



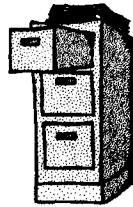
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The Chronicle

ASTON ABBOTS PARISH MAGAZINE

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Before the echo of the last lamb's bleat had died away, with a crash and a roar of huge diesel engines Nash's farm disappeared; seemingly in the twinkling of an eye. One has to admire however, the efficiency with which the work team cleared up what had become a rather untidy and allegedly rat infested area. Impressive was the speed with which the steelwork in the barns was removed, rotting timbers burned, and 'stonework munched up' and reduced to a mountain of useful hogging for the new roadway.

On the down-side, much 'angst' was generated by the instant removal of the barns which most people believed were to be retained but converted into homes. In my opinion this conversion, was never a practical proposition since the farm buildings involved were not substantial enough for conversion to be a practical proposition. Non-the-less, together, they have been a significant landmark in the village and must be replicated in some form. As you will see further on in this issue, Banner Homes still need planning permission for the dwellings due to be erected on the site of the two barns. Vote with your feet and ensure you have your say about this important issue when the time comes.

It was nice to see that some thoughtful villager had previously removed the original 'Nash's Farm' sign. No doubt to be replaced when the barns are 're-built'???

A very big thank you to the audience, our musical director (Chesh), thespians, singers and of course all the wonderful ladies who provided the delicious hot meal for the Cabaret. Overall, it looks as though this popular event raised somewhere in the region of £310.00 towards the running cost of the Chronicle. The entire Chronicle staff were given time off to attend. As usual they were spoiled by being given a table at the front from which they all thoroughly enjoyed the entire proceedings.

I regret we were unable to fit in all those who eventually made it known that they wanted tickets for the Cabaret. This has always been a popular and over subscribed even; limited by the number of tables which can be laid in the village hall.

Thanks also to the Parish Council who have donated a cheque for £100.00 to the Chronicle.

Just a reminder that the next issue of the Chronicle will be the last until September (i.e.. July & August issues will be combined). Since this is likely to increase the editorial work involved, I recommend the early submission of articles for publication to ensure inclusion.



Andy Bystra

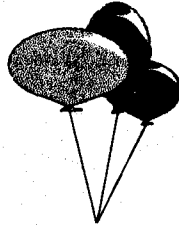
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Please note that copy date for the July/August issue will be Fri the 28th of June All items for publication will need to reach me :- (Andy Bystra. 31 The Green, (Tel 681 690 or 688 125) by this date.

RITA'S PEOPLE PAGE



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



Jason White	1st June
Fred Cross	6th
Pauline Price	7th
Emily DeLooze	17th
Dave Wheaton	21st
Paul Drysdale	21st
Daniel Cutler	22nd
Sarah Lovell	25th
Kim Picking	27th
David Hewit	28th
Kirsty Lewis	28th

Our 'WELCOME' last month should have read;-
To;-
Paula, Tony, Charlotte, Laurence, Daniel and baby, Edward Luke Cutler who was born on the 6th of Feb 96 this year.

Shirley Ford and family wish to thank family, friends and colleagues of John for the donations given in his memory to The Heart Foundation. The total amount raised was £770.00

Percy Rickard, a well know villager, has, due to ill health, moved into a residential care home. He had lived and worked in Aston Abbotts for a number of years. I am sure all who know him wish him well and hope he will be happy in his new surroundings.

Congratulations to;-

Ruth and Don Bellingham who celebrated 50 years of married life together. We wish them many more happy years.

Alison (Ne Ford) and Carl Bowden who expect their first child towards the end of this year.

Jenny Lee who came second in the under 14s girls at the recently held Intel Chess Tournament. Over 200 players were involved so the result was a very creditable effort.

Andy our editor, whose second grandchild arrived on May 3rd. Best wishes to Vanessa, Adrian and son Sam, and welcome to new baby, son Charlie.

We are pleased to see Kelvin Lovell home from hospital after a major operation. He is making a good recovery and it was especially nice to see him out with his family on Saturday night enjoying the Country and Western entertainment at Wingrave.

AFTERMATH OF THE CHRONICLE CABARET!!!

If anyone is missing a knife or a pair of clip-on earrings, we have them at 31 the Green.

There was also some ladies underwear flying about at the cabaret. Presumably these have been claimed, if not, contact naughty John (Delilah) Whyte!!!

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Nash's Farm

Parish councillors were dismayed and angry as everyone else when the two barns at the front of Nash's Farm were demolished. The Parish Council, our District Councillor Bryan Round, and (we think) AVDC Planning Department all assumed that they were to be converted. However, ...it is legal. This is what happened.

Plans were first approved one or two years ago to convert those two timber-faced barns and to build other new houses, but the developer pulled out and everything went quiet until Banner Homes took an interest. They put in a new application this year, but only for the completely new houses, to different designs. The barns were shown in outline only, marked as already approved. In our innocence we assumed that because there was no new application, Banner wanted to proceed with the existing plan. However, those barns were not listed buildings and the owners were quite entitled to pull them down instead. What they cannot do is build anything else unless they make a new application. When they do, we shall be able to see and comment on the plans in the usual way.

The parish council met on the 20th May, with Bryan Round, to talk about Nash's Farm. Planning permission for the eight new houses has only been granted provisionally while the legal agreement is drawn up, so we are writing to AVDC to ask that the application be referred back to the Planning Committee. We think that the Planning Committee, like us, was working on the assumption that those barns would stay, and Banner's demolition of them changes the situation. Please contact any Parish Councillor if you want to know more.

Caroline Lane

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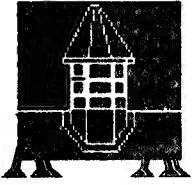
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FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE VILLAGE HALL



At the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 29th March, there was a general consensus of opinion that the 'millennium' could

provide a focus for fund-raising with a view to extending and improving our 'village hall' to the benefit of all users and our ability to obtain increased income.

Consequently, a meeting was held on the 1st May to specifically gain the opinions of the village in general and the principal users of the hall in particular. Broad agreement was achieved on the following:-

1. Since the deeds are currently held by the Church; before further significant effort or expenditure is committed, a 'trust', or similar, needs to be set up to ensure executive decision making is firmly and legally in the hands of the villagers.
2. If an extension is proceeded with, improved heating, male/female toilets meeting modern standards of hygiene plus disabled toilet facilities need to be included.
3. A storage area large enough to enable tables and chairs to be removed from the main hall and play-group equipment from the kitchen.
4. Although food is not generally prepared in the hall, the kitchen will be refurbished and equipped to meet modern standards of hygiene and generally make it more pleasant and easy to use.
5. Re-configure access to meet current fire regulations and disabled requirements and bring electrical services in line with user needs.
6. Provision of a 'lobby/entrance' area to facilitate coats, bar area, additional small meeting room and reception area when hired out for weddings etc.
7. Any development should be sympathetic to what is regarded by most; a very pretty village hall.

Don Bellingham informed the meeting the Mrs Caroline Murray had said she might be able to donate sufficient adjacent land to enable a

lengthening of the site by some five feet. The meeting expressed its appreciation of this generous offer which is to be followed up.

Copies of a sketch plan identifying a means of maximising the limited area available for an extension were distributed for discussion purposes. It was clear from the ensuing discussion that there were diverse views on how to use the space created and configuration of the access points.

Although a formal body was not formed to manage the initial activities arising at this meeting, the following actions were taken on board:-

Bob Willmot would pursue the setting up of a 'charitable trust' which ensure a high degree 'ownership/executive authority' of the hall by the village.

Jean Barnett would identify a small team to look at methods of raising funding.

Caroline Lane would investigate what grants are likely to be available, the circumstances for obtaining them and the bodies involved.

Andy Bystra would write to Aylesbury Vale Planning Office to identify whether there are likely to be any major planning problems associated with the extension of the hall before passing instructions to our architect. He was also asked to design a logo for use with subsequent correspondence and articles.

All - would reflect on the layout/facilities required and pass their views/sketches to **Andy**.

Future actions.

A further meeting will be called when it is felt significant progress has been made regarding these initial activities.

The agenda is expected to include:-

1. Formation of a constituted committee.
2. Identify 'officers' and their terms of reference.
3. Agree layout of hall to be pursued.
4. Agree an initial, phased plan of actions with time scales.
5. Record progress of actions in hand.
6. AOB.

Andy Bystra



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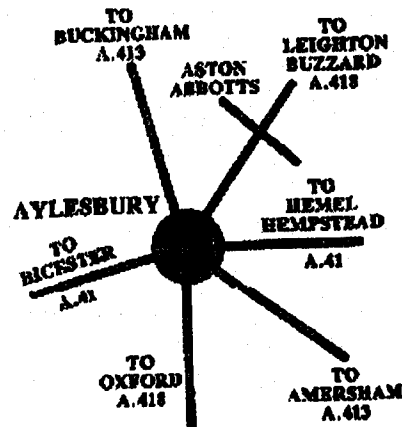
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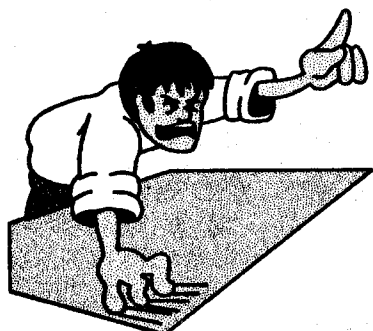


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PARISH COUNCIL

Unofficial notes of the meeting held on Monday 20th May 1996

Election of Chairman & vice-

Chairman;

Cllr Lane was elected as Chairman,
Cllr Manning was elected as Vice-Chairman.

(1) Matters arising:

a) Mr Scott had planted some trees in the Recreation Ground as agreed.

b) Cllr Lane reported that Mrs and Miss Clark had donated an inner to the bin in the Recreation Ground.

c) The residents of bungalows 1, 2, and 3 Bricstock would be asked if they had any objection to the gate at the far end of the footpath into the Recreation Ground, being closed permanently.

d) There had been no reply to the letter to the taxi firm concerning the damage to the gate. at the top of Lines Hill. It was agreed that no further action would be taken at this time.

e) O.S. 0006 Whitchurch Road: The Parish Council were concerned at the increased activity at the above location. A letter would be sent to AVDC repeating the Parish Councils previous comments.

Bus Shelter All the options for bus shelters had been looked at by each Cllr. It was agreed that they were too expensive and that local craftsmen would be approached to see if they could construct a shelter.

Fence by recreation ground This was the responsibility of the Parish Council. Quotes to replace the fence would be obtained.

Planning

a) Applications

(1) A/96/0662/APP DELG Two Storey Side Extension, 14 The Green

(2) A/96/0808/APP conversion to dwelling, Methodist Church, The Green

(b) Decisions

(1) A/96/0114/APP, 51 The Green - granted

(2) A/95/2031/APP, Longmoor Farm Barns granted.

Other Nash's Farm - It was agreed that the name Nash's Farm should remain on this development. A request to Banner Homes would be made regarding this.

Grant for The Chronicle It was agreed that a grant of £100 would be given to the Chronicle and reviewed later in the year.

Village Skip Service The skip could not be left over a weekend as it could only be monitored by AVDC Mon - Thur. There would be more publicity before the next skip was due in November to make better use of the facility.

Meetings It was agreed that future meetings would be held on Wednesday evenings. The next being 19 June 1996.

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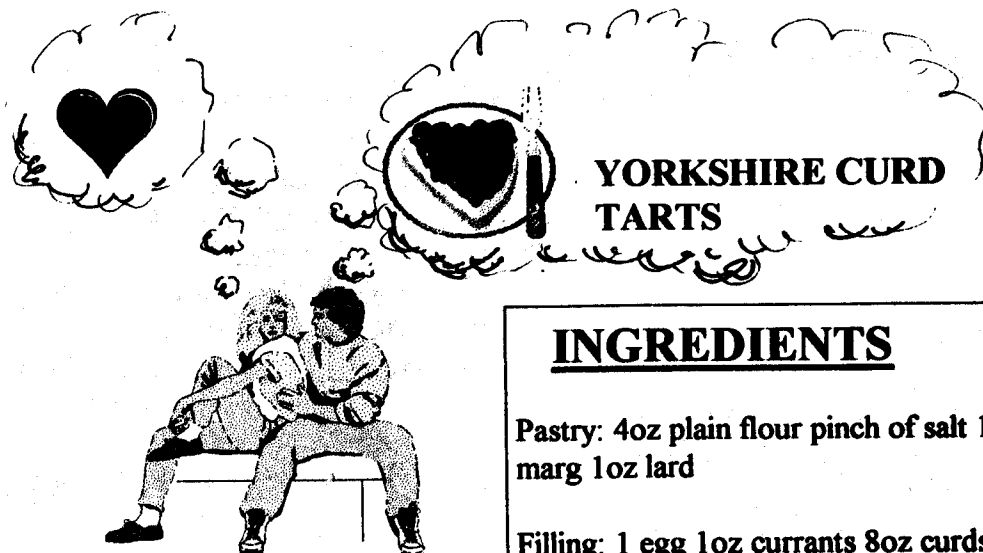
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Filling: 1 egg 1oz currants 8oz curds
2oz sugar nutmeg Rind 1 lemon

This month's recipe and memories have been supplied to Annie's Kitchen by Caroline Lane. Many thanks Caroline.....

When I was a teenager I always looked forward to the Silton dances, held in a village school just like Aston Abbotts. Music was supplied by Laurie Wilkinson and his -er- record player. The dancing didn't really start until the pub shut (no. not 2am Frank).

For an hour or so we'd have the Top Twenty with the odd old-time dance to mix everyone up a bit. At midnight all the lights were thrown ruthlessly ON and an assault squad emerged from the kitchen with cups of tea and buns on trays. (At this point it was always interesting to see who'd disappeared into the playground, and with whom.) This was the kind of thing we had:

Cheery Cake,
Date & Walnut Loaf Cheese Scones,
Coconut Shies Jam Tarts,
Ginger Fairings

but the one really worth coming in from the car park for was:-

Line a fluted dish with pastry and pour in everything except the nutmeg, which is sprinkled on top. Bake 35-40 mins.

TASTEFULLY Yours
from Annie's Kitchen.
P.S. Thanks again
Caroline. If anyone else
has a recipe with great
memories like the above
and would like to share
it with us all then please
just pass it to Andy or
myself.



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AYLESBURY RING

SATURDAY
13TH JULY 1996



One day last Summer a group of people, about a dozen strong, mainly from the Village enjoyed the enormous self-achievement of having walked the Aylesbury Ring in a day. The 32 miles was achieved in about 12 hours, not including time taken at lunch time to slake the thirst and satisfy the appetite. The walk was particularly enjoyable due to the company and the beautiful countryside that it passes through.

At least two of last year's intrepid walkers are game to complete the ring again this year, on Saturday 13th July 1996, and it is hoped that we may get together another group a dozen or more strong.

Everyone is welcome but in order to complete 32 miles in a day whilst you can be virtually any age you need to be "walking fit". The star last year was well into his 70s! This year it is intended to have a support group in Wendover and again in Waddesdon so that those who feel that they should set their sights on about 10 or 20 miles will be able to be lifted back from there. Hopefully, everyone will still be able to link up together in the Pub at the end of the day.

Anyone interested in participating in the walk or anyone who would be prepared to act as the support vehicle is requested to contact David Taylor (Tel: 681875).

FAMILY FUN DAY

Sunday 7th July

Sponsored walk followed by a barbecue lunch, tombola, games for the kids and a bar to refresh all the thirsty participants. For those of you without children at the school tickets should be purchased in advance from the school. Judy Kennedy has kindly donated the use of her garden as the venue;-

The Hollies, Leighton Rd.

The barbecue will also be open to non-walkers, once again meals must be booked in advance. Non-sponsored walkers will be welcome upon payment of £1.00 to help with running costs.

RETURN SLIP

(to Wingrave School no later than 21st of June please).

We will/will not be walking on the 7th July

We require meal vouchers; x adult at £3.50 each
x children at £2.50 each

Total cost included £ _____

We will/will not be prepared to 'adopt' a child walker for the event.

Name _____ Phone No. _____

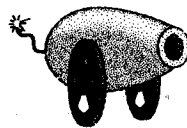
Tony's & Tom's Sports Column

The Pool team suffered a sad loss on the sudden death of Terry Hussan who had been a loyal player from the time she moved to the village until she went with her husband Geoff to work in New Zealand.

Our sympathy goes out to all of her family.

Cold Comfort Gun Club.

The final leg of the Weedon Challenge for the 'toilet seat' trophy took place at Weedon Gun Club's ground on the 26th of April. We went to this competition 59 points ahead. A close match left us 57 points ahead and we retain the trophy which can be viewed in the Bull & Butcher (subject to buying a pint of Frank's coloured water!)



Top gun records are now leaping ahead as we near the end of the season. Daryl Dyer shooting an excellent 40 out of 48 only to be pipped at the post by new member Dick Withey with 43



The Bull & Butcher Pool Team.

We did it!!!

Congratulations to the Cold Comfort Gun Club for winning the toilet seat trophy and the Bull & Butcher Pool team for winning the Pool League Cup.

The pool final took place at the White Hart in Quanton against the White Horse Whitchurch. The game went to the last frame with Adrian (and especially Frank) winning the final frames to seal the game. We eventually finished 4th in the League winning our last 4 matches.

My thanks and congratulations to all team members and I hope we can improve on this next season.

On Wednesday 22nd May we went to the presentation night at the County Arms Stone where we received our trophies and a large shield. Also taking place that night was the League singles knockout cup. Commiseration's to our representative Mark Saunders who lost in the semi final to the eventual winner.

*Thanks again,
Tony*

Tom.

To all you sporting (and perhaps not so) sporting types

Cublington have thrown down the gauntlet by arranging a 'FUN RUN' from Aston Abbots (Weedon Rd. turn) to Cublington on Sat. 15th June (start at 12.30). I am reliably informed by Gordon (publican at the Unicorn) that the operative word is Fun!! and although there will no doubt be a few posers who think they can run, most other entries fully intend to jog, walk or if they have been in the pub first as I intend to; crawl.

The entry fee is £1.00 with all the money going to charity.

Come on Aston Abbots! lets enter a team or two and have some fun!! When you get to Cublington there will be a free drink for those who entered; after which you can enjoy their Village fete.

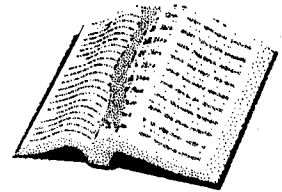
Ed.

Ps. The Chronicle office will be entering so why not come & join us; give me a ring on the usual number.



CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY READINGS



WINGRAVE

2nd June	10.00	Parish Communion
9th June	10.00	Parish Communion
16th June	10.00	Parish Communion
23rd June	8.00	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.00	Family Service
30th June	10.00	PATRONAL FESTIVAL
7th July	10.00	Parish Communion

2nd June -

TRINITY (P.641) Eph. 1, 3-14;
John 14, 8-17

9th June - Pentecost 2 (p.646) Acts 2, 37-end;
Luke 14, 15-24

16th June - Pentecost 3 (p.651) Acts 4, 8-12;
Luke 8, 41-end

23rd June - Pentecost 4 (p.656) Acts 8, 26-38;
Luke 15, 1-10

30th June - Pentecost 5 (p.661) Acts 11, 4-18;
Luke 10, 1-12
(Peter and Paul) (p.784) 2 Tim 4, 6-8 & 16-18;
Matt. 16, 13-20

7th July - Pentecost 6 (p.667) Eph. 4, 17-end;
Mark 10, 46-end

ASTON ABBOTTS

2nd June	11.15	Morning Service
9th June	11.15	Parish Communion
16th June	11.15	Parish Communion
23rd June	6.00	Evening Service
30th June	11.15	Parish Communion
7th July	11.15	Morning Service

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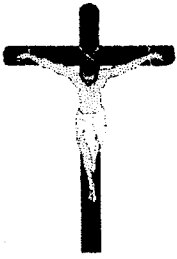
2nd June	10.00	Family Service
9th June	8.45	Parish Communion
16th June	8.45	Parish Communion
	6.00	Songs of Praise
23rd June	8.45	Parish Communion
30th June	8.45	Parish Communion
7th July	10.00	Family Service
	6.00	Evensong

FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

12th May Luke Smith at Cublington

26th May John McKenzie at Wingrave



RECTOR'S REPORT

I am currently a member of a working party looking at the future needs of the church in the three deaneries of Mursley, Claydon and Buckingham. This is an area that is bounded by Milton Keynes, Leighton Buzzard, Dunstable, Tring, Aylesbury, Thame, Bicester, Brackley and Towcester.

This we have found to be our biggest problem. The area we are looking at has no formal links with any of the surrounding towns, and the only towns of any size in the area are Buckingham and Linslade, with perhaps Winslow. Then come Waddesdon, Ivinghoe and Wing. The smallest parish is Barton Hartshorn which had a population in 1991 of 52.

The object of the exercise is to try to reduce the three present areas to two, to anticipate population trends and to consider the present and future deployment of the clergy in the area. The optimum grouping would have about 15 clergy and a representation from the parishes of 40-50. From a meeting together point of view we would like people to have to travel no more than ten miles to attend meetings. Needless to say, there are no simple solutions.

We have tried a north/south split - the northern half looks reasonably good, but the southern part is too long, stretching from Ludgershall to Ivinghoe.

We have tried an east-west split - the eastern half is fine, but the western side is much too large.

The projected population growth will all occur on the eastern side, which will further add to the problems.

One of our other problems is that we can only use the available statistics and some of those are not very up to date. The 1991 population statistics are now five years out of date (although we have had help from Aylesbury Vale with these), the geographical area is a constant 65,756 hectares and the Church Electoral Roll figures have all changed this year (the compilation of a new Roll in each parish) - but are poor statistics.

If, at the end of the exercise, there appears to have been very little change and the church goes on as it has until now, that will be a very good outcome. But I suspect there will be a great deal of haggling before we get there.

Bob Willmot

Christine Fox wishes to give a big thank you to her band of helpers who prepared sandwiches etc. on Sat. May 25th. We are not sure of the full total made for Church funds but think it will be about £150.00. More money is still to come in from the sales of the video which was made on the night and the 'percentage' of bar takings.

Christine

On behalf of those of us who were there, thanks to you Christine and George for what turned out to be a most enjoyable evening.

Ed.

CONTINUATION OF 'CHOOSING A SCHOOL'



Are there bright, lively displays in corridors and in the school hall? Do displays come from various subject areas and cover different topics or types of work, or are they all very similar? Have the displays obviously been produced by adults, do they consist mainly of commercially produced materials, or do they include and celebrate children's own work? They should at least include some of the latter. Ideally, displays around the school will show you examples of some of the best and most exciting work produced by the children. If this is not the case, it begs questions about the work that is produced.

Is the inside of the building clean, tidy and well maintained?

If you are able to go into classrooms, or at least into the class your child would enter, is the room light and spacious?

Again, are there varied displays of children's work around the walls? Does the room provide a stimulating learning environment for young children, via pictures and interesting items around the room? Many of the kinds of learning materials (beads, building bricks, paints, modelling materials, dressing-up clothes, puppets, natural objects ..) should be visible around the room.

Are books easily accessible to children and do they seem well-kept?

Is there evidence that the classroom is a place where children are taught, as well as learning through play and self generated activity? For instance, do wall displays include letters of the alphabet and numbers?

Would your child be stimulated in this classroom?

'WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN THE CLASSROOM'

This is the second in a series of educational articles submitted by Mr B McClellan, Headteacher of Wingrave CE Combined School

If you are lucky enough to see a lesson in progress, there are many things to look for. How many children are in the class? How are they seated? Do they have enough space to work or are they crowded together?

How does the teacher talk to the children? Does the relationship between the teacher and children seem to be positive, motivating and reassuring, or does it appear either negative and patronising or overly indulgent? Do children listen attentively when the teacher speaks?

Children may all be doing the same thing or there may be several groups following different activities simultaneously. The teacher may be giving attention to all or some of the class at any given time. Whatever is going on, look carefully to see if all the children are actively involved in learning activities.

Is this a well-organised room with an atmosphere of learning, or is it noisy and chaotic? Are many children chattering instead of getting on with what they are meant to be doing? If they are talking as part of the activity, does the teacher make sure noise is kept to an acceptable level? Teachers vary in what they consider acceptable noise levels; it is up to you to decide whether your child could comfortably learn in this environment or whether he/she would find it disturbing, distracting or even distressing, day in day out.

Do children seem interested in and motivated by what they are doing? Is there an element of fun within the learning? Is only group work taking place, or do children have an opportunity to work individual/independently?

How does the work being done compare with what your child can already do? If he/she is already more advanced than this, try to ask what the school would do about tailoring work to individual needs and capability.

Is there any computer equipment in the room? If so, is it in use? Notice who is using it and what they are doing. Is the room otherwise well resourced with books and equipment?

Does the school have specialist rooms and/or facilities for teaching subjects like Science, Technology, Information Technology, Music or Special Educational Needs? Does the school provide showers after games sessions? Is there a library?

To be continued next month

WHAT'S ON IN

Wednesday 5th Alesbury Vale Transport Meeting - Civic Centre. Any bus/train queries to Colin.

Thursday. 6th & 20th Whist drive Church Room 7.30

Sunday 9th Rambling Club Member's trip to Derby.

Saturday 15th Cublington Fete - Old Rectory 2.00pm

Tuesday 18th Bucks Road Safety Meeting County Hall. Any highway matters to Caroline/Colin

Sunday 23rd Village Gardens open day. - 2.00 to 5.00pm. Teas in the Church Room. Evensong 6.00pm.

Sunday. 30th Rambling Club Member's meet Bromham Mill (Take picnic lunch)

Church Flowers

W/E 1st June Mr C Higgs

W/E 8th, 15th June
Miss A Goodman

W/E 21st, 28th June
Mrs H Hasler

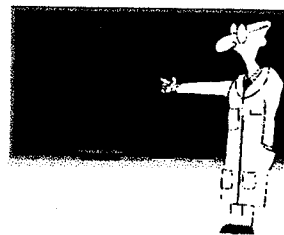


FUTURE HAPPENINGS

A coach trip to see the Flower Festival at Norwich Cathedral is to be arranged for **Saturday the 13th July. The fare will be £7.00 per head and the coach will depart The Green at 8.30am**

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. Will those attending please notify Colin by the end of the month.**



LADIES CLUB NOTES

June 6th Mr Colin Higgs will give a talk and demonstration on flower baskets.



June 20th
Ladies Club
Outing.

ASTON ABBOTTS FETE **SAT 20th July**

We are aiming to make this year's Fete even better than last so please help us by raising garden plants and looking out bric-a-brac, nearly new items and tombola prizes.

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Thanks, Ed.

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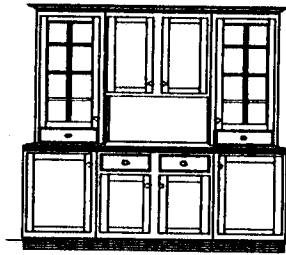
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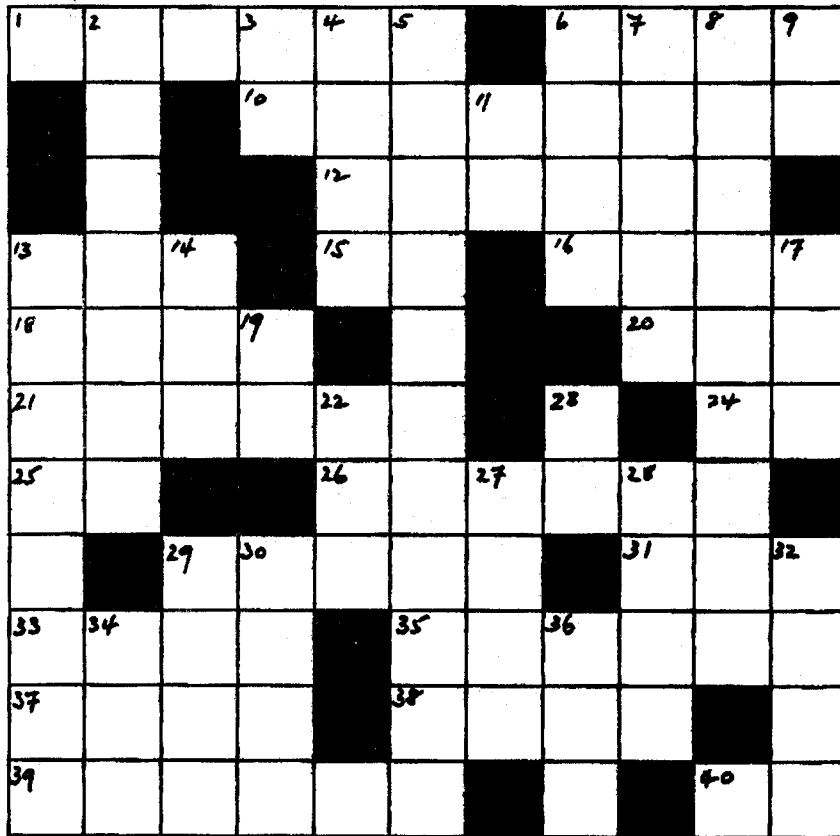
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ACROSS

1. Place of education (6)
6. Recedes (4)
10. Vacations (8)
12. Scares (6)
13. Edge of dress (3)
15. Chemical symbol for tin (2)
16. Betting system (4)
18. Unfortunately (4)
20. To catch (3)
21. To stagger (6)
24. To take note of (abbr. 2)
25. A short foot (2)
26. Caressed fondly (6)
29. Vista (5)
31. Will this mistress predict a fortune for you (3)
33. Jewish weight (4)
35. Sweet (6)
37. Rall (anag. 4)
38. Responsibility (4)
39. Rely on (6)
40. You and me (2)

DOWN

2. Will they send you a million (7)
3. Exclamation (2)
4. Sorry (4)
5. Welsh town (11)
6. To amend (4)
7. Did this writer eat it for breakfast (5)
8. One who looks on (9)
9. Hitler's henchmen (2)
11. Not out (2)
13. Herts. town (8)
14. The cat sits on it (3)
17. --- & flow (3)
19. Street abbr. (2)
22. To enlarge (3)
23. Addendum (2)
27. Noticed (4)
28. Birds (4)
29. --- fell (geog. 4)
30. Race (anag. 4)
32. Jewels (4)
34. For 4&20 blackbirds? (3)
36. Mire (3)

Answers to May: Across

- 1 Prince. 7 Cod. 10 Lino.
 11 Lament. 12 Esk. 13 MP. 14 DOS.
 15 Chasm. 18 Sam. 19 So. 20 Tug.
 22 Tram. 23 Arrive. 25 Ass.
 26. Normal. 27 Ta. 29 Tusk.
 30 Skin. 31 Gestate. 33 CS.
 34 Arose. 36 Buyer

DOWN

- 1 Pleasant. 2 Risborough
 3 Inky. 4 No. 5 Elm. 6 Sap.
 7. Cedars. 8 Onomastics. 9 DTS.
 16 Stinks. 17 Suva. 18 Stapler.
 21 Gel. 24 Ruse. 28 Onset.
 30 Star. 32 Try. 35 Op

MORE CONNECTIONS FOR BUS SERVICE 65

Services between Aston Abbots, Aylesbury, Leighton Buzzard and Milton Keynes were published in the May issue of the Chronicle. Here are a few more services, supplied by Colin which you shoppers and walkers might find useful. Don't forget, if bus services are not used they will be lost.

Ed.

SERVICE No. 280

Aylesbury	8.30	10.30	12.30
Thame	9.07	11.07	1.07
Oxford	9.50	11.50	1.50

Oxford	-	*1.05	4.05
Thame	11.43	*1.43	4.43
Aylesbury	12.18	*2.18	5.18

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SERVICE No. 500

Aylesbury	8.28	10.28	12.28
Watford	9.54	11.54	1.54

Watford	*1.05	2.05	4.05
Aylesbury	*2.33	3.33	5.33

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SERVICE No. X31

L/ Buzzard	9.45	11.45	1.45
Luton	10.40	12.40	2.40

Luton	12.15	12.45	*3.45	"4.45"
L/ Buzzard	1.07	1.37	*4.37	"5.37"

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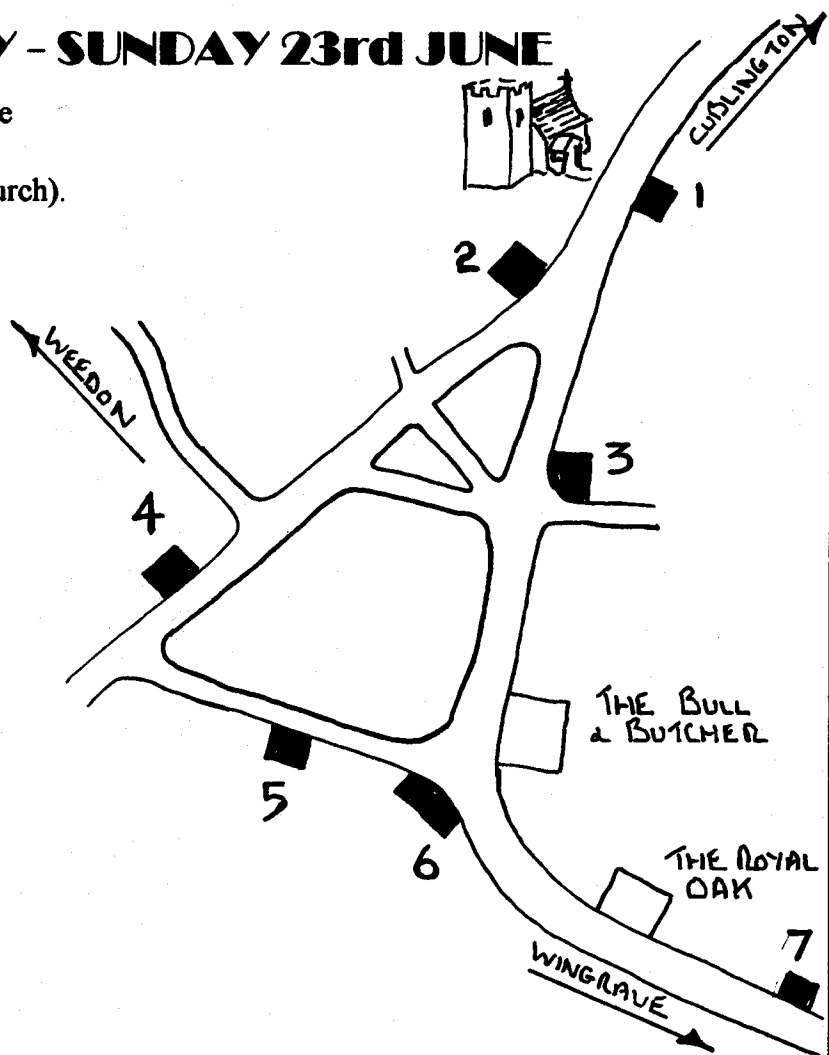
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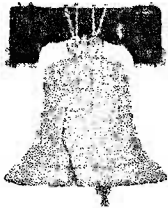
GARDENS OPEN DAY - SUNDAY 23rd JUNE

Once again several gardens will be open for your enjoyment this year. Entrance fee is £2.50, (in aid of the Church), available at the first garden you visit, and enables you to visit all the gardens.

Gardens which will be open are:-

1. *The Haslers, Burston Cottage, Cublington Rd*
2. *Mrs Murray, The Vicarage*
3. *The Barnetts, 67 The Green*
4. *Barbara & David DeSilver, The Old House*
5. *The Scotts 11 the Green*
6. *The Beans The Old Cottage (Shop)*
7. *The Biddles 1 Firs Cottage Wingrave Rd*





BELL RINGING

John Ford's death has reduced the number of village bell-ringers to the point where

we are scarcely able to continue, and we are very keen to recruit newcomers. Would you be interested in joining us?

Our instructor is Reg. Darvill from Wingrave, who has been a ringer for many years. He has offered to give a talk and a demonstration about ringing on Monday 24th June at 8.00 pm, meeting first in the Church Room. He intends it to be a light-hearted social event, and we shall be very pleased to welcome anybody who would like to know more about ringing, or who would like to pick it up again.

You don't need to be strong to ring (ringers range in age from about twelve to over eighty). Nor would you be committed to attending every session - we aim to have more than six ringers at each session, and everybody takes turns to ring.

In future, we will be practising every other Friday from 8.15 to 9.15pm, and we will ring for the morning service on the first Sunday of each month. If you would like more details, please ring Clifford Price (John's successor as tower captain) on 681632, or Gillian Wyer (secretary) on 681865. Best of all, come to the meeting on 24th June.

LOST!

A silver salad server and 'bead' table spoon was lost some time during the Cabaret or subsequent 'clear-up'.

If you have come across these, please ring Allison (who is offering a huge reward for their return!!!!) on 682004

POSH PEOPLE

It has always fascinated me that the term "POSH" comes from the letters that were written after a person's name when they booked their passage to and from India on a steamship. If you had the money to pay for the privilege then you specified that you wanted Port Out, Starboard Home, the shady side of the ship before the days of air conditioning - this was abbreviated to POSH and thus you were a "posh person"!



Many of the other figures of speech that are in everyday use also have interesting origins. To this day the crossbelt of a Cavalry Officer in his ceremonial uniform has two silver spikes attached to it so that they may "spike someone's gun". This doesn't mean that they would now, or indeed ever did, stick them in someone! They were purpose-made to push into the hole at the rear of the barrel of a cannon you "spiked their gun" to prevent anyone from lighting the blue touch paper to set it off!

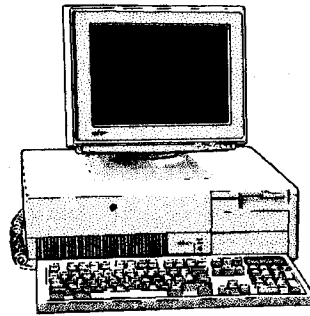
A more modern example, and one of my favourites, is the term "Back to Square One". This expression was introduced in the early days of radio by football commentators. The Radio Times Magazine contained a chart dividing a field of play into squares, Square 1 was near the centre spot and thus when the defence cleared the ball, the attacking team was "Back to Square One".

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Should you know of other expressions with curious origins, please let me know and I will pass them on to Andy Bystra, Editor of The Chronicle, and try to persuade him to print them in a future edition. David Taylor Telephone 681875.

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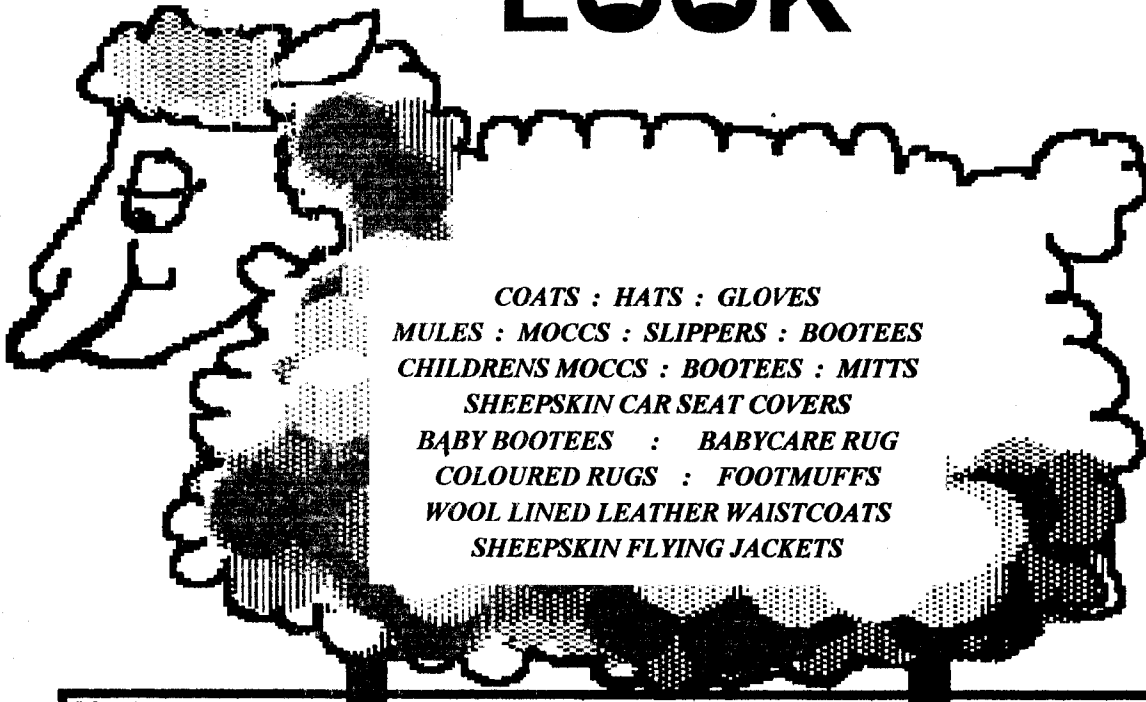
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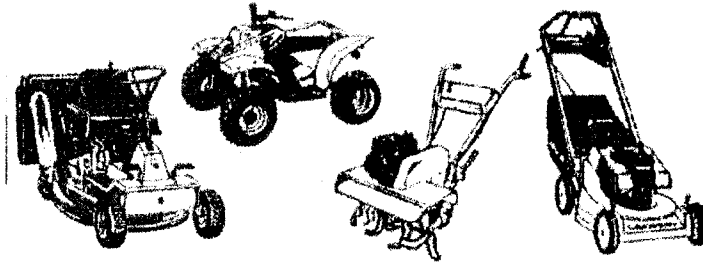
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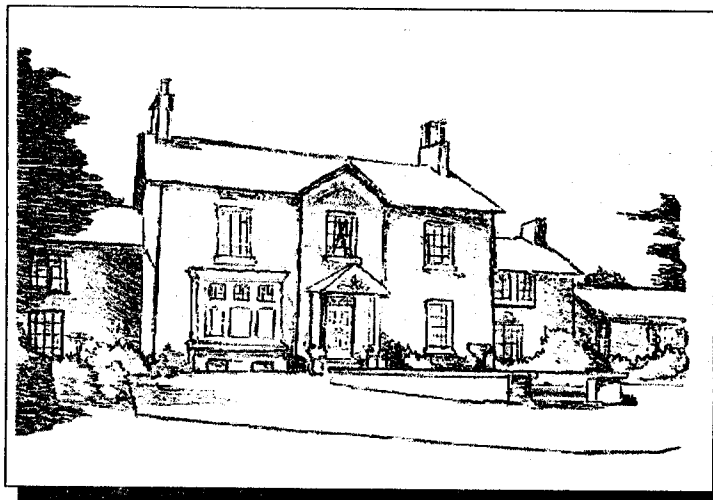
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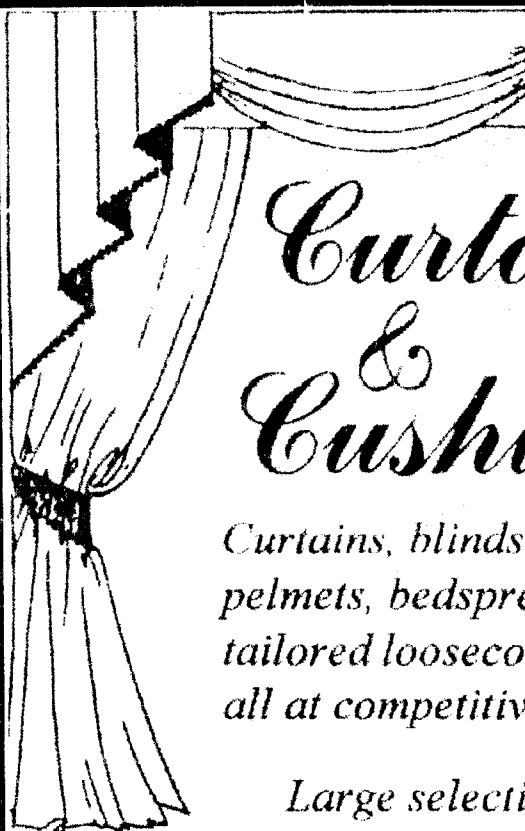
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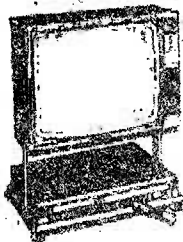
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