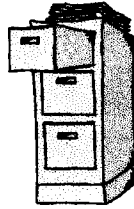


# The Chronicle

*Aston Abbotts Parish Magazine*

*Issue No. 158 April 1997*

*Editorial-----Thurs. 24th. March.*



**J**ust enough room this month to record thanks to several people.

**T**hanks to Don and Ruth Bellingham for their contribution to the Chronicle funds. I passed it to our Treasurer John Whyte only to find that it was most welcome since we currently only have funds for this issue and no more.

**W**ell done to Frank and Louise at the Bull & Butcher who raised around £1400 at their recent St Patrick's charity evening in aid of Macmillan Cancer research. I understand it was a great evening, much enjoyed by all who attended.

**T**hanks to Ray and Sharon Wilkinson for once again organising the 'Easter Egg Hunt' again this year for village children. I know from the comments I receive from the youngsters that this annual event is very much appreciated.

**A**nd finally, a very big thank you to Rita for organising such a wonderful 60th birthday party for me on the 8th. I couldn't believe so many could fit into the function room at 'The Bull' along with all that wonderful food and a live jazz band. How did she locate so many of my aerospace colleagues and contractors without me knowing? A very big thank you to all the village folk who came and especially to those two veterans of the Village Show who wrote and sang that very funny 'birthday song. It was a great night and one which I will not forget.

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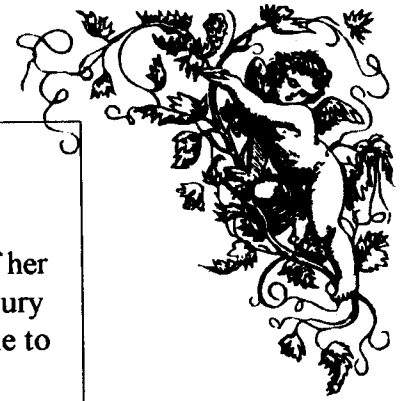
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# RITA'S PEOPLE PAGE

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

**Chris Farrands 1st**  
**Ian Hinds 4th**  
**Caroline Lane 5th**  
**Philip Wheaton 6th**  
**Karen Brandon 7th**  
**Laura Whyte 11th**  
**Anthony Palmer 13th**  
**Robert Clarke 18th**  
**Sam King 20th**  
**Alison Lewis 20th**  
**Enid Ludlam 23rd**  
**Janet Biddle 25th**  
**Kate Currey 27th**  
**Diana Picking 28th**



## **BAD LUCK!**

**T**o Pam Hewitt who took a tumble at almost the beginning of her skiing holiday. Fortunately her injury was not too serious and she is able to get about.

## **WELCOME BACK**

**W**e are pleased that Bernard Osborn has recovered well from his recent spell in hospital and is now back in the village shop.

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

**T**o Bob on reaching you're half century. Thanks for the invitation to the party especially from all 630 members

## **COMMISERATIONS!**

**T**o Bridget Brandon who earlier this year had an accident whilst on a skiing holiday. At the time of writing she is in hospital recovering from concussion after a mishap in which she was in collision with another cyclist. Her family expect her home today (22nd March). Get well soon Bridget and do be careful!!!



## **HOPE YOU'RE FEELING BETTER**

**B**est wishes to Peter Waite who has been in hospital. We hope you're feeling a lot better now Peter.

## **GOOD WISHES**

**O**ur good wishes go the Len Skutchings who will have had eye surgery by the time the April Chronicle is circulated. Hope all went well for you Len.

## **NICE**

**T**o see Bob Higgs up and about and doing 'his paper round' again after a short spell of feeling unwell.

## THE CHRONICLE

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## TONY'S SPORTS COLUMN

I have just one league game to report on in this issue which was the local 'derby' between The Bull & Butcher and The Royal Oak.

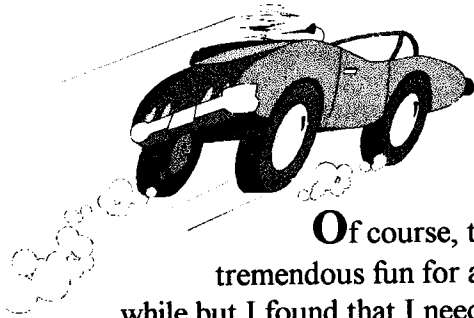
Unfortunately (for us that is) The Bull & Butcher were beaten 5 - 3, losing once again to our local rivals.

However, we had some compensation when Lol and I representing The Bull & Butcher pairs beat The Swan at Long Crendon 2 - 0 in the semi finals of the Pairs Cup to reach the final. Just to show what a funny old game it is, the pair we beat had knocked out The Royal Oak in the quarter finals.

*Tony Hinds*

## DANGEROUS SPORTS CLUB

During an exclusive bedside interview in Stoke Mandeville hospital this week, our reporter discovered that a branch of 'The Dangerous Sports Club' is being run from a secret location in Aston Abbotts. "It all began" said an unrepentant Bridget Brandon "when I started to find life in the village a little dull and this lead to me buying a new, fast, and rather expensive open top sports car.



Of course, this was tremendous fun for a quite a while but I found that I needed more than just speed to satisfy my hunger for adventure" she pouted. "I decided to become a member of this outrageous Dangerous Sports Club after reading an article in 'Hello' magazine and just

haven't looked back since. Well, I can't actually because of the neck injury incurred during my early days of my membership when I unadvisedly tried bungee jumping from the top of Tesco's" she said with just a tinge of regret.

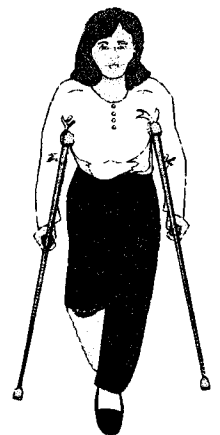
"Apart from a few minor mishaps we have had a pretty good year so far. The blindfolded vertical skiing was rather ambitious" she admitted, but they were so kind in the 'air ambulance that it was all most worthwhile. My latest sporting inovatation was the downhill cycle racing whist reading Brown & Merry house specifications. This may sound rather bland but when it's carried out with a companion who's bike is fitted with good brakes while yours isn't, it can get quite exhilarating; especially as the leg was still in plaster at the time"

"So how did this latest escapade end"? Our intrepid reporter asked. "Oh! very well" she replied totally non-plused. "They're very good in here you know. They always give me this bed now; in fact I believe it's reserved for me and the doctors are 'so scrummy' that I just love them all"!

"So are you going to continue with your obsession for dangerous sports" Our reporter enquired. "Oh yes"! replied an enthusiastic Bridget. "Our programme for this year continues with wheelchair racing across Wingrave Cross-roads, followed by umbrella jumping from the County Offices; and this is the really dangerous one, we're going to ask Frank to fill pint glasses to the top when he's busy on a Saturday night". At this point the nurse arrived to change the bandages and to give Bridget her injections and other medication. Men in white coats could be seen approaching so our reporter left rapidly.

*If you are interested in becoming a member of 'The Dangerous Sports Club' write to Bridget Brandon C/O Stoke Mandeville or to her, on her eventual return to Aston Abbotts.*

*Ed*



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# PARISH COUNCIL

*Unofficial notes of the meeting held on  
Wednesday 26th February 1997*

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## 1) MOWER FOR SALE

It was agreed to advertise this in the next issue of the Chronicle and the Bucks Herald at the same time.

## 2) THE WINGRAVE ROAD SIGN

This had disappeared from the wall of Oak Farm House and would be replaced soon.

## 3) COUNTY COUNCIL AND DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

C/Cllr Jennings reported:

a) The County Council had been under a great deal of pressure recently due to the reorganisation of the County, movement and retirement of staff. However once these changes had been made things would settle down.

b) The County Council were having the budget setting meeting tomorrow, the council tax rise was expected to be in the region of 6.5%. Money was being taken from reserves to keep the tax at an acceptable level and to ensure spending did not reach the capping limit. Education and Social Services were to be the least affected areas in any required cuts.

## 4) PLANNING MATTERS

A/96/2247/APP - single storey extension,  
2 Norduck Cottages.

APPROVAL

A/96/2254/APP - erection of double garage  
and workshop, Oak Farm House.

APPROVAL

## 5) NASH'S FARM

The Clerk reported that the County Council had no powers to take action on narrowing of the road by Nash's Farm as it was an unclassified road. However they had urged AVDC to take note of the problems that would be caused if the planning application was approved and they were against it from the safety aspect.

## 6) RECREATION GROUND

It was agreed to hire a skip to clear the Recreation Ground. A work party would be organised for the weekend 1st and 2nd March to help Mr Scott with the work.

## 7) MEMORIAL TREE/BENCH IN VILLAGE

The oak tree had now been planted

## 8) ANGLIAN WATER - FALLING WATER PRESSURE

A letter had been received from Anglia Water stating that they were fitting pressure loggers in Ross Road and The Green and would inform the Parish Council of their findings.

## 9) PROTECTION OF TOADS

Cllr Kempster would investigate means of protecting the toads when they crossed the road in Moat Lane. She would report back to the meeting in April.

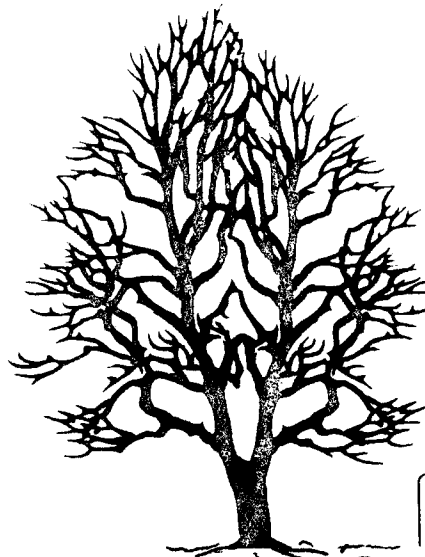
## 10) ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Mr Higgs:

a) Litter blitz required - next agenda.

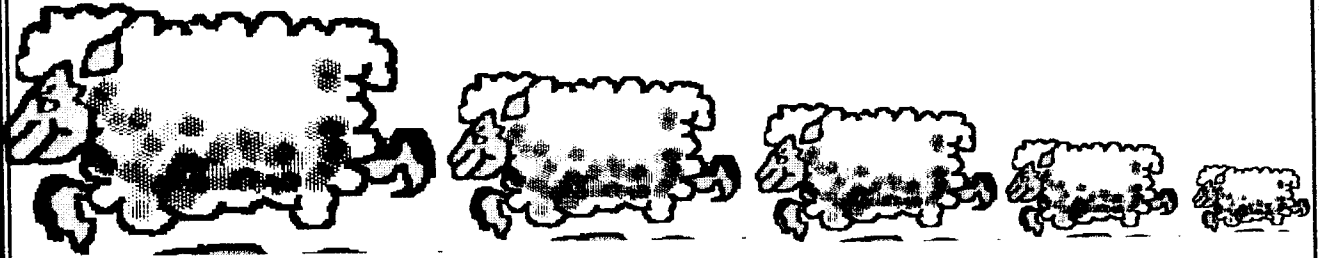
b) Water in telephone kiosk, clerk to contact BT.

c) Signing required at Haybarn Industrial Site - next agenda



*Sue Taylor*

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## WHAT'S ON IN MAR.97

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Tuesday 1st Floral Class. Church Room 7.00pm

Wednesday 2nd Aylesbury Vale Holiday Walk, meet Wing Church 2.00pm

Thursday 3rd Bingo Church room 7.30p

Saturday 5th Aylesbury Vale Holiday Walk, meet The Green 11.15am

Sunday 6th Village footpath walk, meet The Green 2.00pm

Tuesday 8th Leighton & Linslade Transport Meeting (Bus/train queries to Colin please)

Thursday. 10th Whist Drive Church Room 7.30pm.

Thursday 17th Bingo Whist drive Church room 7.30p

Sunday 20th Rambling Club meet at Wendover Town Hall Car Park 2.00pm

Sunday 16th Village footpath walk. Meet at The Green 2.00pm.

Thursday 20th Bingo Church room 7.30pm.

Thursday. 24th Whist Drive Church Room 7.30pm

Thursday 1st May Bingo Church room 7.30pm.

*PLEASE NOTE;- that owing to having to take the missus down the coast for the Bank Holiday, I will be collecting your refuse on;-*

*Friday the 4th of April  
instead of Thurs. the 3rd  
and  
Friday the 9th of May  
instead of Thursday  
the 8th of May*



## VILLAGE FETE 1997

**F**irstly, many thanks to Gordon for last year's enjoyable day.

**W**e have volunteered to organise this year's Fete on Saturday the 26th of July and would welcome support from everyone interested in making it a success.

**R**emember, a good day is dependant on your enthusiasm and willingness. Ideas and help, large and small, either before or on the day are what we need. If you would like to help in any way, please come to our house on Tuesday the 8th of April at 8.00pm. Thank you.

Barbara Bellingham David DeSilva  
The Old House  
The Green,  
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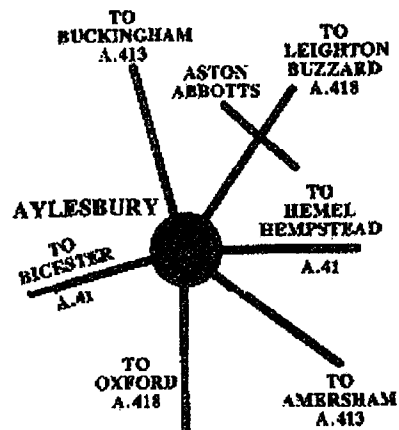
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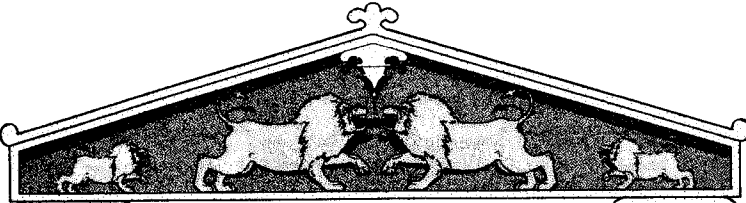
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**and**  
**collected on the 1st of May 97**

The next skip for general village use will be;-

**delivered on the 10th of Nov. 97**  
**and**  
**collected on the 13th of Nov. 97**

(Just after you will have all put your rubbish on the village bonfire!!)

## SOME GREAT LITTLE WALKS!

### WING

Wed. 2nd April 2.00pm.  
 Meeting at the Saxon Church, Wing  
 A 4 mile ramble from Wing to Burcott and on to Linslade returning to Wing by 4.00pm (Could be muddy so boots essential)  
 Leader Mr D Ward 01296 681982

### GREAT BRICKHILL

Thurs. 3rd April 2.00pm.  
 Meeting at Great Brickhill Parish Hall  
 A 5 1/2 mile gentle ramble along Green Lanes, the canal and local woods returning to Great Brickhill by 4.00pm. (Could be muddy)  
 Leader Mrs J Staples 01525 261378

### ASTON ABBOTTS

Sat. 5th April 11.15  
 Meeting at The Green.  
 A 4 1/2 mile easy cross country walk giving great views of Aylesbury Vale and the mediaeval village of Burston!. Returning to The Green by 1.45pm. (No dogs on this walk please)  
 Leader Mr C Higgs 01296 681343

### MARSWORTH & WILSTONE

Tues 8th April 2.00pm  
 Meeting at car park (Parking 50p per day) opposite The White Lion  
 A 6 mile walk taking in part of the dry section of the Wendover Arm canal - with information on it's history and future development! Including Wilstone village and reservoirs where many birds & wildfowl are to be seen. Return to car park by 5.00pm  
 Leader Mr M Chandler 01296 662593

### ASTON CLINTON

Thurs 10th April 2.30pm.  
 Meeting at Stablebridge Rd. car park Aston Clinton  
 A 4 mile walk which includes the Wendover Arm, Halton Airfield, an old moat and village lanes. Returning to Aston Clinton by 4.30pm.  
 Leader Mr J Reed 01296 613351

# ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL

A lively Annual Parish Council Meeting was held on 19 March. Here are some notes on issues that were raised. These are not full minutes. Please ring me if you would like further details (681373).

## Village Fete

Fete - last year's Fete had raised £1500, which had been distributed as follows:

St James's Church £525;  
Church Room £450;  
Recreation Ground £225;  
Chronicle £225;  
Toddlers Group £75.

The Fete in 1997 would be on 26 July, as part of the Church Festival weekend (26/27 July). An announcement would be made in the April Chronicle about the first planning meeting for the Fete (8 April, 8p.m., The Old House).

## Development of The Church Room

Church Room. There has been a good deal of discussion and activity during the last year concerning the future of the Church Room. Next stages were discussed at some length at the meeting, and it is difficult, in a summary, to do justice to all the points raised. However, I shall make the attempt, with apologies in advance to anyone who feels that this is not a fair representation.

It is generally agreed that the Church Room is in need of extension and improvement, and that the questions of ownership and legal responsibility for any new development need to be addressed. The Church Room is currently an unlisted Charitable Body administered by a Trust. The Trust is currently in the conveyancing process required to acquire land that has been donated that would enable extension of the Church Room. The plan is that once that conveyancing is complete, the Church Room will be leased to a new group of village people who will become responsible for financing improvements, together with future maintenance and upkeep. The lease may be to the Parish Council; it would remain in force for as long as necessary and would be for a 'peppercorn' rent.

Andy Bystra has drawn up plans for improvements. These allow for improved toilets, proper storage area, refurbished kitchen, reconfigured entrances (with particular regard to fire regulations and disabled requirements), a lobby area, and a small meeting area that would allow small meetings to use the Room without having to heat the whole place.

After a site meeting, AVDC had offered an 'informal view', to the effect that it was unlikely that the plans would be supported because of worries about detracting from the current, simple design, worries about bringing forward the front of the building, effect upon trees, worries about parking.

At the Annual Parish Meeting, some felt that the application should still be made, and that the case for the village needs represented by the current design should be put. One person who had seen the design felt that it could well improve the appearance of the Room. District Councillor Bryan Round felt that simply continuing with the current application would be unwise, given the advice already received. He pointed out that AVDC had a responsibility to maintain the appearance of the village and in particular its conservation area. He suggested a further site meeting, at which interested parties could try to see how AVDC concerns could be met in what is a limited space, but the only one the village has.

Other points were raised concerning heating, safety, access and parking. The discussion having reached a stage of considerable complexity, it was agreed that those who had contributed should mull over the points raised as soon as possible, while the conveyancing process continues.

## Local crime

Crime. P.C. Griggs addressed the meeting. He said that Cublington and Aston Abbots remained the most law-abiding villages of the 25 in his 'patch'. He pleaded, however that all crimes, however apparently minor, should be reported to him, because petty crime in villages appeared to go in waves, and if alerted early to problems, he could adjust his movements to give the village priority for a period. It was pointed out that mindless but distressing vandalism of cars was a persistent problem in Bricstock, and P. C. Griggs said that he would regularly make Bricstock part of his circuit.

## Recreation Ground.

Caroline Lane said that arrangements were still in train for the acquisition of further land being transferred to the Parish Council as a result of the Nash's Farm development. Also that thought had been given to the provision of facilities on the new land for older children in particular, but that no decisions had been made. A hole in the football pitch had been repaired. A self-confessed footballer said the repair was fine. Much voluntary work had been done in extending the usable area of the Rec. Rec funds stood at £1,308.02, but fundraising would be necessary to provide equipment for the area being acquired, and improving that already owned.

## Other

Brenda Jennings (County Councillor) and Bryan Round (District Councillor) commented on recent developments in their spheres - with apologies to both, I think space precludes going into these issues here.

## Dog fouling

Finally, a very strong request was made for a further plea in The Chronicle on the subject of dog mess. This ghastly problem is affecting many areas of the village, but in particular Bricstock, and the entrance to the Recreation Ground. Dog owners are making life very unpleasant and unsafe for residents around this area. This is particularly galling because there **IS A BIN** for dog mess there for which we collectively pay £180 per year.

*Gordon Smith*

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## TUTOR TRAINING

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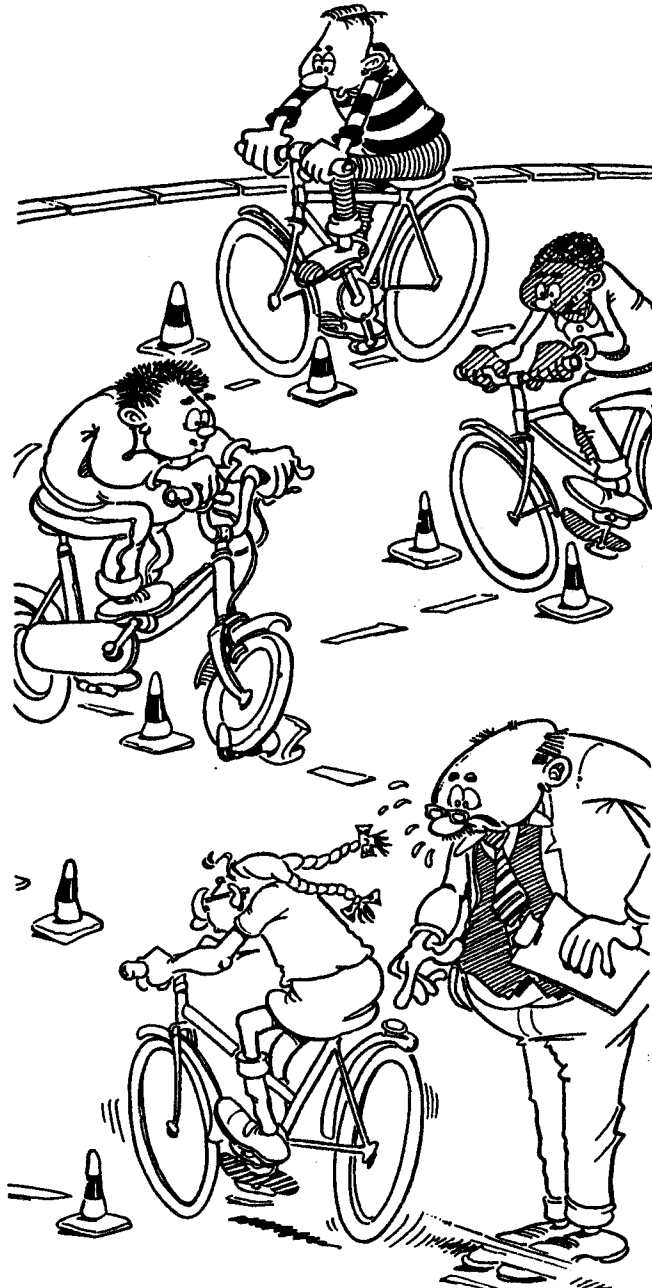
According to the information received by me, Bucks County Council's Environmental Services Department have arranged several of these courses one of which is still available in the North Bucks area. This is to be held at:-

Bourton Meadow Combined School,  
Burleigh Piece, Linden Village,  
Buckingham

on Sat. 19th April 97

commencing at 9.30am and finishing at 1.00pm.

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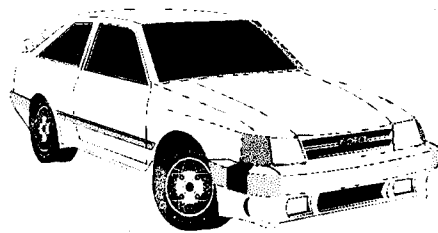
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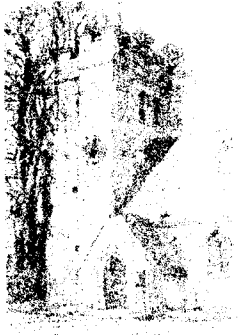
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# CHURCH SERVICES

## SUNDAY READINGS



**6. April 97** Easter 1 (p.603)  
1 Peter 1, 3-9 John 20, 19-29

**13. April. 97** Easter 2 (p.608)  
Rev. 19, 6-9 Luke 24, 13-35

**20. April. 97** Easter 3 (p.614)  
1 Cor. 15, 1-11 John 21, 1-14

**27. April. 97** Easter 4 (p.618)  
Rev. 3, 14-end John 21, 15-22

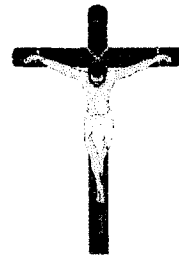
**4. May. 97** Easter 5 (p.623)  
1 Cor. 15, 21-28 John 16, 25-end

### ASTON ABBOTTS

6. April.97	11.15	Morning Service
13. April.97	11.15	Parish Communion
20. April.97	11.15	Parish Communion
27. April.97	11.15	Parish Communion
4. May.97	11.15	Morning Service

### WINGRAVE

6. April.97	10.00	Parish Communion
13. April.97	10.00	Parish Communion
20. April.97	10.00	Parish Communion
27. April.97	08.00	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.00	Family Service
4. May.97	10.00	Parish Communion



## RECTOR'S REPORT - MARCH 1997

This month I need to be extremely careful to avoid making any remarks that could be misconstrued. For, with the General Election coming up, it would be wrong of me to show political bias. The trouble is that all the time we are giving out coded messages and these can be a bit like "Chinese whispers" - when passed on they become more and more distorted.

### CUBLINGTON

6. April.97	10.00	Family Service
	18.00	Evensong
13. April.97	08.45	Parish Communion
20. April.97	08.45	Parish Communion
27. April.97	08.45	Parish Communion
	18.00	Evening Worship
4. May.97	10.00	Family Service

We have learnt to become extremely cautious about accepting what politicians say - especially at election time. It becomes almost impossible to distinguish between what they actually believe and what they are saying in the hope of being elected. There is, of course,

nothing new in this. At the trial of Jesus, Pontius Pilate found great difficulty in determining the accuracy of the evidence that was presented to me. "What is the Truth?" he demanded, and, convinced that he was not being presented with the truth, he washed his hands to dissociate himself from any blame in the proceedings.

The events leading to the Crucifixion and the people who were involved in those events, whether they knew it or not, significantly altered the course of world history. They played their part in God's plan for His world.

As we approach the end of the second Christian millennium, we too are involved in shaping the future destiny of our country, of Europe, and of the world. We know and understand something of what we have inherited. We have some idea about where we think our society is at present (the good bits as well as the bits we would like to change). We may feel confidence in expressing our hopes for the future by casting our votes in the General Election.

Whichever political party is dominant in the next Parliament, there is one fact that remains unchangeable. After dying on the Cross on that first Good Friday and by rising from the dead on the first Easter Morning, Jesus has transformed all our hopes. Following from that event, "What you see is what you get" - "Watch my lips" - Christ is Risen - Sin and Death are no longer in control - Life Eternal is a reality.

Happy Easter!

*Bob Willmott*

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**1996 FINANCIAL  
REPORT OF THE ASTON  
ABBOTTS PAROCHIAL  
CHURCH COUNCIL.**

On Wednesday 5th March 1997 the Annual General Meeting of Aston Abbots Parochial Church Council was held. The accounts showed that it costs us £96.00 per week to run the church in 1996, as follows;-

	£
Ministry and Parish share	3660
Heat, light & running costs	1117
Missions & charities	99
Other expenses	196
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>5072</u></b>

Our income was;-	
Covenants & envelopes	1734
Collections & donations	1004
Tax relief on covenants	521
Fund raising	1178
Other income	594
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**TOTAL** **5031**

**A DEFICIT OF** **£41**

**ASTON ABBOTTS PAROCHIAL  
CHURCH COUNCIL. (Continued).**

This is the first time since I became treasurer in 1990 that expenditure has exceeded income. In addition, we were unable to pay our full share of the Diocesan Quota which was £3345, paying only £3115, a shortfall of £230.

The Diocesan Quota goes towards the cost of a priest for the parish which is calculated by the Diocese at over £26,000 a year. This figure includes his salary, housing costs, pension contributions, National Insurance and in-service training etc. Our Rector also serves Wingrave and Cublington who together with ourselves, are asked to pay a total parish share of £16,871, so even altogether we do not cover his total cost.

Our fund raising did raise a further £496 specifically for the clock fund which, together with donations and grants and funds raised in previous years specifically for the clock, enabled us to pay for the new electric clock winding gear at a cost of £1855. In addition the Betty Bennett Memorial fund has been used in 1997 to purchase two new altar frontals at a cost of £943.

On behalf of the Aston Abbots Parochial Council I would like to thank all those in the village who have so generously supported St. James The Great Church throughout 1996 and we look forward to your continued support in 1997

*M.F. Hasler*

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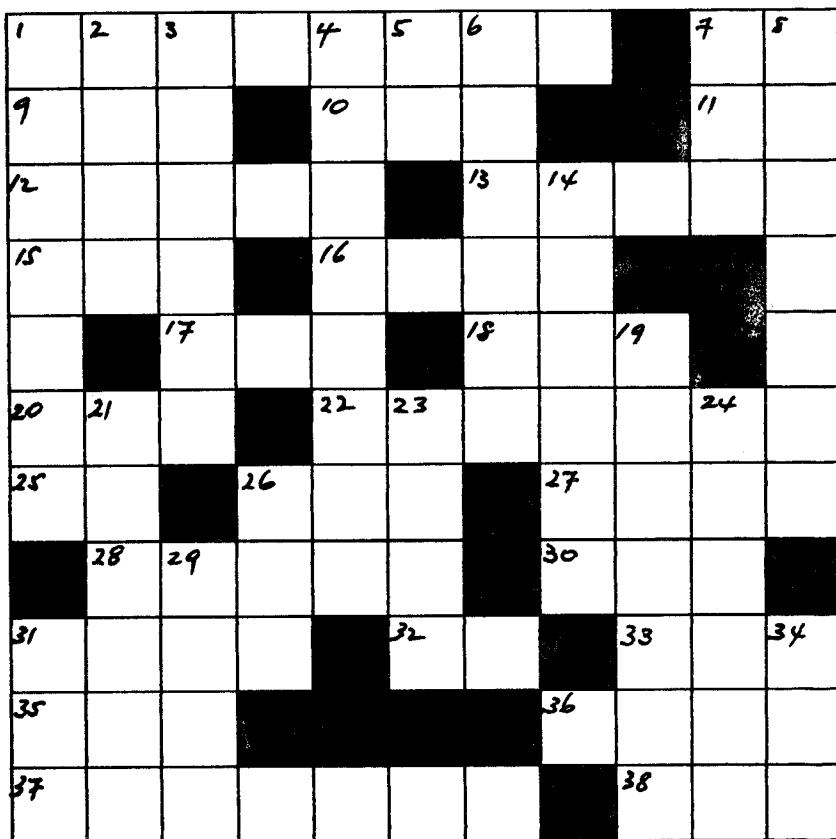


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## Dates for your diary!

**April 19th** Trevor Howard at Wingrave

**May 26th** Coach trip to Stratford upon Avon

**June 1st** 630 members and friends Club visit to Bass Brewing Museum Burton on Trent. Further details to follow.

**June 22nd** Village Gardens Open Day (Teas & crafts)

**July 26th & 27th** Village Fete and Festival

### ACROSS

1. Local Village (8)
7. To -- Or not to -- (2)
9. A container (3)
10. An age (3)
11. Printer's measure (2)
12. Beasts of burden (5)
13. Tiles (anag. 5)
15. Inexperienced (3)
16. A utensil (4)
17. Fish (3)
18. Snare (3)
20. Body part (3)
22. Covers against loss (7)
25. Senior service (2)
26. Number (3)
27. Prong (4)
28. Proverb (5)
30. Swine (3)
31. Fits a bolt (1&4)
32. To perform, execute (2).
36. Unit of heredity (4).

### DOWN

1. A fraction (7)
2. A constellation (4)
3. To respond (6)
4. Young bird (8)
5. -- and fro (2)
6. In soon (anag. 6)
7. Insect (3)
8. To show enthusiasm (7)
14. A detective (6)
19. Stanza (7)
21. Pineapple (6)
23. Require (4)
24. Power unit (6)
26. Cereal (3)
29. Small particles (4)
31. Exclamation (3)
34. Condensation (3)
33. A cover (3).
35. Possesses (3)
37. To amaze (7)
38. Materials; iron chain (3)

Answers to March: Across - 1&4 High Wycombe. 9 One. 10 Pious. 11 Rend. 13 Tussles

16 Wreath. 18 Tiara. 19 Otter. 20 Soft. 21 Ides. 23 Dye. 24 Call. 26 Walled. 28 Sept.

30. Ail. 31 Idiot. 32 RA. 33 GT. 34 As. 35 Arum. 37 Ad. 38 Rene. 39 Great. 40 Eleven

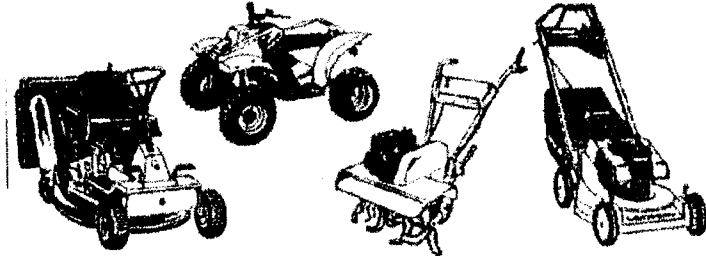
Down - 1 Horwood. 2 Inert. 3 Genetical. 4 With. 5 You. 6. Custody. 7 Ossify.

8 Essay. 12 Daedal. 14 Late. 15 ER. 17 Trellis. 22 Sled. 25 Stamen. 26 Wit. 27 Diode. 28 Stare

29 Prune. 30 Agog. 34 Ada. 36 Rev.

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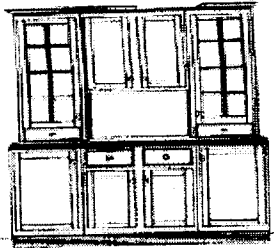
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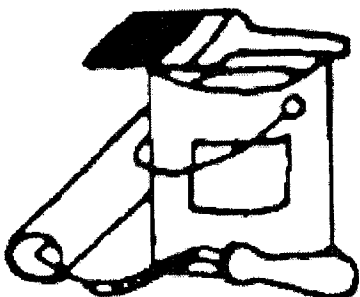
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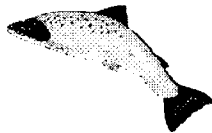
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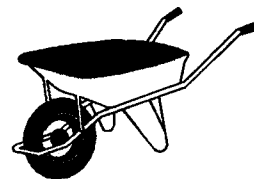
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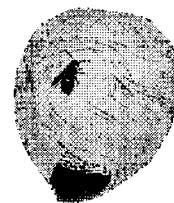


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