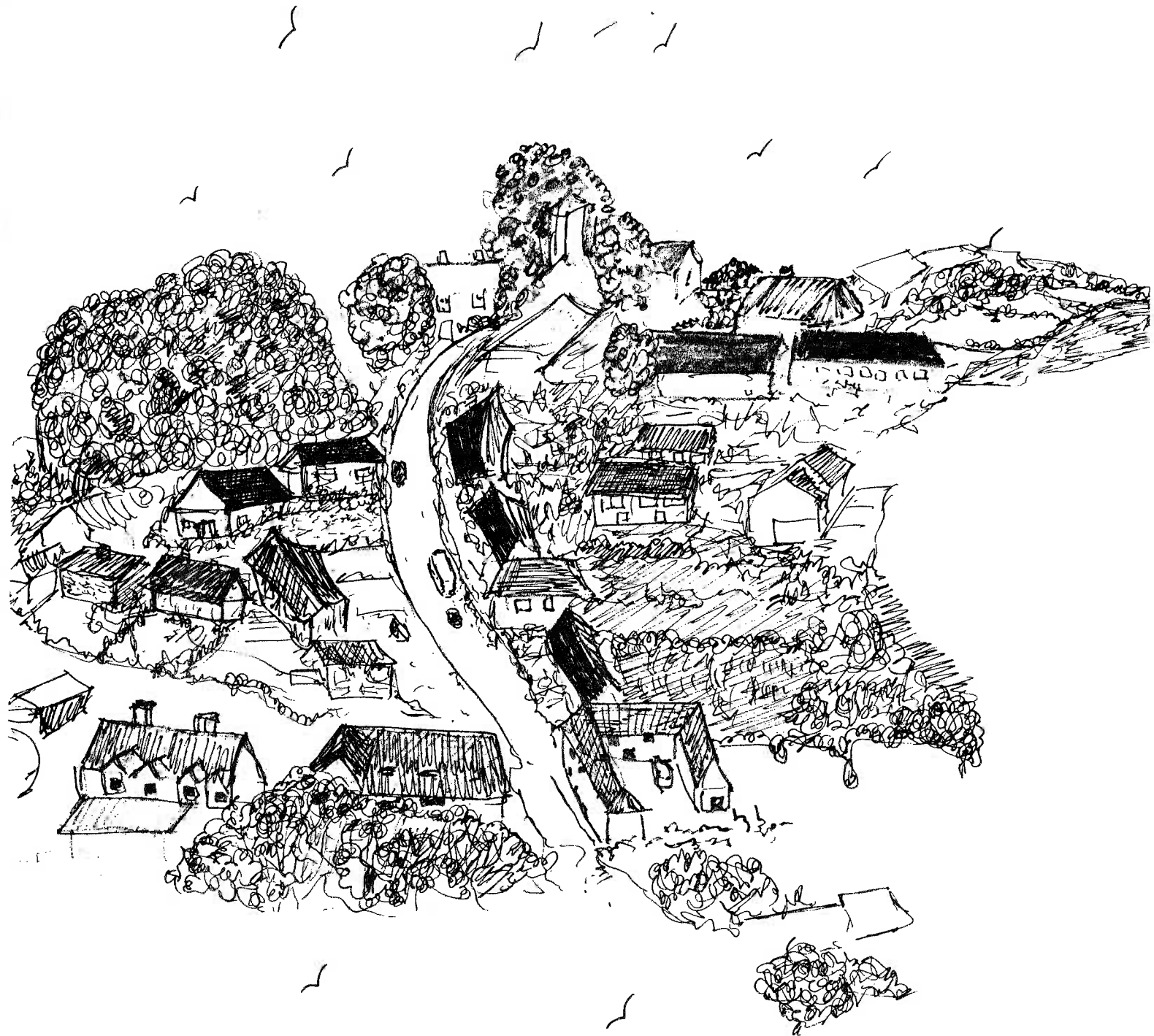


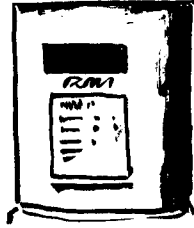
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Editorial

Polling day for the European elections is Thursday 9th June. Use your vote - 7am to 10pm in the Church Room. There is quite a list of candidates on the poster on the noticeboard by the bus shelter, or watch the local press for more details. Events in the rest of Europe are affecting us more and more, and the European parliament's decisions do make a difference to our lives - so make sure your view is expressed. (It can get a bit dull for the officers in the Church Room all day too - go on, give them something to do!)

We have not exactly been swamped by people eager to take over the editorship of The Chronicle. If you think you might be interested please let us know - it would be from the September issue onwards. As we said last month, there is plenty of help available, and you couldn't make a worse mess of it than us on occasions.

Next month is July and August combined, so remember to let us have diary dates for both months.

Caroline

Gordon

Please let us have material for the July/August issue by Friday 24th June: 2 Church Row, Aston Abbots, tel. 681373.

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What's On: June

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Wednesday 1st: Aylesbury
Vale Transport User
Committee. Bus/train
comments to Colin, 681343

Sunday 5th: Rambling Club
meet Sharpenhoe, 2pm

Thursday 9th: Ladies Club,
"The Glories of a Garden" by
Mr Cornwall. 2.45pm,
Methodist Chapel

Thursday 9th: Elections,
Church Room, all day

Tuesday 14th: Bucks Road
Safety Meeting (Aylesbury)
7.30pm. Any highways matters
to Colin or Caroline

17th-20th June: SKIP in
Wingrave Road.

Sunday 19th: Rambling Club
meet Bledlow Manor 2pm

Thursday 23rd: Ladies Club
outing (see opposite)

Thursday 23rd: Whist Drive,
Church Room, 7.30pm

BOOK THIS DATE

Sunday 31st July: coach
outing to Folkestone.
Depart The Green 7.20am
Fare £8, OAP/child £7
Book with Colin, 681343

REGULARS

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

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Wingrave Road, 9.30-9.45am
The Green, 9.50-10.20am

Tuesdays: mobile butchers,
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door, ring 0296 75220

Wednesdays: Toddlers, Church
Room, 2-4pm (NB new time,
every week!)

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

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As announced last month, the
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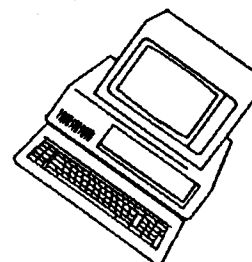
Ring George, 682024

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The Toddlers group is now
meeting every Wednesday from
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Church News

Due to the mowing machine breaking down it was regretted the churchyard looked so untidy and not up to its usual standards, however it is hoped everything is now under control.

Quotes have now been received for the repair and replacement of gutters and downpipes to the tower and main area of the church and the PCC have been asked to make a decision on which quote to accept for their July meeting so the work can be carried out before the autumn.

Our family services including Mothering Sunday have been poorly supported; please do try and come. It would be nice to see families in church. The next family service is in the Methodist Church on 5th June, and a family service will be held in St James's on 3rd July.

May I please remind those who supported the 100 Club that subscriptions (£15 for the year) are now due to allow the July draw to take place. If you did not join last year and would like to this time, please contact John Ford or myself.

Winners in the May draw were Mr R. Scutchings, Mr L. Scutchings and Mrs Scutchings - all of whom donated their winnings to St James's Church. Thank you Reg, Len and Doris.

COLIN HIGGS

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I forget now which of the Greek philosophers insisted that the only truly free person was the slave - who had only to obey. I don't think I ever really understood what it meant, for the slave seems to have less freedom than anyone else.

But it is good to see the new freedom in South Africa with the end of Apartheid, and one can only hope that the transitional Government will succeed in its task.

We take our comparative freedom for granted very often. Perhaps we look back to the Garden of Eden and see a story of a freedom that was misused. Maybe we would opt for the Ten Commandments as the basis for our moral code. Or instead we could consider the summary of the Jewish Law that Jesus used. But in all of these there is a definite stress on our relationship with God.

Can we really hope to get our human relationships right, whether at a personal, national or international level, if we ignore our relationship with God? I believe that the Constitution of the United States of America speaks of 'Our freedom under God'. The followers of Islam and Buddhism, to pick just two examples, have very strict ethical codes. Orthodox Jews follow prescribed rules about how they are to behave. And because we live in a free country, we allow them liberties to do 'their thing'.

But I sometimes wonder whether we do not go too far. The only Christians who try to speak up for their faith and their beliefs are usually ignored. A minority group in society that need to be patted on the head. Then there are those others whose voices are less strident, yet nevertheless, try to follow the Christian way of life. They may know that try as they will they usually fail to live as good a Christian life as they would like - yet God still loves them!

'Do as you like' sounds like a wonderful freedom - but it doesn't work. It needs to be expanded to consider the needs of others, and, more importantly, the demands of a just and Holy God.

CHURCH SERVICES

WINGRAVE	5th June	10.0	Parish Communion
	12th	10.0	Parish Communion
	19th	10.0	Parish Communion
	26th	8.0	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.0	Family Service
	3rd July	10.0	PATRONAL FESTIVAL
		6.0	Evensong
ASTON ABBOTTS	5th June	11.15	Family Service (Methodist)
<i>Gordon Kemp</i>	12th	11.15	Parish Communion
<i>Colin Higgs</i>	19th	11.15	Parish Communion
<i>Gillian Wyer</i>	26th	11.15	Parish Communion
<i>Alison Ford</i>	3rd July	11.15	Family Service
CUBLINGTON	5th June	10.0	Family Service
		6.0	Evensong
	12th	8.45	Parish Communion
	19th	8.45	Parish Communion
		6.0	Songs of Praise
	26th	8.45	Parish Communion
	5th July	10.0	Family Service

Sidermen

Sunday Readings

5th June	Pent.2 (p.646)	Acts 2.37-end; Luke 14.15-24
12th	Pent.3 (p.651)	Acts 4.8-12; Luke 8.41-end
19th	Pent.4 (p.656)	Acts 8.26-38; Luke 15.1-10
26th	Pent.5 (p.661)	Acts 11.4-18; Luke 10.1-12
3rd July	(p.784)	2 Tim 4.6-8, 16-18; Matt 16.13-20
	or	(p.786) Heb 10.35-11.1; John 20.24-29

From the Registers:

Baptism: 17th April Thomas Bramble at Cublington
 Marriage: 21st May Paul Megram & Lisa Panter at Wingrave

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES IN JUNE

5th June: Family Service, 11.15am: Mrs Wadsworth

19th June: Barn Service, Hardwick

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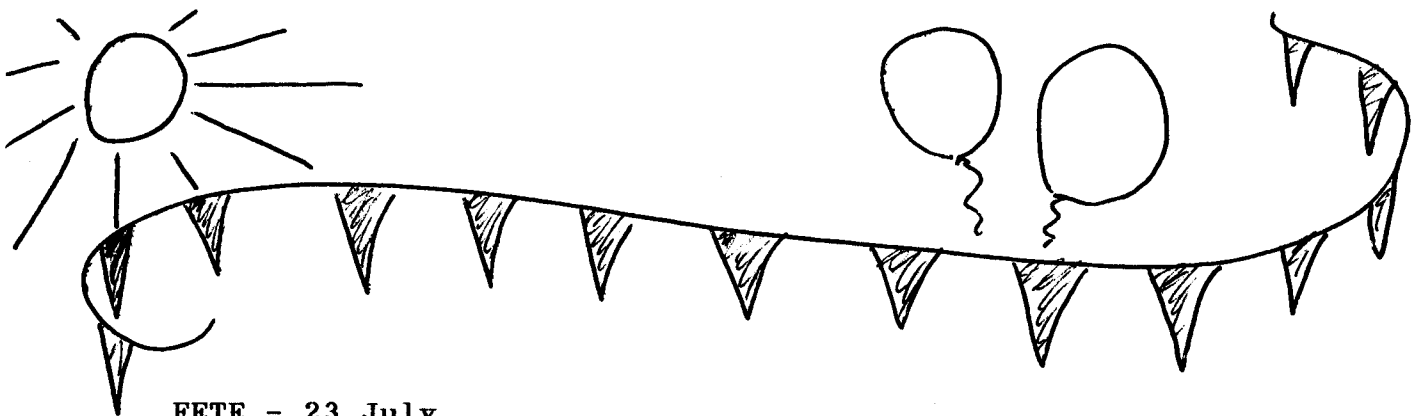
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FETE - 23 July

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We are now looking for sponsors for various stalls and events. One of the reasons for the success of last year's event was the generosity of individuals who covered costs. Would you be willing to be a sponsor this year? £120 will cover the costs of raffle prizes, £60 the printing of raffle tickets, £50 the Morris Men, £40 the street organ (everything from Haydn to fairground music, via the Viennese Waltz), £40 the teas, £10 the tombola, £10 prizes for skittles, £5 coconuts. But please don't think you need to cover all of the costs for one of these - any contributions would be welcome.

We will again have this year have an 'Antiques Roadshow'. Mrs Dueren, a specialist from Holloway's in Banbury will be available to discuss with you the history and value of the treasures you have salted away in the attic. Start thinking what you might bring.

During the week before the fete there will be a collection of anything you might wish to donate to the secondhand books, white elephant, garden or toy stalls. Please start putting aside things for us.

We are still looking for a canopy or small frame tent for the prints stall and Antiques Roadshow. Can anyone help?

Above all, put the date in your diary. And, if you can help in any way please contact any of the following: Janet Biddle (681102), Christopher Fox (682024), Hilary or Michael Hasler (681877), Gordon Smith (681373), David Watts (681376). For those who feel able to act as sponsors, cheques should be made payable to Aston Abbotts Festival Committee.

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CANCER RESEARCH CAMPAIGN

The Toddlers' nearly new sale raised £250 despite a much lower turnout than last year. Many thanks to all who worked so hard and to those who gave and bought items.

Jason White . . . 1st June
Fred Cross . . . 6th June
Pauline Price . . 7th June
Bernard Franklin.13th 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

GET WELL SOON

Arthur Doggett, who has had a spell in hospital, and Fred Cross who at the time of writing was still in hospital.



• THE POOL CHAMPIONS •

Congratulations to Tony Hinds and Dean Wiggett on winning the Pool Doubles League championships for the Bull & Butcher at The Plough & Anchor, Kingswood, on Wed May 11th.

Well done Tony and Dean

THE ROYAL OAK

Capable, mature person wanted to cook two evenings a week (possibly a lunchtime as well if wanted).

Contact Julie on 681262

IVOR CORRECTION

SIR - I would like to apologize for any embarrassment caused by last month's Saga. I have been corrected by an EEC Inspector, Grade II, who, wearing suitable safety gear, checked the truth of one of my statements. It is not a truss in Andy Ford's running shorts! IC

(Ivor: your other suggestion is tempting but I daren't. ED)

TOAD

So Ivor's at it once again
Causing havoc with his feet
Blocking parts of our Moat Lane
With bits of toady meat.

Intestine here, liver there
Eyes on Lines Hill, somewhere
Dead toad thinking, will they miss me?
Dried skin ending up as frisbee.

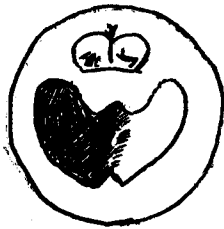
Ivor walks away with glee
Spread eagled toads he likes to see
Is he a couple of marbles short?
Or just a lover of blood sport.

It's Ivors heart that ought to bleed
The poor toads need was just to breed
He only wanted to offload
If only he had crossed that road.

So take note Mr Cheeky
We're looking out for clues
We're looking for men over forty
With toad off the road splattered shoes.

We're getting close to his ID
Like the slasher we're now pretty sure
He dont live in a tree, and he's not five foot three
But I detect a whiff of manure.

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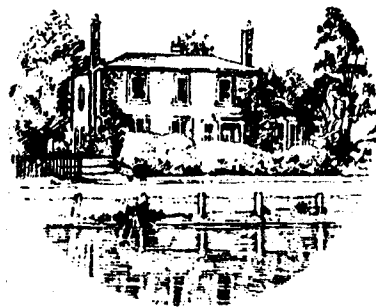
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FAMILY TWINNING WEEKEND IN WINGRAVE

60 French visitors from La Bouëxière were in Wingrave 12-15 May for an annual trip which turned out to be exceptionally happy, harmonious, - and sunny! As usual both hosts and visitors included experienced twinningers of 10 years standing, brand new twinningers whose apprehension turned to delight as the weekend progressed, and many inbetweens. The day spent in Worcester was fascinating, with a tour of Royal Worcester Pottery to marvel at the detailed modelling and painting, then plenty of time to picnic by the Severn in the sunshine, visit the cathedral etc. Saturday was a free day, when enterprising hosts showed lots of ideas where to take their visitors; then an evening in the Community Centre for all of us to enjoy food and wine, and above all each other's company. This is an exceptionally happy link and we should count ourselves lucky that it gives so much pleasure and interest to so many people both French and English.



ADVANCE NOTICES

- 1 The Sunday morning joint committee meeting was mostly concerned with dates for 1995. We hope to move our annual visit from October to a time of more clement weather. Early September is at present being considered. Watch this space!
- 2 Next year is the 10th anniversary of our official twinning with La Bouëxière. There will be celebrations and we expect larger than usual numbers of travellers in both directions.
- 3 Meanwhile, back to 1994. Our family visit to La Bouëxière will be 22-25 October. Make sure to keep it free so as to travel with us. Information about this or any other twinning matter from Jean Keighley (681235).

NOTICE

Would the person(s) responsible for tipping grass cuttings etc. along the ALLOTMENT HEDGE in Wingrave Road please refrain from doing so. It is UNSIGHTLY and is DAMAGING THE HEDGEROW - and it is Church land. Please use your own bin/compost heap/garden.

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AYLESBURY VALE HEALTH INFORMATION SERVICE -

AN UPDATE

A Health Information service for the residents of Aylesbury Vale was launched at the end of July 1993. Based in the offices of the Community Health Council at 8 Temple Square Aylesbury, the Service offers information about all aspects of health care to visitors, telephone callers, letter writers and also fax and minicom owners!

Questions about matters such as local GP, dentist, optician and pharmacy services, help from voluntary and statutory bodies, waiting times for consultations and operations at local hospitals, womens' health and a multitude of other topics can all be answered. Information about specific illnesses and conditions is also available, but the service does not provide diagnosis or medical advice - the staff are information specialists, not doctors or nurses!

Since the service was launched it has replied to over 700 enquiries from people throughout Aylesbury Vale. Questions such as "Where can we find an NHS dentist?", "Can you give me the address of a self-help group for people with Colitis?", "How long am I likely to wait for my hernia operation?", "I'd like to see a lady doctor, will this be possible?" and countless others have all been answered in an efficient and confidential manner.

The service is a local access point for the Regional Health Information Line, a database which holds both national and region-wide information on hospitals, treatment centres and clinics. There are over 5000 records of local health information, all available at the touch of a button!

While the service is not always able to answer every enquiry immediately, staff try to provide a speedy, confidential and comprehensive service to all clients. Visitors are welcome to take away leaflets and literature relating to their enquiry, and where appropriate, are given contact names and addresses and details of relevant organisations. Reading material on health related matters is available, and more specific information on conditions and diseases can be obtained for clients from a variety of sources.

The address of the Health Information Service is 8 Temple Square, Aylesbury, Bucks HP20 2QH, phone number (0296) 397647 and there is also a fax (0296) 397762. Deaf clients can use the Minicom when the office is open - (Monday to Friday from 9am until 1 pm), and an answerphone is in operation when the service is closed.

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MARSTON GATE

There really was a station - Marston Gate -
 With early morning gloom if train was late
 When passengers would huddle round the fire;
 No morning papers, nothing to inspire
 The roving eyes, save battered wooden clock
 Precisely stating time with tick and tock
 Until the noise was drowned by piercing scream
 As train arrived with hissing spouting steam.

A sudden rush, no waste of precious time,
 The doors flung wide, and high athletic climb
 To smoke-filled carriage, dimly dark and grey,
 With corner seat, and crumbs of yesterday.
 Then eyes would peer, would watch for black-faced
 sheep

In distant meadows where, from wakened sleep,
 They scattered wide as monster hurtled by
 Disrupting peace, with smoke-disfigured sky.

A rhythmic change, a rushing hustling speed,
 And silence fell, a strain to watch and heed
 The banks of weeds, the hedges bristling thick
 With coloured leaves, ripe blackberries to pick;
 Then going slow, terminating tossing,
 Red for danger, nearing Broughton Crossing -
 Points manoeuvred, sight of Aylesbury town -
 "We're nearly there - be careful stepping down."



(This line had its very own runaway train in 1849 when a luggage train smashed through the crossing gates at Broughton - with another engine in hot pursuit - went straight across the points at Cheddington onto the main line and was only stopped when it ran out of steam at Leighton. And we think we have problems with the wrong kind of snow.)

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