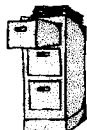


The Chronicle

Aston Abbotts Parish Magazine

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At last! There are very definite signs of spring. The staff here have been busy removing old copies of the Chronicle from all the gaps where they had been stuffed to keep out the draughts. Fresh air has been allowed in for the first time in four months and all the staff are in agreement that it is so much nicer to be able to work with the windows open and not huddled 'Crotchet' like around the one bar electric fire. (At this point I would ask John Whyte our treasurer not to panic. The Chronicle doesn't pay for the heating; the staff have to put their 50Ps in the meter) Even 'Boss' the office cat has ventured out for a few moments to blink owlishly at the unaccustomed sun.

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At the end of April I attended a symposium run especially for editors of village magazines. It was particularly interesting to meet other editors, swap ideas and glean advice from members of the professional press who were there. What was particularly rewarding was to see how the Chronicle compares to other magazines.

Of the thirty-five or so magazines represented we have the smallest circulation at 174. (the largest was 6,500). We were the only one of a handful which is delivered completely free to every household and the only one which is totally financed by the efforts of villagers and advertising space.

I was quite surprised to find that the majority of magazines are still produced by cutting and pasting methods which makes the relative few produced by computer look far more attractive and readable.

ERRATUM

Not only did I manage to leave the 'Whats On Page' out of last month's issue, but also omitted to include those birthdays occurring at the end of April.

Sincere apologies therefore and a belated happy birthday to:-

*Janet Biddle 25th April
Kate Currey 27th April
Diana Picking 28th April*

*and especially
Enid Ludlam who was
60 on the 23rd April.*

Ed.

Andy Bystra



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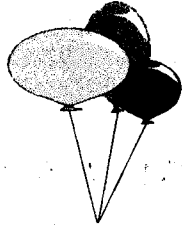
Please note that copy date for the June issue will be Fri the 24th of May All items for publication will need to reach me :-

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

RITA'S PEOPLE PAGE



A very happy birthday
to all those having a birthday
in May; especially;-



Perce Rickard 11th May

Hanna Brandon 11th

Tom Manning 22nd

*(Should be worth a pint or two if you
catch him in the pub??)*

Benjamin King 22nd

Milani Drysdale 23rd

Neil Chesher 26th

We wish every
happiness to Michelle Hinds and
Barry White on their
forthcoming
marriage on the 27th
of July.



Jack Turner had a
recent - short stay in hospital
to have an operation on both
wrists. He is now home and
we hope the surgery done is
completely successful and
heals quickly.

Congratulations to
Bernard and Valerie on
their 43rd wedding
anniversary.

WELCOME TO;-

Paula, Bill, Charlotte
and Lawrence

who recently moved into
No. 2 New Zealand Cottages.

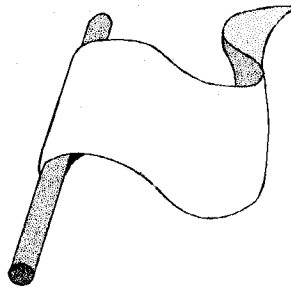
Our editor, Andy, became
a grandad on the 20th of April.
Congratulations to Louise &
Pete and welcome to baby Zak.
*(Next grandchild expected in
about a fortnight!!!??)*

Come on, own up
someone must know,
The culprit, who did with
stealth,
Take down four flags
For him/herself.

At Nash's Farm, for days,
but few
To advertise houses detached
with view.
An athlete was needed
for this feat
Could we blame those
unhappy sheep??

Of course it could,
be quite a simple explanation.
That Banner Homes did
one dark night,
Take those flags away
To another site!

Jean Barnett has become a Parent
Governor of Wingrave School. She
looks forward to representing parents
on the Governing Body.



Country & Western Evening

with

Trevor Howard & his Country Band



SATURDAY, MAY 25th 1996

WINGRAVE COMMUNITY CENTRE

8.00pm till late.

Food included & there will be a bar.

**Tickets £5 - Children £2 are available from Christine Fox
Phone 01296 682 024.**

***This should be a great, fun night with a good mix of music
(Not loud disco type music)***

***Why not make a party and come along with your friends,
neighbours and family?***

Book now!!!!

Ed.

WHAT'S ON IN

Thursday. 2nd Bingo - Church Room 7.00pm

Sunday 5th Rambling Club Member's meet Bledlow Manor (Lord & Lady Carrington's gardens open) 2.00 to 5.00.

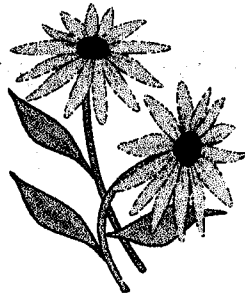
Thursday 9th & 23rd Whist drive Church Room 7.30

Sunday. 12th Rambling Club Member's meet Great Brickhill 2.0pm

Sunday 19th Annual Village Spider Walk. Groups converge on Aston Abbots for tea. Meet at Cublington cross roads 2.30pm

Church Flowers

W/E 4th 11th Mrs Doggett
W/E 17th 24th Mrs Parker



Places to visit over Bank Hols.

Henley,
Waddesdon Manor,
Woburn Abbey

May 6th Winslow Hall Gardens Sir Edward & Lady Tomkins Open 2.00 to 6.00

May 27th Brill Gardens and Windmill

REFUSE COLLECTION

Please note that during the weeks ending 6th and 27th, collection will be one day later

FUTURE HAPPENINGS

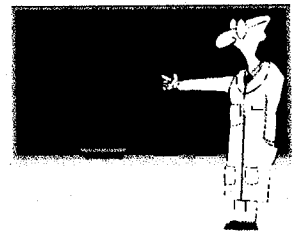
Country and Western Evening to be held on the 25th May with Trevor Howard & his band. providing the music. **This should be a good night so why not make up a party and come along with your friends, family or neighbours.** See advert in this month's issue of the Chronicle.

PLEASE NOTE:- Owing to circumstances beyond our control, the ever popular Cabaret will now be held on **Sat the 18th of May** and not in April as previously stated. See advert in this month's issue of the Chronicle.

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.**

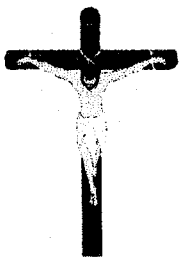
Aston Abbots 50 year anniversary School reunion is to be held in The Old Masters Restaurant on **Sat. the 20th of July.**



Paul, who has the franchise for 'ADMIRAL foods' and who put leaflets through every bodies door during the middle of April, will be back in the village during the afternoon and evening of **Wed. the 10th of May.**

If you wish to purchase any of the 'pre-prepared food listed, he suggests you order by phone before this date to ensure delivery.

Ed.



RECTOR'S REPORT

There are always those who will complain about the programmes on television.

Some years ago, programmes were allowed occasionally to overrun, so that the last few minutes of a competition could be included. Now it seems that, no matter what flimsy excuse is available, the end of the match (and the post-match analysis) will be shown whatever happens. Then comes the news, which repeats the results of the match, together with edited highlights. It doesn't matter what is happening in the world - it can always wait until the football has finished!

This year the Television schedules will be dominated by football. Other years it is all athletics.

If it isn't Sport, it will be 'Hospital - Drama'. These will be relieved by the re-runs of old comedy series, old films, and some 'in-depth-look at-what-is-happening' programmes. Many of these can only be described as 'time fillers', because you will know no more at the end than you did at the start.

Then of course, there is Religious Broadcasting! It really does make me despair when Songs of Praise is barely distinguishable from Top of the Pops.

There was a time when Songs of praise was a Production Crew visiting an ordinary church, interviewing some of the ordinary people who were the congregation, and singing a selection of favourite hymns. As time passed there was an injection of more modern songs. But no it always seems to be 'over the top'. Have you noticed how frequently it is the same conductor and music group? Have you noticed that the run-of-the-mill hymns need to be jazzed up? Have you noticed (you probably haven't - unless you are very Hymn-wise) that some of the words have been changed?

It may be that I am becoming old and boring (older and more boring - some might say!). But it seems to me that society is shifting and adopting a set of values that are very different from the values with which I grew up.

Or is it that Television has now become the national Religion? Our lives become dominated by what is on 'the box'. Four terrestrial channels, plus satellite, and some people have cable TV as well.

Thank heaven we still have control of the Off switch!

Bob Willmott.



CHURCH SERVICES

WINGRAVE

5th May. 10.0 Parish Communion
 12th 10.0 Parish Communion
 19th 10.0 Parish Communion
 26th 8.0 Holy Communion (BCP)
 10.0 Family Service
 3.0 Pentecost Praise (WCT)

2nd June 10.0 Parish Communion (Palm)

ASTON ABBOTTS

5th May. 11.15 Morning Service
 12th 11.15 Parish Communion
 19th 11.15 Parish Communion
 26th 11.15 Parish Communion
 31st 11.15 Parish Communion

2nd June 11.15 Morning Service

CUBLINGTON

5th May. 10.0 Family Service
 6.0 Evensong
 12th 8.45 Parish Communion
 19th 8.45 Parish Communion
 3.0 Family Service (Mothering)
 26th 8.45 Parish Communion
 31st 8.45 Parish Communion

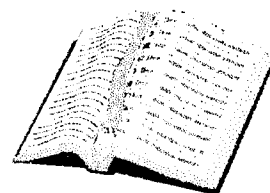
2nd June 3.0 Family Service
 6.0 Evensong

DEANERY SERVICE

There will be a deanery Eucharist Service for Ascension Day. This will take place in Wing Church at 7.30pm on Ascension Day. Thursday 16th May. It is hoped that Rev. Ralph Martin SSM will be the preacher. All are very welcome to attend.

SUNDAY READINGS

2nd May.
 Easter 4 (p.620) 2
 Cor. 4.13-5.5;
 John 14.1-11



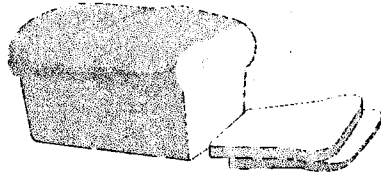
12th May.
 Easter 5 (p.626) Rom. 8.28 - end;
 John 16.13-24

19th May.
 Ascension (p.633) Eph 4.1-13;
 Luke 24.45-end

26th May.
 Pentecost (p.636) Acts 2.1-11;
 John 20.19-23

2nd June.
 Trinity (p.641) Eph 1.3-14;
 John 14.8-17

EASY WALNUT BREAD



This is a very easy bread to make as it does not contain yeast, so you don't have to go through all those time consuming proving stages as with a loaf made with yeast. Its so easy in fact that very often I throw it together on a Saturday morning and we have it for lunch with some lovely strong Cheddar cheese and maybe a few pickles. **Yes! I did say throw it together!**

Preheat your oven to gas mark 5. 375°F,
190°C

INGREDIENTS

8oz stoneground wholemeal flour
2oz coarse outmeal (called pinhead)
1oz chopped walnuts
1 teaspoon sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda
1 Egg
1/2 pint buttermilk

You will need a 1 lb loaf tin, well greased and dusted lightly with flour. Then place all the dry ingredients into a bowl and mix well together, next whisk the egg into the buttermilk and add to the dry ingredients until everything is well mixed.

You should have a mixture that is quite soft, place it into your tin and if you like decorate the top with whole walnuts. Bake on the middle shelf in the oven for 50-60 minutes, or until the loaf sounds hollow when you tap it on the underneath.

Leave it to cool on a rack and serve it fresh in thick crusty slices. This bread is also nice for tea with lots of butter and homemade jam. If ever I have not been able to find buttermilk in the supermarket, I have made this bread using plain yoghurt, but it must be very runny (not the set kind) which worked very well and tasted just as good.

P.S. PLEASE, PLEASE HELP!!!!

I need some of your favourite recipes for this page, I am sure someone out there must have a recipe they would like to share with the cooks of Aston Abbotts, if so please pass it on to Andy or myself in time for the next issue of the Chronicle.....

Many Many Thanks.....

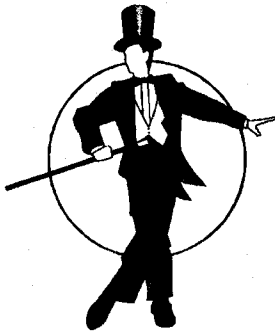
TASTEFULLY YOURS
FROM ANNIE'S
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The Chronicle

Cabaret

Presents a night of
sophisticated fun
with Songs,
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Music



Saturday 18th May 96

7.45 for 8.0pm (Prompt)

£8.00 per head. Candle light dinner
with bottle of wine per table included.

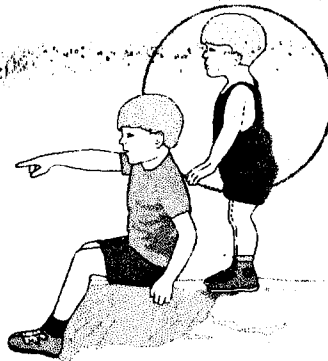
Please feel free to 'dress up posh'!

R.S.V.P Reservations and further information ring:-
Andy Bystra on 681690 or 688125

VILLAGE KIDS!

All of us who took part in the 'Great Aston Abbott's Egg Hunt' at Easter would like to thank Mr Wilkins for taking the trouble to buy, hide and make up the clues for the egg hunt. It was great fun and we all enjoyed the eats and drinks at the end. Thanks Ray & Sharron.....

The Kids



A TOPICAL JOKE!

WHY DO WHITE LAMBS EAT MORE THAN BLACK LAMBS?

THERE'S MORE OF THEM...

HOW DO YOU MAKE A BANDSTAND?

TAKE THEIR CHAIRS AWAY....

WHAT'S GOT 6 EYES AND CAN'T SEE?...

THREE BLIND MICE....

IF A FLY, FLYING TO CHINA PASSED A FLEA ON HIS WAY TO LONDON, WHAT WOULD THE TIME BE IN PEKING?

FLY PAST FLEA...

WHY DO BEES GO ON STRIKE?

FOR SHORTER FLOWERS AND MORE HONEY?

WHAT'S YELLOW AND STUPID?

THICK CUSTARD....

WHAT'S WORSE THAN A GIRAFFE WITH A SORE THROAT?

A CENTIPEDE WITH CHILBLAINS.

In the January issue of the Chronicle, I referred to a series of articles which are being written by Mr B. McClellan (Headmaster to Wingrave School) to provide advice to parents when selecting a school. A shortage of space prevented the first of these being published. However, I have now obtained them on disc from the school's secretary and will serialise them in subsequent issues.

CHOOSING A SCHOOL



If you are fortunate to have a choice of schools for your child, you will want to find out as much as possible about any school you are considering. Two good ways of doing this are by visiting the school, looking round and speaking to the Headteacher, and by talking to parents whose children already attend the school.

Some Initial Consideration

Is the location of the school convenient? How would your child travel to school? If it isn't close to where you live, would you be able to take him/her by car, share lifts with someone else in the neighbourhood, does a school bus pick children up locally, or would public transport be involved?

Do you know anyone whose children go to the school? If so, have you been given a good or bad impression of it from things they have said and from what you've seen of their children?

You can gain further information by asking other parents the following questions:

- Are their children happy there?
- Are they kept well informed about the work their children are doing?
- Are they making good progress and are the standards satisfactory?
- Is their child well supported by the school?
- Is there anything they think could or should be improved upon?

Visiting a School

Looking round a school will not tell you everything you might like to know, but it will provide you with the most significant evidence from which to make an informed choice. Contact the school, tell them your child is approaching school age, say you think you might be interested in your child being admitted there, and ask if you can look round. Schools are busy places, but should be pleased to meet you and show you around at a mutually convenient time.

It is much more useful and informative to visit the school during the school day, while children are there rather than to go at the end of the school day.

Some questions to ask yourself:

When you arrive at the school, what are your first impressions? How does the school make you feel? Can you imagine your child here? Do you think you would have been happy here as a child?

Is the school close to a main road, in a residential street, or does it have open space and greenery around it?

What are the playground and any other play areas like? Are surfaces safe should a child fall while playing? Is there variety in the play area, perhaps a sandpit and grass as well as a square of concrete?

Is the building comfortable in scale for small children and architecturally inviting, or is shabby and daunting? Sometimes, old buildings can be off-putting from the outside but be havens of colour and warmth inside, so do not be too quick to judge. When you first go into the school, does it feel welcoming?

Who are you shown around by? Is this person prepared to answer your questions and, within reason, to let you see what is going on, or do you get the sense that you are being shown only what he/she wants you to see?

To be continued next month.

PROBLEMS WITH NOISE ???

AVDC have published a leaflet and accompanying letter advising that there are currently two services available to those wishing to complain about excessive noise intrusion. They are;-

1. **An on site response service to complaints of noise from;-**
Noisy Parties
Intruder Alarms (domestic and commercial)
Vehicle Alarms

In such circumstances the complaints should be made to the Police, who if they consider it necessary will contact the duty Environmental Health Officer (EHO). The duty EHO will respond with a field visit. The EHO is authorised to take actions to deal with such matters.

2. **An advisory service on other Environmental Health matters.**

This is an answer phone system with a publicly available and advertised number. **(01296 - 555093)**. This line has two functions.

a) to advise a caller to contact the Police if they are complaining about an ongoing noise problem from a party, intruder or car alarm; and

b) to allow the caller to leave a message and a return number for other Environmental Health matters. It will be a matter of judgement for the EHO on how best to deal with the complaint. Actions will range from advice to a site visit. However, unlike a) the HEO will not necessarily visit.

Should you require further information, David Smedley Principal Environmental Health Officer (Tel 01296 - 555149) will be happy to assist you.

Elderflower Cordial

Several years ago Caroline Lane very kindly passed me a recipe for making this wonderfully refreshing and allegedly beneficial cordial. I have enjoyed drinking it ever since. With the elderberry bushes about to blossom, I thought it might be a good idea to share the recipe with our readers.

You will need;-

- 20 Elderflower heads
- 2lbs of white sugar.
- 2oz citric acid (available at Boots)
- 4 oranges (sliced)
- 2 lemons (sliced)
- 2 litres of boiled and cooled water.
- 1 Campden tablet.

Simply place all the ingredients in a large non-metallic bowl. Stir until the sugar dissolves. Cover, and leave for three days (stirring as you pass). Add the campden tablet (to prevent fermentation), strain and bottle.

To drink, dilute with water or soda (preferably chilled and served in pre-cooled glasses).

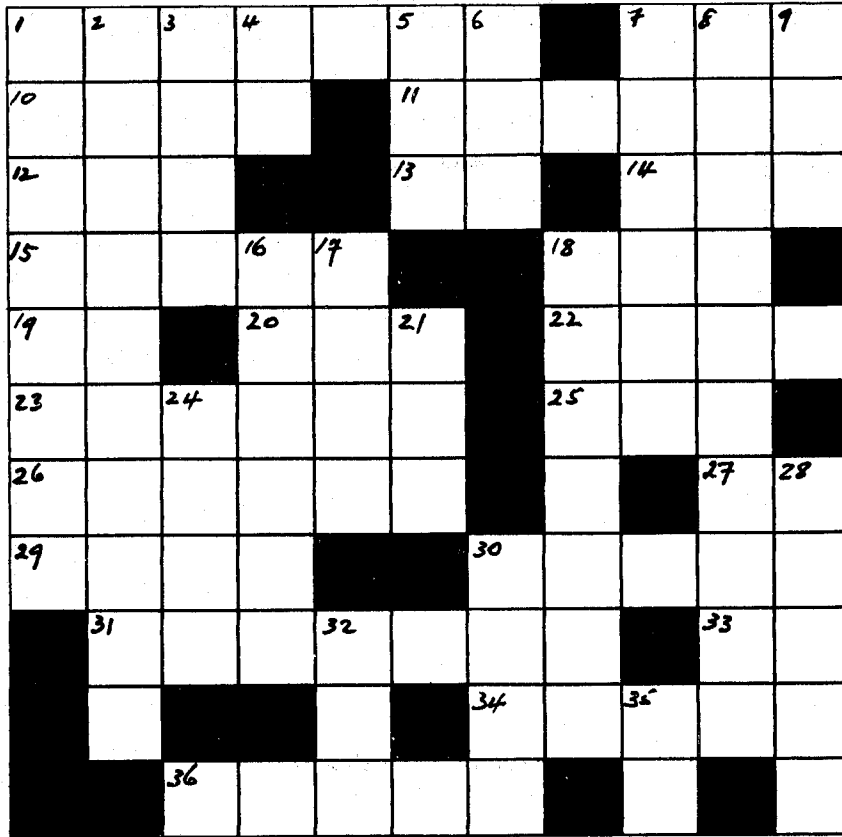
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STOLEN PROPERTY

The police are treating very seriously the removal of certain flags from the 'Banner Homes' site.

PC Griggs has been informed and will be on the lookout for anyone attempting to sell blue and white head scarves or handkerchiefs!

CROSSWORD FOR MAY



ACROSS

1. Half of doubled barrelled Bucks town (7)
7. Fish (3)
10. Floor covering (4)
11. To wail (6)
12. English river (3)
13. E.g. George Walden (2)
14. DS -- (3)
15. Chasm (5)
18. Boy's name (3)
19. To such an extent (2)
20. Pull (3)
22. Vehicle (4)
23. To reach destination (6)
25. Beast of burden (3)
26. Of nouns (6)
27. Preposition (2)
29. Elephants have two (4)
30. Killed (5)
31. To carry young (7)
33. __ gas (2)
34. Got up (5)
36. Purchaser (5)

DOWN

1. Nice (8)
2. Other half of 1 across (10)
3. Smudgy
4. Negative (2)
5. Tree (3)
6. Plants have it (3)
7. Tree s (6)
8. Study of names (10)
9. Avoid these (3)
16. Bad odours (6)
17. Pacific seaport (4)
18. Office tool (7)
21. Jelly (3)
24. Trick (4)
28. Start (5)
30. Orion e.g. (4)
32. Attempt (3)
35. A surgeon performs this (2)

Answers to April

Across - 1 Stroud. 6 Thin. 10 Hons. 11 Doone

12 Deuce. 13 Own. 14 One. 16 Neat. 19 Dug. 21 Scuba

23 ACDC. 25 Tap. 26 Rad. 28 Era. 30 ER. 31 Yen

32 Onus. 33 RR. 34 Argon 36 Enlink. 37. Stewkley

Down - 2 Theo. 3 Round up. 4 Once. 5 Use.

6 Town. 7 Home. 8 In. 9 Newt. 11 Do. 15 Du.

17 Accruing. 18 Aster. 19 Darer. 20 Gad.

22 Carrot. 24 Den. 27 Angel. 29 As. 31 Ya. 32 Only.

35 One.

PARISH COUNCIL



The meeting was attended by County Councillor Brenda Jennings

(1) Matters arising:

Purchase of Salt/Grit Bin: This was agreed. It was to be sited at the Gate on Lines Hill.

Fire Hydrants: The Clerk stated that the fire hydrants in the Village were tested yearly by the Fire Department. Any problems between checks should be reported to them

Kerbing outside The Acorns: A reply had been received from Mr Headon who stated that he felt the condition of the verges had not changed appreciably and therefore the previous decision not to carry out any work stood. Priority signs Lines Hill:

Priority signs; Mr Headon had looked at the possibility of priority signs at the Gate on Lines Hill, this was felt inappropriate because of the problem of visibility at this point

(2) County Council and District Council matters

(a) C/Cllr Jennings reported on **BCC reorganisation**. Effort was being made to retain the quality of service whilst saving money. Reduction in the Committee structure was being looked at to see if any saving could be made.

(b) **The Audit Commission** had published their findings. BCC was giving good overall value for money and doing better than a lot of other Counties. Schools, care of the elderly, care of foster children and Libraries were reported as being good.

(3) Recreation Ground Committee meeting 19 March 1996

(a) It was agreed that the **nettles** would be sprayed by Mr Scott. He was to be asked to display a notice to warn people whilst work was in progress.

(b) **Trees** were to be planted on the boundary

(c) The insides of the **rubbish bin** in the children's play area needed replacing.

d) A **skip** had been ordered for the weekend 20/21 April 1996.

(4) Great British Poppy Chain - British Legion

It was agreed to buy one yard of poppies to support the 75th Anniversary of the Legion.

(5) Age of Admission and Transfer to Schools

The Cllrs wished to make the following comments and express these concerns:

(a) Where was the money coming from to fund these changes.

(b) What about the security of teachers jobs, particularly in rural areas.

(c) How can a small first School exist once a year age group has been removed and funding reduced, the introduction of 4 year olds would not compensate for this.

(6) Reports

The Clerk stated that some of **road signs** had been replaced by BCC

Cllr Manning reported that AVDC were going to repair the **fence in Bricstock**.

The rumoured removal of the **dog bin** in the Recreation Ground was unfounded.

(7) Date of next meeting

The next meeting would be held on **10 May 1996**.

Everyone welcome to attend



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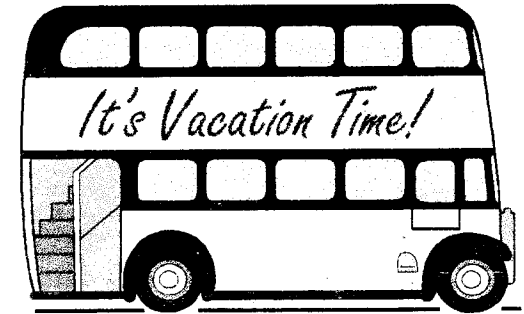
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Aylesbury to L/buzzard

WEEK DAYS

SATURDAYS

					Friday only	(675) *								
Aylesbury	7.10am	8.45	10.45	12.45	1.55	3.45	4.05	5.50pm	8.45	10.45	12.45	2.45	5.50pm	
A/Abbotts	7.33	9.08	11.08	1.08	2.54	4.12	4.28	6.12	9.08	11.08	1.08	3.08	6.12	
Cublington	7.37	9.12	11.12	1.12	From	4.16	4.32	6.16	9.12	11.12	1.12	3.12	6.16	
L/Buzzard (Arrive)	7.57	9.32	11.32	1.32	TESCO Not	4.34	4.52	6.34	9.32	11.32	1.32	3.32	6.34	
(Depart)		9.44	11.44		bus				9.44	11.44				
M/Keynes		10.21	12.21		station				10.21	12.21				



L/buzzard to Aylesbury

WEEK DAYS

SATURDAY

			(675) *		Friday only									
M/Keynes					To TESCO		12.45				12.45	3.45		
L/Buzzard (Arrive)							1.27				1.27	4.27		
(Depart)		7.20am		9.40am		11.40am	1.40pm	5.40pm	9.40am	11.40a m	1.40pm	4.47		
Cublington		7.37	8.0am	9.57		11.57	1.57	5.57	9.57	11.57	1.57	5.04		
A/Abbotts		7.40am	8.5	10.01	10.21	12.01	2.01	6.01	10.01	1.21	2.10pm	5.08		
Aylesbury		8.06	8.25	10.22	11.20am	12.22	2.22	6.22	10.22	12.22	2.22	5.29		

NOTE:-

Service 675* is schooldays only and the 3.45 ex Aylesbury departs from stop 12 under arch not bus station.

For journeys to Milton Keynes; change at L/buzzard to service X15

Friday only bus is to and from Tesco.

A complete copy of the new timetable is held in the shop.

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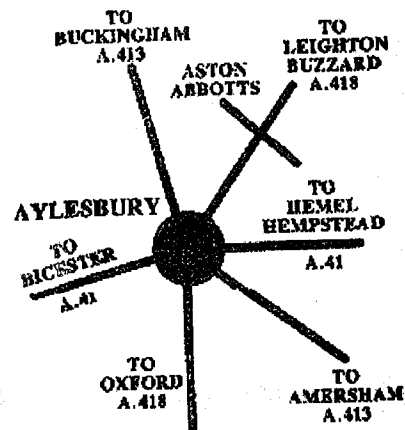
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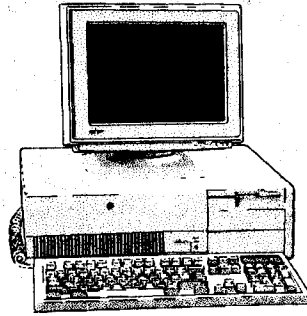
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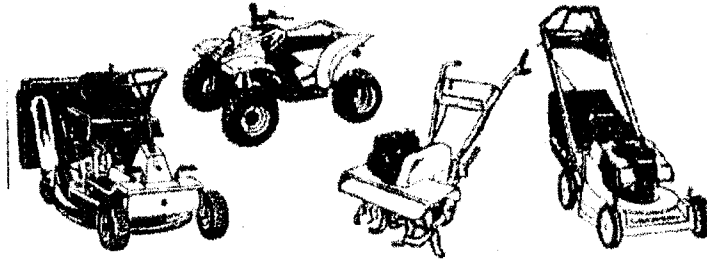
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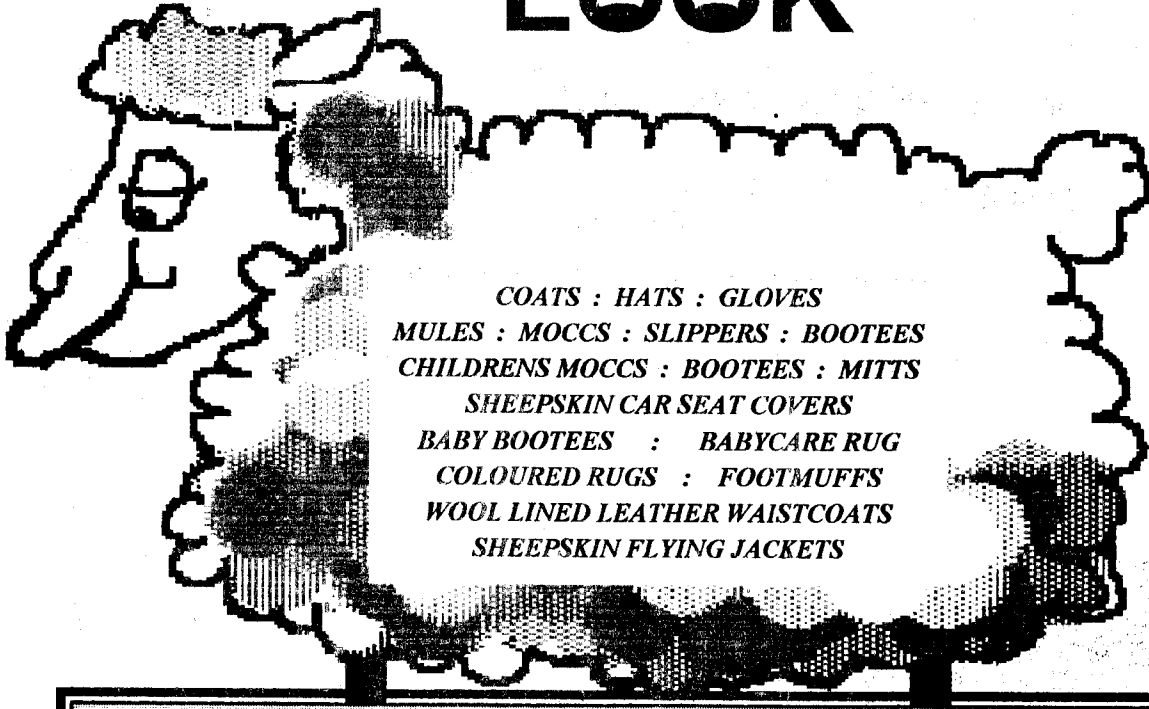


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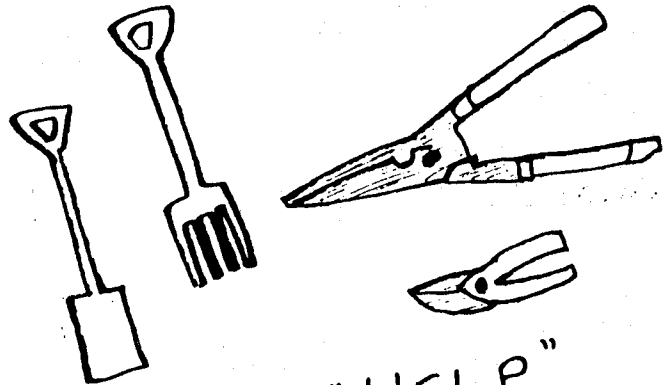
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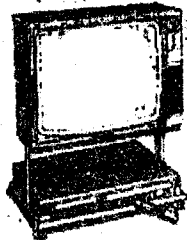
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