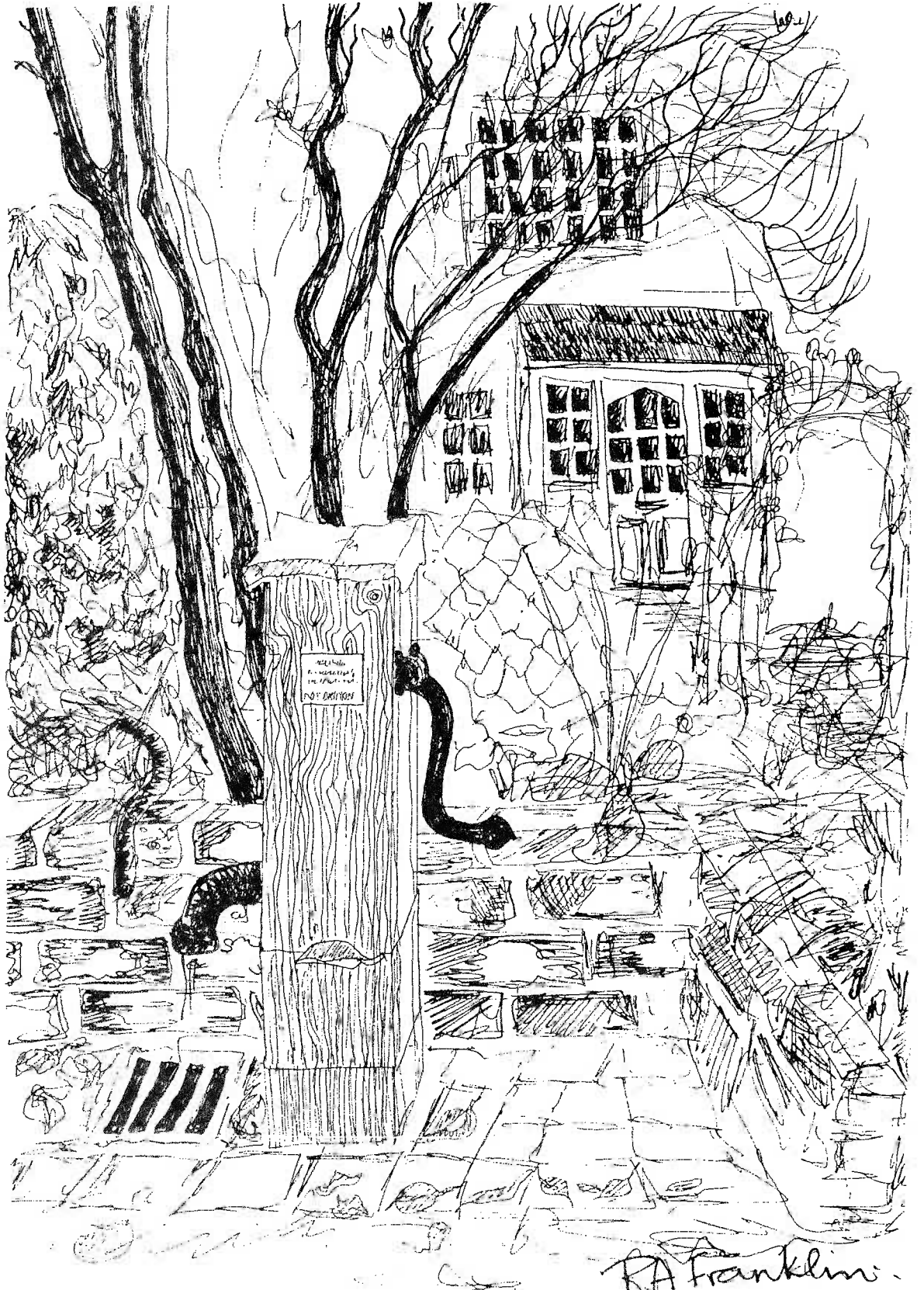


The Chronicle

Parish Magazine for Aston Abbotts



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NEW EDITOR(S) WANTED

Come the autumn, we will have produced five years' worth of Chronicles, and we think it's time to stop before we get too set in our ways. The Chronicle benefits from the support and enthusiasm of many regular contributors, who have made our role easy (for the most part!) and fun. If anyone might be interested in taking over the editorship, please let us know, no obligation, and we will tell you all about it. We'll just say now: "newcomers" should not be put off. We had lived here less than a year when we took it over, and it proved an excellent way of getting to know people. We will be doing the June issue, and the combined July/August, so no hurry - think about it!

Caroline

Gordon

Please let us have material for the June issue by Friday 20th May: 2 Church Row, Aston Abbots, tel. 681373.

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What's on

Sunday 1st: coach outing to Hatfield House Gardens. Depart The Green 1.20pm. Fare £4. Colin, 681343

Thursday 5th: Bingo
Church Room, 7.30pm

Friday 6th: Nearly New sale for Cancer Research, Church Room, 7pm. See p.7

Monday 9th: Parochial Church Council meeting, Hilary's, 8pm

Wednesdays 11th, 25th: Toddlers, Church Room, 1.30-3pm (NB may change - check first - see p.7)

Thursday 12th: Ladies Club
Police: crime prevention talk. 2.45pm, Church Room

Thursdays 12th, 26th: Whist Drive, Church Room, 7.30pm

Sunday 15th: Annual Spider Walk. Meet Cublington crossroads, 2.30pm; tea in Church Room.

The Spider Walk is an annual event when different groups of ramblers meet at various venues, taking a different path leading to Aston Abbotts (the body). Tea will be served in the Church Room from 3.30pm. Why not join our group at Cublington (dep. 2.30pm)? IT'S FUN.

Thursday 26th: Ladies Club. Hugh Granger, "The Origins of our Manners, Customs and Festivals"; 2.45pm, Church Room

Friday 27th: Parish Council
8pm, Church Room

(Wed 1st June) Aylesbury Vale Transport. Bus/train complaints to Colin, 681343

REGULARS

Tuesdays: Trawler wet 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

Wednesdays: NEW BIN DAY

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

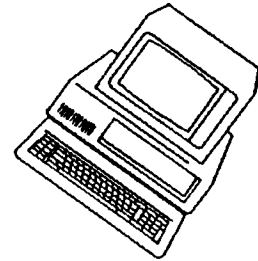
LADIES CLUB

The Ladies Club was shocked and saddened by the sudden death of Miss Betty Bennett. At the time of her death, she was a committee member; in the past she had been our Chairman and Minutes Secretary, and was always a loyal and supportive member.

As announced last month, the Not So Young Outing on 23rd June is by coach to Waterperry Gardens near Thame: gardens, a church, shops and a cafeteria where members can buy their own tea, or take a picnic. Free to club members or any OAPs in Aston and Cublington. Contact Shirley Ford, 681865.

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April started off as a sad month with the tragic deaths of Jody Sharp and Oliver Sutton, and the sudden death of Betty Bennett. We extend our deepest sympathy to all their families and continue to pray for them.

Easter arrived with all the beautiful flowers of Spring arranged so caringly in the church, so many thanks to everyone who helped make the church look so lovely; also thanks must go to the menfolk who managed to mow the churchyard between hail, rain and snowstorms.

If anyone would like to add their names to either the flower or mowing rota, either Doris or John will be pleased to hear from you.

May I also thank those who took part in the sponsored walk, which raised £180 for church funds. Watch The Chronicle for future events; do please join in, if not for the church then as a social event.

Winners in the April 100 Club draw were: Mr R. Prouting, Mr C. Day and Mr L. Scutchings. Mrs Scutchings actually won first prize, but requested it be put back and drawn again; thank you Doris.

Thank you to everyone who has joined the 100 Club; sorry you have not all won, but may I remind you subscriptions are due again in June for the July 1994-June 1995 draws, at £15 for the year; do hope you will join.

COLIN HIGGS

ST JAMES'S CHURCH SERVICES IN MAY

Sidesman

1st May	11.15am	FAMILY SERVICE	Gordon Kemp
Easter 4	(p.620)	2 Cor 4.13-5.5; Jn 14.1-11	
8th May	11.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	Colin Higgs
Easter 5	(p.625)	Rom 8.28-end; John 16.12-24	
15th May	6pm	DIY Evening Service	Gillian Wyer
Ascension	(p.633)	Eph 4.1-13; Luke 24.45-end	
22nd May	11.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	Alison Ford
Pentecost	(p.636)	Acts 2.1-11; John 20.19-23	
29th May		BENEFICE EUCHARIST AT WINGRAVE, 10am	
Trinity	(p.641)	Eph 1.3-14; John 14.8-17	
5th June	11.15am	FAMILY SERVICE	Methodist Church
	(p.646)	Acts 2.37-end; Luke 14.15-24	

From the Registers

Funerals: 29th March, Jody Sharp and Oliver Sutton at Aston Abbots and Amersham
6th April, Betty Bennett at Aston Abbots

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES IN MAY

1st May 11.15am Family Service, Parish Church
22nd May 6pm Rev Ireland

QUIZ EVENING

There was a full Church Room on Saturday 23rd April for an evening of cleverly devised questions: not so hard that you wanted to sulk under the table, but not all plain sailing either! Winners were the Ford (extended) family, and thanks to Colin for devising and asking the questions. CL

A question I am sometimes asked is "Why does God allow suffering?"

It is usually asked by someone who is closely involved in a tragedy, or when there has been a particularly harrowing item on the News.

If I am honest, I have to say that I do not know. But somehow this does not seem to be the appropriate answer when I am faced with the question. Truly I do not know because God doesn't always tell me (or anyone else, for that matter) what he is up to. If he did tell us, the chances are that either we would not understand - or that we would try to be clever and stop him.

One of the alternative answers is that whilst we cannot at this moment understand why a particular event has happened, at some later date its purpose will be revealed. I am never very comfortable with that answer because it means that we go around for ages carrying the question "Why?" in our minds - looking desperately for an explanation rather than living our lives to the full.

Can it be that the capacity to hurt is too closely related to the capacity to love?

We are often most hurt by those who love us most. I have no doubts about God's love - although I still find it hard to accept that a loving God would inflict these terrible hurts on those he loves. But when we hurt those we love, it is not done in a cold and calculating way. We do not sit down and say "let me see how much hurt I can inflict so that the depth of my love will be proved".

When we hurt other people it is usually as a result of an accident or a mistake - something that is not meant to happen, and something that we desperately try to avoid. In the same way God doesn't hurt us deliberately. When we are hurt he goes on loving us. Even if we are tempted to turn away from him - even though we find it hard to bear - even though we find it difficult to understand and even harder to forgive, God goes on loving us. He knows what we are suffering, and is always there to help us carry the burden.

PEOPLE

Edited by BRIDGET BRANDON

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BIRTHDAYS

Arkle O'Sullivan....4th May
Perce Rickard.....11th May
Chris Brandon.....11th May
Hannah Brandon.....12th May
Tom Manning.....22nd May
Benjamin King.....22nd May
Malini Drysdale....23rd May
Puke Cheshier.....23rd May
Neil Cheshier (64)..26th May
Mark Swann.....30th May

WELCOME

to our new neighbours at 3
and 4 Bricstock.

GET WELL SOON

Sheila Humphreys, who at the
time of writing was in
hospital.

JODY SHARP AND OLIVER SUTTON
I'm sure we speak for the
whole village when we say
how sad we were to learn of
the tragic deaths of these
young lads. Our thoughts go
out to their families and
friends.

A collection is being
made for a memorial tree and
plaque; donations to either
of the pubs.

BETTY BENNETT

We were saddened also to
learn of the death of Betty,
who came to the village as a
Land Army girl some 50 years
ago, and stayed. Our
thoughts go to her family
and friends.

CABARET: it made £286.93 for
Chronicle funds.

BETTY BENNETT

Betty Bennett's family would like to thank everyone for coming
to her funeral and for the many tributes paid to her.

The full church reflected Betty's wide range of friends
and the enjoyment she found in the village and the local area
since 1942.

Thanks also to those people who sent donations to the
Royal Star & Garter Home. At the time of writing these
amounted to £235.

If anyone lent anything to Betty or if there are any
debts outstanding, would you please contact: Bruce Bennett, 9
Lyonsdown Avenue, Barnett, Herts EN5 1DU (081-449 0666).

NEARLY NEW SALE

Aston Abbots Toddlers are holding their fundraising sale for
the **Cancer Research Campaign** on Friday 6th May. If you have
any unwanted items - particularly better quality clothes and
bric-a-brac - we would be very glad to have them for the sale.
Also gratefully received: cakes and raffle prizes. Please
ring Janet Biddle (681102) or Barbara Bellingham (681689) for
collection - and come along on the evening:

* Friday 6th May, 7pm, Church Room * Admission 20p
* Cakes * Raffle * Bric-a-brac
* Nearly New

The Toddlers meet every fortnight in the Church Room (see
What's On). We are thinking of changing the time/day to suit
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● TENNIS

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● CAR CRIME

If your car was broken into in the last few months, take heart - the police have arrested a young man (not from this village) who has admitted to more than 50 thefts from vehicles in the area, including Aston Abbotts. Perhaps things will quieten down for a while.

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BCC WALKS AND EVENTS

Some of the closest events from BCC's Spring leaflet:

● Wed 11 May: Rural Bygones - the Pitstone Green Farm and Rural Life Museum open between 2 and 5pm; entrance in Vicarage Road, opposite Recreation Ground. Adults 70p, children 30p.

● Wed 18 May: Blue Lagoon Park, a new nature reserve at the disused brickworks at Bletchley. Wildflowers and butterflies. Meet 10.30am for 2-hour, one-mile tour. Strong shoes but no dogs.

● Wed 25 May: Bragenham Woods - a guided 2-hour, four-mile tour of the woods and Stockgrove pasture. Meet Stockgrove Country Park, 2pm

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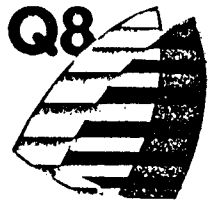
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MIX 96 is the new radio station for Aston Abbots which will commence broadcasting on 96.2 FM on Friday 15th April. We'll be using brand new studios in Friar's Square, Aylesbury and we will be this area's first truly local radio service, but in order to achieve this we need your help. We like to know everything that's happening in your area.

MIX 96 is recruiting correspondents in villages who will be contacted once a week to provide a resume of local events. These community contacts would not have to broadcast if they preferred not to.

I'd be grateful if you could include this information in your publication. I also welcome programming ideas, suggestions and comments from your readership by letter or telephone.

Please contact: Keri Jones, Programme Manager, MIX 96, Friars Square Studios, 11 Bourbon Street, Aylesbury, Bucks HP20 2PZ.
Telephone 0296 399396 Fax 0296 398988

THE SAGA OF MOAT LANE

Curses be upon me
I've killed the magic frog
I think the time
Was half past nine
He sat right where I trod.

Out rushed Haidee Mogford
With a shovel in her hand
With any luck
She'll scrape him up
But no doubt I'll be banned.

Along came Chippy Brandon
Just going for a run
I saw him frown
As he looked down
"My God what have you done?"

Victor Scott was next along
(The naturalist so wise)
"When they're that flat
They'll make a mat,"
He said to my surprise.

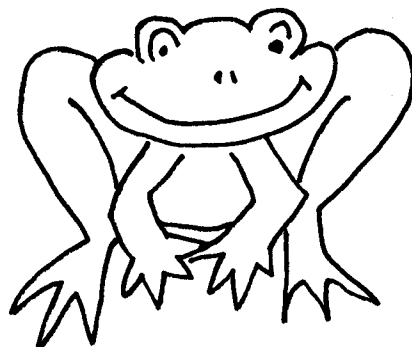
Vera Towell was standing there
She lives right in Moat Lane
She'd heard him "pop"
Now he'll not hop
Along this road again.

I said, "It wasn't really me
That caused the mess and fuss."
Then past us roared
Young Andy Ford
Off running in his truss.

The rest of them just gathered round
And viewed me with disdain.
Then with one voice
Gave me no choice
"Don't come down here again."

I went back home just thinking
And the idea made me wince
If Margaret Chesher kissed it
Would it turn into a prince?

But serve the blighter right I thought
I'd do the same again
It certainly deserved its fate
For mating in Moat Lane!



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The fete committee is busy planning events for the Festival weekend: Saturday and Sunday 23rd and 24th July. If you have not noted it in your diary, write it down now - and cancel those holiday plans, because Aston Abbots is going to be the place to be.

The fete on The Green will be on Saturday 23rd, with the usual attractions plus more. Lots of help will be needed on the day, so if you are willing to do an hour behind a stall, or directing cars into the car park, or helping serve teas, or anything else, please let one of the fete committee know (names below).

Specifically: does anyone have a canopy (the sort you attach to a caravan) or a small frame tent they would be willing to lend for the day? It is needed to cover the stall selling prints, as is a second one to house the Antiques Roadshow (where you bring along your family heirloom for a private consultation and the expert tells you its history and what it may be worth).

Please remember the plant stall when you're sowing and potting-up - it's always a popular event.

Please ring one of the following if you can offer help now or on the day: Gordon Smith (681373) Janet Biddle (681102) Hilary or Michael Hasler (681877) Christopher Fox (682024) David Watts (681376)

A MONTHLY LOOK AT FACTS YOU NEVER WANTED TO KNOW

Life saving snails

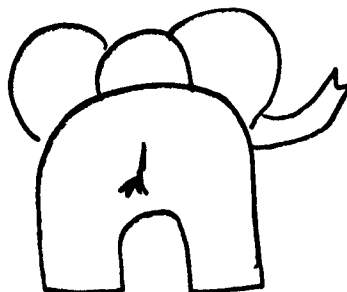
The common garden snail lays about 30 eggs a year (AAAGH), each of them the size of a large pinhead and each one a potential lifesaver. The snail's egg is a cheap, readily available and stable source of a chemical that is used to determine blood groups. Normally, this chemical is extracted from human blood, but it takes the blood from five donors to provide as much as is contained in a single snail's egg. The contents of the egg are extracted and dissolved in a saline solution.

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Margaret Chesher,
20, The Green, 681201

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Bryan Round,
11 Nup End, Wingrave,
681621

Unofficial notes from the meeting held on 22nd April.

Matters arising Possible extra street light, Ross Road: there was some difficulty with electricity supply, making the quote enormous; another access point to the mains was to be suggested.

Accounts The financial summary for the year ended April 1994 was presented to councillors. The public will be invited to look at the books in May at the Clerk's house: please watch the noticeboard by the shop for details.

Bills agreed for payment: £112.85 for three street light repairs; £225.23 insurance premium (an increase of £17 over last year, regrettable but absolutely standard); fencing materials for the children's play area at the Rec., £12.16; petrol for the mower, £4.25 (yes, we know the Green was looking unkempt until Peter Knight did it, but said mower is being repaired...); electricity, £25.66.

Planning applications Bridge Farm (Rowsham) extensions to farm buildings approved by AVDC; Oak Farm (formerly Badger's Oak), continued use of three mobile units, no comment by parish council; now goes to AVDC.

Wingrave School Governor The parish council (jointly with Cublington) nominates a governor and our current representative has finished her term of office. If any reader would be interested please contact Margaret Chesher. You do not have to have a child at the school to be a governor.

Dogs AVDC is hoping to set up a Responsible Dog Ownership Project in the District and has decided that bins for dog mess can be provided at a cost of £123 each (including emptying for one year). The parish council decided to take up this offer for a bin at the Rec.

Councillors were formally asked for permission for a tree to be planted on the Rec in memory of Jody Sharp and Oliver Sutton. This was agreed and the council would consider making a donation when approximate costs were known.

**** NEXT MEETING FRIDAY 27th MAY, 8pm, CHURCH ROOM ****
Members of the public welcome

WINGRAVE SCHOOL...TESCO VOUCHERS

Tesco's are repeating their voucher offer this year. As you may know, we were very successful last year, and the school received an Acorn 5000 through all your generous collecting.

We are hoping parents and friends of the school will be just as generous this year. Tesco's are giving one voucher for every £25 spent, and we are hoping to collect 5000 which would provide us with more computer equipment.

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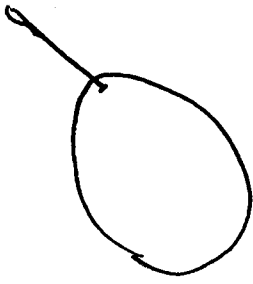
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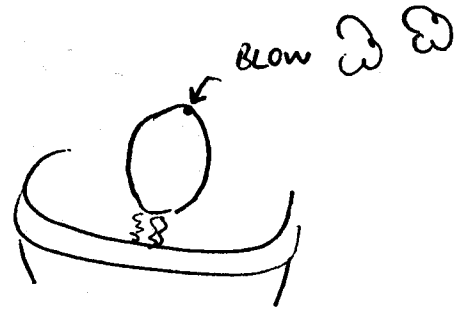
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----- UNDENIABLY THE FINEST PUB IN WEEDON -----

Children's page



1. Hold the egg firmly and make a hole in the pointed end with a darning needle. Make a bigger hole in the other end.
(Parents help with this bit?)



2. Hold the egg over a bowl and blow hard through the little hole. The insides will squelch out. (You can giggle, but not while blowing!)

3. Rinse the egg in cold running water and stand big hole down to drain.

4. When dry: -

- (a) Paint with poster paints, one end at a time OR
- (b) Stick bits of tissue paper on all over, to cover, with wallpaper paste or other runny glue. Dry. Then varnish with clear nail varnish OR
- (c) Make a person:
Wool for hair?
Yoghurt pot (small one) for a hat?
Painted faces?



Decorated Eggs

As tested by SARAH SMITH & ZOE JUDD

5. Agree to eat scrambled eggs for tea.

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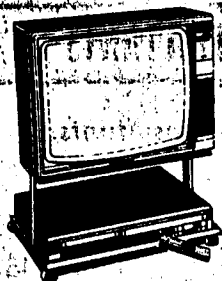
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