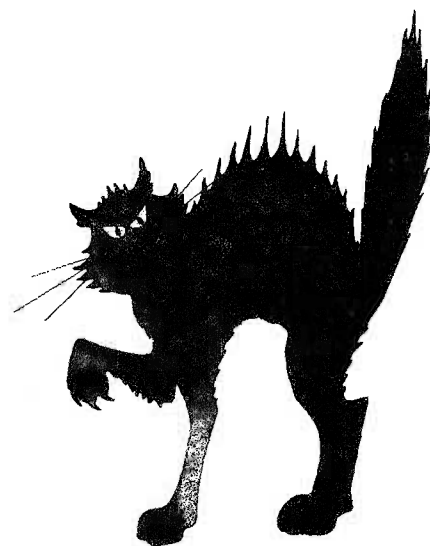
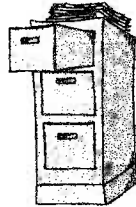


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Aston Abbotts Parish Magazine

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Editorial-----Thurs. 24th. October.

Having produced a cover with a 'Halloween' flavour, I thought it might be interesting to see if 'Encarta' (my computer's encyclopaedia) could tell me a little more about the origins of the traditions associated with Oct. 31st.

It would appear that Halloween, is the name applied to the evening of October 31, preceding the Christian feast of Hallowmas (hence Hallow's evening or Halloween), Allhallows, or All Saints' Day. The observances connected with Halloween are thought to have originated among the ancient Druids, who believed that on that evening, Saman, the lord of the dead, called forth hosts of evil spirits. Among the ancient Celts, Halloween was the last evening of the year and was regarded as a propitious time for examining the portents of the future.

The Celts also believed that the spirits of the dead revisited their earthly homes on that evening (was this the earliest trick or treating?). Their tradition of lighting fires on Halloween survived until modern times in Scotland and Wales, and the concept of ghosts and witches is still common to all Halloween observances.

After the Romans conquered Britain, they added to Halloween features of the Roman harvest festival held on November 1 in honour of Pomona, goddess of the fruits of trees. Traces of the Roman harvest festival survive in the custom, prevalent in both the United States and Great Britain, of playing games involving fruit, such as ducking for apples in a tub of water. Of similar origin is the use of hollowed-out pumpkins carved to resemble grotesque faces and lit by candles placed inside.

FOUND

A watch has been found in the recreation ground. If you think it is yours please give details to Frank or Louise at the Bull & Butcher.

The most important dates on 'witches calendars' are sabbats, two principal ones of which fall the night of April 30 (Roodmas or Walpurgis Night) and the night of October 31 (Halloween). Sabbats were celebrated also on the nights of July 31 (Lammas) and February 1 (Candlemas) and probably on other nights.

The opening procedure at a Sabbat was the initiation of new members. The ceremony supposedly involved assignment of a familiar, in the form of a cat, mouse, weasel, toad, or other small animal, to do the bidding of the witch.

OK! so this seems to explain the origins of the tradition as well as the prominence of witches, cats and pumpkins. However, I still cannot find out where the practice of 'trick or treating comes from. If there is anyone out there who knows, perhaps you could let me know.

VILLAGE SKIP SERVICE

A skip is to be placed in the

Bull & Butcher's car park

during the period

Several new services are advertised in this month's issue.

'Jane' is offering a hair dressing service in your own home.

Bull & Butcher are doing Roast on Thurs. evenings and Sunday lunch times.

Lynne is using her specialist training in the catering business to produce Christmas fayre and a range of specialist, homemade icecreams



Andy Bystra

Printed by the Squirrel Press at Waddesdon School and distributed free of charge to all households in Aston Abbotts

Please note that copy date for the December issue will be Fri. the 22nd of November. All items for publication will need to reach me (Andy Bystra. 31 The Green, (Tel 681 690 or 688 125) by this date please.

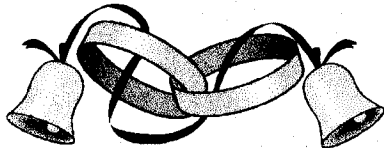
RITA'S PEOPLE PAGE

A very happy birthday to all those celebrating their birthdays during October, especially John Whyte & Bridget who will be 50 this month?????;-



Tom Brown 3rd November
John Brancker 7th
Bridget Brandon 8th
Anna Mogford 8th
Ray Wilkinson 10th
John Whyte 23rd
Esther Cheshier 27th

Congratulations



Our good wishes go out to Steven Kent and Carol Brice who are getting married on the 16th of November. The wedding ceremony takes place at Aylesbury Registrar Office at 10.30am. and the reception is being held at The Cock Inn Wing.

Congratulations to Steven and Carol and every happiness in your future life together.

HARDCORE

Approx 1 ton of hardcore is available free of charge.
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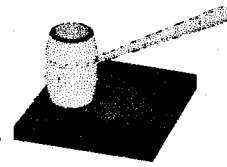
George Fox, Church Row.

THANKS!

Roy and Brenda Malin would like to thank all those who helped them celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary. They would particularly like to thank those who called or sent cards since their good wishes helped to make the occasion one they will never forget.

50/50 auction in aid of church funds.

Friday 1st November Church room 7.30pm



Fifty percent of profit to vendor and
Fifty percent to the Church Room.

Please bring any items for sale to the church room after 3.00pm

HELP

A part-time assistant

is required at the Bull & Butcher to assist with the preparation of food.

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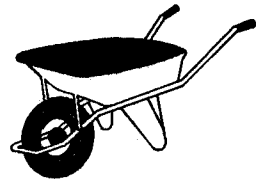
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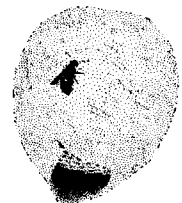


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Friday 1st November 50/50 auction in aid of church funds. Church room 7.30pm
Please bring any items for sale to the church room after 3.00pm.

Sunday 3rd Village Footpath walk/treasure hunt; everyone welcome - meet at the Green & bring a pen. 2.00pm
Tea in the Church room afterwards.

Tuesday 5th Floral class Church room 7pm.

Tuesday 5th Fireworks & bonfire night 7.00pm
Recreation ground 7.00pm (Fire will be lit at 6.30)

Thursday. 7th & 21st Whist drive Church Room 7.30

Saturday 9th Coffee morning Church Room 10.00-12.00 noon (In aid of the British Legion Poppy appeal)

Saturday 16th Bingo Church room 7.30pm. (In aid of the British Legion Poppy appeal)

Sunday 24th Rambling Club Member's meet at Wilstone 2.00pm

Thursday 28th Bingo Church room 7.30pm.

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SATURDAY, 9th NOVEMBER

The Church Room
ASTON ABBOTTS

from 10.00am - 12.00 noon

Everyone welcome
All proceeds will be in aid of the Poppy Appeal.



LADIES CLUB NOTES



November 7th
*Annual General Meeting,
Election of Committee and
bring and buy stall.*

November 21st
*A talk by Mrs Muriel Jones entitled;-
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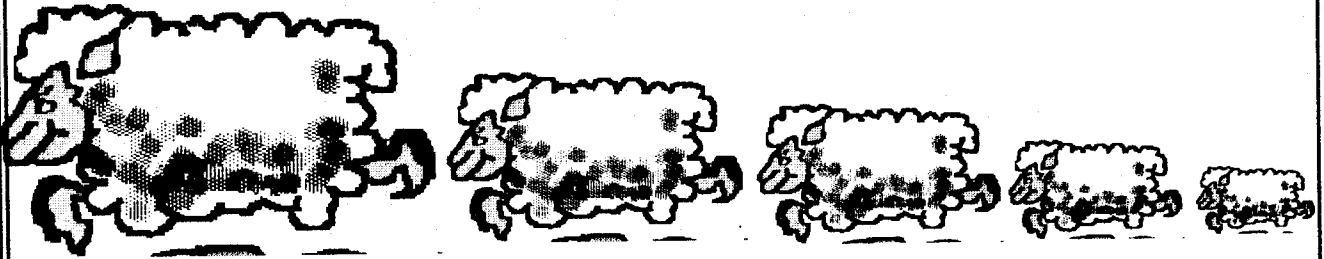
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If you have anything to donate please contact Sarah on 681092

CATHERINE WHEELS

Would Guy Fawkes like these lovely cheesy buns?

INGREDIENTS

175g full fat soft cheese.
6 spring onions, chopped.
4 bacon rashers, crispy grilled and chopped.
1 tbsp wholegrain mustard.
283g packet bread mix.
200ml fresh milk.
1 egg.
15g cheese, grated.

Makes 9 Buns

In a bowl, mix the soft cheese with the spring onions, bacon pieces and mustard. Place bread mix in a bowl, heat the milk until hand hot and stir in to make a soft dough. Knead on a lightly floured surface for 5 minutes until smooth and elastic. Roll out to a rectangle, spread over the cheese mixture and roll up like a swiss roll from the longest edge.

Cut into 9 thick slices and arrange in a greased 7 inch square tin. Cover with oiled polythene and leave in a warm place for 30 minutes until doubled in size. Brush with egg, sprinkle with the cheese and bake at 220°C (425°F) Mark 7 for 25 minutes.

Try serving warm with a mug of hot tomato soup on Bomb Fire Night.

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Volunteers are fully supported by the AVA Co-ordinator, a qualified counsellor, who offers advice and training. Out of pocket expenses are paid.

If you have a caring nature and a couple of hours to spare a week, you can apply to become a volunteer. To find out more about our work, please contact:-

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7, TEMPLE STREET
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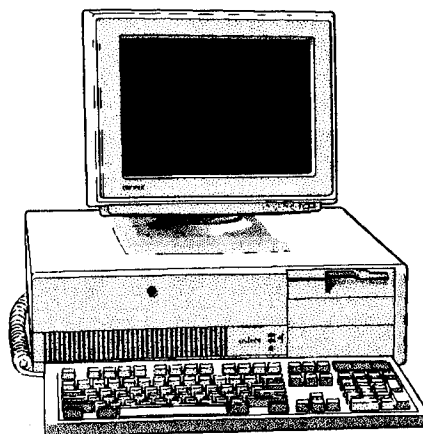
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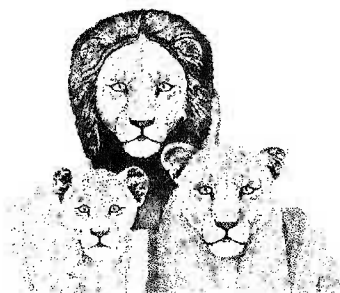
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please ring Jane on;-*

01296 682394
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GREAT SCOTT??



Once again Vic. and Christine Scott gave us a truly great evening which was both entertaining and informative. Such is their reputation that a very large number attended; not all from Aston Abbotts.

The evening started with a quiz for the 'younger people' and quickly lead on to the illustrated talk covering Vic. and Christine's field trip to South Africa. The quality & quantity of the slides as well as the interesting explanations of the plants, animals and topography shown, made this talk most interesting. An added bonus was the anecdotes concerning their encounters with both animals and people and the banter arising from their friendly rivalry over who was able to take the better photographs. In my opinion, these were so good that it would have been difficult to have choosen between the two.

Light refreshments were 'served' at the interval and the evening ended with a 'grown ups' quiz comprising questions about some 30 slides shown by Vic. Such was the level of difficulty that the winning score was only 11 and this was achieved by two people, Neil Cheshier and Sue Malin Neil did the honourable thing and let the lady take the prize; a large bottle of Lambrusco.

After a lengthy search the prize was eventually located; only to find that well over half had been drunk by person or persons unknown???. Of course this caused a great deal of amusement and was taken in good part by Sue. All was not lost however since Helen Dowding came to the rescue by providing a further bottle of wine for the prize.

All in all an evening not to be missed and it is hoped that it won't be too long before another is organised. The evening raised £134 towards church funds *Ed.*

NIBBLE & NATTER

Only nine attended this event which was very disappointingl considering the effort which had clearly gone into organising it by Colin. Non-the -less, those who were there enjoyed the opportunity to break away from the Saturday morning chores and enjoyed a 'natter' over a coffee or two with a slice of scrummy chocolate parkin. *Ed.*



HARVEST AUCTION

This auction was held at The Royal Oak which was regarded a popular venue with

those present. Spirited singing of a verse of 'We plough the fields and scatter' started proceedings. It was well received by customers using the other bar as was the vicar's story about the little boy who on asking about the facts of life was informed that we are all made out of the dust and when we die we return to dust. Shortly afterwards, having gone off to bed, his parents were surprised to hear a commotion upstairs followed by the little boy rushing down the stairs He was clearly upset but eventually blurted out that he thought there was someone under his bed but he was not sure whether they were coming or going!!

'Yours truly' was 'volunteered' as auctioneer and aided and abetted by Gordon Smith and Colin Higgs the auction got under way. There was a good balance of produce available spanning vegetables, flower arrangements, cakes, preserves and wines, all of which was of a very high quality. Despite there being quite a lot of produce, it's quality ensured good prices were achieved. Every body seemed happy with thier purchases and there were even few bargains were to be had towards the end. In all, £160.00 was raised towards church funds.

Ed.



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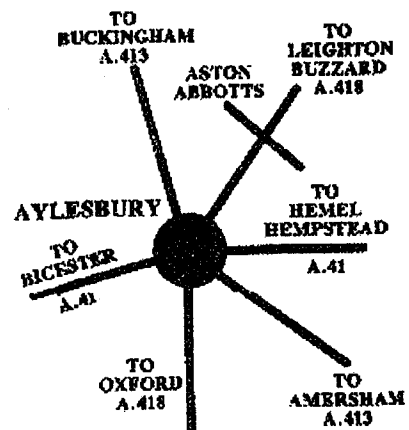
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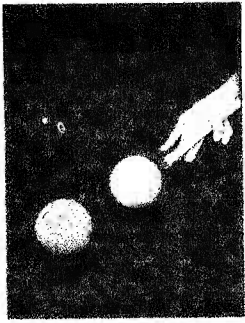
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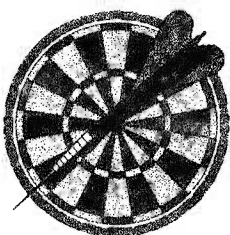
TONY'S SPORT COLUMN

Hello! The pool season is here again. The Bull & Butcher team has played two games so far in the league losing the first 3-5 (playing away) against the Rose & Crown, but winning 5-3 against the Five Elms at Weedon. We started our Cup defence against the Five Elms on a neutral table at the Royal Oak.

The Bull & Butcher has also been involved in a couple of charity events, the first being a darts marathon played at Aylesbury football Club in aid of the Rotary Club. We entered two teams; 'The Bulls' consisting of Lol, Tracy, Alan, Adrian and Vanessa who scored a total of 20,542 in one hour and 'The Butchers' comprising Tony, Margaret, Frank and John Whyte who scored 21,378. Many thanks to all team members for collecting their sponsorship moneys ASAP.

Congratulations go to Frank Mc.Manus for winning the 'lowest score with three darts' contest and Adrian Bystra for winning the 'highest score with three darts' competition during the course of the evening.

The second charity night was on Thursday 17th Oct. when we had a very enjoyable evening during which we held a conker competition at the Bull & Butcher. It was organised by Lloyd and 'Lamb Chop' and was in aid of the Macmillan Nurses at the local Florence Nightingale Hospice. Twenty two people took part and a total of £110.00 was raised. Everyone enjoyed the evening although a few 'dodgy' conkers caused a laugh. and were taken in good part. The eventual winner was Phil Lambourne and it is hoped that this will become an annual event.



Tony Hinds

WINGRAVE PRE-SCHOOL NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 1996

Welcome to our first Newsletter in your village magazine. Through our newsletter we hope to keep you informed of Wingrave Pre-school's events and news.

Held in our Community Centre in the village every weekday morning from 9.30-12.00, we believe our Pre School caters for the needs of the pre-school child in a friendly and stimulating environment. We welcome children from age two and a half to school age.

This term we have welcomed a new staff team who are bringing an especially fresh and enthusiastic approach to the children's activities. We encourage parents to be involved in pre-school both through fund-raising and helping out during the daily sessions.

Fund-raising is vital to our Pre-School and last term's events included;- a wine stall at Wingrave's Summer Fete, a White Elephant Stall at the MacIntyre Home and a stall at Wingrave's Harvest Fete.

This term we are looking forward to our Halloween and Coffee Morning

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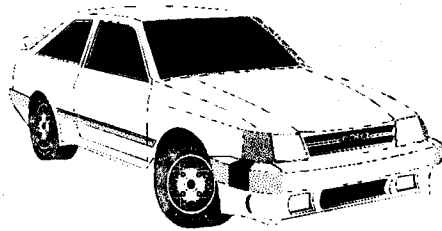
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Tuesday 3th December Floral class Church room 7pm.

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 wide variety of shops with most major departmental stores represented. People who have been before are convinced prices are lower than our local shops.

To avoid disappointment, book early with Colin.

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Tuesday 5th Nov.

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and fireworks commence at **7.00pm**

*Contributions towards the cost of the fireworks to
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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.**

DOG FOULING

Several complaints have been received by the Parish Council concerning dog owners allowing their pets to foul at the entrance to ;-

The Grove.

One lady has written to say that

"It is awful that dog owners should just walk away when their dogs have 'had an accident' in front of the cottages in Grove corner. We use our front doors as the main entrance to our homes and when this happens the mess often gets trodden indoors. This corner of The Green is very dark and you just don't see when you have trodden in it, and then, all of a sudden the mess is transferred onto the house and car carpets"

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Sherlock Holmes

**Adventures at Sir Arthur Sullivan's
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The Beckett Double Bill

**Endgame & Krapp's Last Tape
by Compass Theatre
Friday 6th December, 8pm**

THIS OFFER ENDS ON FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER!

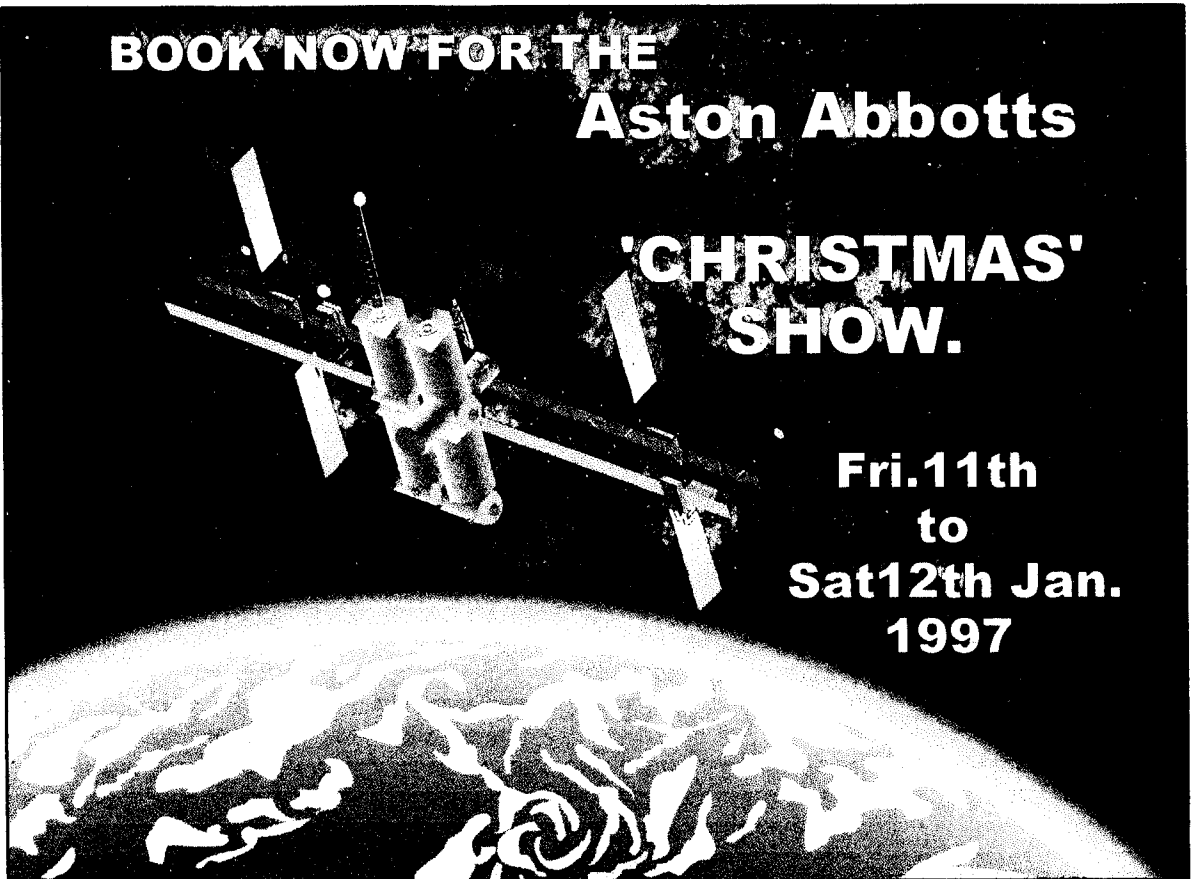
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**'CHRISTMAS'
SHOW.**

**Fri. 11th
to
Sat 12th Jan.
1997**



The strange, extra-terrestrial like creatures and furtive, shadowy figures continue to be seen around the village, their eyes cast upwards to the stars seeking further inspiration from their Gods in outer space. Such is the effort going into 'The Show' that the time taken for it's preparation is being extended. This crazy band of troubadours are continuing to call it "The Christmas Show" despite the fact that it will now take place next year. Of course, some of us may find this too much excitement to take. After all, it will mean there could there be two shows in 1997?

After several re-writes, and re-writes of re-writes (Yes they are actually writing a script this year) the main sketch continues to be heavily based on the Star Trek theme. With a new talented scenery designer, improved costumes as well as many talented and exciting acts, not previously seen before in Aston Abbotts, it promises to be the Christmas Show of all Christmas Shows.

The special effects will need to be seen to be believed, and without letting 'the cat out of the bag', one such will be the entire audience uniquely experiencing, at first hand, what it must be like to be in a meteoric storm. You have been warned; bring suitable protective head-ware!!!!

Tickets for the show are £3.00 per adult for Saturday, £2.50 for Friday nights and youngsters under 14 - £1.00 either night. They are to be strictly controlled this year so if you haven't booked and paid before the night it is unlikely you will be able to get in.

To avoid disappointment book now phone the booking office on;-

681690 or 688125

and ask for ;-

Andy Bystra



CHURCH SERVICES



SUNDAY READINGS

3rd Nov. 96 8 before Christmas (p.403)

Gen. 4, 1-10; Mark 7, 14-23

10th Nov. 96 7 before Christmas (p.409)

Gen. 12, 1-9; John 8, 51 - end

17th Nov. 96 6 before Christmas (p.414)

Ex. 3, 7-15; John 6, 25-34

24th Nov. 96 5 before Christmas (p.419)

1 Kings 19, 9-18; Matt. 24, 37-44

1st Dec. 96 Advent (p.423)

Isaiah 52, 7-10; Luke 21, 25-33.

WINGRAVE

3 November	10.00	Parish Communion
10 November	10.00	Parish Communion
17 November	10.00	Parish Communion
24 November	8.00	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.00	Family Service
1 December	10.00	Parish Communion
	6.00	Advent Carols (Singers)

ASTON ABBOTTS

3 November	11.15	Parish Communion
10 November	10.45	RBL Remembrance Service
17 November	11.15	Parish Communion
24 November	11.15	Parish Communion
1 December	11.15	Morning Service

CUBLINGTON

3 November	10.00	Family Service
	6.00	Evensong
10 November	8.45	Parish Communion
17 November	8.45	Parish Communion
24 November	8.45	Parish Communion
3rd November	10.00	Family Service
	6.00	Deanery Praise
1 December	10.00	Family Service

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptism

13 October	Mark White at Wingrave
20 October	Kathleen Card at Aston Abbots
	Matthew Card at Aston Abbots
	Joshua Willmott at Wingrave

Confirmation

14 October at Stewkley:- Matthew Curry,
Chris Dawson
Joan Farquharson,
Mark White

Marriage

12 October at Wingrave:-
Ray Layton & Penny Cooper

Church flowers for November at Aston Abbots.

W/E 2/3 Mr C. Higgs

W/E 9/10 British Legion Ladies

W/E 16/17 Mrs Ford

W/E 23/24 Mr C. Higgs





RECTOR'S REPORT

It seems to be the time of year when all the organisations to which I belong send out their reminders that my annual subscription is now due. The letters are always extremely polite - they thank me for my support over the past year and hope that I shall continue to enjoy my membership.

When they come on an infrequent basis (perhaps one or two a month) they do not seem to be a threat. Just send a cheque for whatever, and the mailings and the membership will continue for another year. The only time we start to question them is when they all seem to arrive in the same week - or even worse - in the same post.

Over the years our interests change, and we adjust our subscriptions accordingly. Some we decide are no longer meeting our needs, whilst others come along to take their places.

With the requests I received last week was one that was not asking for an annual subscription, but could I just confirm my personal details and agree to have my name on their register for the next year. This was from an organisation with which I have been associated for about fifteen years. Being on the register meant that I could be called upon to give my time and energy at some time in the coming year.

Both sending the cheque by return and being on "the register" are forms of commitment and commitment is frequently something that we avoid mentioning - or even thinking about. When we do use "commitment" it is usually in the context of an excuse, i.e. "I cannot help you because of my work commitments" or "my family commitments

must come first". Yet all human relationships involve commitment. Everything we do involves commitment, and commitment always involves cost. Do we use commitment as an excuse because we are trying to avoid the "cost"? What does it really mean when we say that we are "uncommitted" or that we have "no commitments"?

The trouble is that by sending off the cheque and waiting for the regular mailshots, we are tempted to opt out of thinking about our commitments.

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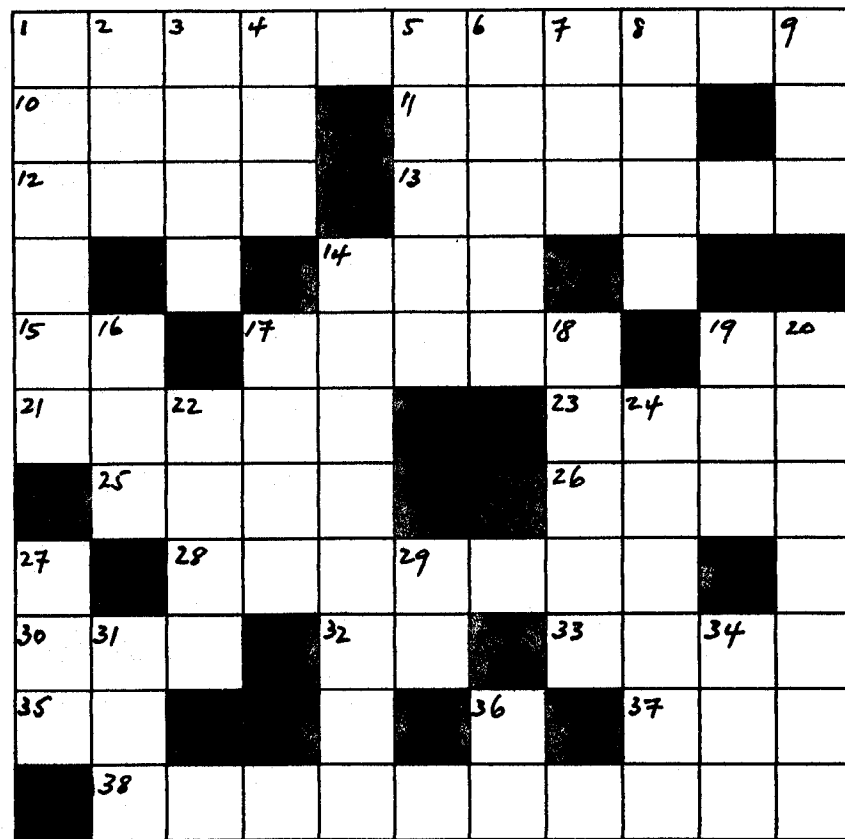
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ACROSS

1. Local Village (11)
10. To rage (4)
11. Not one (4)
12. Portent (4)
13. Groans (6)
14. To decay (3)
15. Lower to higher (2)
17. Insects (5)
19. --/DC (2)
21. Similar kinds are (5 slang)
23. Curved structure (4)
25. A Roman garment (4)
26. A gallery (4)
28. Affected with paralysis (7)
30. Poem (3)
32. Upon (2)
33. Shallow vessel (4)
35. Degree (2)
37. E.g. Baltic (3)
38. Another local place (10)

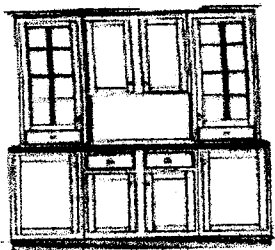
DOWN

1. Spring flower (6)
2. A meat (3)
3. Level (4)
4. Study (3)
5. Lump of metal (5)
6. Cardinal Point (5)
7. Animal (3)
8. A shelter (4)
9. We are all members of this (3 abbrev.)
14. Look a ray 5, 3 anag
16. to tap (3)
17. --- byte (4)
18. Replete (5)
19. Perform (3)
20. Bucks town (7)
22. Sulk (4)
24. Vegetable (6)
27. To curtsey (3)
29. Nursing qualification (2)
31. Fish (3)
34. E.g. Black --- (3)
36. Senior Service (2)

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 12 Epees. 13 Minnie. 15 Peep.
 16 Pristine. 18 Dear. 20 Scab.
 23 Eerie. 25 To. 26 Lard.
 28 Van. 30 Union. 31 Beta.
 32 OT. 33 At. 34 Cares.
 35 Uretic. 37 RA. 38 Sam.
 39 Ode. Down. 1. Tempestuous.
 2 Hair. 3 Arnica. 4 Mens.
 5 Edit. 6 We. 7 Appear. 8 See.
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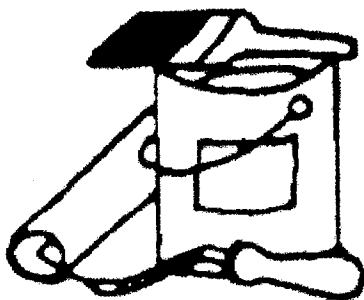
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PARISH COUNCIL

Unofficial notes of the meeting held on Wednesday 11th September 1996

D/Cllr Round attended part of the meeting.

(1) Matters arising

Several residents had approached Cllrs about the Wingrave Road, from the land fill site to the crossroads, which was causing concern due to the deterioration of the surface.

Cllr Manning had spoken to the foreman on the Nash's Farm site and resolved several issues.

a) The Security fence had been moved back to the building line.

b) Works traffic would now be parked on the site.

c) Delivery trucks would not deliver or collect before 8 am

d) Sunday working would continue when necessary as the foreman said he was under no restrictions. Cllr Round said he would look into this.

Cllr Round reported that the latest application for 5 houses at the front of the site would be going before the Committee on 24 October 1996. A Cllr would speak at this meeting.

County Council and District Council Matters

D/Cllr Round had attended a meeting of AVDC Parishes Sub Committee. This was a new approach to parishes and the District Council working together. Various matters were raised by parishes in the North of the County. The next meeting would be in Pitstone on 6 November 1996.

Bus Shelter

Two quotes had been received for the construction of a bus shelter on Wingrave Road from Messrs Bignell & Brandon and Mr Ayres. It was agreed to accept the quote from Messrs Bignell & Brandon.

Responsible Dog Ownership

Cllr Kempster reported that dog fouling was becoming an increasing problem at the entrance to The Grove. It was agreed to look at the cost of a second dog waste bin and to raise this issue at the next meeting. The editor of the Chronicle would be asked to put a notice in the paper requesting that people stop their dogs fouling in that area.

Donation for Wingrave Summer Play Scheme

It was agreed to give £55.00 towards the cost of the Play Scheme.

Fireworks grant

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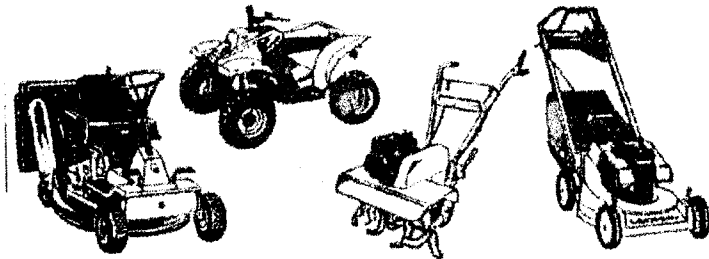
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WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP PREPARE MY CHILD FOR ENTRY INTO HIS OR HER NEW SCHOOL?

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



MATHEMATICS

You can help your child in Mathematics by providing opportunities for him/her to develop skills in number (counting, adding and subtracting): sorting sequencing and ordering everyday objects: making predictions whenever an opportunity arises: and recognising shapes in the world around him.

You do not need special equipment to teach the skills outlined below: they can all be introduced using things in the home and in the environment outside. For example; a conversation with your child whilst waiting for the bus might include comparisons of short and tall people. Mathematics, like most subjects is best taught in real life situations rather than necessarily sitting your child down and expecting him to engage in a formal learning session. Grasping mathematical skills is always easiest when there is an element of fun in an activity. Bearing these points in mind, encourage as many of the following skills as possible.

compare objects to see which is the longest, tallest, thickest, thinnest...

talk about a set of things for example. 'Which is the longest pencil?'

predict which of two objects will be heavier

count, read, write and order numbers up to at least 10 (go beyond if these are mastered)

know that counting 1 to 10 means that there are 10 things there. for example 10 cherries and from 1 to 15 means there are 15 things

know that where there are. for example. 7 oranges. there will still be 7 however they are arranged.

add or take away using everyday objects. where there are no more than 10.

estimate the number of objects where there are no more than 10. for example. the number of apples in a bag.

copy. continue or devise a repeating pattern. for example. threading beads onto a string: green. green. purple. green. green. purple (making a necklace will enliven this activity)do the same sequencing with shapes or with low numbers. for example. 1.2.1.2.1.2....

compare and order objects without measuring them. into tall, taller than, tallest; cold, warm, hot: and so on, and use the right vocabulary to describe the result.

fit together blocks (perhaps building bricks or items from a construction kit) to make different 3 dimensional shapes.

talk about the made shapes. for example. ' This is the longest'.

make predictions about the timing of the day. for example. knowing that the milkman usually calls before breakfast.

sort simple 2 dimensional and 3 dimensional objects, matching shapes and sizes. build using a variety of 3 dimensional shapes and describing them.

draw 2 dimensional shapes and describe them. describe where something is. using the appropriate words: under, above, behind, on, inside, next to.. decide the rules for sorting a set of objects and be able to stick to what has been decided. for example. 'I am going to put all the red ones together first'.

draw a picture representing the position of people or things. for example. showing where people are sitting at the table.

realise probable results or options. for example. a new baby will be a girl or a boy.

begin to develop some awareness of money, knowing that things cost different amounts and have opportunities to handle and look at money. sing and recite number songs and rhymes.

gradually increase spatial awareness by moving objects and handling objects. discovering how things fit together and how much of something might be needed to fill a space or container.

I hope that you will find these points helpful in providing your pre-school child with a grounding in Mathematics.

Next month I will concentrate on science.

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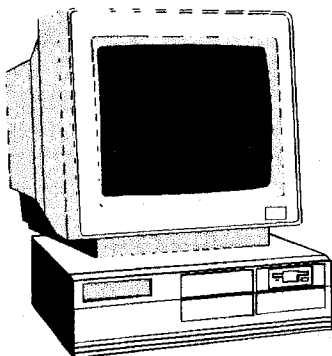
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