10

From the Registers

Baptism 20th Feb Eleanor Julia Franklin at Aston 27th Rachel Emily Muir at Wingrave Funeral 7th Feb William Rawlings at Wingrave

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In February we held a very successful Jumble Sale, which raised £65 towards St James's Church funds. Many thanks to all who supported it, helped on the stalls or gave items for sale. We shall be holding a Table Top sale and our annual sponsored walk in March, so please support these events.

The Rector is to obtain quotes for the renewal of guttering and downpipes, especially to the tower, as damp patches have been found in the bell tower. These may be due to the very heavy rain which has caused gutters and pipes to overflow, but damp patches require attention to alleviate further damage to the stonework. So do please support the fundraisers, and if you have never joined us on our sponsored walk why not come along to this year's? SUNDAY 20th MARCH at 2pm from The Green, look forward to seeing you.

Winners in the February 100 Club draw were Mr R. Scutchings, Mr P. Knight and Mrs C. Murray (Mrs Scutchings actually won third prize, but kindly asked for it to be redrawn).

COLIN HIGGS

St James's Church Services, see p. 7

Methodist Church Services in March

6th March: Join Parish Church 11.15am (Family Service)

20th March: Rev Ireland, 6pm

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RECTOR'S REPORT

This month there is a changed Church of England. Although I am writing this before the General Synod gives its final approval to the Ordination of Women to the Priesthood, there seems very little likelihood that the Canon will not be Promulged on February 22nd. Once that has happened the first Ordinations will take place next month.

To be honest, in the majority of churches in this country, there will be very little difference for some time. But, with the new possibilities comes also the procedures for not accepting the Ministry of Women, and ultimately of requiring alternative Episcopal arrangements. There are those within the Church who hold that if a Bishop has Ordained Women, he has therefore become tainted and thereby unable to provide the spiritual care that is needed.

But the question of Women Priests aside, there is another change that is facing us. Along with many other Dioceses in this country,our Diocese is exploring the idea of Local NonStipendiary Ministers. These will be people who are put forward by the local church, who will be locally supported in their training, and who, when trained will work as members of the local Ministry team.

This Diocese has a Pilot Scheme which is due to start in September 1994, and there is a strong possibility that Wingrave, Aston Abbotts and Cublington will be involved in this new venture - so 'Watch this space!'

If the changing face of the Church of England is not high on your personal agenda - as it mostly probably isn't - then just a brief reminder that through March we are in the season of Lent. This is the time of the year when Christians take stock of their lives as we work towards Holy Week and Easter. We remember what we have received from God in and through the life of Jesus Christ, and what we are called upon to give in response.

Bob Willmott

FRANCISCAN STYLE WORSHIP - at St. James 4

In Aston Abbotts Church at 6.0pm on Sunday 27th March we shall be holding an Evening Service using material from the Society of St Francis.

This follows in a series of Services during which we have looked at different styles of worship. So far we have had Iona and Taize style services. The Franciscan style is far more traditional, although it stresses that worship should be a joyful celebration.

Much of the material that we shall be using will be familiar, although we shall be using the Franciscan version which has been designed for use by a Religious Community. Different people respond to different styles of worship - but how will you know whether or not you like it unless you are prepared to try it out?

St. James's Church Finances

A meeting was held in the church room on Saturday 29 January 1994 to which all members of the local community were invited, to discuss the financial problems faced by our village church at the present time. We were pleased to welcome David Haylett, Secretary for developing parish resources in the Diocese of Oxford, to this meeting.

Michael Hasler, the Parochial Church Council Treasurer, opened the meeting by pointing out that it will cost £91 per week to run St. James' Church during 1994. Our income for 1993 was an average of £84 per week.

WE SHALL THEREFORE HAVE A SHORTFALL OF £7 PER WEEK (£364 PER YEAR) TO RUN OUR CHURCH IN 1994 WHICH WILL INCREASE IN FUTURE YEARS

David Haylett then explained that the largest part of the £91 which goes to the Diocese along with contributions from Wingrave and Cublington, covers only just over half the cost of providing for the services of our local Rector. It was also pointed out that our regular average income was provided by only 17 people out of a total vilage population of several hundred and that therefore the very existence of our church, which is here to serve the whole community, depends entirely on the generous commitment of a few.

Those people who were at the meeting were provided with a leaflet and pledge card. It is appreciated that not everybody could attend the meeting and if you feel that you would like to support the church, which is available for christenings, confirmations, weddings and burials for all the community as well as worship, then please would you contact Michael Hasler on 681877 who will be pleased to provide you with further details.

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Unofficial notes from the meeting on 28th January.

Planning applications

Bridge Farm, extension of farm buildings, no comment from parish council; goes to AVDC for decision Lower Burston Farm, conversion of barns to dwelling approved by AVDC

Moat Farm, new farmhouse approved by AVDC Windmill Hill Barns, application for a house and paddock refused by AVDC (beyond built-up limits of village, would set a precedent, and against the local plans in an area of attractive landscape).

Accounts £170 for chains for new swings; electricity £24.70; hedge and tree planting at Rec, £94.88 (we have a grant for this sum from AVDC). Agreed to replace the Bricstock light which keeps going out with a new one, cost £99. A mowing quote for the Rec in 1994 received from Bucks County Council, £420, accepted.

AVDC mobile area office The District Council now has a van which can visit villages so that residents who find it difficult to get to Aylesbury can discuss matters of concern with council officers. The parish council felt that this would be of interest to villages a long way from Aylesbury but probably not here. However, if you would like AVDC to consider sending the unit here, please let Caroline Lane (681373) know and we will pass on the message.

Local government reorganization John Ford and Caroline Lane to attend public meeting in Aylesbury run by AVDC and BCC.

.... Next meeting Friday, 11th March, 8pm, Church Room....

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The Family Health Dental Surgery at Quarrendon in Aylesbury Town has welcomed a new dentist who is doing NHS work, Mr Alan Winton-Jones. Telephone 0296 395113 to go on the NHS waiting list. This surgery is funded and managed by the Bucks Family Health Services Authority in order to help people in the area get treatment on the NHS.

There is also a new practice taking NHS (and private) patients: Mr Jacques Keyser and Mr Inus Oosthouse, 1a Stablebridge Road, Aston Clinton, tel. 0296 631136.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S WEEK is being marked in Leighton Buzzard on 8th March with exhibitions and displays in the Bossard Hall. There is a yoga session at 10am, a Slideaerobic display at 11.15, a lunchtime piano recital at 1pm and Slideaerobics (to join in) at 2.15pm.

On Saturday 12th March there is a swimming session for disabled women from 10 to 11am at Tiddenfoot - contact Christine Munford on 0525 375765 for details. Also a 5km women-only fun run from Dunstable Park Leisure Centre at 11am on Saturday 12th March - contact Margaret Chew, 0582 663007.





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A fruity wordsearch by Hannah Brandon



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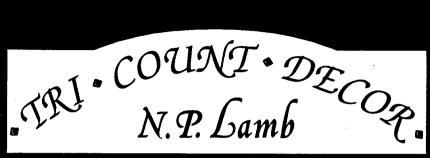
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HANGING ON

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DAM IT

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CHUPE (sp?)

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Sliced potatoes (cooked or raw)
Onions (preferably in rings)
Tomatoes (fresh or canned)
Lots of strong Cheddar
Cumin seed, slightly crushed
Slosh of milk
Salt and black pepper
Sunflower seeds (optional)





Grease an ovenproof dish and layer the vegetables (beginning with potatoes). Now and then put some grated cheese, cumin and seasoning in as well. Add the milk if it seems dry, particularly if you have used fresh tomatoes. Finish with potato, cheese and sunflower seeds and bake in a hot oven until the potatoes are soft (obviously it's quicker if potatoes are cooked, but I think nicer if done from raw). Serve with salad or green vegetable.

Caroline Lane

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