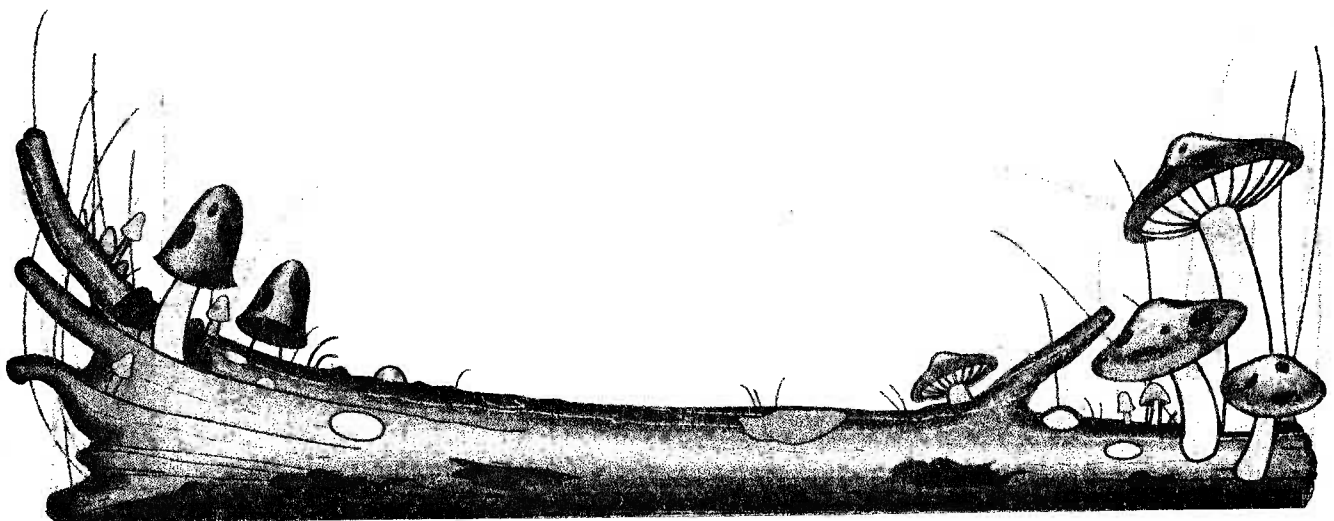
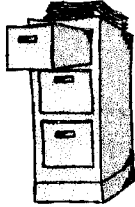


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Aston Abbotts Parish Magazine

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Editorial-----Thurs. 25th. September.

First and foremost, very many thanks to those of you who deliver the Chronicle each month. Particularly because your efforts in delivering the transport maps last month, earned the Chronicle the princely sum of £10.00. I now have first hand experience of the work involved since I was 'volunteered' to take on Margaret Kent's round when she went on holiday this year. I don't think I got it quite right so apologies to those few who ended up having to borrow a copy or had more than one delivered.

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The article in last months Chronicle about Miss Childerley and the school caused quite a lot of interest including the following photos given to me by Bob and Elsie Higgs. They were both taken in 1923 and the first shows a very young Miss Childerley (right) and Mrs Brock (left).

I am unable to identify anyone in these since at the time of going to print, Bob and Elsie are on holiday. So help???



Andy Bystra



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Please note that copy date for the November issue will be Fri. the 25th October All items for publication will need to reach me (Andy Bystra. 31 The Green, (Tel 681 690 or 688 125) by this date please.

RITA'S PEOPLE PAGE

THANK YOU

I wish to thank all the dear friends who visited me in hospital and at home and those who sent letters and cards with 'get well' messages. I was sorry to miss the fete, but very glad to hear it did so well.

Ruth Bellingham.

I should have published this in last months issue but it seemed to have hidden itself in my in-tray. Apologies, Ed.

MORE THANKS

I would like to thank everyone who helped with my 'uninvited' guest. The Colemans, Helen, Andy, Anne, Tracy Alison and the Council. After several meals of cheese and chocolate plus a friendly warm bath, the little mouse happily went on his way.

Shona Macgregor.



Don't feel too sad about his going Shona. He's only gone to tell his friends where they can get a decent meal and a bath!!!!

Ed.

FOR SALE

Amstrad Hi Fi £30.00

Amstrad computer with screen and games £59.00

Phone 688 597

A very happy birthday to all those celebrating during October, especially;-

Juliette Gutierrez 3rd

Sturart Biddle 5th

Devon King 8th

who's 1st birthday it is.

Edward Picking 11th

Juan Gutierrez 14th

Rita Robinson 26th

Hayley Wilkinson 31st



CONGRATULATIONS

To Mary Daley on the birth of her son Connor. He was born on the 11th Sept. and we are pleased to see mother and son doing so well.

WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to Mr & Mrs Dodelle who recently moved into 5 Ross Road.

BON VOYAGE!

Best wishes go to Tim and Donna who moved to Bristol on the 13th Sept. Having passed their exams (Tim got an A in biology and a Bin chemistry and Donna a distinction in RSA 172 typing) they have left to seek their fame and fortune in the big wide world. Well actually Tim is going to Bristol University for 3 years and Donna has landed a posh job in sales.

We all wish them well and look forward to hearing how they get on.

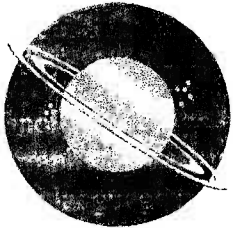
RITA'S PEOPLE PAGE (Continued)

Congratulations to Roy and Brenda Malin who celebrated their Ruby Wedding Anniversary on the 7th September. Roy was a Leading Seaman at the time he met his future wife Brenda, who worked at a Birmingham factory, G.K.N. The introduction came about when Wilf Buttery (Brenda's brother) took Roy home to spend some time at his family house and that is how this romance blossomed. The happy couple were married on 1st. September 1956 at Oldbury church near Birmingham.

While Roy was away, Brenda went to live with her parents-in-law at High Wycombe. Later they moved to Woburn Green, where their first son Mark, was born. I was told that when Mark was just a little lad, he screamed so much at his dad's bell-bottom trousers, he decided to leave the navy. What we parents do for our off-springs !! Roy's next job was working on trawlers which involved gear boxes and hydraulics. He then moved to Bloctube Controls and afterwards to Hazells print works. Roy is currently working at Aeroprint. In the midst of this Brenda and Roy moved to Wingrave where their second son Les was born. In the late 60's the family moved to Aston Abbotts.

Not to forget Brenda, you can be assured that you are much thought of as a loving mum and wife. Roy and Brenda had been planning this special celebration for about a year, with the help of their family, which was a barn dance held at Wingrave School, attended by relatives, their bridesmaids, guests who were at their wedding and many friends, about 100 people in all. An excellent spread in the form of a buffet supper was supplied by The Boot, Long Marston.

Many more happy years together Roy and Brenda, from all who know you.



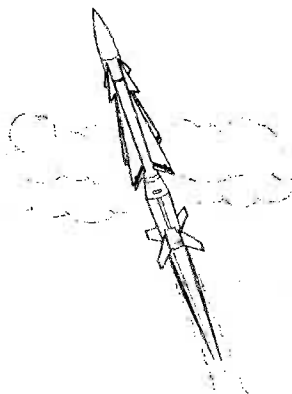
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Have you noticed that with the drawing in of the evenings there is an increase in the number of furtive, shadowy figures around the village. Strange beings have been seen with their eyes cast towards the stars as if seeking heavenly inspiration. Weird sounds are heard emanating from certain households and extra-terrestrial like creatures are seen earnestly discussing unintelligible writings which appear as if by magic.

Yes folks! It's the Christmas Show team getting together to go where no man has been before and write the exciting story line, songs and sketches for this years 'renditions'. The first proposal for the title is "Spok when you are Spoken to" You've got it!! They intend to attempt the impossible and produce a show based on Star Trek. Or will it be a pantomime???

This happy band have decided to be a little more formal this year and divide the preparation for the show into smaller elements. If there is anyone on this planet (all ages) who would like to act, sing, write sketches, design or paint scenery or be involved with stage management, please contact Neil Chesher, John Brancker, John Whyte or me.

Ed.



FOLK NIGHT

Music, laughter and entertainment with

Bernard Wrigley
(The Bolton Bullfrog)

'Rum & Shrub'

The Johnson Boys.

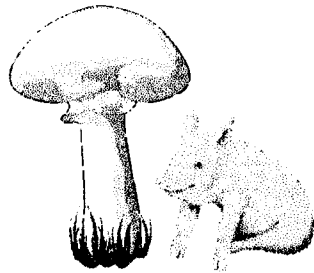
October 19th 7.30pm

Mursley Village Hall
Admission £7.00 (ticket only)
Light supper included

Phone:-
Sue Alcock 01296 720234
Shirley Oldham 01296 720385
Jane Bush 01296 720661

Bring your favourite tippie

CREAMY PORK PIECES



This is a simple dish requiring very little preparation and as Autumn is upon us and cold chilly nights start to draw in, it is an ideal meal simply prepared. In my experience a bottle of wine at hand during the preparation process makes for an 'interesting' and pleasant cooking session.

INGREDIENTS

1lb Lean pork pieces
2 Small onions
6 Large mushrooms
1 Small single cream
2oz Butter
Glass Dry White Wine.

COOKING INSTRUCTIONS

Fry the pork pieces in the butter until sealed. Place to one side in a warm dish Fry the chopped onions and mushrooms until the onions are a soft golden brown.

Add to meat together with a glass of wine. Place tight fitting frying pad lid and allow to simmer for approximately 40 minutes or until cooked.

Whilst the meat is cooking boil 4 large potatoes. When cooked drain them. Add 2oz of butter, black pepper, and a tablespoon single cream.

When the pork pieces have been cooking for approximately 30 minutes, add remainder of single cream and stir in. Transfer to a casserole dish, and cover with mashed potatoes and grate cheese over the top.

Place in oven and cook at a medium heat for 15/20 minutes.

An ideal accompaniment to this is asparagus or broccoli spears as a vegetable. In the unlikely event there is any wine left a nice glass with the meal is ideal. Chablis is perfect

Bon Appetite
Ray and Sharon

SLOE GIN

As Ray and Sharon mentioned in their recipe, Autumn is upon us and their remark has reminded me it is about time to think about making some sloe gin.

The recipe I used last year produced a very pleasant 'liqueur' like drink which has been much appreciated by our guests as an after dinner drink although I usually take a little 'nip' with me when I go fishing and am particularly fond of it with tonic.

The following quantities are based on using a litre bottle to make it in.

Half fill the bottle with sloes which have been fairly well pricked. Add 8 Oz of sugar (granulated preferred), half a glass of martini and then top up with gin until the bottle is full (it doesn't need to be the most expensive of gins). Fit a stopper (it will not ferment) and place in a moderately warm place. Apart from occasionally giving the bottle a gentle shake from time to time, you need to steal yourself not to sample it until the first week in Dec. Gently pour or siphon off the by now attractively plum coloured liqueur into a clean bottle and (if you can) leave until Christmas.

Ed.

WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP PREPARE MY CHILD FOR ENTRY INTO HIS OR HER NEW SCHOOL?



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

Having decided on which school you wish to send your child you may well be wondering what you can do at home to give him or her the best possible start. Some prior experience in the key areas of the National Curriculum will be of benefit and it may be helpful if I say a little bit about its structures.

The National Curriculum consists of the three core subjects of ENGLISH, MATHEMATICS, SCIENCE and seven foundation subjects which include Information Technology, Design and Technology, History, Geography, Art, Music, PE. In addition, a modern foreign language must be taught to Y7 9-11-12 year old children (and above) and Religious Education must be taught.

In this article I will concentrate on how to prepare your child with a grounding in English and will use the term "he" throughout without intending any sexism!

ENGLISH: English is not only about reading and writing but also the development of spoken language and the skills required for speaking and listening. With the pre-school child, it is important to pay adequate attention to supporting language development before including foundation work in reading, writing and spelling.

To develop **speaking and listening** skills, you should encourage your child to take part in speaking and listening whenever possible, with you and with others. He should learn to be a good listener, taking his turn in the conversation, and not just a forceful talker. From a very early age, babies begin to show evidence of waiting for a response before attempting to communicate. This two-way process is not always developed sufficiently once a child acquires vocabulary, especially if he is frequently left to watch videos

and only listened to when he shouts across adult conversation.

Invite him to talk about his imaginative play, for example dressing up and pretending to be a monster or telling a make believe story, as well as describing his experiences and talking about what he thinks and feels.

He should be encouraged to listen carefully to stories, poems, rhymes and songs, and to respond by asking questions, retelling what he has heard, or drawing a picture about it. Some poems, stories and songs should be learned by heart. By the time he starts school, he should be able to concentrate, listen carefully and, if appropriate, respond to radio and television programmes, cassettes or video recordings.

He should gradually learn to follow simple instructions, for example, to go and find something from another room and bring it to you. You can slowly make instructions more complex, starting with a single instruction and building up to a point where the child is able to remember and carry out two or three separate follow-on actions. Instructions should be "real" and part of some other activity, or a child may feel it is a pointless training exercise!

As a foundation for **reading** you should help your child to understand that print, in books and elsewhere in his surroundings, has meaning. Encourage him to recognise his name and to understand that the words in his books provide the story. He should begin to recognise individual letters and maybe some words in familiar contexts, for example, the name over a shop or a label on a tin at home.

He should begin to show an interest in reading, picking up books and looking at the pictures on his own, as well as choosing books to have read to him. He should be able to talk about stories and information in books, about the pictures and characters, what he likes and what he dislikes. He should also know how to open and close a book with care and to treat it as a valuable possession. Try to provide a mixture of familiar and unfamiliar books, and non-fiction aimed at his age range - for instance, books on animals, countries, food, the weather - as well as books containing stories, poems and rhymes.

WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP PREPARE MY CHILD FOR ENTRY INTO HIS OR HER NEW SCHOOL
(Continued)

If your child can do all the things detailed above, you may want to start to teach him to read before he starts school. Make sure you take things at the right pace and do not push him to move on before he is ready. If he does seem genuinely ready, it is a good idea that you contact the school your child will be attending to find out which method of teaching reading they use. Methods vary so much that a child could end up very confused if introduced to one approach at home and then presented with a completely different system at school. The school may be prepared to tell you which books they use to begin teaching reading and any other materials they use to support this, for instance, word cards. If you are able to use the same books that they use, your child will be able to slot in at the right point, perhaps in a series of stories, when he starts school.

As a foundation for writing, children should be trying to communicate meaning by drawing pictures and may begin to attempt forming isolated letters, even words and phrases. This writing may not be "correct" but the important point is that they begin to attempt to express themselves in pictures and something that is meant to represent writing, then to show it to someone and say what it means. A child should also be given guidance and help on how to hold a pencil. Bad habits can easily develop and, once established, are hard to change. It is very helpful for a child to see adults writing and to know that the writing has meaning and a purpose.

If your pre-school child is ready to progress further with his own writing, you may want to start him off by tracing and copying letters of the alphabet. There are books on the market specifically for this purpose, obtainable from bookshops or toyshops with an educational focus. If he does start to do "proper" writing, be patient in teaching him how to hold a pencil correctly, make sure he develops a comfortable style of sitting at a table and learns to form letters in a logical way, not starting at the wrong end of the letter and getting into the habit of forming it back to front. Trying to write with paper balanced on the lap is not really good enough! Some children are able to write simple sentences by the time they

start school, others have had no experience of forming letters at all.

As a basis for spelling, children should begin to tell the difference between drawing and writing, and between letters and numbers. Once they are able to write some letters, you can help them to develop a very basic concept of spelling by saying the letter and encouraging them to form the letter shape, for example, writing the first letter of their name. The child will begin by writing single letters, then later, groups of letters, to represent words he hears or sees.

And in the next article - Mathematics

Vale of Aylesbury Landmine Clearance Initiative (VALCIN)

This initiative is being launched by several groups within Aylesbury Vale with backing from the locally based Co-ordinator of the UK working Group on landmines.

Many landmines are produced in the UK and used overseas, which ultimately injure and kill civilians and prevent communities using their land for farming.

To give this topic further 'exposure', the group have arranged activities including 3 minefield clearance demonstrations in Aylesbury Vale:-

Banks Park Haddenham Mon. 21st Oct. from 11.00am -3.00pm

St. Mary's church Aylesbury Sat. 26th Oct. from 7.30pm.

Aylesbury town centre some time in 1997?

For further information, videos and speakers, please contact Pauline Roby,

Aylesbury Development Education Centre,
Elmhurst Middle School,
Dunsham Lane,
Aylesbury
or phone 01296 395185

WHAT'S ON IN OCT.

Tuesday 1st October Floral class - anyone welcome - Church Room 7.00pm.

Wednesday 2nd Leighton - Linslade Transport Meeting - (Any bus/train queries to Colin please).

Saturday 5th 'Nat & Nibble' in aid church Room Extension Fund- Church Room 10.30 - 12 noon.

Thursday. 10th Whist drive Church Room 7.30

Sunday 13th Rambling Club Member's meet at Bideford Green (Linslade) 2.00pm

Thursday 17th Bingo Church Room 7.30pm

Friday 18th October 1996 - Vic Scott is organising another Slide and quiz show at the Church Room at 7.30 pm. Tickets £2.50 to include light refreshments obtainable from Shirley Ford (681865) or Hillary & Michael Hasler (681877). This was an excellent evening last year so book your tickets early to make sure of a place.

Sunday 20th Village Footpath walk; everyone welcome - meet at the Green 2.00pm

Wednesday 23rd Parish Council Meeting Church room 8.00pm

Thursday. 24th Whist drive Church Room 7.30

Saturday 26th Clocks go back.

Thursday 31st Bingo Church Room 7.30pm

Church Flowers

W/E 5/6th Oct
Mrs Loader



FUTURE HAPPENINGS

Friday 1st of November - fifty-fifty auction to be held in the Church Room at 7.30pm. Sell all those unwanted items you no longer need - 50% of the price goes to the church and 50% to the vendor. Please bring items for the auction to the church room Friday afternoon from 3.00pm.

Sunday 3rd November - Footpath walk / treasure hunt - meet at the Green 2.00pm (Tea in the church room) everyone welcome.

Tuesday 5th November - Bonfire night at the rec. Fire will be lit at 6.30 and fireworks at 7.00

Saturday 14th December - The 'Christmas shopper' to Leicester. Coach departs the Green at 8.25pm and the fare will be £6.00 each return. Leicester is a very good, compact shopping centre. There is a good variety of shops with most major departmental stores represented. Most people who have been before are convinced prices are lower than our local shops. To avoid disappointment, book early with Colin.

JUMBLE SALE

Saturday October 12th
Whitchurch Methodist
Church Hall

10am - 12noon

Please save your jumble for us
which can be delivered to any
playgroup 'MUM'

or

phone 641221 for collection.

CALLING ALL YOU TODDLERS?

Could you please note that us 'Toddlers' will now meet on in the church room (Aston Abbotts) on Thursday mornings from 10.00am to 12.00.

£1.00 per session will be charged (to your parents) and all are welcome.

For more details, phone Bridget on 688704



FORTHCOMING ATTRACTION



The Aston Abbotts PCC. have booked the Great Horwood Silver Band for a Sunday afternoon concert in St. James Church on the 12th of January 1997, commencing at 2.30pm.

Tickets are expected to be available early in December - Watch this space for further details.

BONFIRE NIGHT

Recreation ground
Tuesday the 5th of November 96.

The fire will be lit at 6.30
and the fireworks display will commence at 7.00.

After the success of last years bonfire evening using display fireworks instead of ordinary shop ones, we have decided to go for display fireworks again. These of course cost more so if you would like to make a donation towards the cost it would be very much appreciated. We may even be able to top last years display.

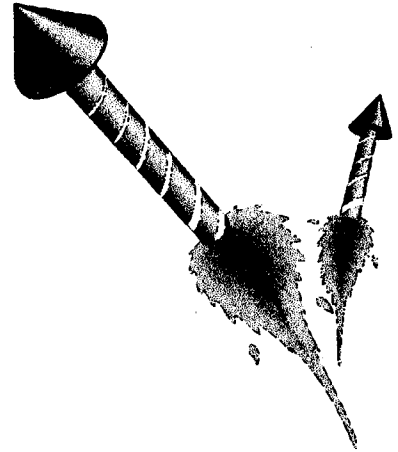
The Parish Council have kindly donated £100.00 and hopefully there will be some money from the 'village fund'. A receipt will be given to anyone making a donation. The fireworks will have to be ordered about 2 to 3 weeks before bonfire night so if you could let me have your donations by the 20th of October, that would be great.

If anyone should miss this 'deadline', any money given will be spent on large fireworks bought in Aylesbury.

Please bring your donations to:-

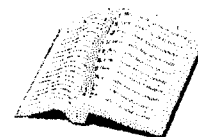
69 The Green,
Aston Abbotts. (or ring 688 479 for more information)

Lawrence Hinds
Recreation Committee





CHURCH SERVICES



WINGRAVE

6th October	10.00	Parish Communion
13th October	10.00	Parish Communion
		Up the Beacon at Ivinghoe
20th October	10.00	Parish Communion
27th October	10.00	Family Service (DIY)
3rd November	10.00	Parish Communion

ASTON ABBOTTS

6th October	11.15	Morning Service
13th October	11.15	Parish Communion
		Up the Beacon at Ivinghoe
20th October	11.15	Parish Communion & Baptism
27th October	11.15	Parish Communion (Rev. B. Sagar)
3rd Nov.	11.15	Parish Communion

CUBLINGTON

6th October	10.00	Harvest Festival
	6.00	Evensong
13th October	8.45	Parish Communion
		Up the Beacon at Ivinghoe
20th October	8.45	Parish Communion
27th October	8.45	Parish Communion
3rd Nov.	10.00	Family Service
	6.00	Evensong

SUNDAY READINGS

6th Oct. Pentecost 19 (p.732)
Rom. 5, 1-11; Luke 19, 1-10

13th Oct. Pentecost 20 (p.736)
1 Cor. 9, 19-end; Matthew 7, 13.27

20th Oct. Last Pentecost (p.748)
Rev. 7, 2-4, 9-end; Matthew 25, 1-13

27th Oct. 9 before Xmas (p.398)
Gen. 1, 1-3, 24-31; John 1, 1-14

3rd Nov. 8 before Xmas (p.403)
Gen. 4, 1-10; Mark 7, 14-23

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptism	25th August 1996	Alice France
at Wingrave		



RECTOR'S REPORT

The death of a close member of our family is a highly emotional and stressful time. We want to do the right thing, to honour their memory, yet frequently we are too emotionally involved to think through the implications of our actions.

One way that we react to our loss is by erecting, usually at the first opportunity, a stone to mark their final resting place. Until the middle of the last century many graves were marked with wooden markers (frequently oak). Some were simple pegs and others were wooden crosses. Others again had "bed-head" memorials (two vertical posts at head and foot with a vertical board between them). These were very efficient markers. They showed the place where people were buried for as long as was necessary and when the wooden marker had rotted away, the chances are that the person buried had been forgotten (or at least consigned to history).

The trouble with grave stones is that they last much too long. It takes about 200 -250 years for the written inscription to become illegible, but the stones will probably last another 300 years - long, long after the physical remains have disappeared. Another problem with stones is that they make maintaining the grass extremely difficult. Each one has to be mown round, and if they are not tended by the family, that can be most off-putting for those who inherit the job. Some stones are placed so close together that it is impossible to get the mower between them.

From time to time clergy get themselves into hot water by refusing particular requests for gravestones. My main complaint is that too often the stone that is delivered and erected bears little relation to the stone which I was originally asked to approve. I have now learnt that "dark grey" is in fact, more often than not, black (which is not a permitted colour); and that supposedly flat slabs (to be set directly into the ground) frequently come with a base and a vase.

I suppose the only consolation is that before very long there will be so many stones that there will be no grave spaces left. Also, when there are additional stones commemorating those who have been cremated, we shall soon be left with little option but to flatten all the stones and have the church standing in a paved courtyard.

Bob Willmott

ST JAMES' CHURCH, ASTON ABBOTTS

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Mrs Shirley Ford	Tel; 681865
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AUGUST (PG)

Wednesday 16th October, 8pm

NELLY & MONSIEUR ARNOLD (PG)

Friday 18th October, 8pm

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FARGO (PG)

Thursday 24th October, 8pm

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Friday 25th October, 2pm

FLIPPER (PG)

Friday 25th October, 8pm

MISSION IMPOSSIBLE (PG)

Saturday 26th October, 7pm

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Monday 28th Wednesday 30th &

Thursday 31st October, 2pm

Tuesday 29th October, 7.30pm

THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME (U)

Wednesday 30th October, 8pm

HOW TO MAKE AN AMERICAN QUILT (15)

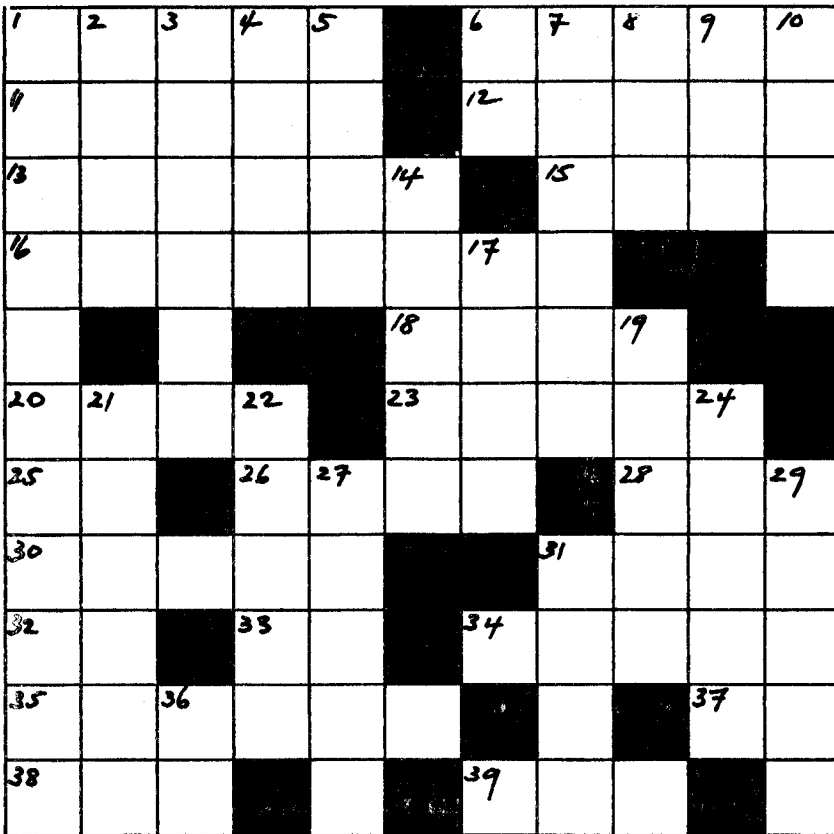
Thursday 31st October, 8pm

RICHARD III (15)

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CROSSWORD FOR OCTOBER



Answers to last month

Across: 1, 3 6 & 14 The Bull and Butcher. 9 NCO. 10 Ouster. 12 and 15 Nouns. 17 Sky. 18 Sore. 20 Ben. 22 Pneumonia. 26 Rot. 27 Natty. 29 Relation. 33 Tail. 34 Orate. 35 SS. 36 Net. 37 Nil. 38 Ketch. 39 Send.
Down: 1 Transport. 2 Endure. 3 Bobs. 4 Lots. 5 Luck. 6 Ate. 7 Nerve. 8 Dr. 11 Shy. 13 Noon. 16 Neural. 19. Notion. 21 No yield. 23 MOT. 24 Innate. 25 AA. 28 Trend. 30 Ease. 31 List. 32 Ores.

Across

1. Local town (5)
6. To squander (5)
11. Having ears (5)
12. Fencing weapons (5)
13. Girl's name (6)
15. A sly look (4)
16. Arthur Daly's description of one of his used cars! (8)
18. Read (anag. 4)
20. A blackleg (4)
23. A great lake (5)
25. --- & fro (2)
26. A fat (4)
28. Trotter Enterprises one has three wheels (3)
30. Federation (5)
31. Greek letter (4)
32. One of the books of the Scriptures (abbr. 2)
33. A preposition (2)
34. Likes (5)
35. Medicine (6)
37. Egyptian Sun Good (2)
38. Boy's name (3)
39. --- to a nightingale (3)

Down:

1. Stormy (11)
2. Grows on mammals (4)
3. A plant (6)
4. Gents (4)
5. Amend (4)
6. Us (2)
7. To seem (6)
8. To sight (3)
9. You can't drink this one (3)
10. To catch sight of (4)
14. A type of sea duck (5)
17. To require (4)
19. A large stream (5)
21. In opposition (5)
22. To swell (5)
24. Consumer (5)
27. Caper (5)
29. Of the nose (5)
31. Shakespeare (4)
36. Printer's measure (2)

**THE COTTESLOE
SCHOOL
GM OPEN EVENING
TUESDAY 8th OCTOBER 96
FROM
7.30pm ONWARDS**

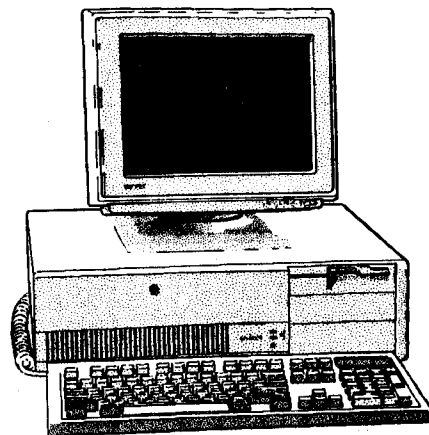
Parents of Children in year 7 are warmly invited to visit the school and meet the Headmaster and staff.

During October the school will be open for daytime visits. Please telephone the Headmaster's secretary to arrange an appointment - 01296 688264

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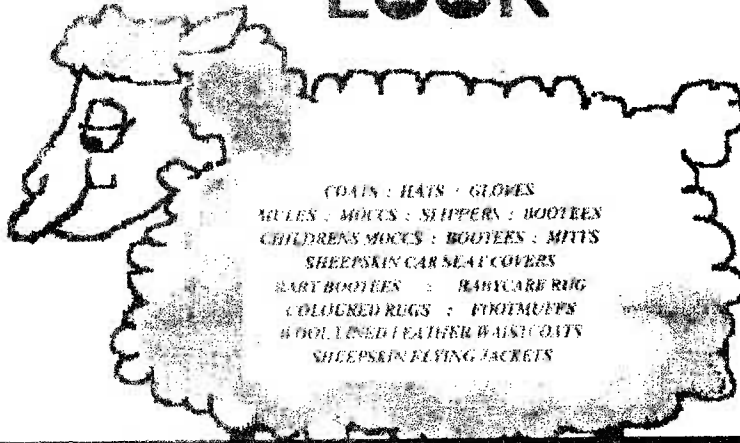
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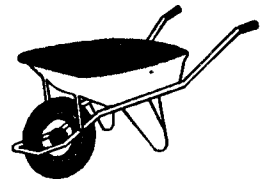
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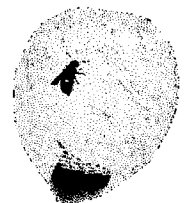
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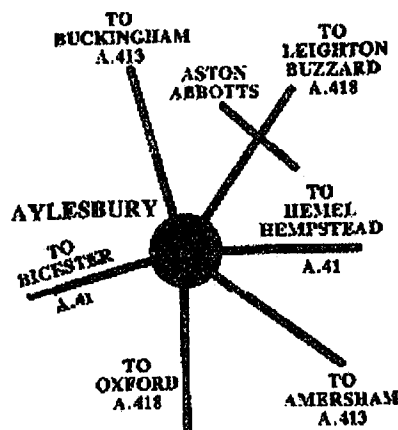
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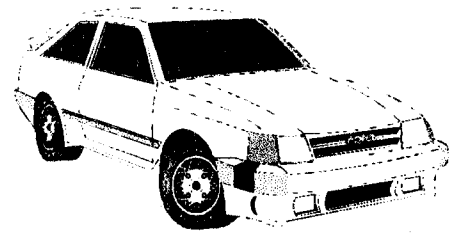
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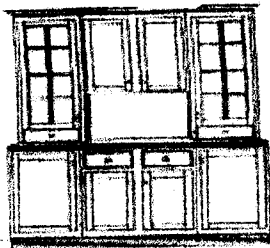
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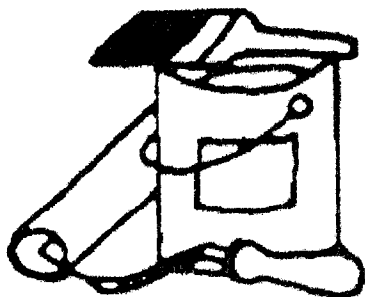
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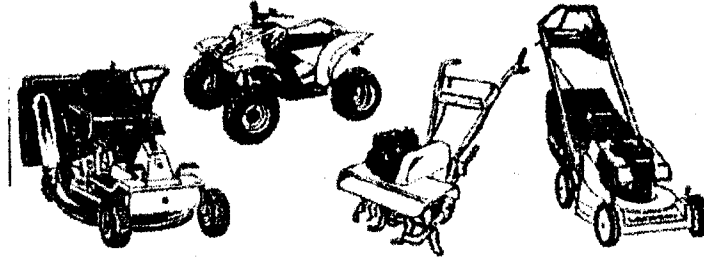


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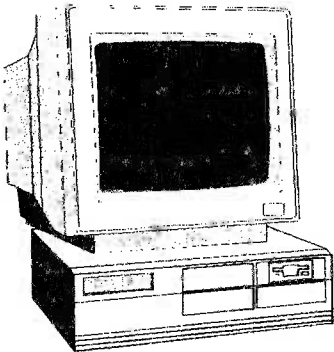
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