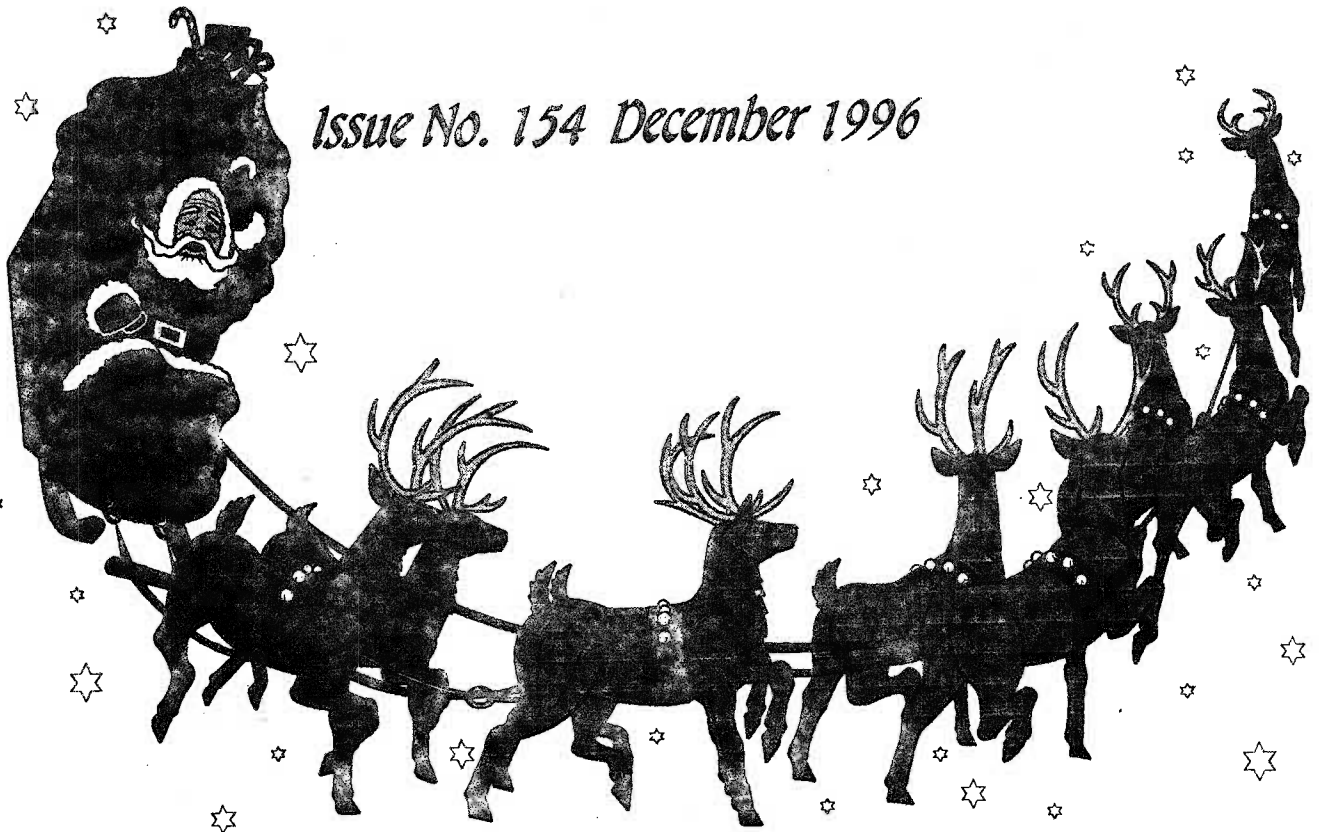


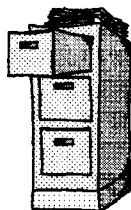
# The Chronicle

*Aston Abbotts Parish Magazine*

*Issue No. 154 December 1996*



**Editorial**—Thurs. 24th. November.



With the publication of this issue I have now completed my first full calendar year as Editor of The Chronicle. I mention this, not because it is any great milestone; but simply because I felt I would like to highlight the considerable help I receive from many of you who regularly provide items for publication, make sure it is printed on time each month and trudge around the village in all weathers delivering each issue.

On behalf of all the staff here in The Chronicle office (including Boss the office cat) let me say a very big than you to all of you, especially those of you who are able to pass items to me on disc.

Of course without adequate funding there would be no Chronicle and so on behalf of all who enjoy our village magazine, I extend my gratitude to our advertisers who's fees provide about a quarter of the £900.00 it costs annually to produce the eleven issues. In Addition, John Whyte (our Treasurer) the lads & lasses who's hard work organising the Cabaret, Christmas Show and village fete help raise about half the annual production costs and of course many thanks to the several individuals and the Parish Council who made contributions this year.



Apparently, at one of our local schools, filled with the 'Christmas spirit', one of the teachers who takes a class of six year olds asked them to write down, "Why do we celebrate Christmas"? She very kindly passed their answers to me and I thought you might to see a selection!

"We celebrate Christmas to get presents and to get snow, because it has to be cold sometimes. We can celebrate so people can come over and have fun".

"We celebrate Christmas for Jesus's birthday. His mother was Mary. He was born in a pig house but there were no pigs in it".

"We celebrate Christmas because our toys get old and we need new ones".

"We celebrate Christmas to get the present you really wanted. Santa Claus comes to give us presents. He sometimes comes to make people very happy.

"I think we celebrate Christmas because Jesus got married to Mary".

"We celebrate Christmas for the poor people"

"I don't know why we celebrate Christmas"!!!!



*Whatever you are doing for Christmas, I hope you all have a wonderful and peaceful time and if you over indulge; there are always those New Years resolutions to get you back in 'shape' again!!*

*Andy Bystra*

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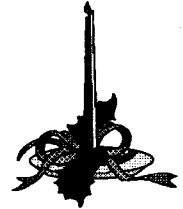


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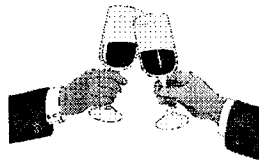
Please note that copy date for the January issue will be Fri. the 27th of Decemember All items for publication will need to reach me (Andy Bystra. 31 The Green, (Tel 681 690 or 688 125) by this date please.



# RITA'S PEOPLE PAGE



A very happy birthday to all those celebrating their birthdays during December, especially :-



Allison Hewitt  
11th Dec.

Rosie Manning 12th Dec.

Jack Turner 15th Dec.

Derek Ludlam 19th Dec.

Claire Barnett 18th Dec.

Charlotte Radford 20th Dec

Andrew Lovell 25th Dec.

Nicholas Osborn 25th Dec.

Val Smith 25th Dec.

## THANKS!

*My sincere thanks to all who's concern, thoughts and prayers which have pulled June through a difficult time. June is now making steady progress and is looking forward to coming back home.*

*Tim Loader*

## PERCY RICKARD

We are sad to report the death of Percy Rickard on the 14th of November.

Percy, who had lived and worked in our village for many years, was a well liked and respected character of our community. He would love to re-count stories about his work with horses and other farming tales. These we would usually hear at the Bull & Butcher where he enjoyed a pint or two of beer. He always sat in a chair in the corner, right by the bar and what better place to be! This chair has been, and will always be known as 'Percy's chair'.

We were very sorry when Percy had to leave the village and go into a Nursing home for health reasons. His presence was missed by all who knew him.

Our sympathy is extended to Percy's family on their sad loss.

## WELCOME

A warm welcome is extended to Andy and Lynn Garton who recently moved into their newly completed house at Longmore Farm.

We wish them every happiness for the future in their new home.

## HELP

A part-time assistant

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

If you are interested, please contact Frank or Louise on 681520

# Get ready for Christmas!

Tuesday 10th December, 2pm

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## WHAT'S ON IN DEC.

**Tuesday 3rd** Floral class Church room 7pm.

**Wednesday 4th** Aylesbury Vale Transport Meeting. Bus/Train queries to Colin please.

**Thursday 12th** Bingo Church room 7.30pm.

**Saturday 14th** Christmas Shopper to Leicester. Coach departs The Green 8.30am

**Sunday 15th** Rambling Club Member's meet at Lomond Drive Lindslade 2.00pm.

Also

**Carol Service St. James Church 3.00pm.**

**Thursday. 19th** Whist drive Church Room 7.30.

**Saturday 21st** Bingo Church room 7.30pm.

## FUTURE HAPPENINGS

**Thursday 2nd Jan.** Whist drive Church Room 7.30.

**Friday 3rd Jan.** Rambler's New Year Dinner Cock Inn Wing

**Sunday 5th Jan.** Rambling Club Member's meet at Cublington Cross roads to walk off the effects of their 'New Year's' dinner!! .2.00pm.

**Tuesday 7th Jan.** Floral class Church room 7pm.

**Friday & Saturday the 24th & 25th Jan.** Christmas Show Church Room Tickets available from;-  
**Andy Bystra 681690**

**Sunday 12 Jan.** Great Horwood Silver Band St. James Church 2.30pm.  
Tickets will be available , early in December from;-  
**Shirley Ford 681865**  
**and Hillary Hasler 681877**

## LADIES CLUB NOTES



**December 5th Church Room, 2.45**  
The speaker will be Mr G.Line and he will present a recital of Charles Dicken's 'A Christmas Carol'.

**December 19th, St. James Church 2.45**  
Ladies Club Carol Service followed by a Christmas tea in the Church Room.

**Sunday 12 Jan.** Great Horwood Silver Band concert to be held in St. James Church commencing 2.30pm.  
Tickets will be available , early in December from;-  
**Shirley Ford 681865**  
**and Hillary Hasler 681877**

## SAVAGE CUTS FOR BUCKS

A document is being circulated to all Parish Councils, Voluntary Services and other groups, by Bucks County Council stating the Authority may after April next year drastically reduce it's planned spending by £23 million pounds. So what does this mean?

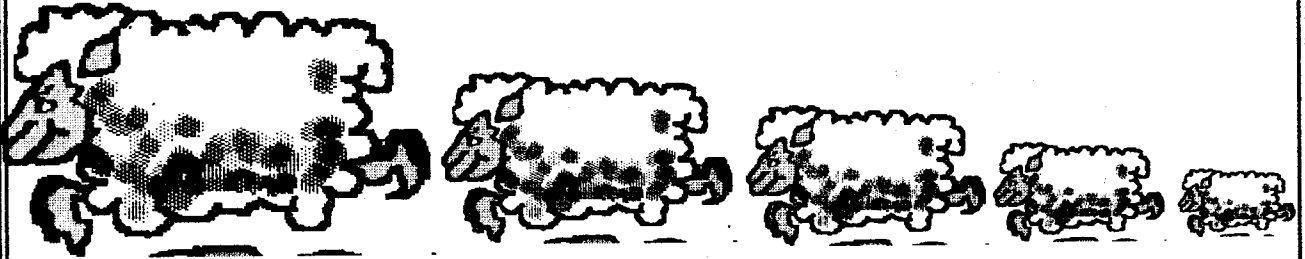
Cuts to the environmental services are likely to mean less road repairs and maintenance of rural footpaths as well as the possible closure of Country Parks. Fewer road safety schemes such as traffic calming and pedestrian crossings.

Cuts to library services and closure of some rural Libraries. (Use your library van)

Public transport could loose their subsidies to off peak and weekend services. (Make sure you use your bus service; No.65.)

*Colin*

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## OLD

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If you have anything to donate please contact Sarah on 681092

## 50/50 AUCTION

There was very poor support by village folk for the 50/50 auction held on the 1st of November and as the auctioneer, I have to say it was extremely disappointing to see some of the excellent range of items which had been donated, being 'knocked down' for a tiny fraction of their true worth. Many of the new, nearly new and 'antique' pieces went to several of the dealers present and since there was virtually no one else to bid against them prices were ridiculously low.

Several items having reserve prices were withdrawn and in a couple of instances people who had donated particularly nice items brought them back themselves rather than see them go under the hammer to dealers for silly prices.

The only heartening tale was that a young lad from Whitchurch who had been out of work for some considerable time, and desperately needed domestic equipment, took advantage of the depressed prices to set himself up in a flat within his very limited budget. However, charity was not the prime objective and although some funds were raised for the Church, it has to be said that they were nowhere near the amount which could have been achieved.

As an after thought, it might have been better to have had a stall at one of the many local car boot sales where at least items sold would have achieved somewhere near reasonable prices.



*Ed.*

## BONFIRE NIGHT

Once again Lol. and the lads did a superb job of organising the fireworks which I think were even better than last year. Full safety recommendations were followed with fireworks being stored in a sealed steel trunk and only authorised people allowed into the area where they were being set off. Even so, despite all the care taken there were several exciting moments when due to the extremely blustery winds, fireworks were blown over and fired their 'coloured lights' towards the crowd. Neil Chesher seemed to enjoy

this more than most telling everyone who would listen that it reminded him when he served in the trenches during the first world war.

So far as I can remember the fire was not quite so big as in previous years, and since it was such a bitterly cold night it would have been nice to have been able to get a little nearer. However, safety considerations and the fact that the high winds were blowing the smoke and sparks towards the crowd made this not possible. Thankfully there was a welcoming fire at the pub which provided a haven from the cold and excitement outside.



*Ed.*

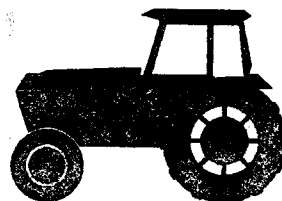
## CHURCH HEDGE

A big thank you to Alan Kempster who cut down the very much overgrown hedge bordering on to the Old Masters Restaurant. Even with motorised cutting equipment the job took most of the day to complete but in the end it was well worth the effort since the hedge not only looked a lot tidier but a full metre of ground was recovered along its entire length. (The only problem is that this means more grass to cut!!!). Special thanks go to Juan at the Old Masters who kept us going with coffee.

The pile of branches, young trees and briars created from the severe 'haircut' given to the hedge was impressive to say the least, but, assisted by a willing team (including many of the village youngsters) this debris was soon transported to the bonfire. By hand this would have been an almost impossible task but by courtesy of a tractor and trailer which was very generously loaned by Frank McManus at the Bull & Butcher, several trips later it was all cleared away.

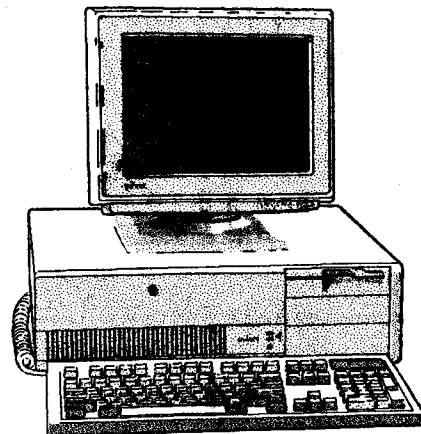
Many thanks  
again for all who helped.

*Ed.*



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**URGENT MESSAGE !**

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NOTE !!!!**

Due to the extreme realism of the script as well as the cast going into near orbit at subsequent rehearsals, the entire show has been caught up in a time warp.

**This is no spoof !!!**

The SHOW will now take place on Friday the 24th and Saturday the 25th and not on the 10th and 11th as previously advertised.

However, tickets are still available at £3.00 per adult for Saturday, £2.50 for Friday nights and youngsters under 14 - £1.00 either night.

Sincere apologies to those who have already ordered tickets. Please let me know if you are unable to attend on this new date.

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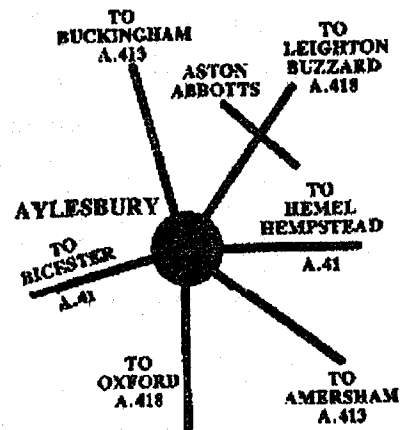
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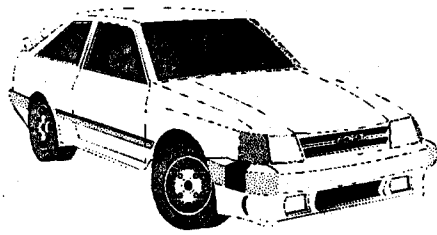
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## ***Funds raised for the Poppy Appeal***

Despite much speculation in the press, no white poppies were on sale in Aston Abbots. However, as usual, Kate Waite, despite some quite atrocious weather, stoically visited households in the village to sell poppies (the red variety of course, in all sizes).

Further funds for this very worthy cause were raised by Pam & John Dixon who organised a coffee morning in aid of The Poppy Fund. This took place in the Church Room on the 9th of November and raised the very creditable sum of £47.10.

A Bingo evening organised by Doris and Len Scutchings proved to be very popular with some fifty people attending. This event raised £104.10 for the same fund and this will be added to the village total.

**Ed.**



## **WINGRAVE PRE-SCHOOL NEWSLETTER (Oct./Nov. 1996)**

**Seasons greetings to you all!**

Our Halloween Party and Coffee Morning proved a great success. The event raised a magnificent £200.00! Our sincere thanks to all of the staff and helpers who made the activities and stalls so much fun.

We have recently purchased several new pieces of equipment including;- stilts, hoops, net-ball posts and face paints. All much enjoyed by the children! Our tables, chairs and now our face paints are all for hire.

As part of our fund-raising efforts, we

Saturday 7th December one of us should have a nice Christmas windfall.

Talking of Christmas.... we look forward to the special seasonal activities the staff have planned for this year. Our team have quite a few wonderful Christmas surprises in mind for the Christmas Party Day. For the adults we hope to provide mulled wine, mince pies and general Christmas good cheer! Details to follow in our next Newsletter.

If you would like to know more about Wingrave pre-school, please contact our Play-leader June Hill on 01296 682153.

***Julie Vaughn***



## **KIDNEY FUND**

On behalf of the Kidney Foundation, I would like to thank all those who gave so generously to this good cause. The amount of £30.10 was collected and will be much appreciated by this Charity.

***Rita.***



# Mix

# 96

Copies of The Chronicle are now being sent to Mix-96 monthly so that they are aware as to what events are occurring in Aston Abbots. If you are organising an event or feel strongly enough about something which may be of interest to their listeners, either let me know or ring them direct on 01296 399396.

***Ed.***

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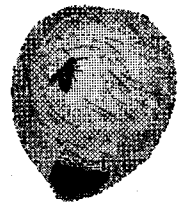


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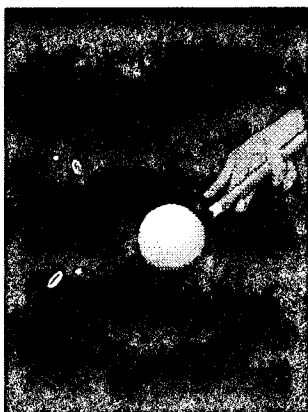
AVA helps people with communication difficulties which prevent them from voicing their own needs. These difficulties may arise from a variety of causes, learning of physical disability, or old age.

AVA volunteers get to know their clients well so they can then speak out or write on their behalf when need arises - for example to agencies like the local council, health authority and social security. Help has also been given by volunteers in arranging holidays, obtaining advice about benefits, personal budgeting, making appointments and attending meetings with solicitors, doctors and social workers, finding accommodation and dealing with correspondence.

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

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## TONY'S SPORTS COLUMN.

The Bull & Butcher Pool team are not doing very well at the moment. Captained by Marc Brandon they were soundly thrashed 6 - 2 in the local 'derby' against The Royal Oak. The following week they lost again playing against The Swan & Castle when coincidentally the score was also 6 - 2.

Tony and Lawrence won the pairs competition in the Pub and following a 'bye' in the first round will go on to represent the pub in the League Pairs competition.

Congratulations go to Marc Brandin and Will Ellis on winning their 1st round of the Pairs Competition whilst representing The Royal Oak pairs

Tomv

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## WELL DONE!!!

*Juan at The Old Masters, would like to thank his wife Bridget for preventing severe damage to their patio door by placing her foot underneath it just as it was being taken off it's track for some maintenance.*

*We understand the 'stitches and plaster' are to be removed shortly and that she will soon be dancing flamenco again!!!*

Ed



# CHURCH SERVICES

## SUNDAY READINGS

1.12.96 Advent (p.423)  
Isa. 52, 7-10; Luke 21, 25-33

8.12.96 Advent 2 (p.427)  
Isa. 55, 1-11; John 5, 36-end  
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5.12.96 Advent 3 (p.433)  
Isa. 40, 1-11; John 1, 19-28

22.12.96 Advent 4 (p.437)  
Isa. 11, 1-9; Luke 1, 26-38

25.12.96 Christmas (p.446)  
Heb. 1, 1-5; John 1, 1-14

29.12.96 Christmas 1 (p.451)  
Gal. 4, 1-7; John 1, 14-18

5.1.97 Christmas 2 (p.456)  
Rom. 8, 11-17; Luke 2, 41-end.



## WINGRAVE

- 1 December 10.00 Parish Communion  
6 pm Advent Carols (Singers)
- 8 December 10.00 Parish Communion
- 15 December 10.00 Parish Communion  
6 pm Christingle
- 22 December 10.00 Parish Communion
- 24 December 6 pm Blessing the Crib  
11 pm Midnight Eucharist
- 29 December 10.00 Benefice Eucharist
- 5 January 10.00 Parish Communion

## ASTON ABBOTTS

- 1 December 11.15 Morning Service
- 8 December 11.15 Parish Communion
- 15 December 3 pm Carol Service
- 22 December 11.15 Parish Communion
- 25 December 10.00 Family Service & Communion
- 29 December 10.00 Service at Wingrave
- 5 January 11.15 Morning Service

## CUBLINGTON

- 1 December 10.00 Family Service
- 8 December 8.45 Parish Communion  
6 pm Deanery Praise
- 15 December 8.45 Parish Communion
- 22 December 8.45 Parish Communion  
3 pm Carol Service
- 25 December 8.45 Christmas Eucharist
- 29 December 10.00 Service at Wingrave
- 5 January 10.00 Family Service

## FROM THE REGISTERS

Funeral 7.11.96 John (Jack) Tompkins at Wingrave and Amersham

## CONFIRMATION 1997

We shall very shortly be starting the preparation for the 1997 confirmation. Those who are interested in joining the course should make sure that they give their names to Bob Willmott or Siv Tunnicliffe as soon as possible so that detailed arrangements can be made.

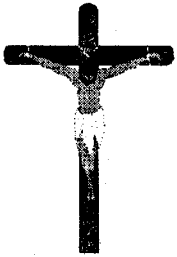
## *Church flowers for December at Aston Abbots.*

- W/E 30th Nov/1st )  
)Advent; no flowers
- W/E 7th/8th Dec. )
- W/E 14/15 Dec. ) Decorate for
- W/E 21/22Dec. ) Carol Service &
- W/E 28/29Dec. ) Christmas.



W/E 4th/5th Jan. Mrs G Wier.





## RECTOR'S REPORT

A week or so ago some extracts from a book about the life of Jesus were published in one of the daily newspapers. I found them interesting, yet strangely twisted.

The book, which was supposedly based on some ancient scrolls which had been unearthed, claimed that Jesus had been married to Mary Magdalene and they had subsequently had three children. It also said that the crucifixion had been an elaborate hoax with Simon of Cyrene acting as a substitute for Jesus. The idea that they simply switched places on the way to Calvary seems to me extremely far-fetched.

But perhaps the thing that, more than anything else, irritated me, was the transference of 20th century Western life and thought forms into 1st century Palestinian society. Their culture was completely different from ours. We have a hard enough job trying to understand some of the cultural differences between our way of life and, for example, the strict Sikh and Muslim lifestyles.

Curiously, the more we examine these different cultures, the less clear do we become about what did, or did not, happen. There is quite a lot to be said for ignorance! We simply do not know anything like enough to even hazard a guess about the domestic arrangements of Jesus' life. The few odd scraps of information that we do have then become for us valuable, even if they only give us a very sketchy impression of how things may have been then.

That Jesus was born in the out-house of an inn in Bethlehem is how we have received the story. Born there because there was no room in the inn. It is possible to argue that Jesus was born in the stable because Mary and Joseph were unmarried and that the innkeeper (as a respectable businessman) would not give them houserom. "You want to act like animals, then you had better go and live with the animals out at the back" - that is purely a fanciful speculation which I made up as I wrote this article.

We can play with ideas to our hearts' content, but we can never fully fathom the mystery of Almighty God taking upon himself our human flesh and coming to live amongst us. So, like the shepherds and the wise men, our reaction to the Baby in the Manger is the same ... Pure Wonder.

*Bob Willmott*

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# PARISH COUNCIL

*Unofficial notes of the meeting held on  
Wednesday 23rd October 1996*



D/Cllr Round attended the meeting.

## (1) Matters arising

The construction of a new bus shelter by the allotments on Wingrave Road would be under way soon.

## 2 Planning Matters

### a) Applications

A/96/1787/APP Oak Farm House, amendment to 95/2013/APP, Mr and Mrs Shorrocks. The Parish Council had no comments to make on this application.

### b) Decisions

A/96/1107/APP Extension to habitable area of unit 1 amendment to 95/2031/APP, conversion of barns to four dwellings. Longmoor Farm Barns. Permitted.

A/96/1360/APP Use of barn for sale of equestrian requisites and storage. Saddlers Farm, Cublington Road. Permitted.

A/94/1580/APP Erection of Farm House, Moat Farm. Permitted.

### c) Nash's Farm

A/96/1431/APP - erection of 5 dwellings This would be decided at the AVDC Planning Sub-Committee meeting on 14 November 1996 Cllrs Lane, Kempster and Manning hoped to attend this meeting. Members of the public were welcome to attend.

## 3 Highways Matters

a) Line's Hill - The road at the bottom of Lines Hill was in need of repair.

b) Pavement outside 69 The Green - Concerned residents had spoken to Cllr Lane about the pavement from the Methodist Chapel to the corner of Ross Road. Repairs only

seemed imminent outside 69 and no further at present. The Clerk would follow this up.

c) Works to roads following completion of Oxley's landfill site including flooding of road by allotments - Mr Headon would be reminded of the work that he had agreed to carry out following the completion of the landfill site.

## 4 Grass cutting on The Green

It was agreed to ask for tenders for this work next year and to advertise this in the Chronicle.

## 5 Oxley's Farm landfill site

Cllr Lane met Mr Wicks from BCC on 9 October to look at the site. There was some landscaping to be done around the entrance but the site itself was almost flat. Some tree planting was being planned in hedgerows.



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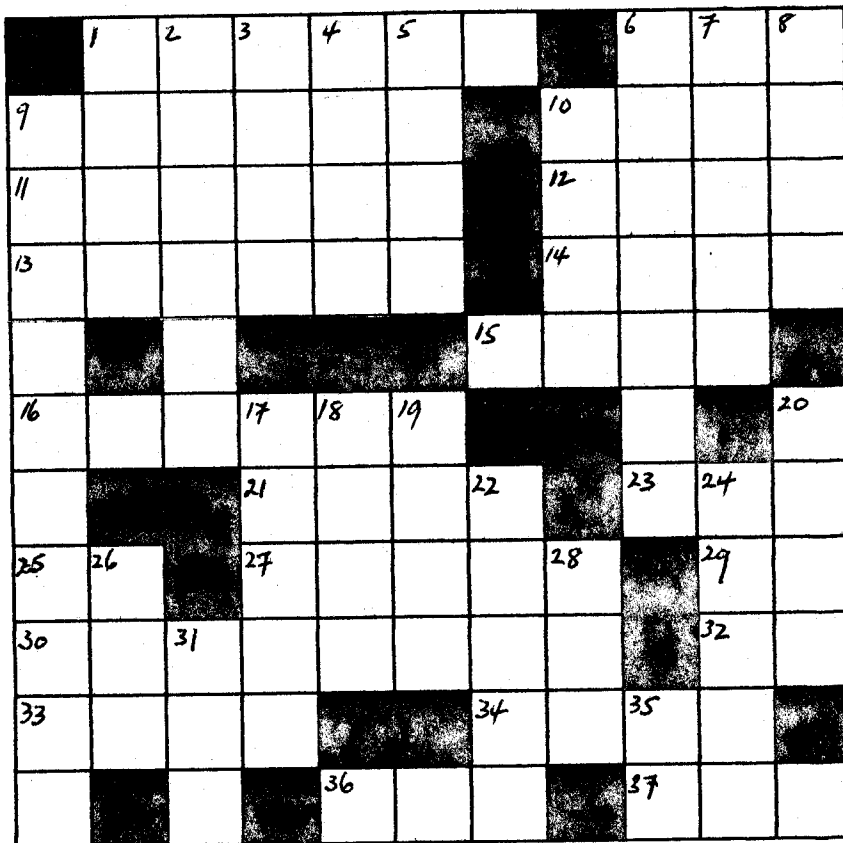
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New Year's Day	No service	

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Aston Abbots	9.08	11.08	1.08	3.08	6.08
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L. Buzzard	9.40	11.40	1.40	4.47	
Aston Abbots	10.01	12.01	2.01	5.08	
Aylesbury	10.22	12.22	2.22	5.29	



# CROSSWORD FOR DECEMBER



## ACROSS

1. Made low droning sound (6)
6. Mammal (3)
9. An ongoing story (6)
10. To forbid (4)
11. A Planet (6)
12. Enough (4)
13. Mild (6)
14. Fish (4)
15. Spoken (4)
16. To confirm (6)
21. Food (4)
23. Pig (3)
25. Thank you (2)
27. Insert (6)
29. Not you (2)
30. In an inborn manner (8)
32. Public announcement, TV papers etc. (2)
33. Pertaining to the ear (4)
34. Girl's name (4)
36. Boy's name (3)
37. A meat (3)

## DOWN

1. Not there (4)
2. Same as 11
3. A herb (4)
4. To handle roughly (4)
5. Otherwise (4)
6. Under (7)
7. Coral strip (5)
8. Drags (4)
9. Proposal (10)
10. Swerve (4)
17. Eskimo boat (5)
18. To lease (4)
19. Comfort (4)
20. Old (4)
22. The box (5)
24. American city (5)
26. Insect (3)
28. Used for washing  
ores (3)
31. Nothing (3)
35. Short exclamation  
(2)

## Answers to November

1. Cheddington. 10 Rave. 11 None  
 12 Omen. 13 Grunts. 14 Rot. 15 Up  
 17 Moths. 19 AC. 21 Samey. 23 Arch  
 25 Toga. 26 Tate. 28 Palsied. 30 Ode  
 32 On. 33 Dish. 35 BA. 37 Sea. 38  
 Buckingham.  
 Down: 1 Cicus. 2 Ham. 3 Even. 4 Den  
 5 Ingot. 6 North. 7 Gnu. 8 Tent. 9 NHS  
 14 Royal Oak. 16 Pat. 17 Mega. 18  
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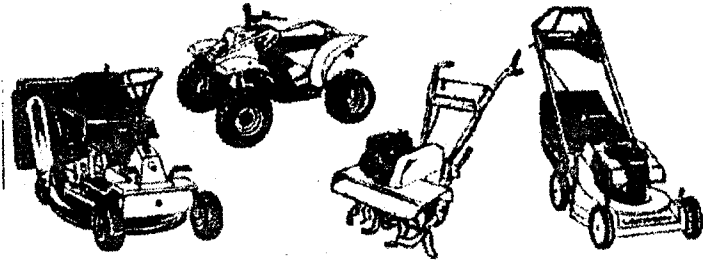
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## WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP PREPARE MY CHILD FOR ENTRY INTO HIS OR HER NEW SCHOOL?

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



### SCIENCE

Children's natural curiosity about themselves and the world around them forms the basis for later learning in Science and although for convenience I have used the word "his" throughout but no sexism is intended!

You can harness this natural wonder in reaction to everyday experiences, and encourage the use of all their senses - looking, smelling, listening, touching, tasting - and talk about what their senses reveal. Books, television and video offer rich additions to a child's direct experience, and stimuli should take in animals and plants as well as human life.

His own growth will be a fascination to him. You can help your child to make sense of what he discovers by teaching him the names for parts of the body and also for the parts of plants (stem, petals, leaves, roots, branches, trunk ...), the parts of animals (tail, mane, fur, tusks ...) and fish (scales, fins, gills ...). Teach him to love and respect other living creatures.

He will notice differences and similarities between people and other life forms. Help him to talk about what he perceives.

Help him to understand that people and other living creatures all need food to remain healthy and active.

You should make your child aware that human activities result in a number of waste products; and it is important not just for his knowledge of Science, but for the future of our

planet that you try to foster care and consideration, for example, disposing of litter thoughtfully.

To aid exploration of their environment, children need to learn words that help them to describe things, for instance, words to describe colour, texture, shape, taste and words to describe how things change over time. They will begin to realise that some things change shape when they are squashed, pulled or twisted.

They should be aware that things can be moved by pushing them; that many household goods are powered by electricity (which can be dangerous); and that information can travel over long distances, for example, to the television or telephone. This kind of thing can be taught within the everyday situation and understanding gradually increases with repetition.

Your child will be conscious of different weather conditions and should be able to talk about these changes. He should be able to describe how the weather links with the seasons and know that living things also react to seasons, for instance, that some animals hibernate.

You can help him to understand that light can come from several sources (from the sun, moon, stars, fire, electric light bulbs, torches,...) and that sound can be made in a number of different ways. Teach him the vocabulary to describe his findings and encourage him to be aware of colours in his environment, matching and noticing differences in shades and brightness.

In fact, the biggest contribution you can make towards his understanding of Science is to share in the young child's natural sense of wonder and enquiry: the world around him is the subject for everyday exploration and discovery.

*The next article will focus on History.*



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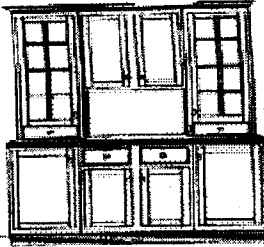
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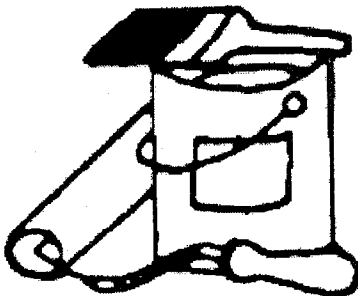
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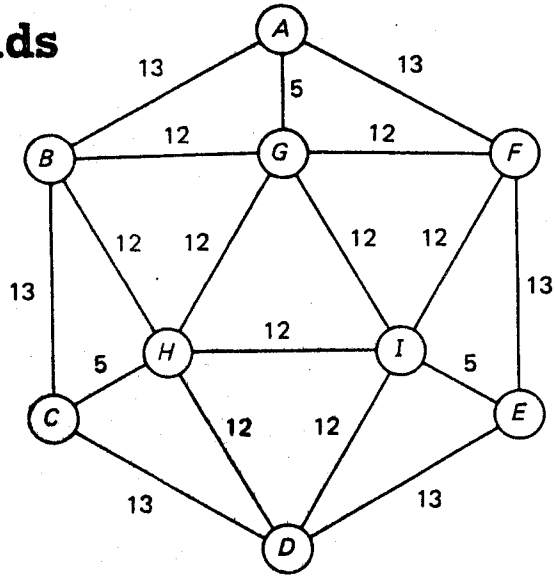
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Since I have had to include an extra side this month and felt you may find a few moments over the Christmas hols. when you feel like exercising the little grey cells, I thought I would include a few gentle brain teasers. Answers will be published in the new year.

## Inspecting the roads

The plan shows the road network connecting nine villages. The numbers refer to the mileages along the roads.

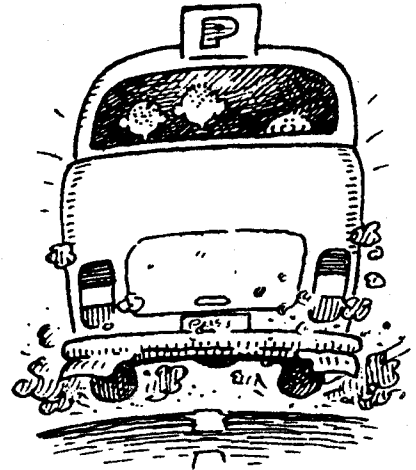
A council workman living at village *A* wants to inspect *all* the roads in a car. What is the shortest route he can take if he has to return to *A*?



## The baffled housewife

Mrs Smith often walked to the bus-stop on the main road to catch a bus into the shopping centre. She didn't ever bother with timetables because it was a busy route and she could catch either a P bus or a Q bus. She knew that there were six buses an hour of each kind so she never had long to wait. What did surprise her, however, was that she hardly ever seemed to travel on a Q bus. She decided to keep a regular check on the kind of bus she caught and found that she only travelled on a Q bus on one ride in ten.

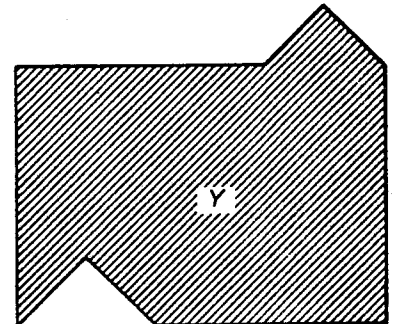
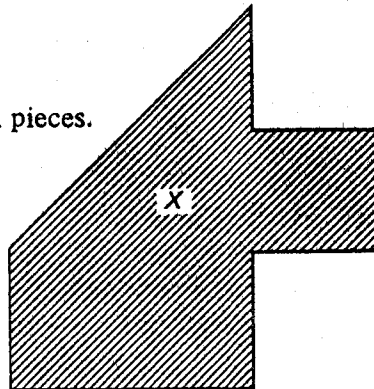
She was baffled! Can you help her?



## Identical twins

Divide shapes *X* and *Y* into two equal pieces.

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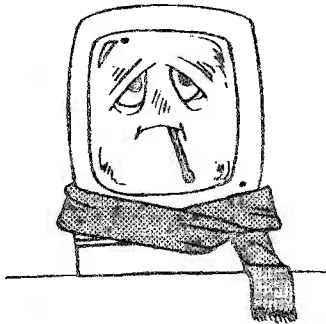
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