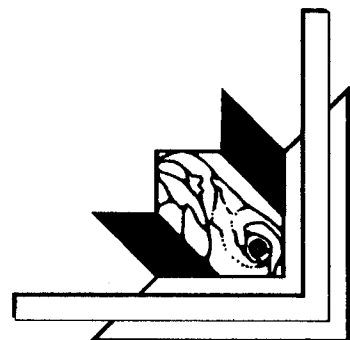
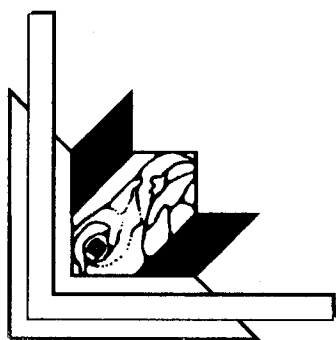


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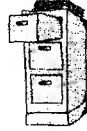
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Like most people, February is my least favourite month. Cold, nasty weather tends to keep me house bound. The snow etc however has enabled me to spend additional time in the workshop catching up with the manufacture of bits and pieces for the steam engine and spending some pleasant evenings around good old log fires. Also, this month was considerably brightened by going to see Babes in the Wood which was 'put on' by the Cublington Variety Club. In addition, we had a good fun evening at 'Colin's' quiz night at the Church Room. We must have collectively done quite well because we were in the Bull by 9.30.

One amusing fact to emerge last month was that the week beginning the 19th Feb. has been designated National Prune Week. I shudder to think of the consequences to the environment if every one was to eat prunes during this week!!!!

Many thanks to Tony Hinds who has 'sportingly' offered to provide details of sporting events involving Aston Abbots. The first of these appear in this issue.

Also, a big thank you to our youngest contributor, Daniel Smith. Not only was he very brave about going into hospital for an operation but he was courageous enough to write about it for The Chronicle.

Perhaps we could have a few more pieces from our other youngsters. You have a voice through the Chronicle kids - even if it is only to complain about the shortage of pocket money.

This coming month could be good fun. St David's Day starts the month, then in the middle and in quick succession we get Doctors Orders on the 16th, St Patrick's and Mothers day coming together on the 17th, Bank Holiday Monday on the 18th and of course British Summer time at the end of the month. I just hope my flexible friend can stand the pace.

Copies of more historic information have been passed to me and this has been filed with the initial information loaned to me by Shirley Ford. It is still my intention to 'serialise' it in the Chronicle but we do still need more information and in particular pictures, maps etc. I am still living in hope that there is someone in the village who has experience in 'historic research and compilation of information? If so we would welcome advice on how best to go about this project.

There is a vacant allotment plot (Rent £3.00 per year). If anyone is interested please contact Mr. M Hasler.

And finally, thanks again to our contributors and all the staff in the Chronicle office hope you enjoy this months issue..

Andy Bystra.



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*Please note that copy date for the April issue will be Sun. the 24th of March
All items for publication will need to reach me :-
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MOROCCAN IRISH STEW



This recipe combines the flavours of two countries. The Moroccan influence is lamb with a spice and herb combination and the Irish is again lamb but with root vegetables which is of course that old favourite Irish Stew. I thought of the idea after returning from a holiday in Morocco having tried their lamb casserole called Lamb Tajine.

I had no idea what the ingredients were but remembered the lovely flavour of mint together with the spice cumin made Lamb Tajine taste wonderful. In Morocco this would be cooked for hours very slowly in a special cooking pot called a tajine but of course I haven't got one of these so I experimented with a recipe for Irish stew substituting red lentils for the pearl barley and adding mint and cumin.

The result was the following which could be called either Aromatic Irish Stew or Lamb Tajine Irish Style... Hope you enjoy it ... How about serving it with new potatoes and a glass of Guinness on the 17th March St. Patrick's Day.

; - ;

Start by trimming any excess fat off the meat and drying it on kitchen paper, then cut it into even sized pieces. Put the flour on to a plate and season with salt and pepper, then dip each piece of meat into the flour coating it evenly.

INGREDIENTS

3 lb lamb
2 tablespoons plain flour
2 onions roughly chopped
8 oz carrots in small chunks
8 oz parsnips in small chunks
2 leeks chopped
2 tablespoons washed red lentils
2 teaspoon cumin
1 teaspoon dried mint or 1 Tablespoon fresh mint
1 pint lamb or vegetable stock
2 tablespoons vegetable oil.
salt and pepper.

Next heat the oil in a pan and when it is hot add the meat turning it over quickly to seal the juices in. When the meat is brown, add all the prepared vegetables and the cumin turning it over in the pan all the time so that everything mixes well together.

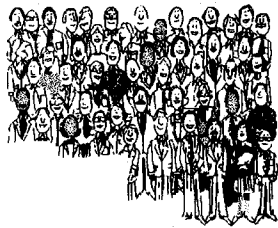
Now add the pint of stock plus another half pint of water, lentils and mint, and bring to the boil. Turn down the heat to simmer then taste to check the seasoning, adding salt and pepper if required and cook slowly either on the top of your cooker or in the oven for about 2 hours.

Check during the cooking time to make sure there is always enough cooking liquid, if it does become a little dry just add water. Serve piping hot sprinkled with chopped fresh mint or parsley.

TASTEFULLY YOURS FROM ANNIE'S KITCHEN



RITA'S PEOPLE PAGE

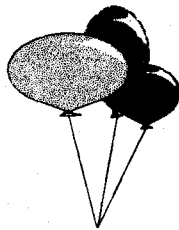


THANKS

Several people have asked me to thank Tom Manning for working so hard to keep our roads open during the horrendous snowy conditions which occurred during the blizzards on the 19th of Feb. It was largely his efforts which enabled the post, papers, milk and buses through to the village. A very big thank you to Tom and all the 'lads' who carried out this valuable work.



A very happy birthday to all our readers who are celebrating a birthday during March.



In particular ;-

Claire Biddle	8th March
Andy Bystra	8th March
Lydia Smith	15th March
Ann Goodman	15th March
Tracy Fletcher	17th March

George Brandon 31st March
85 this month.

Congratulations George.

IMPORTANT!!!!!!

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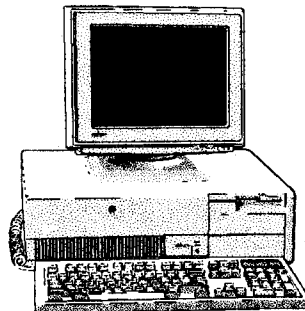
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Wednesday 6th Aylesbury Vale Transport Meeting (Bus & train queries to Colin please)

Thursday. 7th & 21st Bingo in the Church Room **7.30**

Sunday 10th
Rambling Club Member's meet. Wilstone **2.00pm**

Thursday 14th & 28th Whistdrive Church Room **7.30**

Saturday the 16th March Doctors Orders (Barber Shop Singers) St Giles Church Aston Abbots **8.00pm**

Sunday. 17th MOTHER'S DAY - Also - Village footpath walk. Meet at the Green **2.00pm** (Aston Abbots - Longmore - Cublington - Littlecote & return)

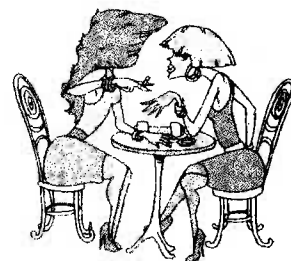
Friday 29th Annual Parish Meeting (open to all) Church room **7.30pm**

Saturday 30th Coventry shopper coach departs Bull & Butcher **8.30am** Fare £6.00 Book with Colin

Don't forget that British Summer Time begins at midnight Clocks 'go on' 1 hour.

Sunday 31st Rambling Club Member's meet. Lindslade (Tesco's car park) **2.00pm**

LADIES CLUB



Thursday. 7th
Spring Lunch.

12.30 pm in the Church Room.
Ticket prices;- Members £1.50 , Visitors £3.00, Children £1.00

Thurs. 21st. Afternoon meeting & tea at Ruth Bellingham's **2.45pm**

FUTURE HAPPENINGS

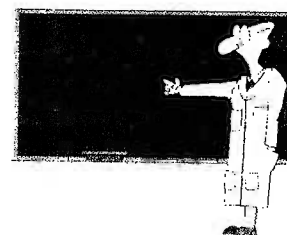
Arrangements are proceeding to hold a **Country and Western** type barn dance on the **25th May** with Trevor Howard & his band. providing the music. He was great singing by himself so this promises to be a good night. Further detail next month's issue of the Chronicle.

The ever popular **Cabaret** will be held towards the end of April; final **date to be announced.**

A coach trip to see the Flower Festival at Norwich Cathedral is to be arranged for **Saturday the 13th July**. Watch this space for further details!

Our Village Festival (Fete) will be held during the weekend of the **20th - 21st of July**.

Aston Abbots 50 year anniversary School reunion is to be held in The Old Masters Restaurant on **Sat. the 20th of July**.





CHURCH SERVICES

WINGRAVE

3rd March. 10.0 Parish Communion
3.0 Annual Church Meeting
10th 10.0 Parish Communion
17th 10.0 Parish Communion
24th 10.0 Parish Communion
31st 10.0 Parish Communion(Palm)

4th April 8.0 Maundy Eucharist
5th 2.0 Devotional Service
Good Friday
7th 10.0 Parish Communion
Easter Day

ASTON ABBOTTS

3rd March. 11.15 Morning Service
10th 11.15 Parish Communion
17th 11.15 Parish Communion
24th 11.15 Parish Communion
31st 11.15 Parish Communion

5th April 10.0 Good Friday Service
7th 11.15 Parish Communion
Easter Day

CUBLINGTON

3rd March. 10.0 Family Service
6.0 Evensong
6th 10.0 Holy Communion (BCP)
10th 8.45 Parish Communion
3.0 Annual Church Meeting
17th 8.45 Parish Communion
3.0 Family Service (Mothering)

24th 8.45 Parish Communion
31st 8.45 Parish Communion

5th April 12.0 Good Friday Service
7th 8.45 Parish Communion
Easter Day

SUNDAY READINGS

3rd March.

Lent 2 (p.511) 1 John.3.1-10.
Matt. 12.22-32

10th March.

Lent 3 (p.515) 1 Pet. 2.19 - end;
Matt 16.13-end

17th March.

Lent 4 (p.520) 2 Pet1.16 - 19;
Matt 17.1-13

24th March.

Lent 5 (p.525) Heb 9.11-14;
Mark 10.32- 45

31st March.

Palm (p.527) Phil2.5-11;
Matt 21.1-13

7th April

Easter (p.576) 1 Cor 15.12-20;
John 20.1-10

FROM THE REGISTERS

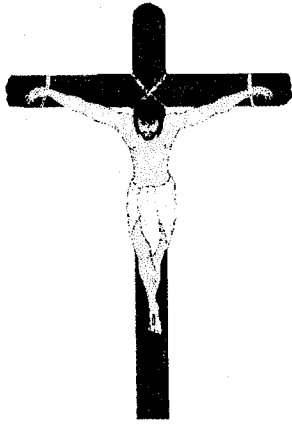
Baptism

28th Jan. Steven Stray ay Wingrave
4th Feb. Aaron Horne at Wingrave
11th Feb. Rosie Reilly at Cublington

Funerals

22nd Jan. Tony Hewitt at Aston Abbotts &
Amersham.

31st Jan. Bernard Miles at Amersham.



RECTOR'S REPORT

One of those infuriating leaflets that fell out of the weekend papers recently had, what seemed to me, a very interesting back. But that may simply be because I was reading it the following day before the daily papers had come.

There were lists of personal characteristics divided into four. The objective was to pick from each group the characteristic that you thought you were most like and least like. It was much too early in the day to attempt any such self-analysis, and had I tried, I am not sure that I should have been very much wiser about the sort of person I really am - or the person I think I am (spot the difference).

Some people may find this a helpful way of assessing the kind of person they are, but there are probably as many ways of self assessment as there are people to assess themselves. What works for one may not necessarily work for another.

Yet self assessment is only a fancy term for the way in which we think about ourselves. Looking in a mirror is a form of self assessment - but it is only useful if we take note of what we see, and determine to do something about it.

There are always two things we can do - the positive and the negative. We can improve or we can get worse. We can be optimistic and think that we are really rather good (even though there are one or two areas for improvement), or we can be pessimistic and have a very poor self image.

Each Lent gives an opportunity for self assessment. It is not just being thoroughly miserable - and making everyone else miserable because we have given up sweets. It is taking a realistic look at ourselves to do something positive about what we see.

We may just try to make ourselves more like the person we fondly imagine we already are, but we may use other criteria. We may use our understanding of Jesus as the basis for how we should be. The changes we may need to make could be very radical - or they may need to be less severe. But they will help us to be more content, to live more comfortably, with our real selves.

Bob Willmott.

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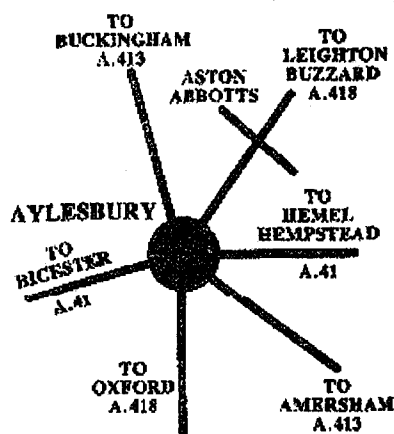
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"My child, my child," Replied the Priest, "Go home and Squeeze the juice from a whole lemon and drink it."

"Oh Father, Father, will this purge me of my sin?" She asked. "No child, but it will take the smile off your face."



The Joker!

Millennium

During the past months, I have been involved in casual discussions concerning potential Millennium celebrations in Aston Abbots. Since most of these debates have been held over a pint or two, much of what was said might be considered as being of little consequence. However, a few common points emerged so far as any 'celebrations' in this village were concerned.

Most people seem to feel a sense of 'privilege' at being alive at the time of the millennium and therefore feel that something is required to 'mark' the occasions. The second most commonly raised point is that if any thing significant is to be done, a start needs to be made quite soon since it will take time to raise cash and organise.

At the end of the day it will be the strength of opinion which will decide the scale of any celebration as well as it's success. There are always those who are prepared to roll up their sleeves and get on with the organisation of such events but they need to know what your wishes are. The Parish Council are seeking your views. Make sure you make them known. It will be too late complaining in the year 2000 that nothing was done in Aston Abbots to celebrate this unique event.

If this opportunity is lost, I suspect the only legacy we are likely to leave behind is the change of our village's name to Apathy Abbots.

Make your views known to the Parish Council now!!!!

(Ed.)



Coming soon

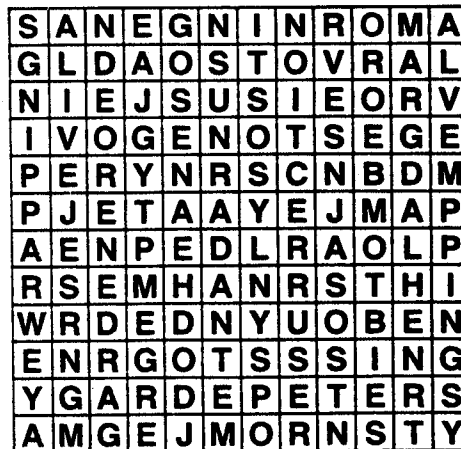
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Annual Parish Meeting

Friday 29th March

7.30, Church Room

This meeting is open to all residents of the parish. The agenda will include a report on the activities of the Church Room Committee; and it has been suggested we might think about celebrating the millennium in some way... The main business is usually to discuss plans for this year's village fete, which will be on Saturday the 20th of July. Please come and have your say

If you would like to add items to the agenda, please contact Gordon Smith at 2 Church Row (681373).

T13 WEEDON FRIDAY

Weedon New Road	10.15am
Aston Abbots Green	10.21am
Cublington Crossroads	10.25am
Stewkley Swan	10.34am
Stewkley Soulbury Road	10.35am
Soulbury Winslow Road	10.40am
Wing Soulbury Turn	10.46am
Wing, The Dove	10.48am
Wingrave Green Church	10.55am
Wingrave Green Abbots Way	10.56am
Bierton, Red Lion	11.06am
ARRIVES TESCO STORE TRING ROAD	11.11am
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Wingrave Green Abbots Way	2.19pm
Wingrave Green Church	2.20pm
Wing, The Dove	2.27pm
Wing Soulbury Turn	2.29pm
Soulbury Winslow Road	2.35pm
Stewkley Soulbury Road	2.40pm
Stewkley Swan	2.41pm
Cublington Crossroads	2.50pm
Aston Abbots Green	2.54pm
Weedon New Road	3.00pm



1st Wingrave Brownies

On Tuesday the 23rd of January, barely a sound was heard except the rustle of paper and the splash of paint water. Twenty six Brownies kept totally silent for 50 minutes. The reason for this perfect (as far as the leaders were concerned) meeting was a sponsored silence!

It was in December that the Brownies watched a video showing the varied work of the British Red Cross. They decided to raise funds for this vital cause. Half the money from their stall at the school bazaar started the fund. This was followed by over £100.00 being collected during carol singing; help from the Guides on this occasion was much appreciated

With the money from the sponsored silence, over £300.00 will be passed over to the British Red Cross. The Brownies are very grateful to all family, friends and villagers who have made this excellent total possible. Many thanks for your support.

Jane & Jose'

Well done to all the Brownies and Guides who have clearly put in so much effort to raise this generous donation for the Red Cross. It's gratifying to know that there are youngsters out there prepared to spend some of their time to help others. On a lighter note, I suspect some of the parents would have sponsored even more generously if the sponsored silence had been at home!!

Well done again girls -(Ed.)

'BABES IN THE WOOD'

Having mentioned this production, in last months issue, I thought perhaps We ought to go along and see what 'the opposition' was up to. Seven of us who have an involvement with the Aston Abbots Christmas Show went along on what was the first of their 'four night run'.

I have to say we were impressed from the outset. Cublington village hall had been transformed by tiered seating, well set up precinium arch and professional lighting, all of which gave an immediate sense of theatre. Bearing in mind this was the first of four performances; it was interesting to see that there wasn't a spare seat to be had.

The show was presented by the 'Cublington Variety Club' and was a conventional full length pantomime, loosely based on both Babes in the Wood and Robin Hood.

When the curtain opened it was immediately apparent that considerable effort had gone into the costumes which had been well researched and very nicely made. Since I design and paint the scenery for our show, I was particularly struck by the imaginative scenery. During the course of the performance there was no less that seven scene changes involving four completely different sets - amazing!

Directed by John Gregory the show had a clear plot and was fast moving and well disciplined throughout (they all stuck to the script). Even the extensive scene changes did not seem to take very long. The standard of acting varied from part to part as would be expected. However, overall it was high with prompts being required on no more than four or five occasions.

It is perhaps unfair to pick out individual performances but I think most of the audience would have agreed that the 'babes' gave a most convincing and humorous performances.



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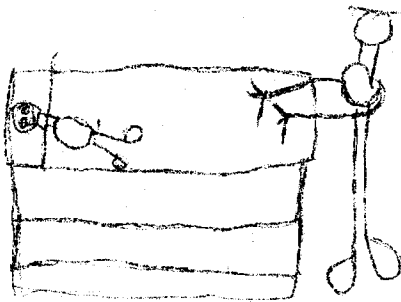


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A Hospital Visit

by Daniel Smith

Yesterday I went to the hospital for grommets. These go in my ears to help me hear better. I had four nurses and two doctors. My bed number was 3. I went in the day surgery. I ate lots of food after the operation. I could not eat anything after my breakfast. I went to sleep while the grommets were put in. I went on a trolley.



PUZZLE

All the answers are (or sound like) parts of the body

1. Ammunition.....
2. Tall trees.....
3. Employees.....
4. Shellfish.....
5. Rose berries.....
6. Sacred building.....
7. Scholars.....
8. A measurement.....
9. Parts of a table.....
10. Proud.....
11. Ships.....
12. Young farm animals.....
13. Punctuation mark
14. Furniture with drawers
15. Holds up a picture

Answers on page 20

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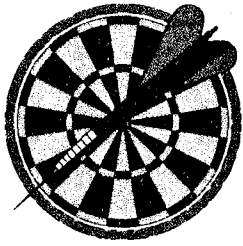
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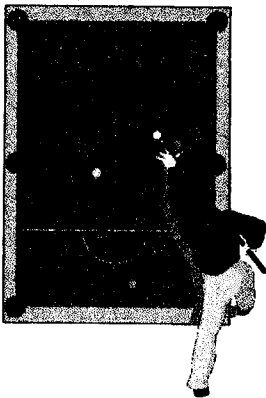


Tony's Sports Column

Darts

Recently the Bull & Butcher entered three teams of five people in a charity Darts event organised by Aylesbury Rotary Club. It was held at Stoke Mandeville Stadium where each team had to throw darts continuously for one hour and all the combined scores were added up at the end of the hour. Team one 'The Balls Bull' scored 22,762. The second team 'Bulls Bitches' scored 21,939 and the 'Bulls Butterflies' scored 20,147. This was a sponsored event and the total raised by the three teams was £145.00

Thank you to all those who sponsored the players.



The Bull & Butcher Pool Team.

The pool team is doing very well at the moment and with half a season to go is laying 3rd in the league. We

are also in the semi- finals of the team cup competition and hope to progress to the final. Recently we have had the inter team singles and doubles knockout competition. Jason and Garry won the doubles and Mark Saunders the singles. Mark now goes on to represent the pub in the league singles competition.

We are sorry to lose George and Chris who have gone to New Zealand.

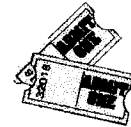
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Answers to (body parts) puzzle

1. Arms	9. Leg
2. Palms	10. Vein
3. Hands	11. Vessels
4. Muscles	12. Calves
5. Hips	13. Colon
6. Temple	14. Chest
7. Pupils	15. Nail
8. Foot	



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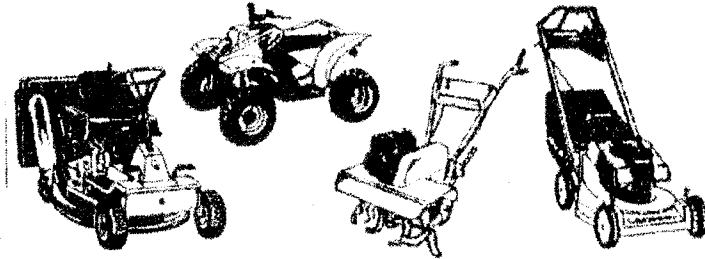
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The Chinese Fish Wagon

Well! We did eventually get to use this service. I say eventually because our first two attempts on separate Mondays were thwarted by the 'Fish Wagons' mobile phone being switched off !!!!. This meant that our intention to pre order meals did not materialise and since we had to go out fairly early, the freezer had to be 'raided' on both occasions.

Determined to try out their food; on the third attempt (the mobile still being switched off) I visited the van and ordered a standard meal for two. The resulting meal was good and the quantity of food provided would have easily been enough for three adults. It was very tasty and typical of Chinese food bought any where else; the only complaint being that the prawn crackers had been cooked in what we felt was an unpleasant tasting oil. Overall, we felt the meal was good value for money and we will certainly use the Chinese Fish Wagon again..



Recreation Ground Improvements

The Recreation Ground Committee met recently and there were quite a few improvements we would like to see. We would apply for grants from various bodies...but before setting out on any major fund raising, we need to know what users of the Rec. think are the most important areas to be sorted out. Here are our ideas, in no particular order.

1. Replace some or all of the equipment in the children's play area, and install safety surfacing.

2. Have a multi-sports surface laid, so that people could play football, tennis, netball....

3. Put in some timber equipment for the older children - e.g. an adventure trail. (This is dependant on our securing an extra strip of land for the Rec. behind Nash's Farm. It has been agreed in principle, but in practice things have ground to a halt until a developer has agreed to take on the site.)

Please spare a few moments to think about this and fill in the form below. Thanks. We will report the findings at the Annual Parish Meeting on Friday 29th March - all are welcome to come and join in.

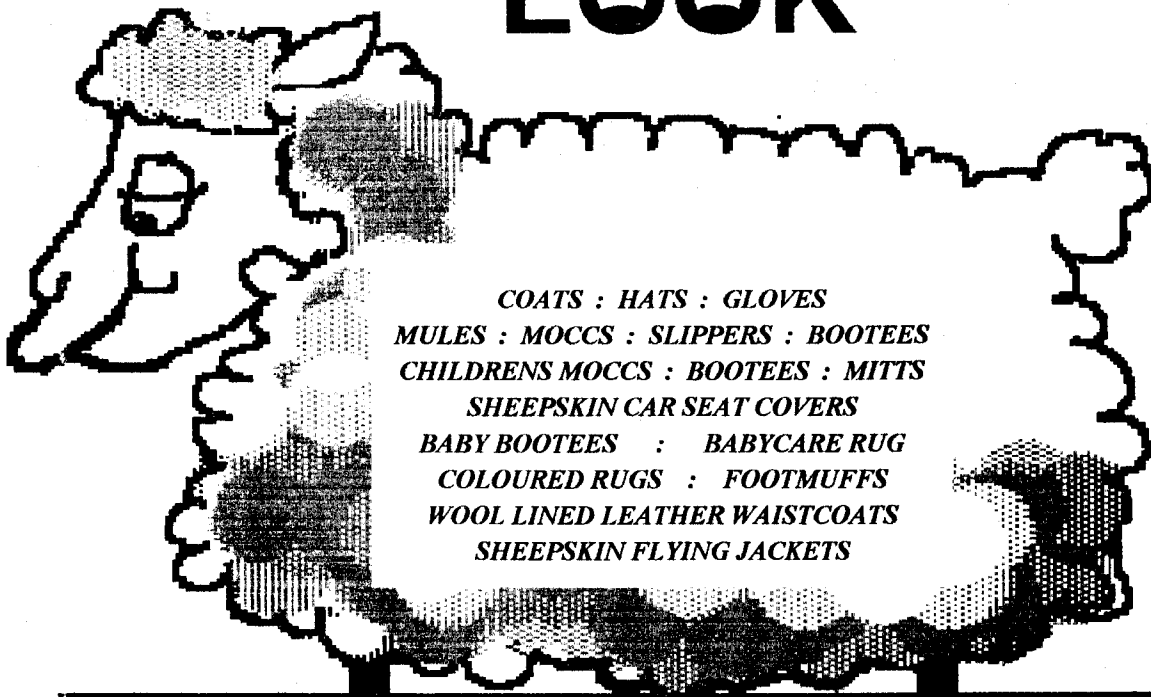
** Annual Parish Meeting; anyone living in the parish is welcome to put their name forward for the Recreation Ground committee at this meeting. Just come along, or tell Gordon Smith (clerk to the Annual Parish Meeting) (681373)*

Please return to Caroline Lane, 2 Church Row, by Monday the 18th of March

Please rank in order of importance to you (1), (2) etc.

- Children's play area
- Multi-sport surface/tennis court
- Adventure trail for older children
- Others, (please specify) -----

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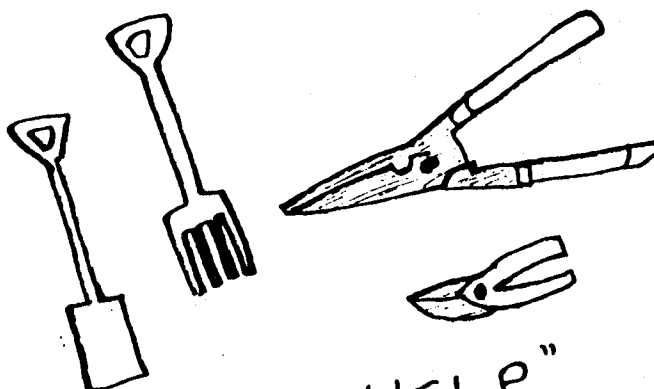
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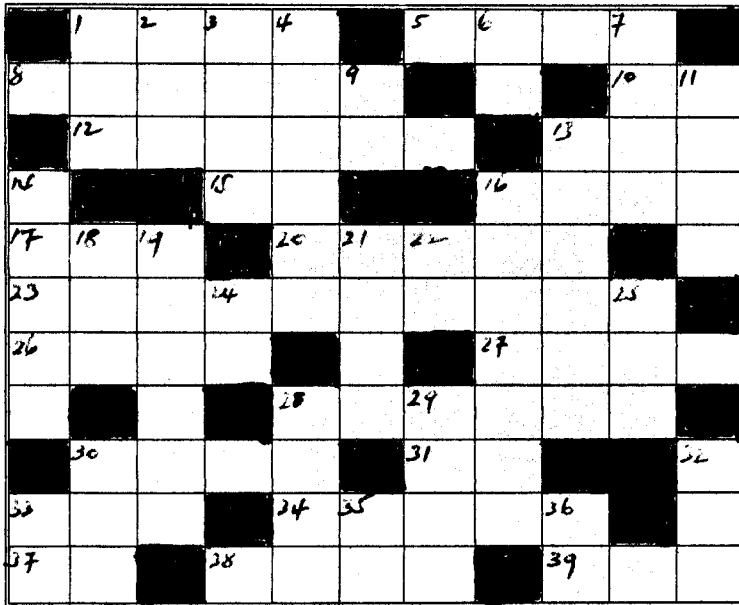
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ACROSS

- 1 Explorer
- 5 Paved way
- 8 A savoury tart
- 10 Preposition
- 12 Utters suddenly
- 13 A number
- 15 Not you!
- 16 Bovine mammals
- 17 S. American town
- 20 Dock
- 23 Allegation
- 26 part of body
- 27 No charge
- 28 Live in
- 30 A miscellaneous dish
- 31 --/DC
- 33 Rug
- 34 Cathedrals usually are
- 37 Alright
- 38 Part of bird's beak
- 39 A debtor does

DOWN

- 1 Chafe
- 2 Lubricate
- 3 Dross
- 4 Small animals
- 6 Single 16 across
- 7 Completed
- 9 French And
- 11 Flat marshy lands
- 13 County Town
- 14 Derrick
- 16 Opening
- 18 None liquid water
- 19 Of mystical matters
- 21 Dislike
- 22 Indicates position
- 24 We inhabit it
- 25 Maiden name
- 28 Re-do (anag)
- 29 Ditto
- 30 Tree
- 32 Blackbirds were in this
- 33 'Arf a --
- 35 Else
- 36 Perform

Answers to February Crossword

Across: 1 Aylesbury. 7 Ready. 9 Distance. 12 Inactive
 14 Fasten. 15 Ad. 16 In. 17 Veto. 19 Do.
 22 Rev. 23 Iron. 24 Rag. 26 Inn. 27 ER.
 28 Liked. 29 Tun.

Down: 1 Artificial. 2 Ye. 3 Ladas. 4 Edict. 5 System.
 6 Rune. 8 Wendover. 10 Tin. 11 AV. 13 Nan. 15 Ate.
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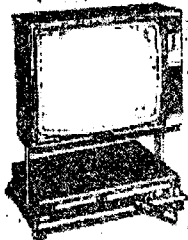
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