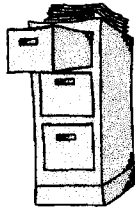


# The Chronicle

*Aston Abbotts Parish Magazine*

*Issue No. 155 January 1997*





*Editorial-----Thurs. 2nd. January.*

**F**irst and foremost, a very happy new year to all our readers.

**W**ell! That's it, another Christmas over and at the time of writing, a new year has just begun. I can't help wondering what changes we will see in Aston Abbots in 1997. There is little doubt that the early part of the year will see quite a significant increase in the population of the village as the homes at the new 'Nash's Farm' development become occupied. Hopefully these new villagers will want to help to 'swell the ranks' of those who already contribute so well to the various village activities. Additional pairs of hands and new initiatives are bound to result in even better village fetes and Christmas shows etc. Who knows, even The Chronicle may benefit from a new contributor or two.

**I** would imagine that Banner Homes will resubmit proposals for developing the remainder of their site later this year. I rather hope they do and the remaining homes are built fairly quickly to minimise any disturbance to those living nearby. However, it is my firm view that any plans submitted must include features which fairly accurately incorporate the shape, position and materials used in the two barns which our Parish Council had believed were to have been 'converted' into dwellings and which 'Banner' were so quick to demolish.

**'Boss'** The Chronicle office cat was taken ill at the beginning of December and regrettably had to be 'put to sleep'. I knew I would miss having him around the office so rang the RSPCA to see if they would be likely to have another older cat that we could adopt some time after Christmas. We were invited up to Blackberry Farm, their new shelter just outside Quanton and I must say the facilities and staff were excellent. Of course, the inevitable happened and we were spotted by an old black and white tom cat who insisted we adopt him. He's known as Hamish and has settled in remarkably well. We were both so impressed by Blackberry Farm that I hope later this year to write a short article about the facilities and the work they do.

**F**inally, please note that what with the festivities, both of us getting the flu and being unable to get The Chronicle printed until the schools 'go back', this month's issue is rather later than usual.



*Andy Bystra*

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*Please note that copy date for the February issue will be Fri. the 24th of January 1997. 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

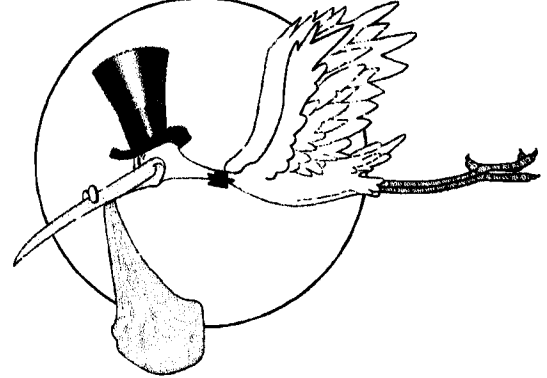
*A very happy birthday to all those celebrating their birthday during January, especially;-*

Jane Plested 7th Jan  
Sarah Plested 7th Jan  
James Clarke 10th  
Tony Hinds 13th  
Ben Price 13th  
Zoe Judd  
Clifford Price 28th  
David Lewis 28th  
Richard Plested 29th



## Congratulations.

Mrs Shirley Ford is pleased to announce the birth of a son to Alison Bowden (nee Ford) and her husband Carl. Their new son was born on Dec. the 12th 1996 is to be called John Andrew.



## Neighbourhood watch

I have recently been informed about a spate of burglaries and car break-ins which took place during November in Cheddington . Since these crimes are often repeated within an area, I thought it might be useful to mention them here as a reminder to be vigilant.

*Ed.*

## 'BOSS'

*"Now I lay me down to rest  
Tabby head on tabby chest  
They all say it's for the best...  
And I'm too tired to care.  
He took me in the car again  
I couldn't see, I heard the rain  
They're going to take away the pain  
There's darkness everywhere.*

*I'll miss the sunshine on the lawn  
I'll miss the thrush upon the thorn  
The fireside in a winter storm  
They're gone for evermore  
He trembled as he held me tight  
He told me it would be all right  
And then they shut the door.*

## Mr O. KENT

We are sad to report the recent death of Mr Olwen Kent who lived in the bungalows adjacent to the recreation ground.

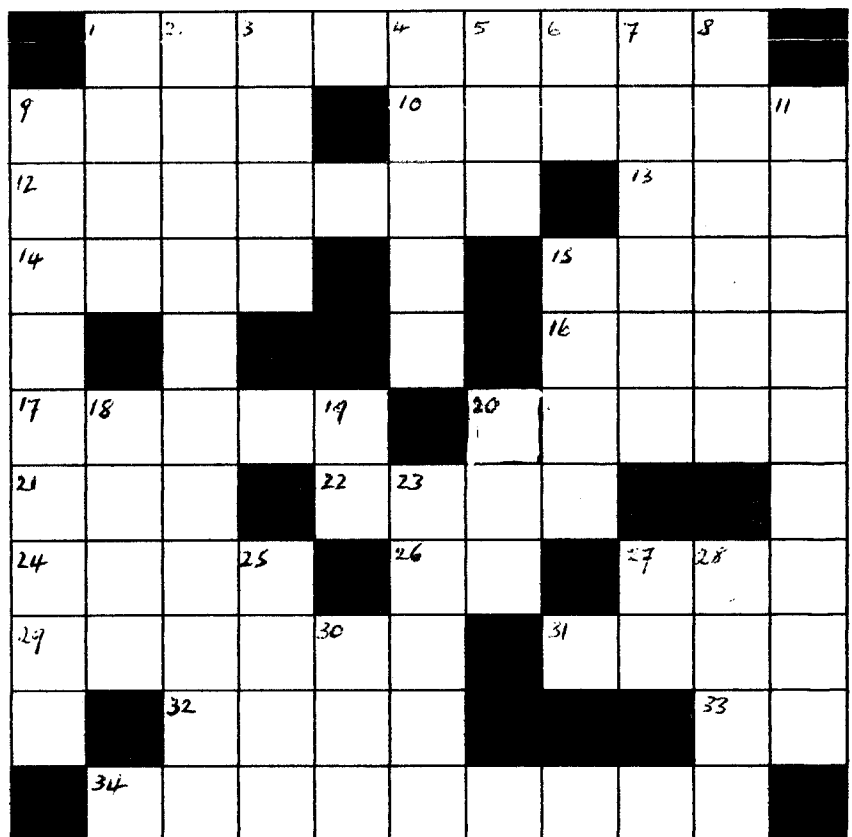
Our sympathy is extended to his family on their sad loss.

## BAD LUCK!

... and our commiseration's to Ben Price who was unfortunate enough to break his collarbone before Christmas.

We understand from an 'inside source' that this mishap didn't prevent his ability to enjoy plenty of those Christmas goodies.

# CROSSWORD FOR JANUARY



## ACROSS

1. Local town (9)
9. A sound (4)
10. French town (6)
12. Wanders (7 Anag-Surname)
13. Girl's name (3)
14. Action (4)
15. Eastern port (4)
16. Group of cattle (4)
17. A possession (5)
20. An animal (5)
21. Fixed (3)
22. Ancient city of Asia Minor
24. To rip (4)
26. The very thing (2)
27. Used on snow (3)
29. Series of nine (6)
31. A bubbly chocolate (4)
32. To hold up (4)
33. Not out (2)
34. A culinary plant (9)

## DOWN

1. Finished (4)
2. Comprehends (11)
3. Idiot (4)
4. Dragged (5)
5. Donkey (3)
6. They say its good to talk (2)
7. Dealer (anag 6)
8. East ----- (6 Of TV)
9. English town (9)
11. A plant (9)
15. A nautical call (4)
18. Observed (4)
19. Isle of Man Race (2)
20. Very warm (3)
23. One who rides (5)
25. Harvest (4)
27. Opposite to NW (2)
28. Malay dagger (4)
30. Girl's name

Answers to December  
 Across: 1 Hummed. 6 Bat. 9 Serial  
 10 Veto. 11 Uranus. 12 Enow. 13 Gentle  
 14 Eels. 15 Orat. 16 Ensure. 21 Meat.  
 23 Hog. 25 Ta. 27 Inset. 29 Me. 30  
 Innately. 32 Ant. 33 Otic. 34 Leah. 36  
 Roy. 37 Ham.  
 Down: 1 Here. 2 Uranus. 3 Mint. 4 Maul.  
 5 Else. 6 Beneath. 7 Atoll. 8 Tows. 9  
 Suggestion. 10 Veer. 17 Umiac. 18 Rent.  
 19 Ease. 20 Aged. 22 Telly. 24 Omaha.  
 26 Ant. 28 Tye. 31 Nil. 35 Ah.

## WHAT'S ON IN JAN. 97

**Thursday 2nd Whist drive Church room  
7.30pm.**

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

**Sunday 5th Rambling Club Member's meet at  
Cubblington Cross Roads 2.00pm.**

**Tuesday 7th Floral class (Mrs Christine  
Townsend) Church room 7.00pm.**

**Thursday. 9th Bingo (in aid of The Lifeboat  
Fund) Church Room 7.30pm.**

**Sunday 12 Jan. Great Horwood Silver Band  
concert to be held in;-**

**St. James Church commencing 2.30pm.**

Tickets from;-

**Shirley Ford 681865**

**and Hillary Hasler 681877**

**Tuesday 14th Aylesbury Vale Transport Meeting.  
Bus/Train queries to Colin please.**

**Wednesday 15th Parish Council Meeting Church  
Room 8pm**

**Thursday. 16th Whist Drive Church Room  
7.30pm.**

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**Thursday. 23rd Whist Drive Church Room  
7.30pm.**

**Sunday 26th Rambling Club Member's meet at  
College Lake Pitstone 2.00pm.**

**Thursday. 30th Whist Drive Church Room  
7.30pm.**

## MOBILE LIBRARY

*The following timetable is effective until April only when  
schedules for mobile libraries are to be reviewed.*

### ROUTE 2B - CALLING ALTERNATE TUESDAYS

*Aston Abbotts	Wingrave Rd	9.30 - 9.45
*Aston Abbotts	The Green	9.50 - 10.20
*Wingrave	Abbotts Way	10.30 - 11.00
*Wingrave	The Bell	11.05 - 11.25
*Wingrave	The Green	11.30 - 11.55
Wingrave	School	12.00 - 12.20
Watermead	Pavilion	12.30 - 12.40
Watermead	Lakeside	12.45 - 1.05
Quarrendon	Holland Rd.	2.15 - 2.30
Elmhurst	Byranston Av.	2.35 - 2.45
Hawkslade.	Barley Cres..	3.00 - 3.30
Hawkslade	Tyne Rd	3.35 - 4.00
Thistle Court	(Plym Rd.)	4.05 - 4.25



### Dates for 1997

*Jan. 7th & 21st*

*Feb. 4th & 18th*

*March 4th & 18th*

*\* These are weekly stops*

## LADIES CLUB NOTES

**January 9th** Visit to Apollo Theatre Oxford to  
see 'Pickwick' Coach leaves **The Green at  
12.30**

**January 23rd** Speaker Mrs Janet Jarman  
Subject 'Craniosacral' Therapy

## IMPORTANT

### Church room

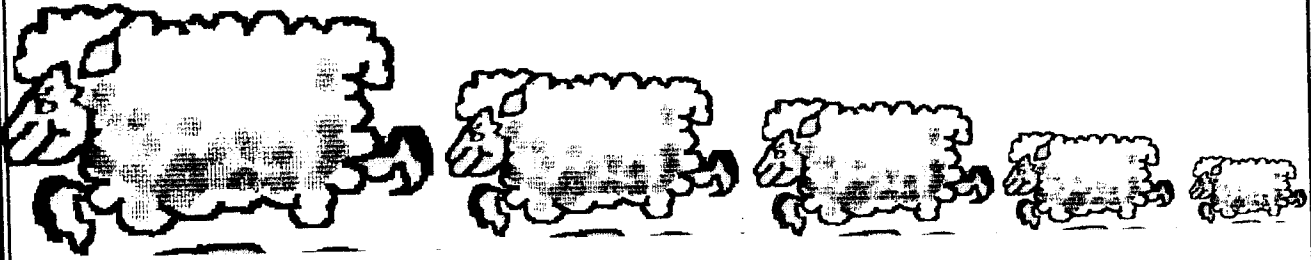
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If you have anything to donate please contact Sarah on 681092

# PARISH COUNCIL

*Unofficial notes of the meeting held on  
Wednesday 4th December 1996*

D/Cllr Round attended the meeting.

## 1) Planning Matters

a) Decisions A/96/1787/APP - Erection of double garage and workshop, Mr & Mrs Shorrocks, Oak Farm (amendment to 95/2013/APP) APPROVAL

b) Withdrawn A96/1431/APP Erection of 5 dwellings, Nash's Farm, Banner Homes.

## 2) Anglian Water

During the last month, due to a burst pipe, there had been water at the cross-roads which had turned to ice over night. Anglian Water had been informed in the evening but no action was taken until the following morning. Several residents had slid on the ice. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Anglian Water for an explanation of why emergency work had not been carried out sooner. The water pressure in parts of the Village was very low at times. The Clerk would write to find out why this was so.

## 3) State of Roads

There was a large dip in the road in front of 59 The Green. The verge in front of the Abbey gates to the corner of the Green was eroding badly and there was now a large hole. It was agreed to ask BCC if granite setts would be possible here. The clerk would find out which roads were to be gritted this year.

## 4) Grass cutting on The Green

Mr Knight had tendered for the above for the sum of one polished old penny to be paid on September 29 1997. It was agreed to accept this quote and to thank to Mr Knight.

## 5) Recreation Ground Committee Report 18 November 1996

Cllr Lane reported on the following:

- a) General maintenance.
- b) Bonfire night had been a success but with the windy weather, it was felt that it would need to be monitored more closely next year, and checked to see that unsuitable items of rubbish were not dumped on the fire.
- c) The dip in the football field needed to be filled. A working party would be arranged for this work to be done.

## 6) Reports

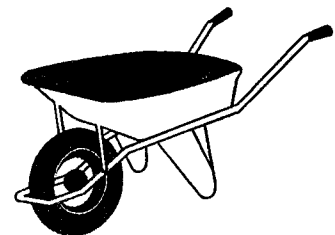
The five new trees had been planted during National Tree Week.

*Sue Taylor*

## **Allotment News**

There is a vacant plot to let. If you are interested please contact Michael Hasler 681877

Allotments rents are due at the end of Jan 97. If yours is outstanding, please pay your 'subs' to Colin soonest.

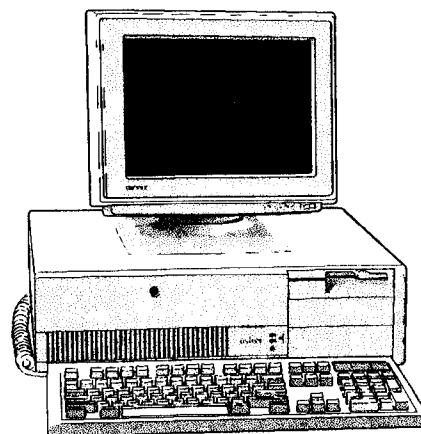


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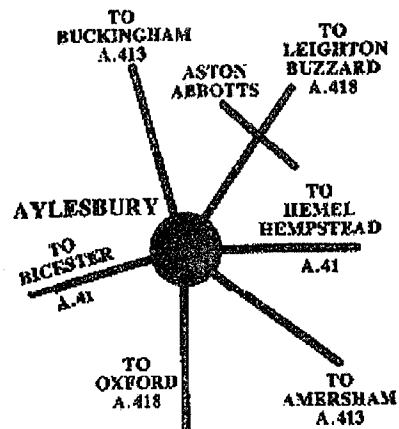
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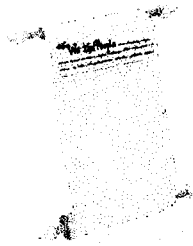
*This is the seventh of a series of educational articles submitted by Mr B McClellan, Headteacher of Wingrave CE Combined School.*

## History



**H**istory is another subject which will be incorporated within project work for most children when they start school.

**Y**ou can help prepare your child for work in History by making him aware of time: days of the week, months, years and by introducing a sense of the past and future, as well as the present. Words such as yesterday, today, before, after, later, old, new, past and present are best taught in real situations, as the opportunity arises.

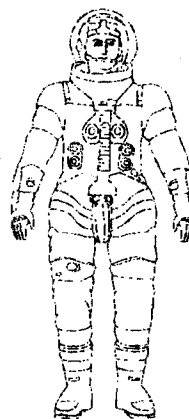
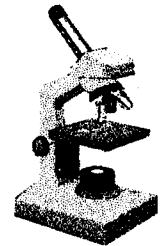


**S**taories and pictures about the past, and about imaginary characters from some other times, for example, from myths and legends, all help to develop a sense of the convention of time. The story Sleeping Beauty, pictures of dinosaurs and stories of famous events from the past are all relevant.



**T**he main focus for pre-school children will be their own experience and reminiscences told to them about their babyhood and about your own earlier life. This helps in forming their sense of personal identity, as well as in developing a sense of time. Photographs, along with descriptions and recollections, are central in piecing together the beginning of family history and the child's place within it.

**P**ersonal awareness can be extended by visits to museums, by watching programmes, and by looking at old objects whenever they are available. Encourage children to talk about what they see or what they have heard about the past.



**I**t is important for a child's personal development as well as for his sense of history, that you encourage his own memory of past experience and add details in response to his questions about himself.

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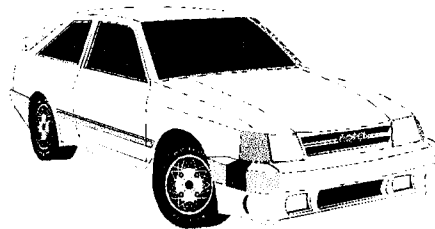
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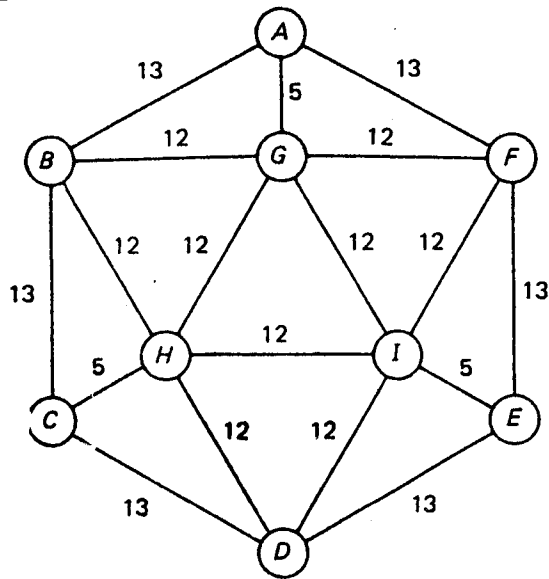
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Here, as promised are the answers to the 'brain teasers' I included in December's issue of The Chronicle.

### Inspecting the roads

A, C, E, G, H, and I are odd nodes and therefore one of the roads to each will have to be driven over twice. To minimise the total distance to be covered, the roads to be driven over twice can be arranged to be AG, HC, and IE. One possible route is as follows;-

A to B to C to D to E to F to A to G to F to I to E to I to D to H to C to H to B to G to H to I and G to A



The total distance travelled was 216 miles

### The Baffled housewife

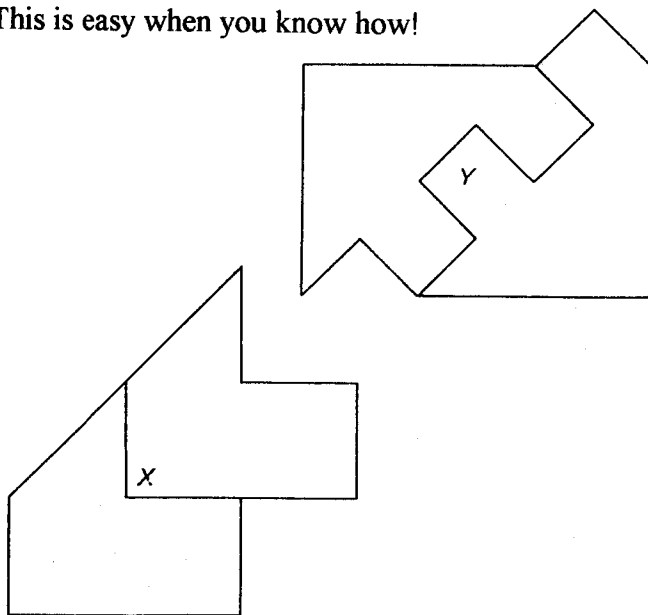
The apparent paradox is explained when Mrs Smith was shown the timetable which showed the times of the P buses and Q buses at her bus-stop.

P route	Q route
10.09	10.10
10.19	10.20
10.29	10.30
10.39	10.40
10.49	10.50
10.59	11.00

There is a gap of only one minute after a P bus visits the stop until a Q bus is due, but then a gap of nine minutes before the next P bus. Thus in any ten-minute period nine minutes would be spent waiting for a P bus but only one minute for a Q bus. The effect of this to a person using the bus stop frequently would be to find that in nine times out of ten a P bus would be the first to appear.

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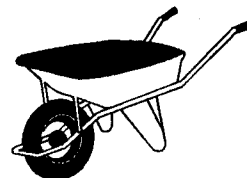
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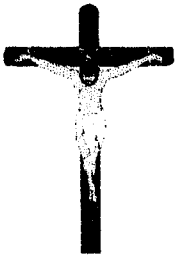
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## RECTOR'S REPORT

With the prospect of a General Election in the spring and the wrangling about whether or not Britain should draw closer to its European partners, the start of 1997 does not look as though it is going to be very enticing. But I take this opportunity of wishing you a Happy New Year anyway.

Perhaps we need to look for happiness not in national or international events, but rather in the more intimate circles of our families and friends. An old lady once told me that every morning she thanked God for allowing her to see another day. Much of her life had been a struggle and, even in her old age, she had little in terms of material comforts. Yet she had this inner happiness - a sense of contentment that I found very humbling.

Someone once described this, rather unfairly I thought, as the "Tortoise Syndrome". When the world outside looks to be a bit of a mess, you withdraw into the narrow confines of an area that is still pleasant - the tranquillity and comfort of the shell! Yet we do need that inner tranquillity and comfort if we are to radiate happiness in the world about us. If we are not at peace with ourselves, then it is not likely that we shall be able to live happily alongside other people.

Maybe one of the root causes of the unhappiness in the world is that we are constantly being made aware of other people's problems. And, human nature being what it is, we try to find solutions for those problems. "If I was in that situation, what I would do is ..... " But we are not in that situation - we are in our own situation, with our own problems and our own solutions.

We must not let other people's troubles take over our lives, yet neither must we become so absorbed with ourselves that we fail to respond to the needs of those around us. We achieve happiness when our lives are in balance, when we are able to keep things in proportion and to have a sense of perspective.

Happiness and "quick-fix" answers do not usually go together:-

"O hush your noise, yet men of strife,  
and hear the Angels sing!"

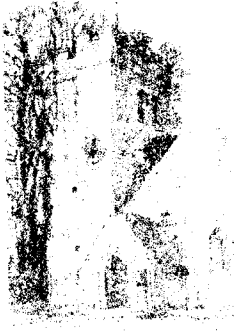
As we go into the New Year, perhaps we should try to stop worrying about the problems that do not rightly belong to us, and spend more time working on those aspects of our own lives that need to be changed.

*Bob Willmott*

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# CHURCH SERVICES



## SUNDAY READINGS

**5.Jan.97** Christmas 2 W (p.455)  
Rom. 8, 11-17; Luke 2, 41-end

**12.Jan.97** Epiphany 1 W (p.463)  
Acts 10, 34-38; Matt. 3, 13-end

**19.Jan.97** Epiphany 2 G (p.467)  
Acts 26.1, 9-20; Mark 1, 14-20

**26.Jan.97** 9 before E G (p.486)  
1 Cor. 4, 8-13; Matt. 5, 1-12

**2.Feb.97** Candlemas W (p.758)  
1 Peter 2, 1-10; Luke 2, 22-35

## FROM THE REGISTERS

### Holy Baptism

**1.Dec.96** James McNiven at Wingrave (RC)

### Funerals

**22.Nov.96** Percy Rickard at Amersham

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2 February 10.00 Parish Communion

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26 January 11.15 Parish Communion  
2 February 11.15 Morning Service

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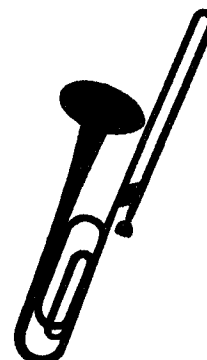


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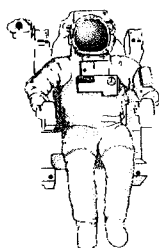
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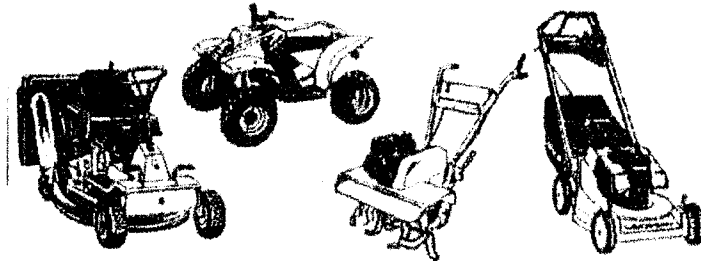
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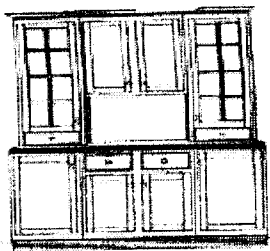


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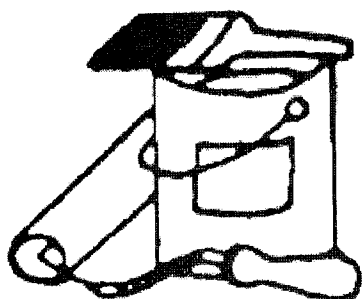
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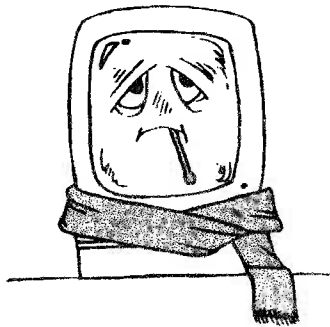
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