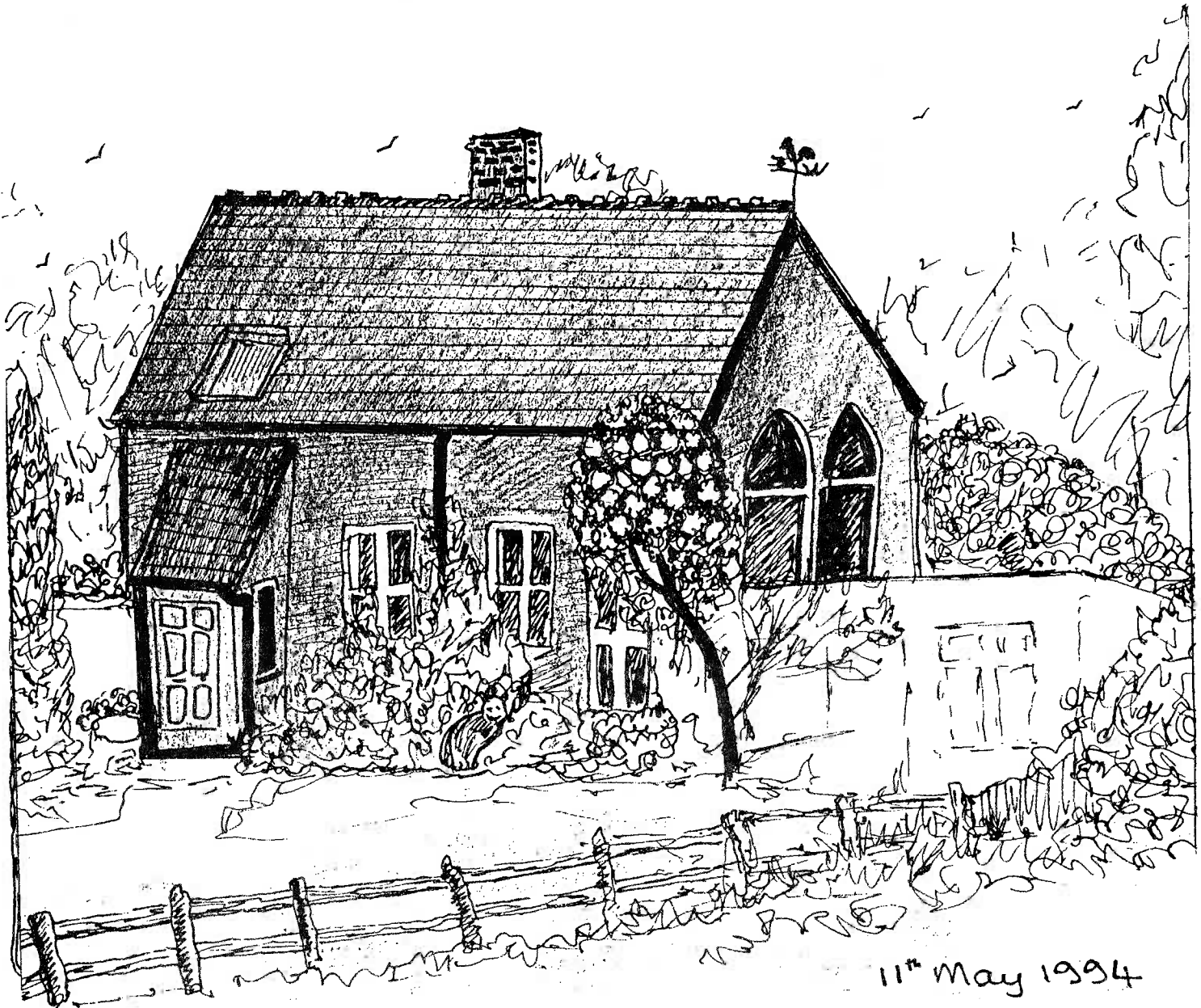


The Chronicle

Parish Magazine for Aston Abbotts



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July - August 1994



Editorial

No one has volunteered to take over the editorship of the Chronicle, although several people have, when secured in an armlock, agreed that they might be able to do an issue once in a while! There will be a meeting over the summer of those who are interested in the Chronicle with a view to arranging a rota. This is how the Cublington Crier is produced, so there's a strong precedent. If you would be interested in assembling an issue say, once a year, please let us know - we think we need at least a year's worth of volunteers to make it work. You need a typewriter, a flat surface, a glue stick, some scissors and a black pen - that's all, honest!

Please deliver your items for the September issue to us as usual and we will keep The Box for the next lucky editor.

Meanwhile, happy summer hols to all.

Caroline

Gordon

Please let us have material for the September issue by Wednesday 31st August: 2 Church Row, Aston Abbots, tel. 681373.

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INFO

JULY

Saturday 2nd: Whitchurch School Association Victorian Fair, 11am-3pm

Wednesday 6th: PCC meet Hilary and Michael's, 8pm

Thursday 7th: Ladies Club Embroidery by Mrs Robin Anson Owen from Cublington. 2.45pm, Church Room

Thursdays 7th and 21st: Whist Drive, Church Room, 7.30pm

Sunday 10th: Rambling Club meet Caldecote Lakes, Milton Keynes, 2pm

Wednesday 13th: Leighton Linslade Transport Meeting; bus/train complaints to Colin, 681343

Thursday 14th: Ladies Club visit to Ellesborough Church in members' cars. Leave The Green 2pm

Saturday 16th: Wingrave & Rowsham Gardens & Allotments Show, 2.30pm, Community Centre (see p.7)

Sunday 17th: Chilton Gardens open 2-4pm

Thursday 21st: Ladies Club End of Season Tea Party, Bring & Buy Sale at Suzanne Wheal's, Cublington, 2.45pm. AA members needing a lift meet on The Green, 2.30pm

Saturday 23rd FETE on The Green, start 2pm

Sunday 24th FESTIVAL weekend continues: floral displays in St James's and teas in Church Room, 2-5pm. Evensong 6pm

Thursday 28th: Aylesbury Vale Holiday Walk, meet The Green 7pm. Route Bricstock/Rowsham/Weedon Hill/Lines Hill. All welcome

Sunday 31st: Coach outing to Folkestone. Depart The Green 7.20am. Fare £8.50, child/OAP £7.00. Book with Colin, 681343

AUGUST

Wednesday 3rd: Free children's entertainment, Church Room, 11am

Thursday 4th: Whist Drive, Church Room, 7.30pm

Sunday 14th: Rambling Club meet Cublington Crossroads 2pm for Creslow/Dunton walk. Bring picnic tea

Saturday/Sunday/Monday 27th, 28th, 29th: Flower Festival, St James's Church (see p.15)

Monday 29th: opening of new village circular footpath route. Guided walks from The Green, 1pm and 3pm

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 & Thurs: butcher's van, about 3-4pm, will deliver to door, 0296 75220

Wednesdays: Toddlers, Church Room, 2-4pm

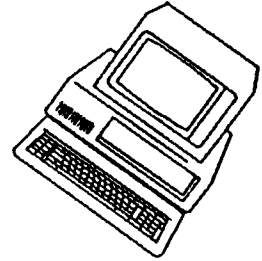
Wednesdays: fish & chip van outside Bull & Butcher, about 8pm; rings bell first, can be up to 30 mins later

Wednesdays: NEW BIN DAY

Fridays: free bus to Tesco (Aylesbury), depart The Green 10.06am, arrives Tesco 11.01am, back to AA about 1.40pm

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FETE

SKITTLES, TEAS, COCONUT SHY, HOME MADE CAKES . . .

ASTON ABBOTTS VILLAGE FESTIVAL - 23/24 JULY

The fete will be opened on Saturday 23 July at 2.00 p.m.. We are delighted to be able to say that Mrs Shirley Ford has agreed to open the fete.

Raffle tickets for the fete are now available, and we hope that you will be able to offer your support when offered tickets. First prize this year will be a day at Champneys, nr Tring - either a 'Fitness and Aromatherapy' day, or a 'Health and Fitness' day.

Might you be able to help cover the costs of the fete by sponsoring an event? £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.

On the evening of Monday 18 July there will be a collection around the village of anything you might wish to donate to the secondhand books, white elephant, garden or toy stalls. Please start putting aside things for us.

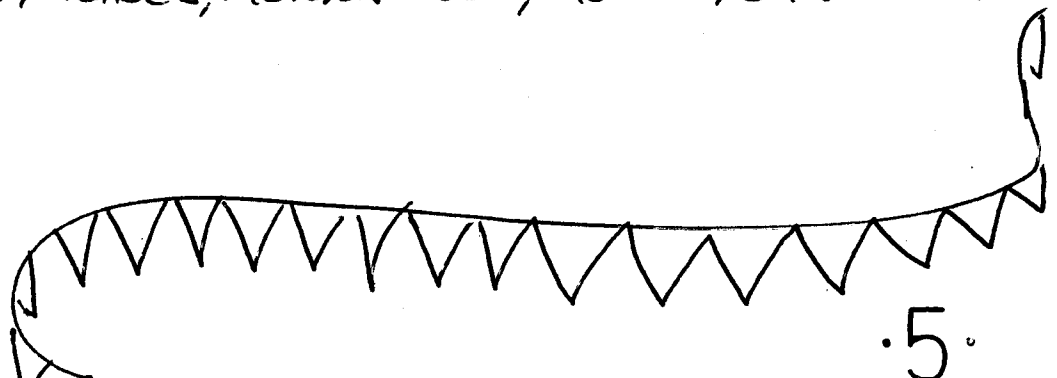
There will be a flower display in the Church on Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th - the theme will be 'The Church Year'.

Please put these dates in your diary and help make this a thoroughly enjoyable festival weekend. 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.



FIG. 9.—Jugglers

PONY RIDES, MORRIS MEN, MORE TEAS



From our newly constructed and expanded terrace you will be unable to see --

A VIEW FROM THE TERRACE ????????	The Eiffel Tower	The Lions of the Serengeti	The Rome Coliseum	Quainton Windmill
				
	Statue of Liberty	The Weedon Lifeboat	Everest	The Manhattan Skyline
				

Lost again !!

You should be able to spot A DECENT PINT- or 3- and some YUM YUM food

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There's no such thing in life as a free lunch, but MONDAY NIGHTS there are FREE PUDS as May consumes with a terrible passion all of July - as well. A main meal to qualify for a free pud.

BREAKFASTS
10.00 - 11.00 a.m.
SATURDAY & SUNDAY
MORNINGS ONLY

A FULL English Fry Up, with Tea or Coffee will be served outside - if fine - on the NEW Terrace. Between the hours of 10-11.00am only All this and Heaven for only £5.00 each



A CARIBBEAN EVENING Thursday 28th July

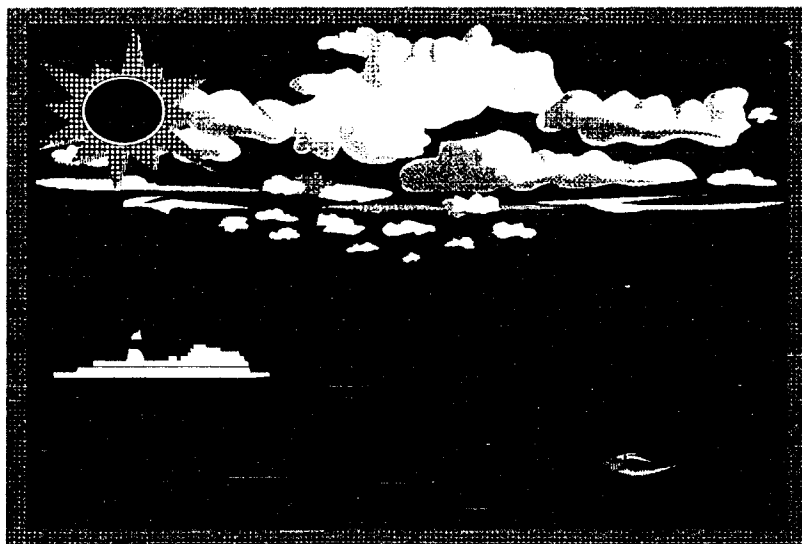
To coincide with the Tropical heat of an English summer (!!)

a NEW chef will be presenting a meal of Caribbean origin.

Grass skirts optional, lawn mowers are banned 7.30pm on..



THE FIVE PALMS ??



NO FOOD SUNDAY & TUESDAY EVENINGS Children always welcome - the ducks always need food down at the pond !!
 Ice Cream Cones available 4 YUMMY flavours. **641439**

Happy Birthday

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 Plested . .19th July
Ann Brancker . . .24th July
Daniel Smith . . .24th July
Dee Whyte.27th July
Lawrence Hinds . .29th July

Paul Fletcher 4th Aug.
Doris Turner. . . .10th Aug.
Christine Fox . . .10th Aug.
Arthur Doggett(80).10th Aug.
Mark Hewitt11th Aug.
Andrew Parker . . .21st Aug.

DON WAITE

We were very sorry to learn of the death of Don while on his holiday. Our thoughts go out to Kate, Jackie and Peter.

May we take this opportunity to thank Caroline and Gordon for all their efforts in producing the Chronicle for the past five years. I'm sure it's a thankless task for which they get little praise, but we enjoy reading it. Thank you.

Thank you.

We would like to thank friends and neighbours for all messages of sympathy and their help in our sad loss.

Cath, Jacqueline and Peter (Waite)

• PEOPLE • *Edited by BRIDGET BRANDON*

Wingrave & Rowsham
Gardens & Allotment Society

OPEN SUMMER SHOW
SWEET PEA SHOW
& FETE

Saturday, 16th July 2.30pm
Wingrave Community Centre

To exhibit ring Tony White
681548

WELCOME to Simon and Sue who have just moved into No. 3 Church Row...

GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK to Rosemary, Bernard and Eleanor Franklin, who have moved to King's Langley. Special thanks for their drawings for the Chronicle over the years.

IT'S A GIRL

Congratulations to Gillian (nee Ford) and Andy Wyer on the birth of their daughter Ruth Margaret, born on 22nd June.

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Yes, it's you Margaret Kent. You thought your 60th birthday on 6th July would just pass quietly by, but we thought it would be worth a very small mention in the Chronicle, so here it is. Please, if anyone would like to wish her a happy birthday, just knock on her door on the day and have a glass of sherry, you will be very welcome.

Diana, Steve and Tony.



WINGRAVE SUMMER PLAYScheme

The playscheme, for children aged 5-12, will be on Tuesday 2nd-Friday 5th August inclusive. It is open to children from Aston Abbotts whether or not they attend Wingrave School, and it is always great fun. Cost £3 per child per day or £10 for all four days. 10am-3pm. Please book soon - by 8th July - more details from Jane Plested (681740) or Dee Whyte (681685). If you are over 16 and can offer help, either with activities or to cover the lunch break (12-1pm) while supervisors have a rest, you will be most welcome!

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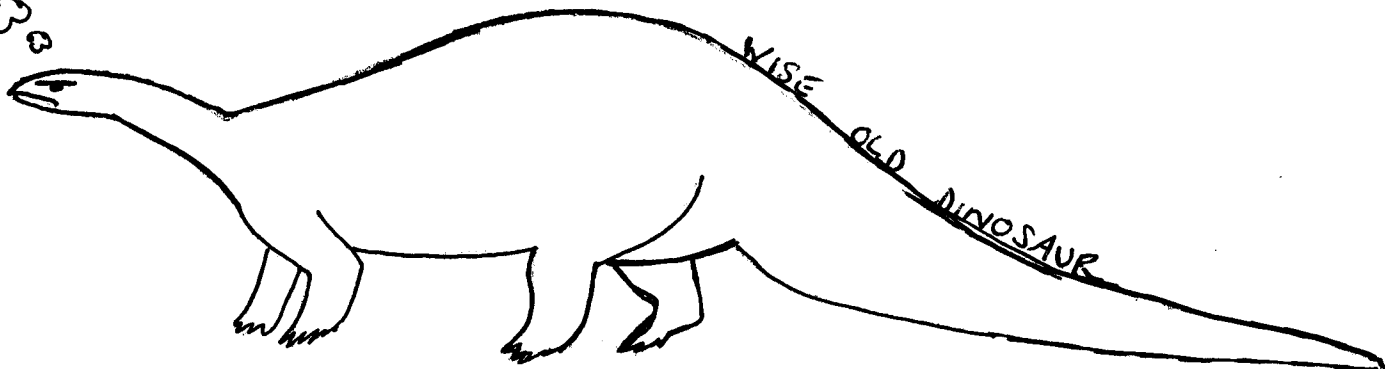
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Out & About



DAYS OUT AROUND THE MARKETS

Use service 65 from village; all times then connect.

TUESDAYS

Buckingham: old market town, old gaol (info centre, museum), interesting buildings
Depart Aylesbury 9.10, 10.10; return 11.25, 2.10
Thame: Depart Aylesbury 10.30, 12.30; return 11.59, 3.13
Leighton Market, canal trips, narrow gauge railway
Buzzard: (certain days). Regular service 65

WEDNESDAYS

Aylesbury: Market, museum, Vale Park, canal walks.
Dunstable: Market. Whipsnade Zoo
Depart Leighton 9.50, 11.50, 1.50;
Return 12.38, 1.38, 2.08 (3.08 Sats)

THURSDAYS

Olney: Market, lace museum. Fine church
Travel to Milton Keynes, then 9.15/30, 12 noon.
Return from Olney 12.30, 3.20 to MK
Wendover: Market/cafes, waymarked walks in woods or Chilterns
Dep. Aylesbury 10.10, 12.10, 2.10.
Return 12.14, 3.14, 3.34, 5.12

FRIDAYS

Tring: Market, reservoir, zoological museum, walks
Dep. Aylesbury 10.19, 12.19, 2.10
Return 12.17, 3.17, 4.48

SATURDAYS

Aylesbury, Leighton Buzzard. Also:

Watford: Dep. Aylesbury 19 mins past hour, ret. 3 past
Oxford: Shops, colleges, river, cathedral
Dep. Aylesbury 8.30, 10.30, 11.35, 12.35
Return 2.05, 4.15
H. Wycombe: Market, chair museum, river Wye. Alight at West Wycombe for caves and Wycombe Park
Dep. Aylesbury 5 and 35 mins past hour
Return 5 and 35 mins past
Bedford: Market, shops, river, museum
Train from Bletchley 9.50, 10.50
Returns 1.40, 3.40
Banbury: Shops, Banbury Cross, teashops (Banbury cake)
Train from Aylesbury 8.52, 10.52, change Princes Risborough 9.25/11.25.
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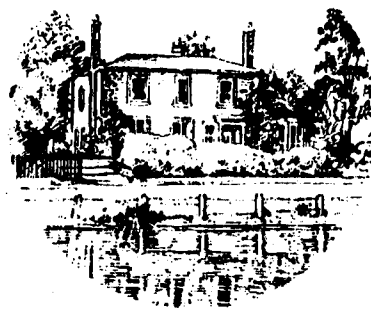
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Bucks Walks and Events

A few outdoor events from the "Discovering Buckinghamshire's Countryside" leaflet (from libraries, county offices etc.)

Sunday 19th July: Farm Museum Open Day at Pitstone Green. Craft demonstrations, Morris dancers, tractor rides, farm trails, model railway and other machines. 11am-5pm, adults £1.50, children 50p. Info: 0296 661997

Wednesday 27th July: Corridors for Wildlife. Walk with County Ecologists to discover plants and animals along the Grand Union Canal and other habitat corridors such as streams and hedgerows. Meet at the canalside car park north of Broughton at 2pm for easy paced 5-mile walk (approx 3 hours). Book in advance on 0296 382113

Wednesdays 3rd, 17th and 31st August: Children's safaris. Evening explorations in Wendover Woods. Limited to 6 children per safari. Cost £2 per child up to 14 years. Book in advance on 0296 625825

Wednesday 31st August: Wildlife Wander. A walk through the Ouzel Valley and up along the Greensand Ridge with County Ecologists. Varied wildlife, fine views. Meet Three Locks Picnic site, Stoke Hammond at 2pm for 3-hour, 4.5 mile walk.

There are lots of other things on the leaflet if you are prepared to travel a bit further to join them.

Sundays on the bus

It is possible to have a Sunday out on the bus...Bucks County Council has produced a new Sunday Bus Guide to prove it (you have to start from the crossroads, though). A day ticket (£4 adults, £2 concessions, £8 family of four) gets you anywhere in Bucks and most places in adjoining counties as well. For example...change at Aylesbury for a Vintage Bus service going on a circular route including Quainton Railway Centre and Waddesdon; visit Stowe landscape gardens; West Wycombe Park and Caves; the zoological museum at Tring; the castle at Berkhamsted. Leaflet with timetables and ideas from council offices, bus station, libraries etc.

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Margaret Chesher,
20, The Green, 681201

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Bryan Round,
11 Nup End, Wingrave,
681621

I am glad to say the mower has now been repaired, the mowing and strimming of the churchyard has got into full swing and it looks more like the churchyard we are used to seeing.

We are now preparing for the village festival in July. The floral displays in church take the theme "The Church's Year". This year we are also holding a three-day flower festival during the August bank holiday weekend with floral themes "Nursery Rhymes" (see below). Evensong is at 6pm on Sunday with the Halton Singers, and on Monday we shall officially open the new village circular footpath walk with guided walks from The Green at 1pm and 3pm. We do hope you will join us on at least one of the days.

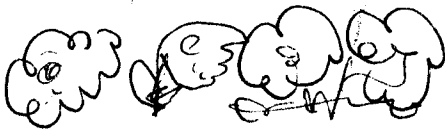
It is with regret that we have learned of the sudden death (while on holiday) of Don Waite. We offer our sympathy to Kate, Peter and Jackie in this sad time, and pray for them at this time of need. Don was a keen gardener, chairman of the British Legion and supported many village activities including the whist drives. We shall miss him.

Winners in the St James's 100 Club June draw were Mrs Scutchings, Mrs C. Murray and Mr P. Humphrey.

Enjoy the summer and your holidays, wherever you go and whatever you do.

COLIN HIGGS

Methodist Church service for July 17th. Rev. Ireland 6pm.



**ST JAMES'S CHURCH
FLOWER FESTIVAL**

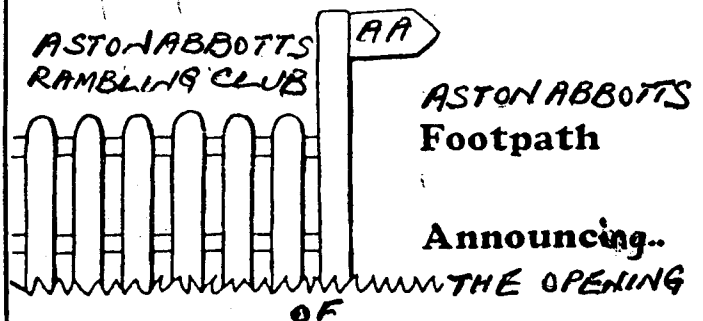
Saturday 27th-Monday 29th August
(Bank Holiday)

Flower displays: Nursery Rhymes

Lunches in Church Room each day
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for

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CHURCH SERVICES

WINGRAVE	3rd July	10.0 Patronal Festival	
		6.0 Evensong	
	10th	10.0 Parish Communion	
	17th	10.0 Parish Communion	
	24th	8.0 Holy Communion (BCP)	
		10.0 Family Service	
	31st	Benefice Service at Cublington	
	7th Aug	Benefice Service at Aston Abbotts	
	14th	10.0 Benefice Eucharist	
	21st	Benefice Service at Aston Abbotts	
	28th	Benefice Service at Cublington	
	4th Sept	10.0 Benefice Eucharist	
	ASTON ABBOTTS	3rd July	11.15 Family Service
		10th	11.15 Parish Communion
17th		11.15 Parish Communion	
24th		6.0 Patronal Festival	
31st		Benefice Service at Cublington	
7th Aug		10.0 Benefice Eucharist	
14th		Benefice Service at Wingrave	
21st		10.0 Benefice Eucharist	
28th		Benefice Service at Cublington	
		6.0 Concert	
4th Sept		Benefice Service at Wingrave	
CUBLINGTON	3rd July	10.0 Family Service	
	10th	8.45 Parish Communion	
	17th	8.45 Parish Communion	
	24th	8.45 Parish Communion	
	31st	10.0 Benefice Eucharist	
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	21st	Benefice Service at Aston Abbotts	
	28th	10.0 Benefice Eucharist	
	4th Sept	Benefice Service at Wingrave	

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RECTOR'S REPORT

I recently bought a secondhand computer. Until I did so I had no idea just how frustrating computers can be. People have been very kind and loaned me books and given me advice, but I remain very much a frustrated novice.

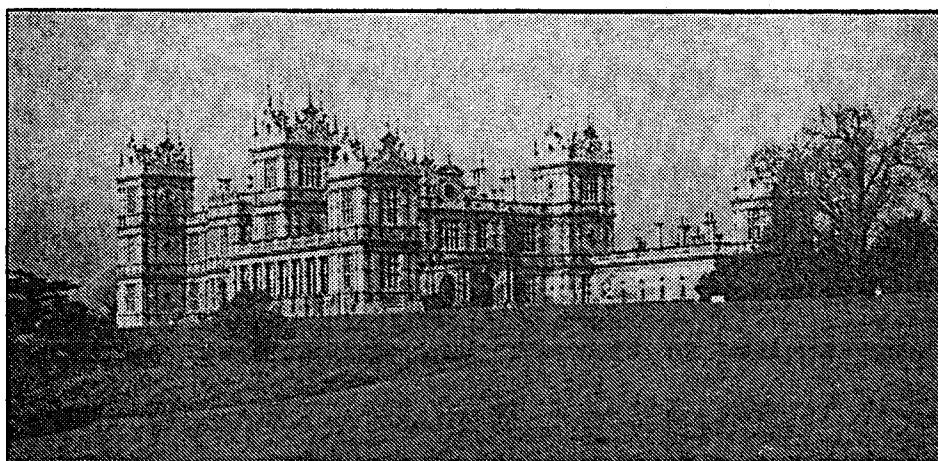
Being secondhand meant, among other things, that there was no instruction book. But I was assured that because it had a very good word processing package ready loaded, there was very little really that I needed to learn. Of course I now know different. I am getting there, as they say - but slowly! Having been told by several people that the best way to learn how to use a computer is to keep playing with it, I am not sure that I can agree. I think the more a computer is played with the more likely the operator is to having a nervous breakdown.

After several weeks playing I acquired a printer. That really raised my blood pressure. There was a half page with illustrations on how to connect the mains lead - a task I felt that I could manage without help. Then came the instructions about loading the software so that the computer would make the printer do all the useful things it was designed to do. Maybe one of these days I will manage to use a different style of type in the middle of a page.

Like most other people, I suspect, I too want to achieve the results, and am finding it difficult to find the patience when things don't go quite as I hoped. The answer is, no doubt, that more practice is needed. I shall probably make many more mistakes before I can think myself reasonably competent. In the meantime I shall struggle on, and hope that when I press 'print', what comes out will be somewhere near the right length for a Rector's Report (and does not contain too many ~*\$#XZ# mistakes).

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Return to the beaches, modern style

Four years after being rescued from the beach at Dunkirk I again found myself aboard an infantry assault craft heading towards Ouistreham at the mouth of the Caen canal; it was 11.30am, June 6th 1944, "D Day".

All hell was being let loose, bombers and fighters overhead, the big guns of the navy, and we, the infantry on the beach, Ouistreham was virtually a heap of rubble, and German POWs being herded onto our boat.

Fifty years on it is now a thriving popular seaside resort, and it was far more comfortable aboard the Canberra than an assault craft fifty years ago.

Reveille was 5am, breakfast 6am and the coaches started off from Cherbourg at 7am, all heading to the various cemetery services along the beaches. I went to the nearest to our landing beach at Hermanville and located three of my battalion; 1014 British servicemen are buried there.

From Hermanville we moved on to Arromanches for the march past before the Queen and other royalty, and so, the long drive back to Canberra, arriving at 11pm; an extremely long and tiring day, but something I would not have missed.

Len and Doris Scutchings

The Will of the People

or

Why the European Parliament Gets Confused

We are all familiar with the basic difference between English and French parliamentary institutions. It stems from their seating plans. The British, being brought up on team games, enter their House in the spirit of those who would rather be doing something else. If they cannot be playing golf or tennis, they can at least pretend that politics is a game with very similar rules. It does not make the slightest difference whether one learned one's politics at Harrow or following the fortunes of Aston Villa. One will have learned when to cheer and when to groan. The men who sit opposite are entirely wrong. Those on one's own side are statesmanlike. In France the initial mistake was made of seating representatives in a semi-circle, all facing the chair. No real opposing teams could be formed and no one could tell (without listening) which argument was the more cogent. The French form a multitude of teams facing in all directions. With the field in such confusion, the game cannot even begin. The semi-circular chamber allows of subtle distinctions between the various degrees of rightness and leftness. There is none of the clear-cut British distinction between rightness and wrongness. One might be described as to the left of Monsieur Untel but well to the right of Monsieur Quelquechose. What is anyone to make of that? What should we make of it even in English? What do they make of it themselves? The answer is, "Nothing."

(Filched from the wonderful Parkinson's Law, 1958)

Unofficial notes from the parish council meeting on 27th May.

It being the annual parish council meeting, the council "jobs" were up for re-election. No change from last year: chairman Caroline Lane, vice-chairman Roger Biddle, Recreation Ground RB, John Ford, Victor Scott, street lights RB and Margaret Cheshier...full list available from the Clerk.

There being no volunteers from Aston Abbots, Sally Missen from Cublington would continue to be the parish councils' rep. on Wingrave School Governing Body.

Planning applications Oxley's Farm appeal against an enforcement order on the site near the allotments had been rejected despite the parish council's support of the landowners. The latter would be working with the county council to agree a plan to restore the site, but hoped to pursue their complaints about the county council's handling of the affair separately.

Accounts Street light repair £29.08; electricity £25.66; bank audit fee £29.38; mower overhaul £49.33; petrol, Rec. mower £10.08 (i.e. mower for children's play area); new swing fixings, £159.31.

Children's Show This annual show funded by AVDC would be on Wednesday 3rd August at 11am (free) in the Church Room.

NEXT MEETING FRIDAY 19th AUGUST, 8pm, CHURCH ROOM
All welcome

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

Unfortunately we have not reached the short list for the Best Kept Village this year. We gained a total of 81 marks out of 100 though, which doesn't sound too awful! The inspection was on 7th June, and the main comments were:

- * Church: wreaths and mown grass not tidied away
- * Chapel: weeding needed
- * Railings outside Church Room need painting
- * Notice board by bus shelter rather tatty
- * Lettering on war memorial is fading

Now the good news:

- * Well equipped, tended and protected play area at the Recreation Ground
- * Excellent range of play equipment at Bull & Butcher
- * Good map, well annotated (thanks to Margaret)

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