

# The Chronicle



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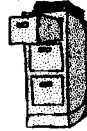
Christmas Show tickets for Saturday night **SOLD OUT**  
Tickets for Friday still available.

Would all those who have ordered tickets, please settle up  
before Show night.  
Many thanks, Andy.

PARISH MAGAZINE FOR ASTON ABBOTTS

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**W**hat fantastic weather we had at the beginning of November! OK!! I know it's boring to talk about the weather but it did influence a great deal of what I did at the time. In the first place the sheer beauty and colour of the countryside seduced me out of my workshop, away from the Chronicle desk and out and about on several longish walks.

**S**econdly the turn of the leaves reminded me that winter was not too far away and so logs need to be ordered. Since however we store our logs in the garage (which by now was in it's usual end of season 'tip') a major clear out was needed. I quite like this chore as I usually find long lost tools, half finished projects and all manner of 'come in handy,s'. This year was no exception as I came across some old floor boards which were just waiting to be turned into nest boxes. We had noticed that the number of Blue tits visiting the feeders last year was considerably down from previous years so perhaps a few new boxes would encourage more to take up residence locally

**M**y bird book gives the internal dimensions as being around four inches square and seven to eight inches in height. It stresses that the entrance hole must be close to one inch and an eighth to prevent larger birds from 'moving in'. I managed to make three out of the boards I had found and will let you know whether I got any 'lodgers' in a future issue.

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**F**inally, many thanks for all your contributions this month and on behalf of the entire Chronicle staff let me wish you all a very happy Christmas.



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*Please note that copy date for the January issue will be Fri. the 29th of Decvember. All items for publication will need to reach me (Andy Bystra 31 The Green, Tel 681 690) by this date.*

## CHRISTMAS SHOW

I thought it might be worthwhile putting in a reminder that by the time this issue reaches you there will be around seven days to the Christmas Show.

At the time of writing nearly all the tickets available for the Saturday night and about half those for the Friday have been sold. Prices are £3.00 for Saturday, £2.50 for Friday and youngsters under fourteen £1.00 either night.

**BOOK NOW!** For Christmas Show tickets, contact:- Andy Bystra  
31 The Green, Tel.681690.

By the way, we still need raffle prizes for both nights and volunteers to assist during the Friday morning and afternoon with the erection of the stage, etc. If you are interested in helping with the stage, please contact either; Neil Chesher 681201, John Brancker 681349 or me on 681690. Raffle prizes to Rita please at 31 The Green.

## MOBILE LIBRARY

Just a reminder that the library continues to visit Aston Abbots every Tuesday morning and will be at:-

**Wingrave Road between 9.30 and 9.45.**

**The Green between 9.50 and 10.20.**



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Bus Station Bay 8		
Arr. M.K shops K3	10.20	11.20
Arr. Bedford	11.00	12.00
<b>SERVICE X5</b>		
Dep. Bedford bus station	2.00	4.00
Arr. M.K. shops	2.30	4.30
MK bus station	-	4.30
<b>SERVICE 65</b>		
Dep MK bus station	-	5.05
M.K shops G3	2.40	5.10
Arr Aston Abbots	3.42	6.12

## RITA'S PEOPLE

### COLUMN



Our sympathy goes out to Mrs McManus and her family on the recent death of her husband Owen McManus.

He was a familiar figure around the village and will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

**A**ston Abbots P.C.C. wish to thank everyone who supported the Slide Show given by Vic. and Christine Scott in aid of the Church Clock fund. We are pleased to announce a profit of £100.00.

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

Gladys Hook (96)	6th Dec.
Allison Hewitt	11th Dec.
Rosie Manning	12th Dec.
Jack Turner	15th Dec.
Claire Barnett	18th Dec.
Andrew Lovell	25th Dec.
Nicholas Osborn	25th Dec.
Val Smith	25th Dec.

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## Congratulations

to Roy Malin who has won the trophy for outstanding contribution to sport in a non playing capacity. This was awarded by Aylesbury Vale South Sports Council (1994 - 1995). The presentation is on the 27th November. Among the many posts held by Roy were Divisional Secretary of the Berks and Bucks Football Association, Secretary of

# PEOPLE COLUMN

## (CONTINUED)



Aylesbury and District Football League for 21 years and also Vice Chairman of that League.

Roy was also a referee for over 20 years. The nomination was made by Aston Abbotts Parish Council and by way of the Chronicle he would like to extend his thanks to the P.C. as they were not directly involved in his football interests.

Also nominated for awards were Dave Wheaton for his services to football coaching and Cublington Ladies Tennis Team (which includes people from Aston Abbotts) for their success as a new team. These were not successful this year but who knows, another time; it could be



you!

## WHAT'S ON (MOSTLY) IN DECEMBER

**Tuesday 5th** Floralclass--Church room  
7.00pm

**Wed 6th** Aylesbury Vale transport meeting. (Bus & train queries to Colin before this date please)

**Thursday 7th & 21st**  
Whistdrive---Churchroom 7.30pm

**Friday & Saturday 8th & 9th -**  
Christmas Show ---Church room.

**Sunday 10th** --Rambling  
Club--Cublington cross roads 2.00pm.

**Thursday 14th** Bingo-- Church room  
7.30

**Saturday 6th Dec.** Christmas shopping coach to Peterborough. Depart the Bull & Butcher 8.30am

Fare £7.00 (Book with Colin 681343)



## Ladies Club Notes for December

**Thursday 14th Dec.**----Carol concert at Cublington 2.45pm

**Thursday 11th January** 10 seats are available on a coach going to Oxford leaving **The Green Aston Abbotts at 1.p.m.** and returning between 5.00 and 6.00pm. The coach fare will be £5.00. If you are interested ring **Shirley Ford on 681865**

Non Ladies Club members are welcome: Please ring 682024



**F**ly tying classes are being held on alternate Tuesdays (5th & 19th for Dec.) evenings, commencing 8.00pm at The Unicorn Cublington. Beginners welcome. If you are interested let me (Andy Bystra) know on (681690).

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**PLEASE CRUSH CANS**

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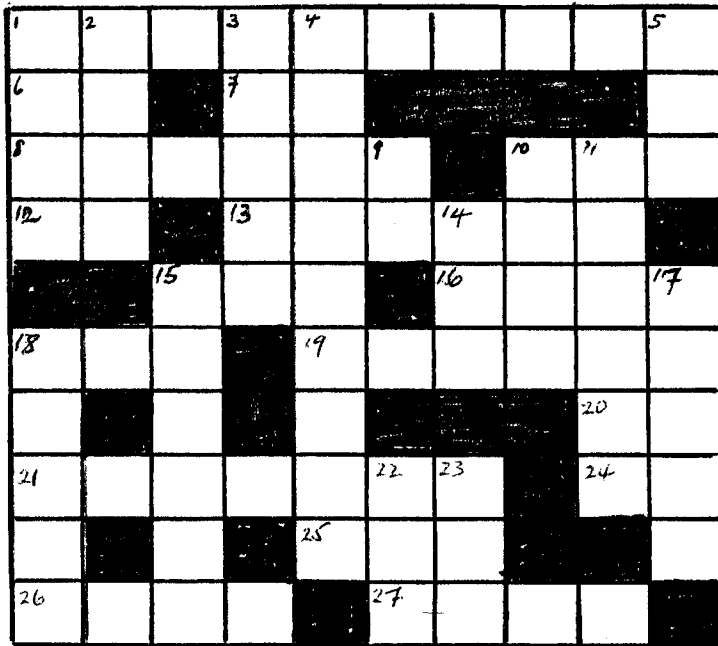
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**Across**

**Down**

- 1. Village (10)
- 6. Them & -- (2)
- 7. When, while (2)
- 8. Old Parish Official (6)
- 10. Gained (3)
- 12. Placed in papers & magazines (abbrev. 2)
- 13. In a line (6)
- 15. Study (3)
- 16. Expanse (4)
- 18. For every (3)
- 19. Every car needs one (6)
- 20. - - Map (2)
- 21. Extinct animal (7)
- 24. Negative (2)
- 25. Prefix for modern (3)
- 26. Not too bad (2,2)
- 27. Rare gas (4)

- 1. Country (4)
- 2. Employed (4)
- 3. Spoon (5)
- 4. London district (9)
- 5. Member of religious order (3)
- 9. Half an Em (2)
- 10. They resisted the airport (4)
- 11. U.S. State (6)
- 14. Body part (3)
- 15. Types of plays (6)
- 17. Writer of fables (5)
- 18. Device for moving fluids (5)
- 22. Base of decimal system (3)
- 23. Garden tool (3)

**Answers to November Crossword**

- Across: 1 Lines. 5 Hill. 8 Ego. 9 Moat. 10 India.  
 11 Lane. 13 go. 14 Lille. 15 HRH. 17 Yew.  
 19 Tees. 21 Titan. 24 Nabob. 27 Sing.  
 28 Maw. 29 Len. 30 Villager.
- Down: 1 Leighton. 2 Ignore. 3 Nod. 4 Small.  
 5 Hall. 6 Italy. 7 Lee. 12 Nee.  
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 23 Ann. 25 Ami. 26 Owl

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# HAVE YOU HEARD THE ONE ABOUT...!



**DOCTOR:-**  
*Have you ever been incontinent?*

**PATIENT:-**  
*No...I've only ever been to Blackpool....*

**PATIENT:-**  
*Doctor! Doctor! my wife thinks she's a goat...*  
**DOCTOR:-**  
*That's terrible....by the way how are the kids?*

**ENTPATIENT:-**  
*Doctor! What should I do?...I've got terrible wind..*

**DOCTOR:-**  
*Have you ever thought of buying a kite?....*

**DOCTOR:-**  
*Why have you put a fried egg on your head?* **PATIENT:-**  
*Because the boiled ones kept rolling off....*

**NURSE**

*I'm afraid you've only got 3 minutes to live..*

**PATIENT:-**  
*Isn't there anything you can do for me....*

**NURSE:-**  
*Well.... I suppose I could boil you an egg!!*



**PATIENT:-**  
*Doctor! I keep thinking I'm a pair of curtains.*  
**DOCTOR:-**  
*Well you'd better pull yourself together Man!*

A Missionary in the Jungle came upon a Witch Doctor banging a large drum.  
"WHAT ARE YOU DOING" he said;  
"WE - HAVE - NO -WATER" said the Witch Doctor;  
"I SEE" said the Missionary "SO I SUPPOSE YOU'RE PRAYING FOR RAIN"  
"NO" said the Witch Doctor "I'M CALLING THE PLUMBER"

**DOCTOR:-**  
*I would suggest that the best thing for you to do would be to give up drink altogether...* **PATIENT:-**  
*What's the second best thing?*



*The Joker*





## PARTY FOOD

It's that time of year, Christmas and New Year, when friends and family can call round expecting a bite to eat and a little drinkie!! Well maybe now is the time to start putting a few basics into the freezer, so when people come round either expected or unexpectedly you will always have something a bit different to give them. For instance don't throw any bread away, instead use the bread to make some canapés or 'finger food' cases.

Start by rolling out the slices of bread lightly with a rolling pin, then using a 3 inch cutter cut out as many cases as you can. Melt some butter and flavour with a little garlic, black pepper and dried herbs, brush each piece both sides with the flavoured butter and press them into tartlet tins. Bake in a moderately hot oven until just golden brown and crisp, being very careful not to over cook them. When they are cold, place into bags and pop into the freezer until required.

You can use any type of bread you like, white or brown sliced, pitta or nan breads or even French bread cut into thin circles. You can also use a flavoured olive oil to brush them with, one of my favourites is olive oil flavoured with chilli or cayenne pepper. Also if you are making pastry and have any left over don't throw it away make some pastry cases, just bake them blind in your tartlet tins and freeze.

When needed just de-frost and fill with anything your heart desires. Here are a couple of ideas, try pate (any type of pate will do) softened with a tablespoon of Sherry or better still Brandy which not only makes it easier to spread, but makes it taste wonderful too!! Or how about grated cheese mixed with finely chopped spring onion, a few chopped black olives and maybe a little chopped ham, fill the cases and place on a baking tray under a very hot grill until the cheese starts to bubble, but be careful not to burn the cases.

Another type of base to think of is Yorkshire pudding, yes! that's right Yorkshire pudding, cut into circles and spread with a little horseradish sauce then topped with a little thinly sliced roast beef, is a real treat to give your guests over Christmas, when all we seem to eat is turkey!!

Here is a recipe you might like to try, this amount makes about 12-16 tartlets.

**BOMBAY BASKETS** Pre-heat Oven to Gas Mark 7/425°F/220°C.

6oz cheese, grated.  
4oz plain flour  
2 teaspoons baking powder  
3 teaspoons curry powder  
4oz butter, cut into small pieces  
2 egg yolks

Place the grated cheese in a mixing bowl and sieve in the flour, the baking powder and the curry powder. Rub the pieces of butter into the flour and cheese mixture with your fingers. Add the egg yolks and mix with a wooden spoon to a stiff dough.

Roll out to about 1/4 inch thick and cut into 3 inch rounds, re-rolling the pastry as necessary. Very gently press into your greased tartlet tins and place into the fridge to 'rest' for about 15 minutes. Bake blind using small pieces of greaseproof paper and weight down with beans or rice, place in a hot oven for 10 minutes, then remove the paper and beans and put back into the oven for a further 5 minutes.

Leave to cool slightly, before gently easing out with your fingers. These baskets are feather-light and certainly mouth watering when filled with prawns (or cooked turkey cut into small chunks) and topped with mayonnaise mixed with a little lemon juice, crushed garlic and maybe even a touch of chilli sauce!! I do hope you enjoy them and that you have a great cooking Christmas.



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## My Journey to Africa.

I would like to write and say a big thank you to every body who contributed to the work project that I was involved in over the summer. I spent three months working as a volunteer with the charity Health Projects Abroad building health dispensaries in two remote villages in Tanzania.

As a group of ten volunteers in each village, most of the work we were doing involved building digging plastering and painting alongside the local villagers and tradesmen. I learnt a lot of new skills, but the most valuable aspect of the work for me was in meeting and talking to the locals. I made a lot of good friends in my time out there, and learnt about the lifestyle and customs of the local people.

We worked really hard, spending the mornings working on the dispensary, and the by dividing our time in the afternoons by teaching at the schools, helping with the mother and baby units and fetching water from the well, which was a half mile hike each way. In the evenings we also found plenty to do, We found the local pub or Pom'bay house' as it is termed and never went back (the local drink was foul), there were Rice and Bean restaurants and plenty of Tea Houses around. We soon discovered what appeared to be a few mud houses scattered around the countryside was actually a thriving community. We also got to see local tribes dancing, drum festivals, lots of African wildlife (including elephants, hippos and lions), and best of all meet lots of interesting people.

I had an amazing time over the summer, and would like to say a big thank you to everybody who helped to make this possible for me. The health dispensaries buildings were both completed in October, and they will be equipped and operating by 1996.

I know from my work there, that these buildings will mean big changes for the villagers, and that they are very much appreciated and will enable the much needed health care to be available to everyone, especially the young, elderly, and pregnant and nursing mothers who are unable to walk vast distances into the towns. As a volunteer, I went out to Tanzania thinking how much I could give to the local communities, but came back having learnt so much more.

Alison Hewitt.

## **JUMBLE SALE**

on  
**SATURDAY 27th JANUARY 1996**  
from 2 until 4.00pm

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**THE COTTESLOE SCHOOL**  
Aylesbury Road Wing

There will be **NEARLY NEW CLOTHES**  
**BRIC-A-BRACK** and a **WHITE ELEPHANT STALL.**

**CAKES and REFRESHMENTS**  
will also be available.

If you have any items you would like to donate to the School during the week preceding the sale preceding the sale, it would be most welcome.

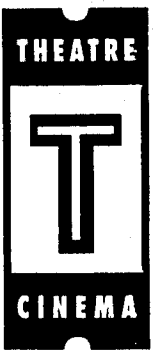
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\* THE USUAL SUSPECTS \* NINE MONTHS \* APOLLO 13 \*

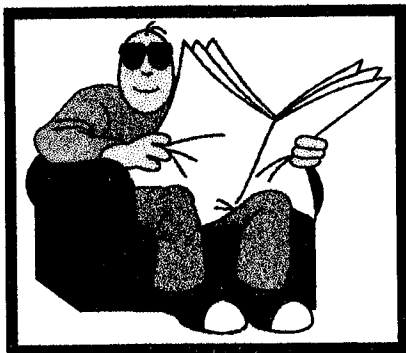
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## 'IVOR' TURNS THE OTHER CHEEK!

Once again this office has received anonymous correspondence believed to be from Aston Abbotts own phantom poet known only by his pseudonym, 'Ivor Cheek'. This latest offering has been published in the hope that someone out there will be able to identify the style.

So little is known about this shadowy figure that the entire Chronicle have gone to extreme lengths, often burning the midnight oil to analyse the contents of this latest ode. We feel we are getting close and aided by the latest technology (the trusty office ouija board) are confident this is a likeness.



If you have any information which might lead to the identification of the scoundrel, please contact the Chronicle office immediately.

*Now Ivor sat in relaxation  
brain had gone in meditation.  
Should he pen some foolish lines  
to entertain the village minds.*

*Should he write, just for the Chronicle  
more biting satire, diabolical.  
It's tricky now with laws of libel  
his non-de-plume must be reliable.*

*But then as usual reason fled  
"I'll take a chance once more" he said.  
For lets be honest, no ifs or buts  
half the village thinks he's nuts.*

*The other half with good sound reason  
think that what he writes is treason.  
So what to comment on today  
and what, that's harmful can we say?*

*Village worthy Clifford Price  
has made a splendid sacrifice.  
Week after week the summer through  
he took his brush and paint set too*

*And with a set of steps of pine  
he set about the village sign  
People came from far and near  
to inspect his work, so clear*

*So carefully made, the final stroke  
that to the Government they wrote  
'Here's a man of talents rare'  
who's work is done with greatest care.*

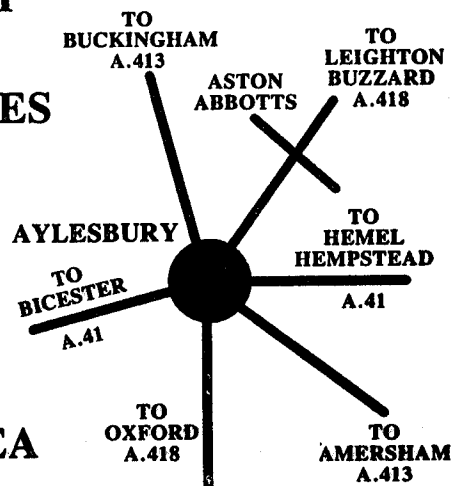
*They've offered him an invitation  
To fulfil his facination.  
Now you'll see him nine to five  
painting signs on the M25.*



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# ASTON ABBOTTS BONFIRE NIGHT SPECTACULAR

Bonfire Night, 5th November, falling on a weekend, the Aston Abbots Bonfire and fireworks display (held on Sunday) was supported by one of the biggest crowds for many years; this despite some fierce competition from 'Mix 96.

The size of the crowd was in keeping with the bonfire which was the biggest ever with enough three piece suites, beds and wardrobes to start a respectable second-hand shop. Pallets supplied by Aylesbury Box Company; John Brancker thank you very much, and these with copious quantities of diesel by Bob Chapman (I am sure he has access to an oil well) created an inferno like bonfire.

This year the emphasis was very much on safety with the Bonfire and Fireworks area cordoned off for spectator safety. Under the leadership of 'Pyrotechnic whiz kid' Lawrence Hinds and his assistants Tony Hinds, John Whyte, Ray Wilkins, Barry White and Ady Dixon the team produced a spectacular display of fireworks. This year for the first time, professional show fireworks had been purchased and thanks must go to all those many people who contributed both financially and in the form of donated fireworks.

The Catherine Wheel display, as opposed to previous years was spectacular and credit must go to Lawrence for getting it right. It has to be said also that the magnificent and substantial structure for mounting the fireworks was handled by Ray Wilkins (*guess who wrote this. Ed.*), and Tony

Hinds, supervised by John Whyte and this played a significant part in the success of the event.

Hot potato soup was served in large quantities by Juliet and the evening was rounded off by two of the biggest commercial fireworks available.

*Guy Fawkes*

*P.S. Special note of thanks to Simon and Helen whose building extension project had to be temporarily suspended due to the huge wheelbarrow full of sand used for supporting the fireworks. I believe most of it has now been returned!*

The entertainment provided in the Church last month by **Trevor Howard**, the Country and Western singer, raised £200.00. This money will be put towards the much needed electric winding system for the Church clock. Many thanks to all those who organised the evening and/or contributed by their attendance.

### For your diary

I was very pleased to hear that the 'Barber shop singers' **Doctors Orders** are being booked for April 1996. Last time they came to Aston Abbots we all had a wonderful evening. I will publish further details as soon as they are available.

## CHURCH SERVICES

WINGRAVE	3rd Dec	10.0	Parish Communion
		6.0	Advent Carols (Singers)
	10th	10.0	Parish Communion
	17th	10.0	Parish Communion
		6.0	Christingle
	24th	10.0	Morning Service
		6.0	Blessing the Crib
		11.0	Midnight Eucharist
31st	10.0	Benefice Eucharist	
7th Jan	10.0	Parish Communion	
ASTON ABBOTTS	3rd Dec	11.15	Mattins
	10th	11.15	Parish Communion
	17th	3.0	Carol Service
	24th		No Service
	25th	10.0	Family Service & Communion
	31st		Service at Wingrave 10.0
	7th Jan	11.15	Morning Service
CUBLINGTON	3rd Dec	10.0	Family Service
	10th	8.45	Parish Communion
	17th	8.45	Parish Communion
		3.0	Carol Service
	24th		No Service
	25th	8.45	Christmas Eucharist
	31st		Service at Wingrave 10.0
	7th Jan	10.0	Family Service
	6.0	Evensong	

### SUNDAY READINGS

3rd Dec	Advent	(p.424)	Isa 52.4-11; Matt 25.31-end
10th	Advent 2	(p.430)	Isa 64.1-7; Luke 4.14-21
17th	Advent 3	(p.434)	Mal 3.1-5; Matt 11.2-15
24th	Advent 4	(p.439)	Zech 2.10-end; Matt 1.18-23
25th	Christmas	(p.446)	Heb 1.1-5; John 1.1-14
31st	Christmas 1	(p.452)	Rom 12.1-8; Luke 2.22-40
7th Jan	Epiphany 1	(p.465)	Eph 2.1-10; John 1.29-34

### FROM THE REGISTERS

**MARRIAGE**    28 Oct James Knight & Deborah Vincent    at Aston

**FUNERALS**    7 Nov        Peter Seed            at Aston Abbotts  
                   13 Nov        Owen McManus        at Aston Abbotts



## RECTOR'S REPORT

There is something about the adverts that make them sound extremely phoney.

They are usually smallish holiday adverts - headed 'Christmas in Lapland' - Visit Father Christmas. Or 'Turkey & Tinsel' - holidays which can take place anytime after the beginning of November and include a 'make-believe' Christmas Day.

Surely, there is nothing make believe about Christmas. And when you read the small print, the holidays seem to have 'festive cheer' and perhaps a few Christmas Carols, but no reference to the reason why we celebrate Christmas.

The baby born in Bethlehem was God's free gift to a weary, self-interested world. Jesus was born into a world that has changed little in the past two thousand years. Selfishness, cynicism, sleaze and corruption are nothing new. Then, as now, there were those who were interested in getting rich as possible as quickly as possible, and with little concern about the effects that that exercise might have on anyone else. The more you look around and draw comparisons between then and now, the more depressing things seem to be. Maybe, after all, Mary and Joseph were just taking a 'turkey & tinsel' break from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Just a change in their normal mundane day-to-day life. A few days of escape from the routine grind of daily living.

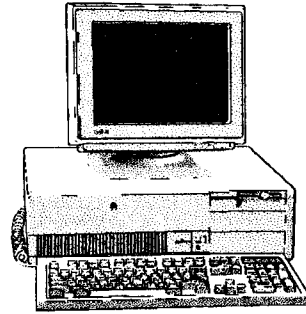
But it wasn't like that at all. They went to Bethlehem because they were ordered to go for the census of Caesar Augustus. And the journey was not by Concorde nor by luxury coach. It was a hard journey mostly on foot through hostile country - a journey made much more difficult because of Mary's advanced pregnancy. There was no four star hotel at the end of the journey, simply a stable where the precious child was born.

That baby was God's answer to all the world's problems. Yet, as St. John reminds us: "He came to his own and his own received him not". The world will not change until we do receive him - until we break away from our petty concerns:- Our selfishness, our love of self-gratification, our get rich quick mentality and make room in our hearts for the change that only Jesus can bring.

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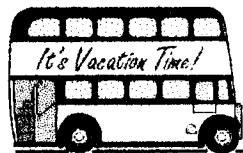
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Bethlehem	Hay	Mary	Shepherds
Camels	Inn	Melchior	Stable
Caspar	Jesus	Myrrh	Star
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Colin

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Instead of Thurs 28th of December, collection will be on **Saturday the 30th** of December.

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Instead of Thurs 11th Jan, collection will be on **Friday the 12th** of Jan.

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## **BUCKS. COUNTY** **MUSEUM.**

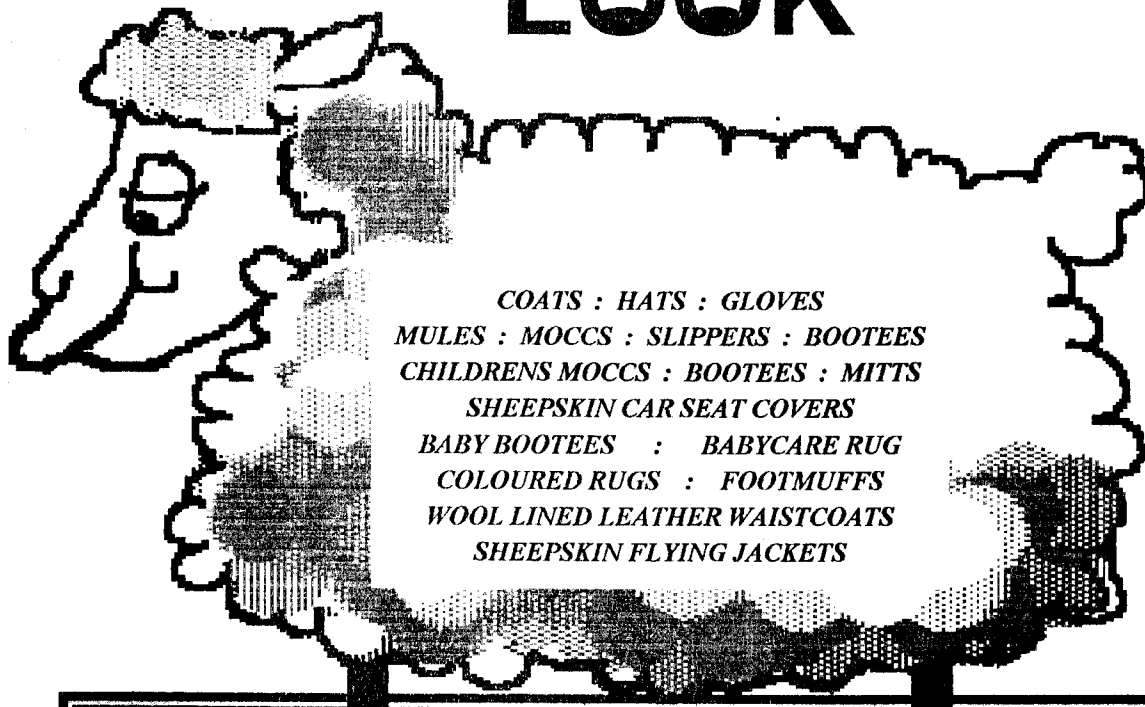
**If** you're at a loss as to where to take the children or visitors during the

holiday, you might do worse than visit the newly refurbished and renamed Buckinghamshire County Museum in Church Street Aylesbury (next to St Marys Church).

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## **Parish Council**

### **Unofficial notes of the meeting held on 20th October**

*New Clerk.* Susan Taylor was appointed new Clerk.

#### *Matters arising.*

- Extension of the footpath in Wingrave Road, from New Zealand Cottages to the 30mph sign, had been requested and was being considered by Bucks County Council.
- New light on Green - residents to be consulted about a new light in Grove corner.
- Traffic diversions - councillors and Mr Higgs had met Thames Valley Police and decided we would offer to store diversion signs in the village so they could be put out quickly.

*Training Day.* Tom Manning, Gwen Kempster and Margaret Kent had found the training day for councillors useful. Susan Taylor to go on the clerks' training day on 4th November.

*Recreation Ground.* There had been a meeting of the Rec. subcommittee. It was looking into provision of a hard surface for use as tennis court/multi-sports.

- Agreed that Bill Richardson of AVDC should be asked for advice and that costings for plans (needed before any grant applications could be made) should be submitted again at next parish council meeting.
- A new estimate requested (for mending the fence to children's play area) to extend it to exclude dogs.
- AVDC would be asked what was happening with promised new strip of land.
- A skip for rubbish after Bonfire Night - estimate for next meeting. Ditto broken window to shed.
- A grant of £100 for village fireworks agreed. Parish Council would place the order.

*Highways & Road Safety Consultative Committee* A Bucks County Council committee attended by Caroline Lane and Colin Higgs for the village. Report from last meeting.

- Video on alternatives to car transport shown to the parish council and public. This video can be borrowed from the Clerk. Stars Bill Oddie and lasts about 15 mins.
- Safety at Wingrave Crossroads: we had asked for a camera to be installed to identify drivers causing accidents or near misses; unlikely to be provided. Caroline Lane would contact Wingrave with Rowsham parish council to discuss joint approach in hopes of getting islands installed.

*Withdrawal of subsidized rail passes.* A letter would be sent to AVDC in protest.

#### *Planning applications.*

- Oak Farm House, garden shed approved by AVDC
- Bull & Butcher: change of use from agricultural to public house curtilage/car park had been approved subject to fencing and landscaping
- Longmoor Farm, conversion of barns to 5 dwellings opposed on various grounds, most important being too many units, causing noise and pollution from cars, and overcrowding, in the courtyard.
- Horseshoe Cottage, works to willow tree, no comments from parish council

*Accounts.* Audit fee, £103; Clerk's training course, £6; grass cutting, £42; street light repair, £20; Eastern Electricity, £50. Eastern would be asked to reimburse the £20. £30 for Wingrave Guides.

#### *Any Other Business.*

- Aylesbury Vale South Sports Council Awards 1995: decided to nominate David Wheaton (football coach), Roy Malin (services to refereeing) and Cublington/Aston Abbotts Ladies Tennis Team.
- Dog mess bin: the emptying would have to be paid for from now on (it was free in the first year). This would cost £160 per year, a heavy expense for a small parish, but we need this service.
- The Countryside Management Project had offered oak trees and advice on orchard management.

**Next meeting (you've missed the 1st Dec one) Friday 12th Jan, 8pm, Church Room**

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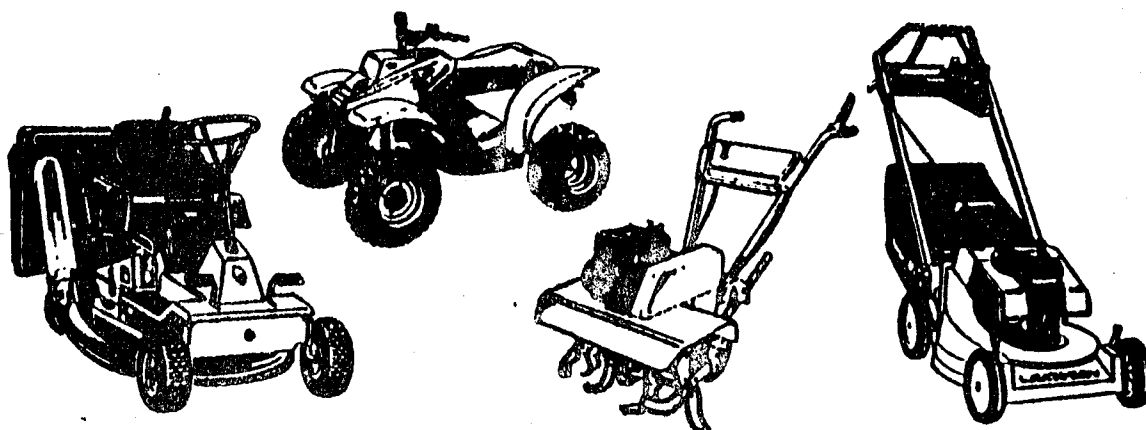
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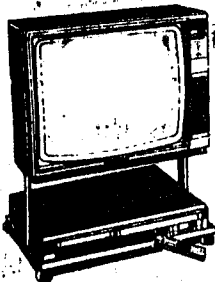
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