

# The Chronicle.



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PARISH MAGAZINE FOR ASTON ABBOTTS.

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## **Editorial**

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Many thanks to Don Bellingham for his best wishes in the last issue and all of you who have wished me well on taking on The Chronicle.

Armed with a brand new computer, boxes of Chronicle bumph and Caroline Lanes detailed list of 'instructions'; right now it seems like I've taken on an impossible task. Oh! well; one man plays many parts in his time and all that.

Of course, the job of editing doesn't involve writing the whole magazine (they said!) Certainly it is my view that the success of any village magazine is achieved by a variety of perspectives and therefore I would hope that some of you will be inspired to write articles expressing your views or experiences. Stories and 'leg pulls' are always welcome. You don't even have to write them down. Just let me know what you want to say and I will do the rest (including letting you see the final draft before publication).

We already have some regular contributions such as reports from the schools, Parish Council minutes, the Rectors report and What's On etc. As you will see from this issue we have some new features. Don Bellingham prepared a crossword and will continue to do so each month answers given in subsequent issues. Anne Branker has offered to write a monthly recipe which I understand is to have 'seasonal' connotations.

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*Please note that copy date for the December issue will be Wed. the 22nd of November. All items for publication will need to reach me (Andy Bystra 31 The Green, Tel 681 690) by this date.*

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**Dark evenings are now with us. Have you (yes! including you Ian, Hayley and Andy) checked your cycle lights???? Don't get caught!!**

## PEOPLE PAGE

Very many thanks to **Bridget Brandon** who has produced 'The People's Page' since September 85. So far as I can establish she has been the longest running contributor since the Chronicle was started by Graham Parker in Sept 83. Well done and many thanks Bridget.

Not surprisingly she would now like a rest and has handed over to me, Rita Robinson. If you would like mentioned a birthday date or share glad or sad tidings, please let me know. I can be contacted at 31 The Green Tel 681690.

**Welcome** to the village to Claire and Peter Shorrocks and their sons Adam and Piers. We hope you will be happy in your new home at The Oak Farmhouse.

**Many happy returns** to all those having birthdays in November including:-

Tom Brown 3rd  
John Branker 7th  
Anna Mogford 8th  
Bridget Brandon 8th  
Ray Wilkinson 10th  
John Whyte 23rd  
Esther Chesher 27th

**Congratulations**  
to Julia and Mervin King  
on the birth of their baby daughter  
Devon on Oct the 9th.

### **Thanks!**

Helen Dowling would like to thank everyone in Ross Road and The Green who gave so generously via the envelopes to the Stroke Association. The total amount raised was just over £45.00.

**Congratulations and Good luck** to Sue Taylor who has recently been appointed, our new Parish Clerk.

### **Christmas show**

Yes! Once again it's Christmas show time folks. Rumour has it that this year's epic is to be Dick Whittington (I shudder to think what they will do to that). I understand 'they' are so short of volunteers this year that if anyone has a large cat they would care to donate, the Christmas show team will be pleased to teach it it's lines.

They are always on the lookout for new talent so if there is anyone out there who would like to take part in the show (sing, act, play an instrument, assist with stage scenery or making props etc), please contact one of those listed below. In particular we are desperate for someone who would be prepared to help with setting up the lighting and sound equipment on the Friday before the show (Fri. the 8th Dec.).

If you are interested, please contact either; Neil Chesher 681201, John Branker 681349 or me on 681690.

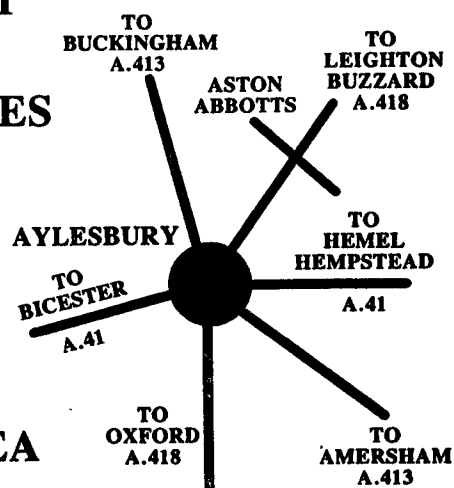
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## HARVEST FESTIVAL AUCTION

Although it was some time ago (10th Sept.) I thought it might be worth mentioning this event which Frank had kindly agreed could be held at the Bull And Butcher.

Despite Ray, Sharon and Hayley's valiant last minute posting of leaflets throughout the village it was relatively poorly attended (I think around 35 turned up). None-the-less it was a most enjoyable evening. The dry summer had not been kind to most vegetable growers this year. However, quite a few people had given generously and a magnificent display of fruit, vegetables, flowers and preserves had been arranged (largely I believe by Shirley Ford). The evening started off in time honoured fashion with the odd pint and a sherry or two for the Ladies followed by a few verses of traditional harvest hymns. John Branker acting as auctioneer prompted some good humoured and sometimes competitive bidding which resulted in the 'audience parting with a total of some £100.00. This was split between charities sponsored by the Bull and the Church.

It has been some time since a harvest auction was held at the Bull and it was nice to see the tradition picked up again. Everyone who attended seemed to have enjoyed themselves and most left with good, fresh and cheap produce. Next year I will ensure the Chronicle gives the particular event more publicity/

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## AN EVENING WITH VIC. SCOTT (SLIDE SHOW AND TALK)

Our globe trotting naturalist Vic. Scott has offered to give one of his most interesting and all too rare slide shows and talks to raise funds for St. James Church. For those of you who have not attended one of Vic's illustrated talks before, they are based on his experiences as a professional and widely travelled naturalist and are accompanied by the most beautifully produced slides of flora and fauna. Having been to previous such shows, I can vouch that it will be a most interesting and entertaining evening. Bring along the family since there will be a short quiz with a prize for the children.

This particular talk will take place in the Church room/village hall on Saturday the 11th of November and will commence at 7.30. The cost will be £2.50 for 16 year olds and above and £1.00 for under 16 year olds and include a supper with tea or coffee. Tickets are available from Shirley and John Ford, Christine Fox and Michael and Hillary Hasler.

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**Sunday 5th** Aston Abbott's Fireworks & Bonfire-----On the Rec. **6.30pm**  
**Tuesday 7th** Floral class-----Church room **7.00pm**  
**Thursday 9th** Whist drive-----" " **7.30pm**  
  
**Saturday 11th** Vic. Scott slide show and talk -----" " **7.30pm**  
**Sunday 12th** Rambling club (none members welcome)-----The Green **2.00pm**  
will meet for a village walk. (Tea in the Church room)  
**Saturday 18th** Bingo in aid of the poppy fund-----Church room **7.30pm**  
**Thursday 23rd** Whist drive-----" " **7.30pm**

### Ladies Club Notes for November

**November 2nd** Annual General meeting and bring and buy stall.  
**November 16th** Talk by Miss Jean Archer; 'A Long Walk With Two Jack Russell's'  
**November 30th** Talk by Miss Susan Hardy from the County Archivists Department,  
'Tracing Your Family Tree'.

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**Saturday 6th Dec.** Christmas shopping coach---Depart the Bull & Butcher **8.30am**  
to Peterborough Fare £7.00 (Book with Colin 681343)

**Any time** Neil Chesher's tales of the high seas-----Bull & Butcher after **8.00pm**  
**Fri. 8th & Sat 9th Dec.** Christmas Show-----Church room **7.30pm**

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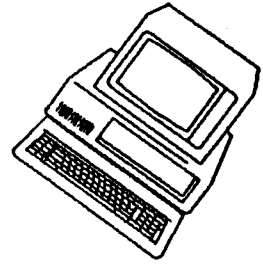
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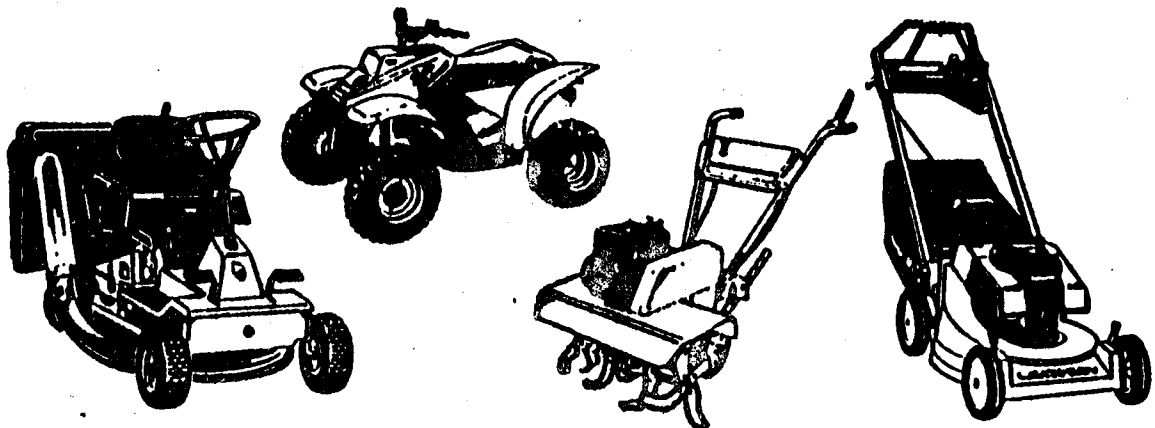
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12th	10.45	Remembrance Service
19th	10.0	Parish Communion
26th	8.0	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.0	Family Service
3rd Dec	10.0	Parish Communion
	6.0	Advent Carols

**ASTON ABBOTTS**

5th Nov	11.15	Mattins
	5.0	Iona Service
12th		Service at Wingrave
19th	11.15	Parish Communion
26th	11.15	Parish Communion
3rd Dec	11.15	Mattins

**CUBLINGTON**

5th Nov	10.0	Family Service
12th	8.45	Parish Communion
19th	8.45	Parish Communion
26th	8.45	Parish Communion
3rd Dec	10.0	Family Service

## SUNDAY READINGS

5th Nov	8 b. Christmas (p.405)	Gen 3.1-15; John 3.13-21
12th	7 b. Christmas (p.410)	Gen 22.1-18; Luke 20.9-17
19th	6 b. Christmas (p.415)	Ex 6.2-8; Mark 13.5-13
26th	5 b. Christmas (p.420)	Isa 10.20-23; Mark 13.14-23
3rd Dec	Advent (p.424)	Isa 52.4-11; Matt 25.31-end

## FROM THE REGISTERS

**BAPTISM**

8th Oct	Jessica Deans at Cublington
22nd	Stacey Nicholls
	Megan Nicholls
	Kayleigh Nicholls at Wingrave

**FUNERALS**

15th Sep	Frederick Humphrey at Wingrave
5th Oct	Alice Munro at Wingrave

## RECTOR'S REPORT

I tied myself in knots the other day trying to decide whether it was possible to remember something you had not experienced.

That may sound fairly daft, yet, for many people that is what we ask of them on Remembrance Sunday. If they were not alive and did not experience the horrors of war, surely they are not capable of remembering in any rational way.

On the other hand, as human beings we train our memories to remember dates and their significance:

Remember, remember the 5th of November -  
Gunpowder, treason and plot.

I see no reason why gunpowder treason  
Should ever be forgot.

But there is also an element of forgetting in all our remembering. The passage of time erases parts of our memories and modifies the more painful bits so that we can cope with them. Just imagine how awful life would be if we were unable to jettison some of our traumas.

Forgetting is part of the process of making whole. It is a selective forgetting. We can remember some but not all of what happens to us. But we have to come to terms with it first. This is where we really find things becoming difficult. Because in coming to terms we have to learn to forgive and accept forgiveness.

It is not hard to understand the views of those who were Japanese prisoners of war finding it hard to forgive their captors for their sheer inhumanity. There is a great sense of injustice - a wrong that needs to be put right. Yet it is not quite that easy. For there are two sides to any conflict, and rarely can one side be without blame.

The decision about who is right and who is wrong is not ours to make. We shall be judged by history - although different ages view history from different angles. More importantly we shall be judged by God. The same God who sent his only Son into the world to suffer at the hands of people like us, and to die with the words: "Father, Forgive" on his lips.

If we forget everything else and remember only that, and come to experience the forgiveness of God, I do not think that we shall be far from the Kingdom of Heaven.

Bob Willmott

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## COUNTRY AND WESTERN EVENING

Although I was looking forward to the evening, I didn't think a Country and Western singer could match the success enjoyed by the Barbershop singers (Doctors Orders) who sang at the Church in May his year. Well, OK! I was very wrong because he (Trevor Howard) was absolutely great.

The evening was organised by Christine, Christopher and George Fox who are heavily into the Country and Western 'scene' and who have known Trevor for some time. They were 'aided and abetted' by our increasingly progressive Vicar Bob Willmott who kindly arranged for this event to take place in the Church. Despite quite minimal publicity, sixty or so attended including a fair sprinkling of Trevor's fans from outside the village.

Trevor who comes from Swindon accompanied himself on the guitar with the backing produced electronically. Clearly he is a most versatile and accomplished singer. Many of the Ballads he sang were Jim Reeves and Slim Whitman numbers and it is obvious that these two singers have been an inspiration to him. We were treated to an interesting and varied programme embracing many well known favourites. His singing was so infectious that there were very few songs in which the audience did not join in or clap in time to. It was particularly nice that since the concert was being held on a Sunday and in the Church that his programme included many religious songs including, The Old Rugged Cross, He's Got The Whole World In His Hands and Amazing Grace in which The Lords Prayer was said.

After the first half there was an interval during which a generous supper comprising bridge rolls, quiche, pizza, chicken, tea or coffee.

Into the second half and Christine Fox made what I believe was her first public 'Country and Western' appearance when she sang 'How Great Though Art' Accompanied by Trevor. Though slightly nervous at the start she soon brought her strong voice to bear and had the entire audience joining in the choruses. Trevor continued to entertain with a further varied and delightful selection of songs and ballads until quite late.

It came as rather a surprise that a professional singer of Trevor's standing had given his services free of charge. To express the appreciation of those present, Christine presented him with two bouquets of flowers.

To sum up it was a most enjoyable and perhaps above all happy evening. For my part, I would certainly like to hear Trevor sing again and will be keeping an eye open for his next appearance in the area.

## SIGN POST

Has anyone noticed that Cliff Price has been going 'up the pole' recently? I'm referring of course to his valiant effort in painting the signpost on the village green this summer. Apparently, Bucks County Council wanted to replace the existing signs with some cheap and nasty (though it has to be said functionally reflective) ones. Our Parish Council (quite rightly in my view) objected on the grounds that they felt the existing cast signs were much more in keeping with the Green.

Any way, on behalf of all the staff here in the Chronicle office, let me thank you Cliff for a splendid job and yes I will paint the pole as soon as I finish this edition of the Chronicle.



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## SPICY NUT PIE OR PIES

As soon as the bonfires are over, it starts to feel Christmassy to me. Yes, that time of year when everything smells lovely and spicy but there are a group of people for whom food at Christmas is always a disappointment. Do you have one in your household who at some time in their lives took a dislike to dried fruit especially currants, sultanas and raisins, well I have ME!. Was it that they reminded me of dead flies as a child, when friends would call Garibaldi biscuits dead fly pies or the feel of them sticking to my teeth? Anyway, whatever the reason I have always felt terribly left out, when at Christmas, everyone else is tucking into Mince Pies, Christmas Pudding and of course Christmas Cake, there was no festive fare for me to eat. So there was nothing for it but to make something for me, as I love the smell and taste of mixed spice and of nuts, I combined them both to make an alternative to Mince Pies.

### For the Pastry

6oz Plain Flour  
1½ level tablespoons Icing Sugar  
3oz Butter  
1 Egg yolk  
Approx 3 Tablespoons very cold water

### For the Filling

3 Eggs size 2  
4oz Soft dark brown sugar  
7oz Golden syrup  
1½oz Butter melted  
1 tablespoon Rum  
6oz of Nuts chopped any combination you like or if you prefer a single type e.g. Almonds, Pecans or Walnuts  
1 teaspoon Mixed Spice or more according to taste  
Whole Nuts to decorate

Pre-Heat the Oven to Gas Mark 5, 375°F or 190°C

First make the pastry: sift all the dry ingredients into a mixing bowl, then add the softened butter, and rub it in until the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs. Now in a small bowl mix the egg yolk with 3 tablespoons very cold water, then stir this into the mixture with a fork and when it begins to come together start pressing the dough with your hands to form a ball. Put the dough into a plastic bag and transfer it to the fridge for 45 minutes - to chill.

When the pastry has chilled roll it out on a lightly floured surface. Line a 8 - 9 inch metal flan tin with the pastry gently easing it into place to avoid stretching the pastry and place back into the fridge until the filling is ready. Next break the eggs into a large mixing bowl and whisk until foamy, then stir in the brown sugar, syrup, melted butter, rum and mixed spice. Beat well together then add the chopped nuts. Now pour into the pastry case, bringing it up to approximately 1/8 inch from the top, then decorate with the whole nuts and bake in the oven for about 50 - 60 minutes or until the pie is very puffed-up and looks as if it has exploded. After 5 minutes cooling it will gradually subside. It actually tastes better if eaten the next day - Delicious - You can either make one large pie or about 18 small ones which ever you prefer (these will only take approx. 30 minutes to cook) and always serve slightly warm with or without cream. They also freeze very well, which is the best thing to do if you make them early. I hope you enjoy Spicy Nut Pie as much as I do, that's when I get a chance to eat them, as I find people enjoy them even if they do eat Mince Pies!!!. Cheek...

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A policeman drew alongside and shouted "Pullover"  
"No!" She said- - - "It's a pair of socks"

About the man who broke down on the hard shoulder  
and I stopped and offered him my hankie!

About the motorist who drove  
into the river to dip his lights?

I broke down once - The AA man said  
I know your trouble mate, the gaskets blew"  
Said "Oh! really, what colour should it be?"

Knock, knock.

Who's there?

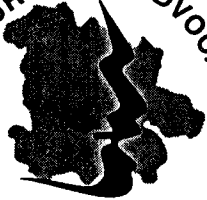
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Norma Lee who?

Norma Lee I wouldn't have  
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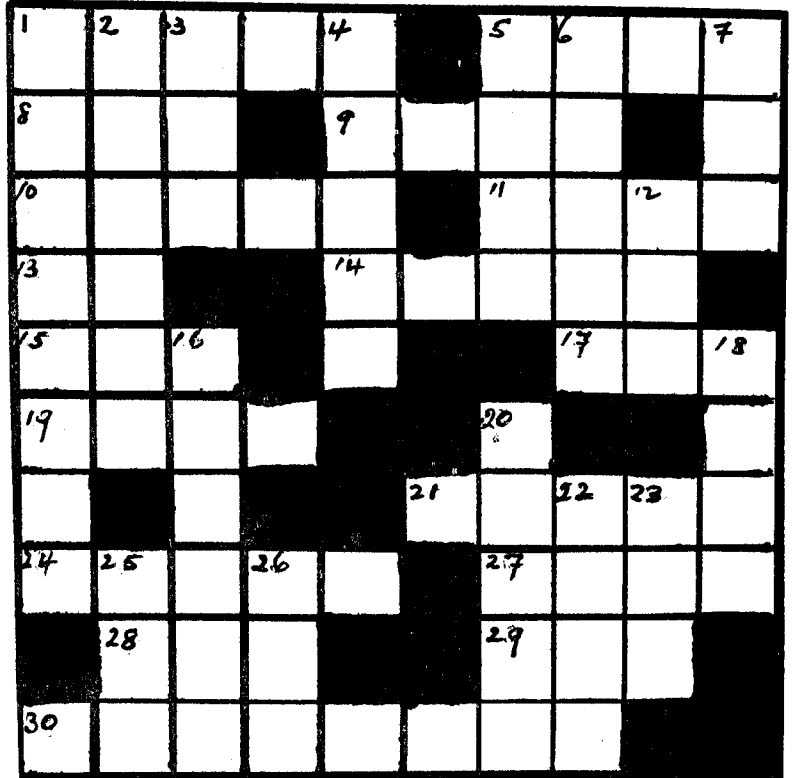
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5. Tor
8. Self
9. Fortification
10. Country
11. Quiet country road
13. Depart
14. French town
15. --- the Duke
17. Churchyard tree
19. You drive off these
21. Giant
24. Indian potentate
27. You do this in church
28. Animal's mouth
29. Boy's name
30. If you are reading this  
you are one

Down

1. Half a town
2. To disregard
3. To silently agree
4. Not very big
5. Village meeting point
6. Country
7. Sheltered part
12. Maiden name
16. Pertaining to herbs
18. Village
20. Gangway
22. Row
23. Girl's name
25. French friend
26. Hoots!



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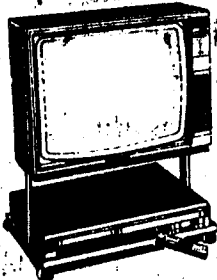
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