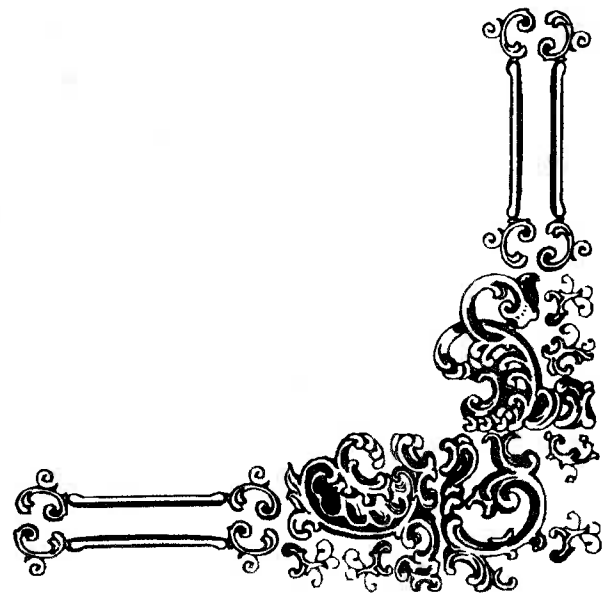
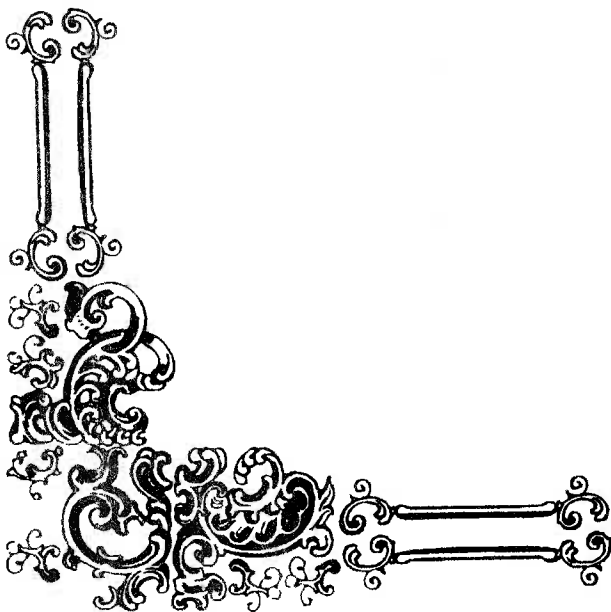
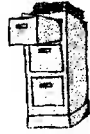


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**B**oth at a national and local level, this seems to have been one of the saddest months I can remember and I can only hope that spring & the forthcoming Easter/ will herald a gradual healing and introduce degree of optimism.

Very many thanks to Gillian Ford who has offered to take on her father's job of distributing the Chronicle. A brave and lovely thought.

Similarly, thanks to Tony Hinds for offering his services on The Help Line (see page 5).

### **Things you don't really need to know about Easter.**

Easter is known as a 'moveable feast' and originates from various ancient festivals which considerably pre-date the Christian version. The stories and legends that explain their origin, were common in ancient religions. For example, the Phrygians believed that their omnipotent deity went to sleep at the time of the winter solstice, and they performed ceremonies with music and dancing at the spring equinox to awaken him. (seems to me that their deity had got it just about right. Ed.)

We were fortunate this month in that two really great entertainment's were held in March. The only 'downside' so far as I am concerned is that they were held on the same

night. Both involved music which I love , barbershop singing and Irish folk music, and so the decision had to be made as to which one to attend first. The barbershop won. However we did manage to get along to the Bull & Butcher afterwards and I am very pleased that we did.

Frank in his usual entrepreneurial way had done the job properly by closing the pub for the night so that the entire premises could be used to celebrate St Patricks night and at the same time raise cash for charity. A very up-market marquee (complete with 'patio doors') was hired and used as a reception and food bar area. Although we didn't eat, the food looked great.

Since the event was private we had to get past a very efficient 'bouncer'. However, the press are always welcome and once inside it was clear that a great time was being had by all. The 'Irish' band complete with fiddle, drum, guitar and keyboard created a wonderful atmosphere and had everyone toe tapping and wanting to dance. As if this wasn't enough to lead a young fella astray, the Guinness reduced to £1.30 a pint. Regrettably we had to leave all too early. A great night Frank & Louise - thanks

**And Finally!** A big thank you to all of you who took the trouble to reply to the questionnaire in last months issue concerning the future of the recreation ground.

**All four** responses have received careful consideration!!!!!!

  
Andy Bystra.



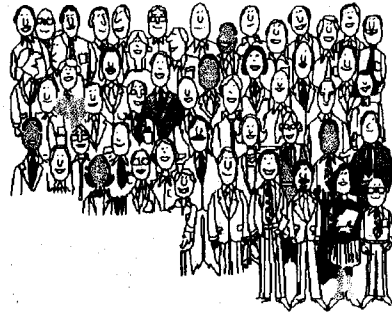
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Please note that copy date for the May issue will be Fri the 26th of April All items for publication will need to reach me :-

(Andy Bystra. 31 The Green, (Tel 681 690 or 688 125) by this date.

# RITA'S PEOPLE PAGE



**W**e were all very sad to learn of the sudden death of John Ford.

**J**ohn had lived in Aston Abbotts all his life and as we heard at his funeral service, he was a Church Warden, kept the Church Clock wound every day and organised the rota to mow the churchyard. He had served on several Committees and was involved in all aspects of village life, always ready to help at any event that was being planned.

**H**is familiar figure will be missed around the village and our sympathy goes out to his wife Shirley and family at this time

**T**he family of the late John Ford wish to thank the villagers of Aston Abbotts for the cards, letters and flowers received by them, to support them in their grief.

**J**ohn loved this village, and we are sure he would be very proud of the love and kindness shown to us at this time of great sadness.

**W**e are also sorry to report the death of 96 year old Mrs. Gwladys Hook.

**B**orn in Swanbourne and later moved to Winslow, then to Aston Abbotts, having lived here for over 20 years. Mrs Hook was interviewed on T.V. when she was 86, to tell of her first glimpse of Halley's Comet at the age of ten in 1910.

**A**lways a very alert and knowledgeable lady, who loved her garden and had many unusual plants which she had collected from all parts of the country.

**H**er cremation took place at Amersham on the 22nd. March. Our sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. Hook's family.



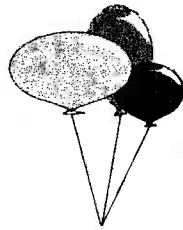
**RITA'S PEOPLE**  
**PAGE (Continued)**

**A very happy birthday to  
all our readers who are  
celebrating a birthday**

**during April.**

**In particular :-**

Chris Farrands 1st  
Caroline Lane 5th  
Philip Wheaton 6th April  
Karen Brandon 7th  
Laura Whyte 11th  
Anthony Palmer 13th  
Robert Clarke 18th  
Sam King 20th  
Alison Lewis 20th



**W**e were pleased to learn from Mrs (Elsie) Clark's daughter (Pat Woodstock) that Elsie celebrated her 85th birthday on the 2nd of March this year. Apparently the family planned a big surprise party for her. On the pretext of taking her to see her great grand daughter in a concert, Elsie was taken to a hall in Berkhamstead where she was greeted by the whole family. They had, in great secrecy, arranged the party at which there were four generations of the family. As if this wasn't enough excitement, Elsie was presented with a voucher for a flying lesson in a four seater light aircraft.

**T**he weather will have to improve before she can fly but apparently she can't wait to get up there. It would appear that Elsie is a bit of a dark horse because on her 82nd birthday she piloted a two seater helicopter. Could she be an 'up and coming' 'Amy Johnson'?

**I**t is particularly nice to hear that Elsie is enjoying herself since she recently had to spend some fifteen weeks in Stoke Mandeville Hospital and convalescing as the result of a broken hip. Something as small as a broken hip however isn't going to keep her house-bound because Elsie has set her sights high. She has every intention of winning the Lottery, flying Concorde and even to fly to New Zealand to see a relative who lives out there.

**W**e've also found out that last year she was 'crowned' Miss Swan House. Elsie's family are not quite sure what she will get up to next but I do hope they keep us informed.

**A** very happy, though belated birthday Elsie and good luck with all your future exploits.



**A**s one of several visitors to the Ladies Club luncheon, I would like to thank all who were concerned in organising this event.

**L**ike all village happenings, as we entered the Church Hall, the raffle prizes were on show so who could resist a flutter!

**T**here didn't appear to be a spare seat and it was nice to see a few men had escorted their wives. Each table had a very pretty flower arrangement, which was eventually won by the person who had a small white label on his or her chair, who thought of that idea? Great effort had gone into the very appetising cold buffet lunch which was full of choices and enjoyed by all.

**A**pologies to Tim Loader who was rather 'got at' (five against one) over diesel cars and taking men shopping. Tim, with good humour took our banter.

**A** very pleasant 3/4 hours, thank you Ladies Club.



**RITA'S PEOPLE**  
**PAGE (Continued)**

**Dear Fiona,**

We were sorry to hear that your pet gerbil had died. (Your dad - John Whyte, told us this news). It's always sad when you lose a pet but we understand your sister Laura is sharing her gerbil with you, which is very kind of her.

Hopefully you will soon have another pet to take care of.

???



We are just a small village but every now and then someone becomes a celebrity. So calling Mrs. Gwen Kempster, who we were told was a judge at 'Crufts' this year. Gwen breeds and shows Smooth-Haired Fox Terriers, which was the class she judged.

Your family wish to send their congratulations to you and are very proud you attained this position. I am sure these sentiments are echoed by everyone in the village.

**Also**

Anthony Palmer is playing with the National Children's 2nd Orchestra at Ripon Cathedral on 17th April. Hope all goes well for you Anthony.

Nice to see Bob Higgs back in the village after a short stay in hospital. Welcome back Bob and we hope you continue to improve.



**Aston Abbots & Cublington Ladies Club**

The Ladies Club held their Spring Lunch on the 7th of March, which was a great success and very well supported. We were pleased to see so many non members and hope some of them will decide to become members.

On the 21st of March Ruth Bellingham our Chairman, invited us to her home for our meeting, where we had an excellent tea and a very successful Bring & Buy. As we had all enjoyed Bernard Osborns talk on WARA so much, Ruth gave us a further little talk on the subject, in a lighter vein, with a very different selection of cuttings and photographs, which was much enjoyed.

We were delighted to welcome our two new members.

Beryl Manning



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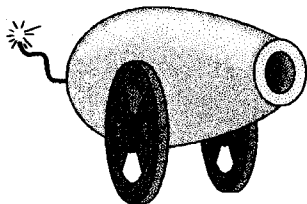
# Tony's Sports Column

## The Bull & Butcher Pool Team.



The Bull & Butcher Pool Team are not doing too well in the league at present having lost two games in the last month. However, we had to play the Rose & Crown

Wingrave in the semi-final of the Cup competition; a team we had never beaten in a cup game before. The game was best of seven frames (the first to four). Tony was drawn out first and won his frame to start the ball rolling. Frank was next and although he played well he did not do well enough to win the frame. Dean and Lol then played very good games and winning to put us in the lead with a score of 3 - 1 up. Finally Adrian Dixon played an excellent game to clinch the match.



## Cold Comfort Gun Club.

The first leg of the 1996 Local Derby (Weedon/Hardwick Gun Club v Cold Comfort Gun Club) was held on Sunday the 3rd of March. The result left Weedon 59 points behind; a comfortable margin to take take to Weedons shooting ground on Sunday the 28th of April. It looks like the 'Toilet Seat Trophy' will stay at Franks!!! (could this be tepting fate here) The top scorer so far this season are Syd Pratt (our secretary) and David Loue, both with 37 out of a possible total of 48 points. Rumour has it that last years top scorer Tom Manning is going down hill rapidly (Could this be due to too much of Frank's best bitter?).

**Tony Hinds & Tom Manning**

*(I'm very pleased to see that there is a likelihood of winning back the 'Toilet Seat Trophy';*

*its b..... cold sitting on the ceramic bowl in the pub's lavatory. Ed.)*



## O.A.P. Bus passes

*(Nothing to do with Tony's Sports column)*

However, please note that OAP Bus passes are now being issued. If you are applying for the first time remember to take your pension book.

Bus times change on the 14th of April (Timetables not yet available.

*Oh! I dont know though!!!!*

*Ed.*

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2. Girl's name well known for Scottish connections .....
3. Many sheep .....
4. Romantic interlude in a foggy night .....
5. Sugary Conquerer .....
6. Red berried Ham .....
7. Famous cathedral A Ding Dong .....
8. She takes a back seat .....
9. Remember me .....
10. Reynard takes a hand covering .....
11. A very smart animal .....
12. Soaring bird Cowboy's accessory .....
13. A very cold girl .....
14. Do you hope to wed Gilt edge security .....
15. A girl's name between two hills .....
16. Card game Where's St. George? .....
17. White rain Butter fingers .....
18. Can you tell the stork from it Drinking vessel .....
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- 20 She was sitting demurely Then she got up .....

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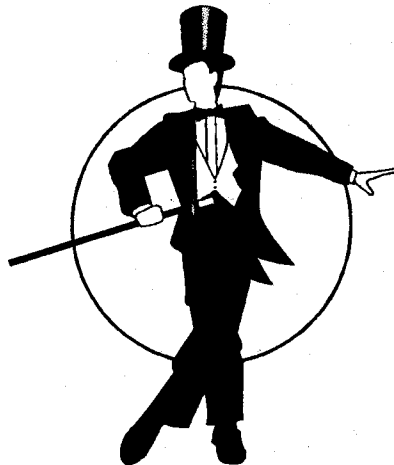
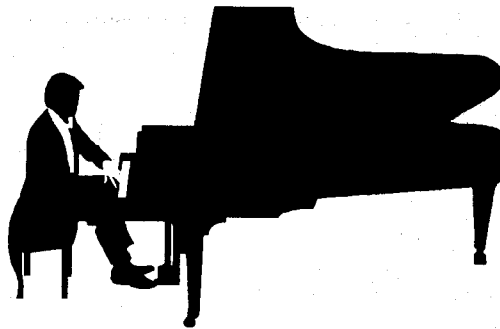




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## Across

- 1 Glos. town (6)  
 6 Lean (4)  
 10 High exam mark (abb 4)  
 11 Lorna ----- (5)  
 12 Tennis score ((5)  
 13 Possess (3)  
 14 A Numeral (3)  
 16 Etna (anag.) (4)  
 19 We --- for victory (3)  
 21 Apparatus for diving(5)  
 23 Electrical term (4)  
 25 To knock (3)  
 26 Every car has one (3)  
 28 Period of time (3)  
 30 Royal abbreviation (2)  
 31 Eastern currency (3)  
 32 Responsibility (4)  
 33 A superior car (2)  
 34 Gas (5)  
 36 Join together (6)  
 37 A long Village (8)

## DOWN

- 2 Boy's name (4)  
 3 Cowboy's event (5,2)  
 4 Cone (anag) (4)  
 5 Utilise (3)  
 6 An urban area(4)  
 7 Sharpen (4)  
 8 Not out (2)  
 9 Eft (4)  
 11 Perform (2)  
 15 Duke (abb. 2)  
 17 Growing (8)  
 18 Flower (5)  
 19 A challenger(5)  
 20 To gallivant(3)  
 22 Vegetable (6)  
 24 Lair (3)  
 27 Divine messenger  
 29 For instance (2)  
 31 Yes (slang 2)  
 32 Merely (4)  
 35 14 (3)

## Answers to March

### Across: 1 Ross. 5 Road.

- 8 Quiche. 10 Of. 12 Blurts  
 13 One. 15 Me. 16 Oxen. 17 Rio  
 20 Wharf. 23 Accusation. 26 Neck  
 27 Free. 28 Reside. 30 Olio.  
 31 AC. 33 Mat. 34 Domed. 37 OK.  
 38 Cere. 39 Owe.  
 DOWN: 1 Rub. 2 Oil. 3 Scum  
 4 Shrews. 6 Ox. 7 Done. 9 Et.  
 11 Fens. 13 Oxford. 14 Crane.  
 16 Orifice. 18 Ice. 19 Occult.  
 21 Hat. 22 At. 24 Uk. 25 Nee.  
 28 Rode. 29 Same. 30 Oak. 32 Pie.  
 33 No. 35 Or. 36 Do



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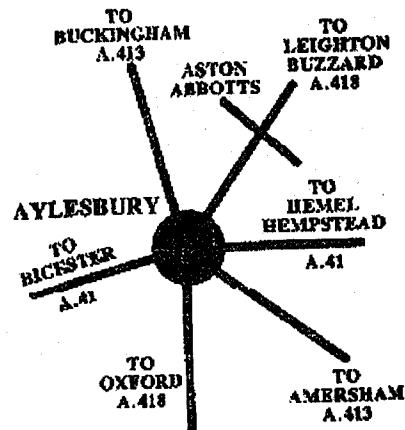
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#### Flo's message to God.

A new little baby brother, has come to live with Flo.  
She wanted it brought to the table,  
That it might eat and grow.

"You must wait for a while". said Granny  
in answer to her plea,

"for the poor little thing has no teeth,  
and can't eat, like you and me.

That afternoon in the corner, went Flo with pen & ink  
saying "don't talk to me Granny, because I want to think".  
and this was the letter that Flo had written to God.

"Dear God, the baby you sent us is all very nice & sweet,  
but because you forgot it's dear little teeth, the poor little  
thing cant eat".

That's why I'm writing this letter,  
on purpose to let you know - please come and finish the  
baby -

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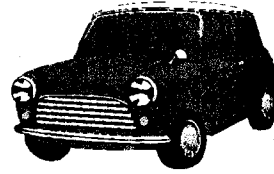
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**Answers to ('flowers') puzzle**

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|---------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Cowslip          | 11. Dandelion          |
| 2. Heather          | 12. Larkspur           |
| 3. Flock            | 13. Bluebell           |
| 4. Love in the mist | 14. Marigold           |
| 5. Sweet William    | 15. Lily of the valley |
| 6. Hollyhock        | 16. Snapdragon         |
| 7. Canterburybells  | 17. Snow drops         |
| 8. Daisy            | 18. Buttercup          |
| 9. Forget me not    | 19. Stocks             |
| 10. Foxglove        | 20. Primrose           |



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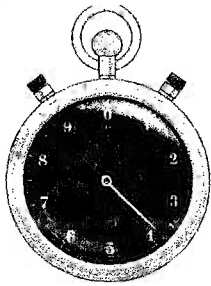
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*Ed.*

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Once again those who attended enjoyed a wonderful 'feast' of Barbershop style singing. Thanks to Bob Willmot the venue was the Church which not only provided a very attractive venue but also one in which the accoustics enhanced the excellent voices of the group.

Being students at the Grammer School it was not surprising to hear that some of the singers had changed since they last appeared at Aston Abbots. However, they were still led by Dr Grayson who has clearly ensured that the standard of their performance has remained comendably high. We were treated to a wide variety of humourous, romantic and serious music spanning Negro, songs, jazz, Beatles, traditional and modern ballads. All had been especially arranged for 'Doctors Orders by Dr. Grayson. During the interval an excellent

supper was provided with enough food and tea provided to 'feed the five thousand'.

Our appreciation to Shirley and John Ford who organised this excellent event. Also to Christine Fox who finalised arrangements following the sad loss of John Ford.

*Ed.*

## A selection of Easter walks by Colin

### ● TRING

**Friday 5th April 1996. 2.00pm**

Meeting at Tring Car Park (opposite the Rose & Crown) (Map ref: SP926124)

A 5 mile walk through Tring Park, Wigginton and Pendley including some Ridgeway walking. Returning via the canal to Tring by 5.30pm.

Leader: Mrs B Hutton - 01296 630579

### ● PIDDINGTON

**Monday 8th April 1996. 2.30pm**

Meeting at Widnell Park picnic site (next to Football Field, Piddington) (Map ref: SP635173)

A 4.5 mile scenic walk toward Boarstall returning via Muswell Hill to reach Piddington by 5.00pm. Bring light refreshment for a tea break.

Leader: Mr & Mrs Davies 01296 770478

### ● WILSTONE VILLAGE

**Tuesday 9th April 1996. 2.00pm**

Meeting by The Half Moon public house, Wilstone Village (Map ref: SP 904142)

A 4 mile walk around Wilstone and Marsworth reservoirs, with a chance to see lots of bird life. Returning along the canal towpath by 4.00pm.

Leader: Mrs B Prince - 01296 24228

### ● STOKE MANDEVILLE

**Wednesday 10th April 1996. 2.30pm**

Meeting at Stoke Mandeville school layby, Lower Road, Stoke Mandeville (Map ref: 833104)

A 2.5 mile flat walk over largely arable land passing the site of a ruined Norman church and the hamlet of Nash Lee Green. Returning to Stoke Mandeville by 4.00pm. (This path can be very muddy!)

Leader: Mr J Reed - 01296 613351

### ● ASTON ABBOTTS

**Thursday 11th April 1996. 11.30pm**

Meeting at The Green, Aston Abbots (Map ref: SP845199)

A 6 mile walk with views across the Vale of Aylesbury, visiting the tomb of the Arctic explorer, Sir James Clark Ross. Returning to Aston Abbots by 2.30pm. (No dogs) (NB: bus leaves Aylesbury bus station 11.00am (bay 10, service 6J) - alight Aston Abbots "Bull & Butcher". Return service at 3.00pm)

Leader: Mr C Higgs - 01296 681343

### ● GREAT BRICKHILL

**Thursday 11th April 1996. 2.00pm**

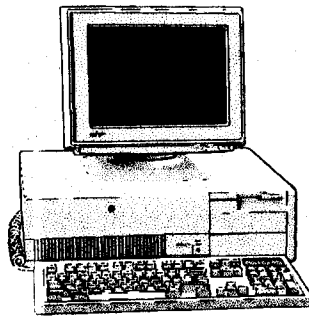
Meeting at Great Brickhill Parish Hall, Rotten Row (Map ref: SP905305)

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# PASTIERA DI GRANO

(Neapolitan Easter Wheat Tart)

In Naples Easter wouldn't be Easter without this tart. My mother used to make a version of this tart using small pieces of pasta instead of wheat, as she couldn't find the right kind of wheat to use. I have made this tart in the past when I have been able to buy tinned wheat, which can be found in Italian delicatessens and is made by Chirico. I have also tried it, using pasta boiled in milk and it turned out very like the one my mother used to make. This recipe though, is for the real thing which is just wonderful and would certainly be something different to try for Easter.

The grain should have been soaked for 24 hours in several changes of water and needs to be cooked the day before the tart is made. Simmer the grain in the milk for 3 hours on a very low heat or if using pasta, until the pasta is cooked. When it is cooked, add the cinnamon, vanilla sugar and the orange zest. Leave to cool.

Make the pastry by working together the butter, sugar and egg yolks until smooth, then add the flour to make the pastry. Put aside in the fridge for at least an hour, which makes the pastry easier to handle.

To make the filling, beat the ricotta cheese with the egg yolks and orange water. add

the candied peel and the flavoured grain or pasta to the ricotta mixture. Beat the egg whites with the sugar and fold into the ricotta very gently to keep in as much air as

possible. Next press about two-thirds of the pastry into a buttered 8 or 9 inch flan tin, covering the bottom and sides with an equal thickness. Pour in the filling, then roll out the remaining pastry and cut long strips to form a lattice top to the tart. Cook in a medium hot oven for about 40 minutes.

Allow to cool then dust with icing sugar before serving. This tart is very rich and sweet but absolutely delicious especially when served slightly warm, with cool single cream and a cold glass of dessert wine.

## INGREDIENTS

### For the Pastry:

5oz plain flour  
1/2 oz castor sugar  
2 1/2 oz butter  
2 egg yolks.

### For the filling:

4oz whole wheat to be soaked or 7 oz can of wheat called Gran Pastiera  
1/2 pint Milk if using whole wheat or small pasta  
zest of half an orange  
1/2 tsp cinnamon  
1 tsp vanilla sugar  
5oz ricotta cheese  
4oz castor sugar  
2 large eggs (separated)  
1/2 glass orange water  
2 oz candied peel finely chopped  
icing sugar for dusting.

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HELP!... I am running out of ideas... has anyone a favourite recipe for this page that they would like to share with the cooks of Aston Abbotts, if so, could you please pass it on to Andy or myself, so that it can be included in future issues of the Chronicle. Many Thanks.....





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# PARISH COUNCIL

*(Unofficial notes of the meeting held on Friday 23 February 1996)*

The meeting was attended by District Councillor Bryan Round.

## **(1) Matters arising:**

**Light on the Green/Bricstock:** It had been decided not to provide a footway light leading to the bungalows in Bricstock in 1992 due to the cost. It was agreed that it would be unfair to proceed with a footway light on the Green before again considering one for Bricstock. D/Cllr Round said he would repeat the request of 1992 to AVDC for funding to help with the cost of a light in Bricstock.

**Landfill site:** Cllr Lane, C/Cllr Jennings and Mr Higgs met with Mr Wicks from Bucks County Council to look at specific problems caused by the site. Work would continue daily to keep the road clean and any particular complaints should be referred to Cllr Lane or the Clerk. The contractor had agreed to tidy up the verges and re-seed when work was complete. Bucks County Council hopefully would agree to ensure the roads and kerbs were made good. It was hoped work would be completed by the end of June.

## **(2) County and District Council matters:**

D/Cllr Round reported:

**(1) Rubbish bin liners** had not reduced in size, but a "universal " sack was being introduced.

**(2) Licensing of Public Entertainment:** The Bull and Butcher, renewal of this license had been approved for 3 months with the following conditions. Only one function to be held each month. Seven days notice must be given to AVDC before the date of each function.

## **(3) Police Liaison meeting 8 February 1996:**

Cllr Manning reported:

(a) The National trend for crime was on the decrease. Aston Abbotts suffered from petty car crime and very little else.

(b) A new way to deal with offenders was to place them in front of their victim and ask them to explain their actions. Apparently this was successful with young offenders.

(c) A police helicopter was now available in the area to help beat crime.

(d) The misuse of drugs amongst young people was discussed. A booklet with information would be published in the Chronicle as soon as possible.

## **(4) Recreation Ground Committee meeting 15 January 1996.**

(a) There was a discussion on whether or not to go ahead with a Sports Surface.

(b) It was decided that nettles in the Rec would be Sprayed.

(c) Lawrence Hinds volunteered to mow the play area.

(d) A skip was to be hired once the ground was harder to have a clear up.

## **(5) Correspondence:**

**Best Kept Village Competition** - It was agreed to enter this competition.

**Rural Transport-** It was pointed out that it was important for everyone to use public transport as there was the likelihood of services being reduced.

## **(6) Date of next meeting:**

**The Annual Parish Meeting** would be held on 29 March 1996, at 7.30pm

**Thanks;** Before the meeting closed, Cllr Round thanked those responsible for the excellent work they did in the Village keeping the roads clear during the bad weather. Everyone welcome to attend.

Sue Taylor  
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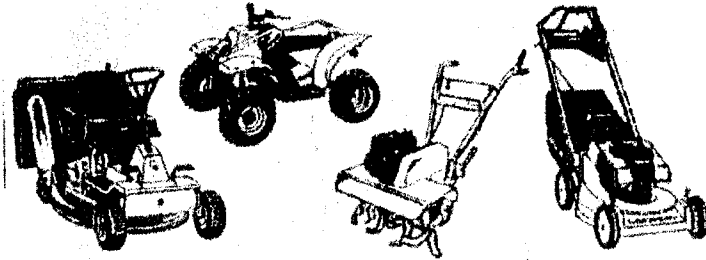
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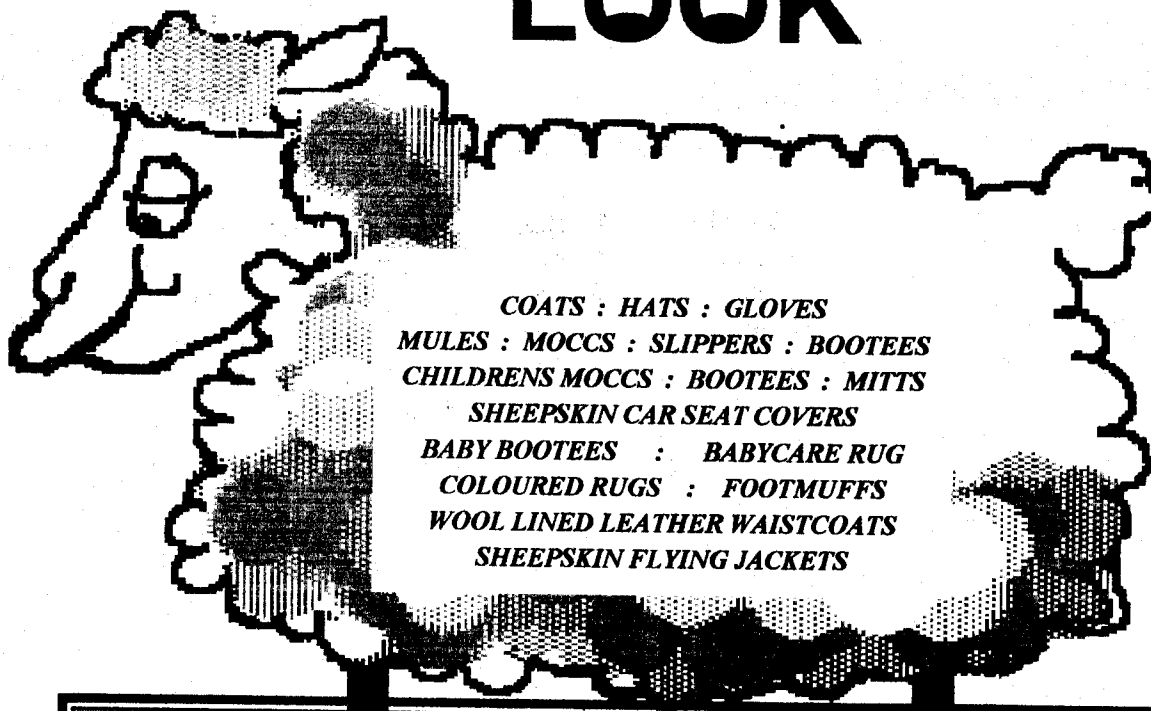
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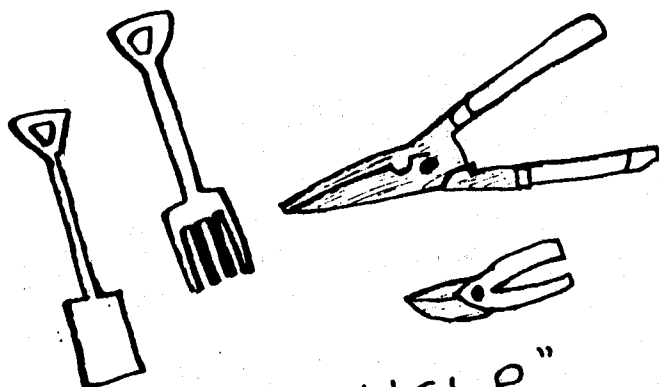
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	7th	10.0	EASTER EUCHARIST
	14th	10.0	Parish Communion
	21st	10.0	Family Service
	28th	10.0	Parish Communion
	5th May	10.0	Parish Communion

<b>ASTON ABBOTTS</b>	5th Apr	10.0	Good Friday Devotion
	7th	11.15	EASTER EUCHARIST
	14th	11.15	Parish Communion
	21st	11.15	Morning Service
	28th	11.15	Parish Communion
	5th May	11.15	Morning Service

<b>CUBLINGTON</b>	5th Apr	12.0	Good Friday Devotion
	7th	8.45	EASTER EUCHARIST
	14th	8.45	Parish Communion
	21st	8.45	Parish Communion
	28th	8.45	Parish Communion
	1st May	10.0	Holy Communion (BCP)
	5th	10.0	Family Service
		6.0pm	Evensong

### SUNDAY READINGS

Apr 7	Easter	(p.576)	1 Cor 15.12-20; John 20.1-10
14th	Easter 1	(p.605)	1 Cor 15.53-end; John 6.32-40
21st	Easter 2	(p.611)	1 Pet 5.1-11; John 10.7-16
28th	Easter 3	(p.616)	Col 3.1-11; John 11.17-27
May 5	Easter 4	(p.620)	2 Cor 4.13-5.5; John 14.1-11

### FROM THE REGISTERS

<b>BAPTISM</b>	24th March	Sophie Earwicker at Wingrave
<b>FUNERALS</b>	21st Feb	John Carter at Wingrave URC
	19th March	John Ford at Aston Abbots & Amersham



## RECTOR'S REPORT

I am not sure now exactly when it happened, but my recollection is that at about the end of March last year the old apple tree in the Rectory garden fell down. It was one of those events that I knew was going to happen. It had dropped a large branch about eighteen months earlier, and the trunk, which was hollow had already split.

As usual, events like this happen at a time when I am too busy to do anything about them, and the tree still lies where it fell. It had still had a few apples, but they were way out of reach. And even though it fell, it did not disappoint us last year.

One reason that I had not done anything to it before was that it had for many years been the support of a huge rambling rose. I think I know which of my predecessors had planted it, and I have been told that the rose is called "Rambling Rector" - which seems fairly appropriate. This produces a tremendous show in early summer - so trying to do anything before this winter was clearly out of the question.

The problem was how on earth to disentangle the two and to provide a new support for the rambling rector. The most promising solution seemed to be an arch or pergola which would become an alternative to the apple tree. This is now in place with one corner as near as I could get it to the rose.

I very soon realised that the only real possibility of moving the rose was to be very brutal. There were four or five main stems which were about an inch and a half thick, and from these came a very tangled network of thinner branches that could not be disentangled. The only choice seemed to be to cut those five main stems back to about four or five feet, with one at about nine feet and hope that nature would provide a new top.

Thankfully the rather unsightly rose is still hidden by the remains of the apple tree with its canopy of disconnected rose branches. But, as I thought about it, I wondered whether I really ought not to hide the present ugliness. Here, in my garden, is death and resurrection. Cutting down and regrowth are essential parts of nature's pattern.

As we celebrate Easter we are reminded of the joy of new life, and as I look into my garden I am hoping to see the resurrection of the "Rambling Rector".

Happy Easter.

Bob Willmott.

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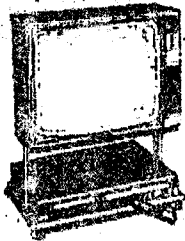
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