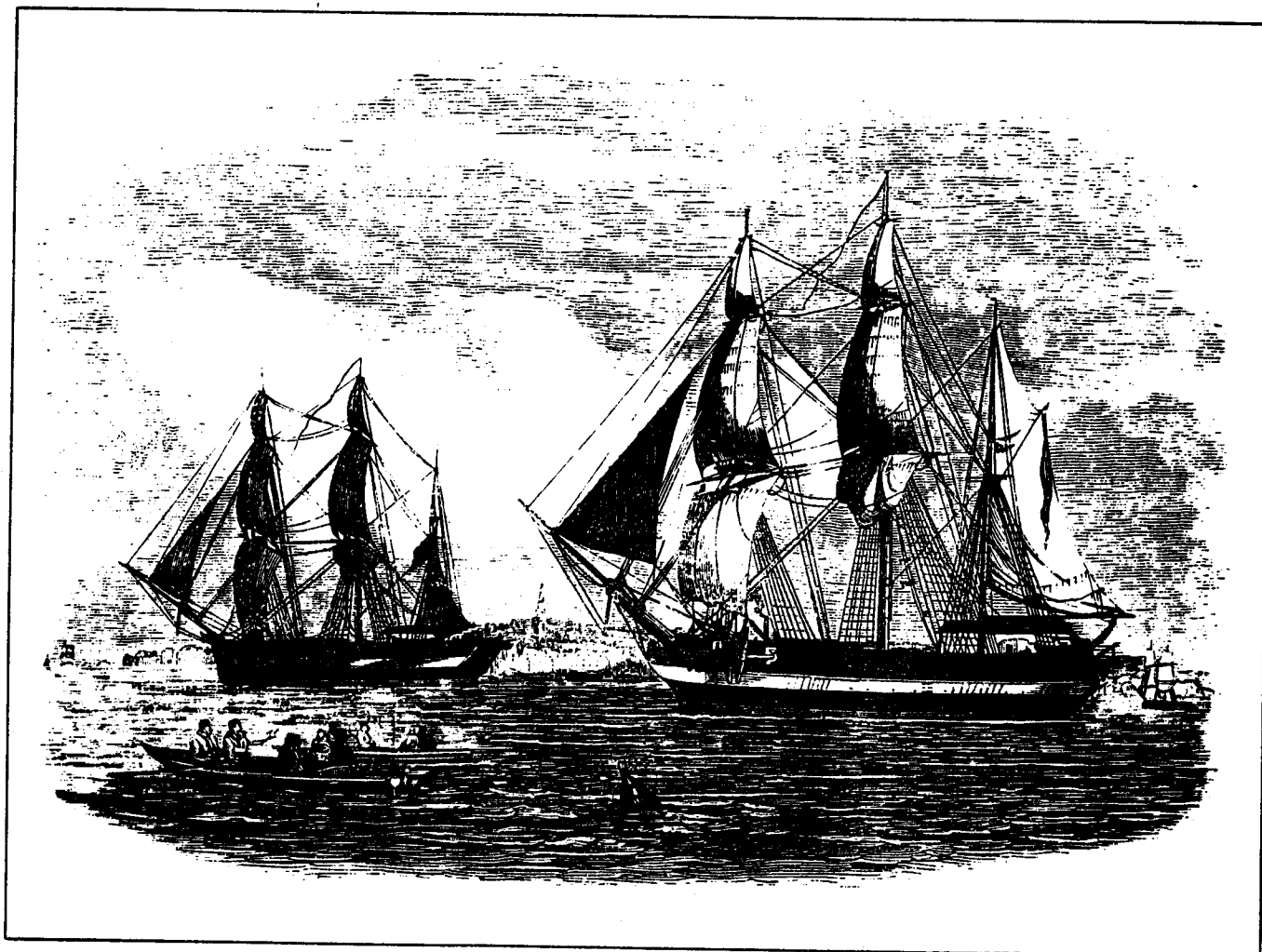


# The Chronicle

ASTON ABBOTTS PARISH MAGAZINE



HMS Erebus and Terror in the Antarctic under  
the command of Sir James Clark Ross of Aston Abbots

JUNE 1995

NO. 138

## Welcome to the June Chronicle!

Fifty years ago the Second World War came to an end. VE Day commemorations were held all over Europe last month, and you will see Caroline's report on events at Wingrave in this issue.

This year also marks the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of another event which was to shake the whole country - and send a resident of Aston Abbots racing to the Arctic. The fateful story began in May 1845. Let me explain...

Sir James Clark Ross, polar explorer, whose ships HMS Erebus and Terror are shown on the front cover, had recently returned from the Antarctic to Aston Abbots. After a four year trip to the South Pole he understandably preferred to stay at home for a while, at Aston House (The Abbey), Aston Abbots, rather than rush off to lead the next major naval expedition to chart the North West passage from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean.

Instead, the ageing veteran explorer Sir John Franklin was given command of the ill-fated expedition. HMS Erebus and Terror set sail from the Thames with full provisions for three years on 19th May 1845, 150 years ago.

The ships, which had an invincible reputation, were tragically lost in the Arctic, never to be found by the dozens of expeditions sent to rescue them. Sir James Clark Ross himself followed Franklin's original path in 1848 and 1849, but there was no trace of the ships or 129 crew. Sir James returned safely to live out the rest of his life in Aston Abbots.

He might have been surprised to learn that in 1984 three of Franklin's crew were exhumed from their frozen Arctic graves, 138 years after they had died, in an almost perfect state of preservation. So well were they preserved, that an autopsy established they had died of lead poisoning from the soldering on the new fangled tin cans containing the expedition's food.

Apologies for introducing an unseasonably chilly note into this summer edition of the Chronicle - I have a personal interest in these events. My great great uncle was ship's cook with Ross in the Antarctic, and on return had the bad luck to be appointed cook aboard HMS Terror with the Franklin expedition...

*Jeremy Bale*

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## WHAT ' S ON

- Sunday 4th June - Rambling Club members  
Meet 13 Moorlands, Wing at 2.00 pm
- Wednesday 7th June - Aylesbury Vale Transport meeting  
Bus/train queries to Colin Higgs
- Thursday 8th June - Whist Drive Church Room 7.30 pm
- Tuesday 13th June - Bucks Road Safety meeting at Buckingham
- Sunday 18th June - Village Gardens open 2.00 to 5.00 pm  
Stalls, Teas in Church Room  
Evensong at 6.00 pm
- Thursday 22nd June - Whist Drive Church Room 7.30 pm
- Friday 23rd June - Parish Council meeting Church Room 8.00 pm
- Sunday 25th June - Rambling Club members  
Meet Cublington crossroads at 2.00 pm

! At a recent Church Room Committee meeting it was decided that outside bookings only will be increased to £3.00 per hour, village organisations remaining unchanged. Payment must now be made to Doris when booking - no payment = no key.

! Would everyone please note that tea towels will no longer be supplied by the Church Room. Please bring your own, and also take them home again.

! Skip will be on The Green Mon 19 - Thu 22nd NOT AT WEEKEND

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### BEST KEPT VILLAGE

We have entered the best kept village competition again this year. The first round of judging is in June - so park those cars straight!

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### LADIES CLUB

June 1st - Members are going on a visit to North Marston church, where they will be given a guided tour, followed by tea in Winslow. Car transport will be available on the Village Green at 2.30 pm.

June 15th - Trip to Worcester. There are still seats available on the coach, price £6, leaving The Green at 9.30 am returning around 7 pm.

June 29th - Visit to the gardens of Old Manor Farm, Cublington. Car transport available on the Village Green at 2.30 pm.

If you are interested ring Shirley Ford on 681865.

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# THE PEOPLE PAGE

## BIRTHDAYS.

Jason White . . . . 1st June  
Fred Cross. . . . . 6th June  
Pauline Price . . . . 7th June  
Emily DeLooze . . . .17th June  
Dave Wheaton. . . .21st June  
Paul Drysdale . . . .21st June  
Sarah Lovell. . . .25th June  
Kim Picking . . . .27th June  
David Hewitt. . . .28th June  
Kirsty Lewis. . . .28th June



To Shona and Steve on the birth of their son.

## THE AYLESBURY RING

As mentioned in last months Chronicle, we will be walking the Aylesbury Ring (31 miles) on June 24th. We leave the village at 5-55 AM, and return at approx. 8-00 PM. It is a serious walk for serious walkers. At the same time, it is fun and a way of getting to know people. If you feel you would like to do it, then phone me, Chris, on 681425, or call round at 12 Bricstock. We would like to know who wants to do it fairly soon as we need to arrange a meeting .

If you feel you would like to do it, but know it is just too far, why not arrange to be picked up at one of the villages on the route. Think about it. We do hope to have the use of a mobile phone, which would enable us to contact anyone should we need to.

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# THE FIVE ELMS

A variety of phrases to be heard often quoted in 'THE FIVE ELMS':-

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"That was a £20 note"

"Not another Holiday"

"Pint of middle stump"

"What does P.B's. mean?"

"Pint of Pedders for Jonners from Rodders"

"Hello Ross, thought you were in Canada"

"Thanks for coming"

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WINGRAVE	4th June	10.0	Parish Communion
		6.0	Pentecost Praise (Meth)
	11th	10.0	Parish Communion
	18th	10.0	Parish Communion
	25th	10.0	Parish Communion
	2nd July	10.0	PATRONAL FESTIVAL
	6.0	Evensong	

ASTON ABBOTTS	4th June	11.15	Morning Service
	11th	11.15	Parish Communion
	18th	11.15	Parish Communion
		6.0	Evensong
	25th	11.15	Parish Communion
	2nd July	11.15	Morning Service

CUBLINGTON	4th June	10.0	Family Service
	11th	8.45	Parish Communion
	18th	8.45	Parish Communion
		6.0	Songs of Praise
	25th	8.45	Parish Communion
	2nd July	10.0	Family Service

### SUNDAY READINGS

4th June	Pentecost	(p.636)	Acts 2.1-11; John 14.15-26
11th	Trinity	(p.641)	Eph 1.3-14; John 14.8-17
18th	Pentecost 2	(p.644)	1 Pet 2.1-10; John 15.1-5
25th	Pentecost 3	(p.649)	Rom 6.3-11; John 15.5-11
2nd Jul	4	(p.654)	Gal 3.23-4.7; John 15.12-17
	Peter & Paul	(p.784)	2 Tim 4.6-8,16-18; Mt 16.13-20

### FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISM	30th April	David Ellis at Wingrave
		Jack Loades at Wingrave
		Nancy Loades at Wingrave
	14th May	Bethan Blackwood at Wingrave
FUNERAL	12th May	Walter Lovett at Amersham
	17th May	Sam Elsenburg at Wingrave & Crownhill

## RECTOR'S REPORT

Always look on the bright side of life!

If my memory serves me, that line occurs in the Walt Disney Film - The Jungle Book. But it is strange how often we find it to be such hard advice.

More often than not we look around us and we see sadness and badness - things that we would rather not see, let alone have happen to us. We want to be happy and joyful - we want the world to be free from suffering, from misery, from oppression, from tyranny - yet, the harder we look, the more we notice the things that are bad and wrong.

It is rather like looking out through a dirty window - instead of seeing the beautiful view, all we notice is the dirt on the window.

One of the heresies that the Church had to fight against many years ago was precisely this. People had come to the conclusion that the "World" was bad - and that the only hope was for true believers to escape into God who was pure and good. Yet we are told that when God created the World he saw that it was very good.

What God created was good and is good. Much of the suffering that we experience is man made. The last month has seen considerable community efforts taking place - proving, if proof were needed, what a tremendous reservoir of goodwill exists - if only we can be prepared to tap into it. In Wingrave, in particular, the VE celebrations and the sense of shared loss at the sudden death of Sam Elsenburg (not that that suffering was man made) has brought the best out of people.

God is good - and he goes on loving us no matter what a mess we make of his world. Even when we feel rejected and that nobody loves us and nobody cares, God is still there encouraging us to go on. So maybe we should try a bit harder to see the bright side of life and the good in other people - because in that brightness and goodness we shall discover something of the goodness of God.

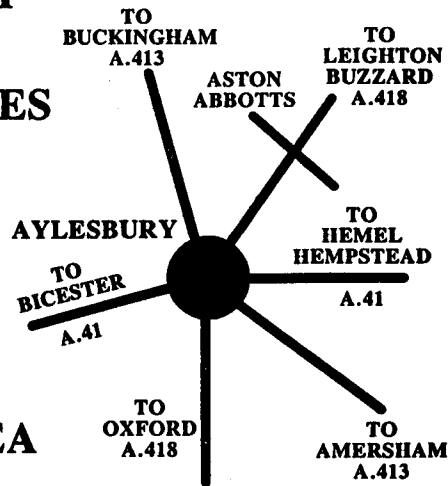
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## VILLAGE FETE!

The excellent news is that thanks to the energy of Don and Ruth Bellingham, and the heartening support of those who turned up in the Church Room on Friday 12th, we will be able to have a village fete this year.

Plans are already well under way, so make sure you have 22nd July marked in your diaries. The occasion will be the traditional fete on the village green, complete with band, stalls, teas, raffle, and plenty to interest the children.

Don't forget to start setting aside goods for the stalls - volunteers will start collecting from 17th July.

This year, as well as bric-a-brac, books, needlework, toys, plants and cakes, there will be a gift stall, so if you've got any unwanted presents why not consider donating them?

Next meetings for those who've already expressed their willingness to help, and others who want to join in, will be on Wednesday 14th June at 8.00 pm in the Church Room, and on Wednesday 5th July at 8.00 pm in the Church Room.

In the interim, would anyone else who wishes to offer support please phone Don or Ruth Bellingham on 681200.

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## AN EVENING OF BARBERSHOP SINGING BY 'DOCTORS ORDERS'

What a treat!! An evening of wonderful singing, mostly in the 'Barber Shop' style plus a very acceptable supper; all for only £3.00. It was particularly nice that the Vicar had encouraged this event to take place in the Church; not only because the acoustics were good or that the Church itself made a most attractive venue but also because it seemed to bring together 'Church' and 'non Church' people.

I'm not sure how this excellent group of singers decided to call themselves 'Doctors Orders' but by the end of the evening their name seemed particularly apt since I, and I am sure the rest of the audience, felt all the better for having been in their company.

Led by Dr. Grayson, the group comprises a further eight singers, all of whom are currently in the sixth form at Aylesbury Grammar School. Apart from a weekly rehearsal, they sing at various functions for which they make a modest charge. Some of the money raised provides donations to various charities (such as the Brain Injury Trust which they are currently supporting), some to providing and maintaining their stage costumes and on occasions, they take themselves off for a well earned meal.

Once we (the audience) were assembled, the singers, resplendent in red and white waistcoats, bow ties and the almost obligatory boaters, filed into the Church and without more ado proceed to sing a wide range of songs; some in the Barber Shop style and others in true Barber shop harmony.

Following an interval for supper, and in response to several question raised by the audience, Dr Grayson explained the difference between true Barber Shop harmony and songs sung in Barber Shop style, further informing us that this type of singing really did originate in barber's shops. Apparently, throughout Europe it was quite usual for people to sing in groups in barber's shops; each country or district having it's own style. The practice found it's way to America where in the last century, the style we now know as 'Barber Shop' was developed.

If it at all was possible, the second half of the programme was even better than the first. A wide range of songs were sung ranging from Glen Miller to Beatles and Ain't she sweet to a wonderful African song called 'Homeless' which was sung mostly in one of the African languages complete with rhythmic grunting. Although it was unlikely that any of the audience could understand the words, the power of the song and the sympathetic way in which it was sung left little doubt as to what it was all about. On a lighter note, my favourites were a wonderful rendition of 'Dem Dry Bones' and a very jolly and humorous song called 'Viva La Company' which I hadn't heard before.

Finally, very many thanks from all of us to Shirley and John Ford and our Vicar for a truly delightful evening. I know this particular group are in great demand but I do hope you will arrange for these singers to visit Aston Abbots again.

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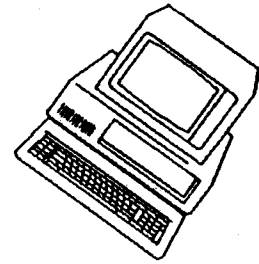
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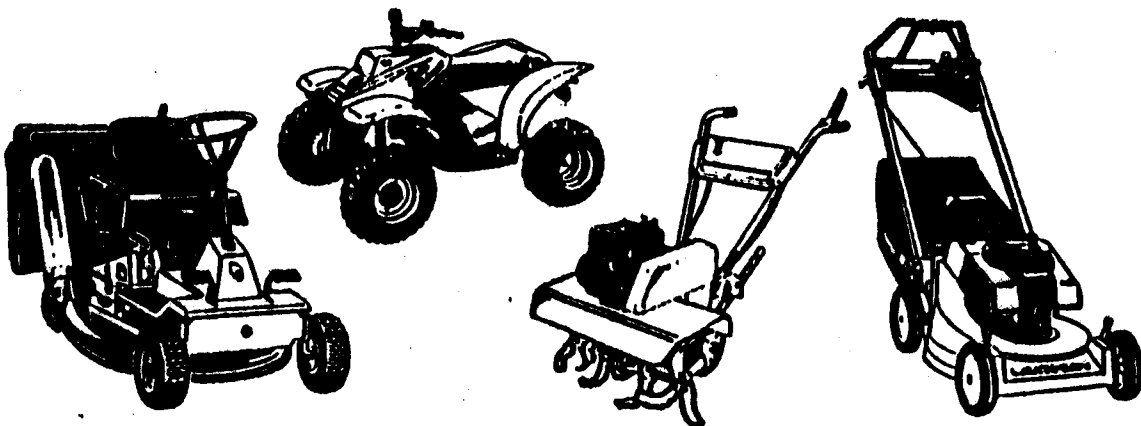
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### Unofficial notes from the meeting on 5th May

- New parish councillors Margaret Kent and Tom Manning were welcomed.
- Caroline Lane was re-elected chairman with Tom Manning as vice-chairman.
- Gwen Kempster would be co-opted as the fifth councillor (Roger Biddle completes the lineup)

#### Matters arising

- Recycling: decided not to go ahead with recycling bins in Bricstock due to residents' concerns.
- Condition of village roads: minor repairs will be done by BCC.
- A plaque obtained for the seat on the Green saying "Given by Betty Bennett, 1974". (To put on when her brother visits for dedication of new altar frontals for Church???)
- Quote would be sought for another plaque, for existing tree on Green in memory of Mr Kent
- No reply from Kimbell so Cllr Manning would remove their sign from Cold Comfort corner and store it
- Trouble when traffic diverted through village: invite Inspector Stroud of police traffic division to next meeting.
- Further concern about dangerous Wingrave Crossroads: chairman to raise at next Highways meeting. In the meantime, **please report any near misses or minor accidents to police in Aylesbury AND a parish councillor**. If anything is to be done we will need as much evidence of the danger as possible.

#### Planning applications

- Lopping of trees on the Green granted (but we won't touch them until July at earliest, and any pruning will be light). Position of street light to be discussed again, as moving it may be the best long-term solution, although very expensive.
- Rear extension at Beulah, Wingrave Road, granted by AVDC
- Storage of earth-moving vehicles in farm buildings, Wingrave Road, granted by AVDC
- Single storey extension at New Zealand Cottages refused because it would spoil the look of the terrace in the conservation area
- Retention of mobile home at Willowbrook Farm, no comment from this parish council
- Parish council had had to meet specially to consider retrospective planning application for extension of car parking at the Bull & Butcher. Councillors were concerned about noise and light nuisance to neighbours, several of whom were already experiencing problems. Application will be decided by AVDC

#### Accounts

Electricity, £25.19    Light repair, £44    Cutting Rec, £18    Miss Bennett's plaque, £9.30    Clerk's salary and expenses, £107    Photocopying, £11.64

#### AOB

- AVDC inform us that skips can no longer be provided over weekends, but will be provided midweek. This is because Bucks County Council is unhappy that inappropriate materials are being dumped (such as chemicals) and skips are being overfilled, so they have to be supervised by AVDC (no, we didn't understand how they were going to do this, either). See What's On page for details of next skip in village
- Caroline Lane, Margaret Kent and Tom Manning would represent the parish council on the Rec. committee and a meeting would be arranged soon
- The Clerk has a supply of dog mess scoops and bags. **They are free, and he doesn't have a dog!** If you do, please ask him for them and **use the bin on the Rec** - we are paying for it, and nobody likes treading in dog mess, so please use it.

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Caroline Lane



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Hello everybody,

My name is Alison Hewitt and for those of you who don't already know me, I have been living in Aston Abbotts for the past ten years. I have been accepted to go to the Third World during the coming summer months with a charity organisation called 'Health Projects Abroad'. I will be going to Tanzania to help build a health dispensary in a village called Itaga. The current dispensary provides services for 13,000 people but has no child or baby care facilities. Because of this many children die as they do not get the required vaccinations. At the present time also there are no birth facilities available as it is too far for the mothers and children to walk to the next town for these services.

In order for this project to take place, each of the twenty-one volunteers who have been selected has been asked to raise £2450. I have already raised some of the money, and organisations such as Aylesbury Rotary club have been very generous. During June I will be doing the Three Peaks Walk. This involves climbing Ben Nevis, Sca Fell and Snowden in one weekend.

I am looking for sponsorship for this event or for any other contribution that you may be able to spare. The money will go towards a very worthwhile cause and will offer many benefits to the local communities of Itaga.

If you would like to sponsor me for this climb or make a donation please contact me at:-

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Many thanks

Alison Hewitt

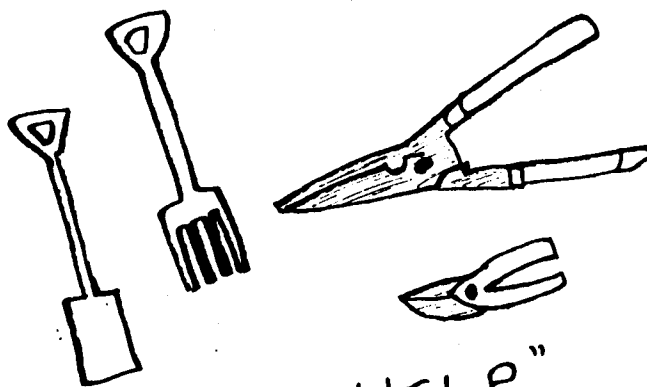


## V.E. Day

Don't believe what you hear on The Archers. There are no perks attached to the parish council. At least, that's what I thought until I was invited to represent the village at Wingrave's VE Day - a buffet lunch at the Macintyre, where I met the Czech ambassador and his aide. They were both charming and seemed to be enjoying their day hugely. In the morning they had been to visit Mr & Mrs Von Simson at the Abbey here (where Czech President Eduoard Benes lived during the war), had inspected the lime tree he had planted, and had planted a chestnut tree of their own with a promise to come back in fifty years to see how it is getting along.

After a very interesting tour of the Macintyre we watched the parade go by, and I was proud to see many faces from Aston Abbots. The march was led by Mr Scutchings, and I also saw Mr Loader and Mrs Stevens among the ex-services personnel; Fiona Whyte and Malini Drysdale were among the Brownies, and Ben King looked far too happy to be an evacuee! Apologies to anyone I missed.

*Caroline Lane*



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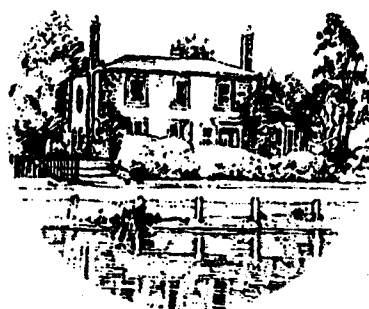
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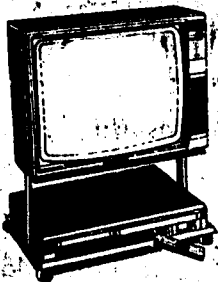
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