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Editorial

It's hard to believe it's a year since I called up the Chronicle Editorial page on the computer, but there it was, complete with pathetic appeal for names for a rota. I'd like to extend a big thank you to all the brave souls who have put together an issue since then. The Chronicle has been different every month and all the better for it. Now we have more good news. ANDY BYSTRA is retiring, and will be taking over the editorship as from the November issue. Talking of Andy, I make no apology for using his splendid fete cover illustration yet again. The band will be there on 22nd July!

If you would like to edit an issue of the Chronicle, why not do September's or October's? It may be your last chance for a while, so do give me a call on 681373.

Meanwhile, happy summer hols to all.

Carole

Please let me have material for the September issue by Wednesday 30th August: 2 Church Row, Aston Abbots, tel. 681373.

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What's On: July & August

JULY

Saturday 8th: Wingrave & Rowsham Gardens & Allotment Society, 75th Anniversary Open Show/Wingrave Village Fete. The Rec, Wingrave, 2.30pm

Wednesday 12th: Leighton-Linslade Transport meeting. Bus/train complaints to Colin, 681343

Thursday 13th: Ladies Club End of season tea party at Longmoor by courtesy of Jean Sansom; Bring & Buy, 2.45pm

Thursdays 6th and 20th: Whist Drive, Church Room, 7.30pm

Sunday 16th: Rambling Club meet Aldbury, 2pm

Saturday 22nd: FETE on the Green opens 2pm

Sunday 23rd: FESTIVAL continues with floral displays in Church 2-5pm, teas, evensong 6pm

Tuesday 25th: Aylesbury Vale Holiday Walk, meet The Green 7pm. Dogs on leads.

AUGUST

Wednesday 2nd: Free children's entertainment, Church Room, 11am

Sunday 6th: Rambling Club meet Quainton Station to walk the Brill-Wotton tram route 2pm

Sunday 27th: Coach outing to Hastings. Depart The Green 7.20am, fare £9, OAP/child £8. Book with Colin, 681343

REGULARS

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

Thursdays: BIN DAY. NB 1st Sept not 31st August

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

BOOK THIS DATE

**Country & Western Concert
with Trevor Howard**
Sunday 8th October, 7pm
St James's Church

Tickets £2.50 (children under 16 free) to include buffet supper, from Christine Fox, 682024

Please order your tickets by mid-September (12 gone already...)

KILL YOUR SPEED

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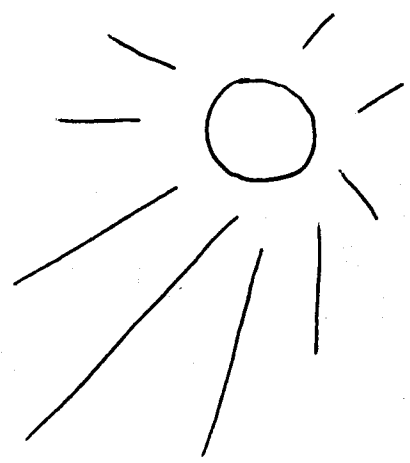
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Puzzle time

Daniel White keeps rabbits, birds,
cats and snakes. His pets have
between them 8 wings, 36 legs,
and 14 heads. How many snakes
does he have?

(seen on the Underground! Answer on p. 5)

FETE!



ASTON ABBOTTS VILLAGE FETE

Saturday, 22 July, 2 p.m.

STALLS

Books, Bric a Brac, Needlework, Toys, Plants,
Cakes, Jams, Groceries & Gifts

TOMBOLA

COCONUT SHY

FORTUNE TELLER

SKITTLES

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Lambs & Goats, Birds of Prey, Bouncy Castle, Tombola,
Face Painting, Games, Pony Rides

ST JAMES CHURCH will be decorated with flowers

TEAS in the Church Room

SILVER BAND

GUEST VISIT : LYNDA BELLINGHAM

TUG OF WAR JUGGLERS

RAFFLE

We will be calling as usual to sell you raffle tickets. Please look out for any items you think suitable for the stalls; our collectors will come around the village the week beginning Monday 17th July.

It would be helpful if cakes, fruit and plants could be delivered direct to the stalls on the morning of the fete.

Prizes are needed for the raffle, tombola & children's games, and donations, by cash or cheque, no matter how small, to help cover the costs of the entertainers, would be very welcome. All offers of help or donations to Don or Ruth Bellingham on 681200.

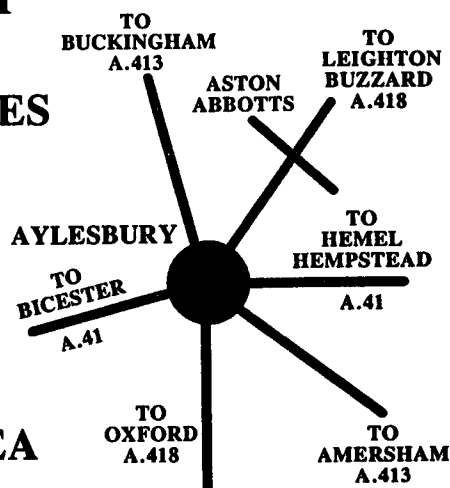
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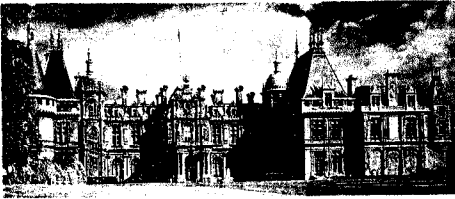
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PLACES TO VISIT

→ Waddesdon: Waddesdon Manor, Quainton Rail Centre (rail centre open Wednesdays)

Buses depart Aylesbury 11.25, 12.25, 2.25

Return from Quainton 1.40, 2.50, 4pm (7 minutes later from Waddesdon, Anstey Close)

→ Amersham Museum

Trains depart Aylesbury at 6 and 36 minutes past each hour and return from Amersham at 3 and 33 minutes past each hour

→ Wycombe Museum

Buses depart Aylesbury at 5, 20, 35 and 50 minutes past each hour and return at similar times
 Saturday market

→ Bekonscot model village

Trains depart Aylesbury for Beaconsfield at 10.25, 11.25, 12.25, 1.25, 2.25 (ten minutes' walk from station)
 Return from Beaconsfield 1.44, 2.44, 4pm, 4.44

Buses leave Aylesbury at 8.35, 10.35, 12.35, 2.35
 Return from Oxford 2.05, 3.15, 4.15

Frequent bus service
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 Service 61 serves Marsworth for the reservoirs with many wild fowl/scenic walks

RECTOR'S REPORT

I seem to have spent a large part of the last month watching the scenery go past. But, having just been on a coach holiday to Bavaria, this is hardly surprising.

A great variety of scenery, from the flat seemingly endless plains of Northern France and Belgium, through the German wine country, then Eastward towards the border of the Czech Republic. Cities, villages, fields and forests just went past the window. Some I saw, some I missed - long coach journeys can be quite soporific. Here we crossed a river - the next bridge along looked rather interesting; now a railway line (from where to where?). I wonder what the people in that house do in their spare time? Huge piles of logs neatly stacked - yet you never notice anyone busy sawing. Do they still put their bedding in the window on wet days?

Near where we stayed a church was having extensive work done to its roof and tower - (I wonder how much that is costing and how they managed to find the money?). A very small village, yet new houses being built - do they really need such a large and well sign-posted Post Office?

The old towns and cities with their fascinating architecture, old churches and buildings, shopping areas which look like any other shopping areas. Buses, trams, trains, cars and people.

There is almost too much to take in - yet, when we stop and think about it, all these things are about us all the time. The difference is that we frequently do not allow ourselves time to notice them. We become so busy with the things which we think are important, so wrapped up in our own little world that we fail to notice the wider scene of things about us. Yet, when we go around with our eyes closed, what a lot we miss of the lessons that life has to teach us? If we keep them open we may discover that God has a message for us - if you see what I mean!

I hope that you enjoy your holiday as much as I have enjoyed mine.

Bob Willmott

CHURCH SERVICES

WINGRAVE	2nd July	10.0	Patronal Festival
		6.0	Evensong
	9th	10.0	Parish Communion
	16th	10.0	Parish Communion
	23rd	10.0	Benefice Eucharist
	30th		Eucharist at Cublington 10.0
	6th Aug		Eucharist at Aston Abbotts 10.0
	13th	10.0	Benefice Eucharist
	20th		Eucharist at Aston Abbotts 10.0
	27th		Eucharist at Cublington 10.0
3rd Sept	10.0	Parish Communion	
ASTON ABBOTTS	2nd July	11.15	Mattins
	9th	11.15	Parish Communion
	16th	11.15	Parish Communion
	23rd		Eucharist at Wingrave 10.0
	St. James	6.0	Songs of Praise
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CUBLINGTON	2nd July	10.0	Family Service
	9th	8.45	Parish Communion
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SUNDAY READINGS

2nd Jul	Pentecost 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
9th	Pentecost 5	(p.659)	Eph 5.1-10; Matt 19.16-25
16th	Pentecost 6	(p.664)	Col 3. 12-17; Luke 14.11-end
23rd	Pentecost 7	(p.669)	1 Cor 12.27-13.end; Mt 18.21-end
30th	Pentecost 8	(p.674)	Gal 5.16-25; John 15.16-end
6th Aug	Transfiguration	(p.792)	2 Cor 3.4-end; Luke 9.28-36
13th	Pentecost 10	(p.684)	Phil 2.1-11; John 13.1-15
20th	Pentecost 11	(p.689)	2 Cor 4.1-10; John 13.31-35
27th	Pentecost 12	(p.694)	2 Cor 5.14-6.2; John 17.20-end
3rd Sep	Pentecost 13	(p.699)	Acts 7.54-8.1; John 16.1-11

PEOPLE

BIRTHDAYS

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 Pledsted .19th July
Annæ Brancker . .24th July
Daniel Smith . .24th July
Deirdre Whyte . .27th July
Lawrence Hinds .29th July

Paul Fletcher . . . 4th Aug.
Doris Turner. . . .10th Aug.
Christine Fox . . .10th Aug.
Arthur Doggett(81).10th Aug.
Mark Hewitt11th Aug.
Andrew Parker . . .21st Aug.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Lol and Tracy Hinds on the birth of their son recently.

EVERY ONE A RINGER.

Congratulations must go to the following people.

MARGARET KENT
MARY ALTY
SIAN ALTY
TIM LOADER
JACK RENNIE
BAIRD MCLELLAN

DAVE TAYLOR
CYRIL ROBINSON
JAMIE WILKINSON
PAUL TURNHAM
CHRIS BRANDON

On the 24th June, each of these people successfully completed The Aylesbury Ring. Each walked a long hard 31 miles. Between them, they walked 341 miles in just over 13 hours. Why did they do it? 'Because it is there' was the only answer I got. Are they mad? Probably a little bit, but a nicer bunch of slightly mad people it would be hard to find, and now they all know each other rather better because of the experience. Well done to each and every one. How do I know so much about the walk? I was there.

Milkman look familiar?

He should do - he is Graham Lee, and lived at no. 67 The Green when he was a boy. If you don't have your milk delivered, why not start? It may be more expensive than Tesco, but you get it fresh every day, you don't have to carry it home and your dustbin isn't full of plastic and cardboard at the end of the week!



Alison Ford and Carl Bowden are to be married at St James's Church at 2.30pm on 5th August.

Very best wishes to them.

Parish Council

Unofficial notes from the meeting on 23rd June

- Gwen Kempster was welcomed as the fifth parish councillor.
- Tom Manning is to represent the parish council on the Police Liaison Committee and Gwen Kempster on the Neighbourhood Watch scheme; Caroline Lane on the Aylesbury Vale Association of Local Councils.
- Traffic diversions: Mr Stroud was unable to attend the June or July parish council meeting but would be invited to the September meeting to discuss the situation and answer questions from the public.
- A quotation would be sought and residents consulted about possibility of a new light in the Grove corner of the Green. This is likely to be an expensive item but there is continuing concern from the public. To be discussed again at next meeting.
- The Recreation Ground committee had met and discussed possible uses of the new strip of land if we get it. Playdale, an equipment company, had been asked for advice and quotations. Grant sources to be investigated. The committee also looked at possible sites for a tennis court - only one seemed possible, between the children's play area and the large shed - again, quotes and information about grants (including the National Lottery) would be sought.
- Caroline Lane and Colin Higgs reported on the recent meeting of the Bucks County Council Highways and Road Safety meeting. Aston Abbots had raised three issues: (1) safety at Wingrave crossroads; we were told that a roundabout was out of the question, but that it might be possible to install raised islands and illuminated bollards to protect turning traffic. However, this would only be placed in the three-year scheme, which in practice means it could take years. We cannot have warning signs because it is not actually illegal to overtake on the hatching!! The hatching borders are broken lines, not solid, and have the same effect as a broken line in the middle of the road. The parish council resolved to keep pressing for some action and to contact Wingrave parish council for support. **PLEASE CONTINUE TO TELL THE PARISH COUNCIL OF ACCIDENTS OR NEAR MISSES.**
 - (2) The County was asked to consider widening the road at the allotment corner, where buses have difficulty getting round. Mr Headon subsequently came to look at the problem with Colin and agreed to look into the possibility of doing some work on the outside of the bend (i.e. not the footpath side).
 - (3) The verge along Cublington Road between the Old Masters and Cold Comfort would be patched, and the whole stretch would be put in for resurfacing in the next couple of years.
- **Planning applications:**
 - Nash's Farm, conversion of barns and new dwellings, granted by AVDC. Parish council to clarify situation on new land for the Rec.
 - Retention of mobile home at Willowbrook Farm, granted by AVDC
 - Single storey extension at New Zealand Cottages (amended to include a pitched roof), no comment from this parish council - AVDC will now decide
 - Extension at Bridge Farm, Rowsham (just in AA parish), no comment
 - Microlight aerodrome at Aston Clinton granted by AVDC - this parish council would write to ask that it go to a public inquiry
 - Public entertainment licence, Bull & Butcher, AVDC had, at the parish council's request, deferred consideration to allow adequate time for public consultation. This parish council felt that in view of likely noise and nuisance to local residents, there should be a time limit of 11pm on live music, and that any licence should be subject to periodic renewal. NB this is not being dealt with by the planning department but by Housing Health and Leisure at AVDC, to whom any comments should be addressed.
- **Accounts:** electricity £50; mower repairs, fuel can & petrol £35; photocopying/stationery £10; three cuts of Rec £63; clerk's salary/expenses £49
- **National Tree Week:** we have been offered free trees for planting around the parish (not in private gardens, though) and Tom Manning and Margaret Kent will coordinate. If you would like to suggest somewhere to plant trees - not necessarily on parish council land, but where everyone can see and appreciate them - please contact one of them before the next parish council meeting on 28th July.
- **Next meeting Friday 28th July, 8pm, Church Room** The public are welcome. Please see note on p.13 about discussion of items on the agenda.



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The parish council agenda

It has been pointed out that although the parish council can choose to discuss things that come up on the night, only items which have been put on the agenda and displayed on the notice board should be *decided upon*. This is to make sure that everyone living in the village has the opportunity to see what the council is discussing and come to make their views known if they wish. So something raised under "any other business" or by members of the public at the end of the meeting could be discussed but would have to come back to the next parish council meeting for a decision. If there is something you want to have resolved immediately it is best to ask a councillor to put it on the agenda, at least one week before the meeting, so that it appears as a separate item. The agenda is posted on the notice board by the shop.

Best kept village competition

Sad to say, we are not among the finalists, having scored only 67 out of 100 marks. The comments of the judges are not exactly helpful: "inconsistent degrees of care, and community effort uneven" and the mysterious "impossible to see 'moat' from road" - whatever happened to the invaluable advice such as "dandelion leaf by the notice board" or "chewing gum on the bus timetable"? Times is hard...

Sport! The grand Cublington Cricket tour

Cublington went on tour to Evesham in June with Robert Lee from Aston Abbotts as tour manager, and won two out of three matches. Harvington were defeated by 35 runs and Stanton by four wickets. Elmley Castle triumphed by six wickets, but only after paying the visitors the compliment of fielding nearly all their full-strength league side. Robert Lee would be happy to supply the full story of Aylesbury ducks, unicorns rampant, glass tankards, historically significant cricket balls and flashing strokes - see him down the Bull & Butcher some time...

More sport! Tennis *

Jean Barnett & Cublington Ladies have made a resounding start to the summer league by winning three of four matches played so far (Cheddington, Naphill and Leighton Buzzard) and drawing the other (Long Crendon). Well done all. Aston Abbotts juniors have been working hard on Saturday mornings (notably Kirsty Lewis, Sarah and Daniel Smith and John and Timothy Taylor) - see you at Wimbledon in a few years!

Even more sport - Cold Comfort Gun Club

The Gun Club has thrashed Weedon Gun Club for the third year running, thus retaining the Toilet Seat Trophy. When asked by our intrepid reporter who exactly was covered in er.. glory, Tom Manning said modestly "Too many to mention...they know who they are." Quite.

Thanks - Christian Aid

The Christian Aid collection(envelope collection)raised £112.09, a very good total. Many thanks to all.

Thanks - village gardens day

The Churchwardens and members of the Parochial Church Council would like to thank most sincerely the people who kindly opened their gardens for viewing on Sunday 18th June. It proved very popular and drew a good crowd of people who were able to browse round the gardens, pop into St James's or take afternoon tea on a very pleasant occasion. Many requested a repeat for 1996. Who knows!

Thanks - Bryan Round

Bryan Round sends the following message: "May I through the Chronicle thank everyone in Aston Abbotts who turned out on May 4th and voted me back onto Aylesbury Vale District Council for a fourth term. I will do my utmost over the next four years to justify the trust which so many of you in my three villages and Rowsham continue to place in me."

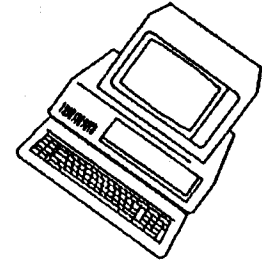
St James's Church 100 Club

Winners in the June draw were Mrs D Hinds, Mr G Fox and Mrs H. Hasler. If you wish to rejoin from July please let John, Andrew or Hilary know.

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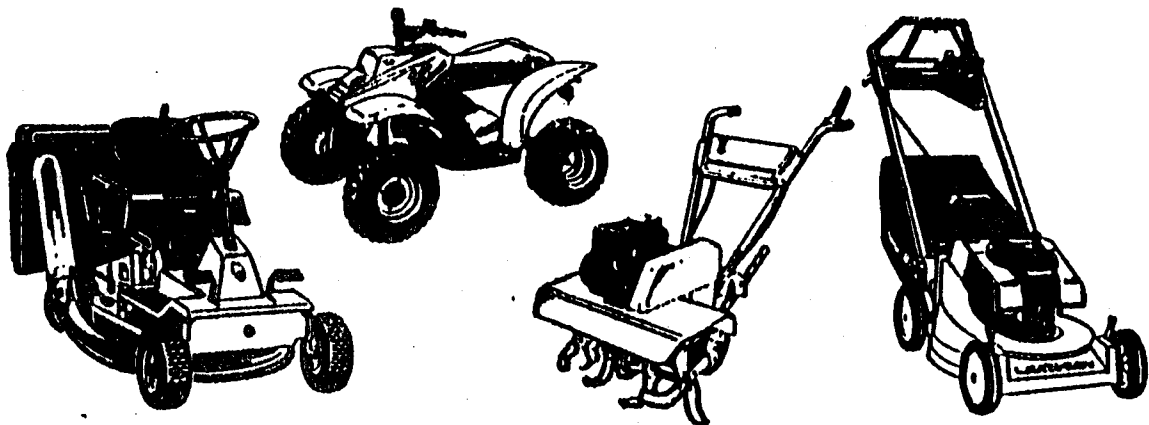
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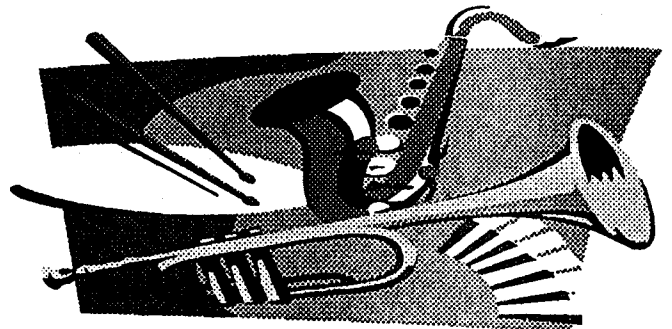
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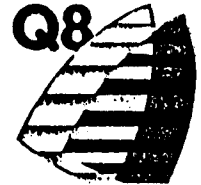
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On Monday 11th September, the 1st Wingrave Guide Company will reopen after a closure of six years.

Guides is open to all girls aged 10 - 15.

What do Guides do? As much of the programme is planned by the Guides themselves the answer can be almost anything! Camping, hiking, tracking, cook outs etc. play a major part of summer activities. Winter months are kept busy with service badges, interest badges, personal challenges through the trefoils and there is always time for games.

Being a Guide is all about belonging to a group, making friends, sharing adventures, learning new skills and helping others.

Guide meetings will take place at the MacIntyre School on Monday evenings between 7.00pm and 8.45pm.

Jane Muir 681513

José Ricketts 681847

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WINGRAVE SCHOOL ASSOCIATION FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Due to the increasing success and popularity of the School Association Events we thought an early announcement of forthcoming events would be appreciated by all of our regular supporters and everyone else who has heard about the good times had by all. Ticket numbers are limited and we are now regularly selling out before each function. Keep these dates safe and we look forward to seeing you there.

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TOGMOR :Live band.

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You cannot have failed to notice the 3-ton lump of granite newly placed on the grassy area facing Wingrave Parish Church. All over Brittany there are prehistoric standing stones. This one looks exactly like a menhir, and is intended to remind us of Brittany and our links with La Bouëxière. The plaque on it translates as; "When men live by love, there will be no more frontiers." The stone is our gift from La Bouëxière

to commemorate the tenth anniversary of our twinning. Many thanks are due to Liz and David Morgan and Alan Frost, who between them worked out how to erect this heavy rock, and to Bill Donald, demolition contractor, without whose help and machinery the job could not have been done.

The monument was unveiled on 27 May, by Albert Hay, mayor of La Bouëxière, and Jean-Marie Lefèvre, chairman of La Bouëxière Twinning Association. An evening in the Community Centre followed, with commemorative speeches, notably one by James Elles, our Euro-MP, who dazzled us by gliding easily in and out of French and English, and addressed us most interestingly, before proposing a toast to the future of the twinning. There was also a superb birthday cake, with our special anniversary logo on it (see above).

The tenth anniversary celebrations continue in La Bouëxière. We have a coach going on 31 August, returning 3 September. At present there are still free places on it; you do not need to be a member of the Association to join in. The cost is £45 for adults, £35 for children under 14. If you would like to go, please contact Caroline Roberts, 30 Winslow Road, tel 681056. Once there we are accommodated in families, whose warmth and hospitality never fail to amaze us. The provisional programme includes a day by the sea on the North Breton coast, a celebratory meal in their new hall following their award of a Flag of Honour given to them by the EC as a reward for their efforts in twinning, and, of course, the unveiling of our gift to them - a red phone box.

Other twinning dates to note are: a visit by the La Bouëxière football team, 25-28 August, with a programme which includes a London trip, an Average Night (as they say!), barbecue, karaoke, not forgetting The Match! And the French Quiz, on Thursday 14 September at 8 pm in the Community Centre, with questions on France, interval refreshments, and a bar. Bring a team!

Jean Keighley (681235), for Wingrave Twinning Association.



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There's no doubt about it, we are part of a large global community and we depend for our livelihood on many other countries, and the people who live and work in those countries to produce and sell food and other items to us.

What have farmers across the world got to do with us? Well, for a start they helped prepare our breakfast!



So the welfare of our "global neighbours" is important to us. If they prosper and are productive, then we, too, will gain from what they can trade with us. But if they have problems and do not prosper, they will have less to sell. Then they will be unable to buy the products that we make and export, so industry in the UK may be affected.

By learning about farming across the world, we can learn from the experiences of the world's farmers. Often we can gain ideas which we can use where we live. For instance, some Ethiopian farmers have been using a form of terracing (level steps of land on the hillsides) to prevent soil erosion, planting trees along the edges of the terraces to stabilise the soil and growing crops on the flat of the terrace. Britain is increasingly suffering from the effects of soil erosion, partly due to a lack of trees, and we could certainly adapt this method of preventing erosion to our own needs.

We can learn new ideas to improve our own lives and about ways to contribute to the development of a fairer world, where everyone will have enough to eat and to prosper and help others prosper.



So next time you're chomping your way through a tasty meal, have a think about where your food has come from.



Find out more by contacting Aylesbury Development Education Centre, Elmhurst County Middle School, Dunsham Lane, Aylesbury, HP20 2DB. TEL: 01296 395185.

FREE EVENT - All Welcome - Tuesday 11th July 1995, 8pm at ADEC - David Campbell of FARM Africa will be presenting slides about Farming in Africa and the work of FARM Africa. This follows ADEC's AGM at 7.30pm. There will be exhibitions, refreshments and music. All Welcome - FREE EVENT

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From P.C. Mick Griggs

I would like to express my thanks to the person who telephoned the Police on 20th June re a suspicious person and van parked at Oak Farm House. Fortunately I was in the village at the time of the call and managed to check the suspicious person out - he happened to be the owner's son. Without a doubt if a burglary had been taking place it would have been a good arrest. Once again well done. With our new system of policing from Wing it now means that we have four extra officers based at the Wing police office; this effectively means that you will see more of me.

**P.C. Mick Griggs Thames Valley Police, Charlotte Cottage, Leighton Road, Wing, Leighton Buzzard, Beds LU7 0NN Tel. 396163/4 Fax 682230
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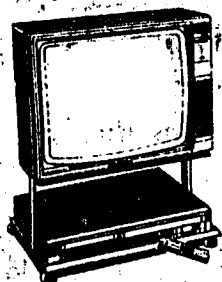
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