



The Chronicle

Aston Abbotts Parish Magazine

Issue No. 161 July/August 1997



CHRONICLE FUNDS

I mentioned in last month's issue that I would let you all know how your donations and others recent sources of income affected the Chronicle's ailing funds.

Well, thanks to your response we are now back in the 'black' and likely to remain so for the coming year. John Whyte and I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of you who responded so generously to our plea for support. Donations were in nearly all cases accompanied with good wishes for the Chronicle and at least five donations were made by people living outside the village who either receive their copy by post or who's copy has been past to them by other readers.

Roger and Janet Biddle ran a very successful plant stall during the 'Village Gardens' open day. Despite the rather indifferent weather they raised a magnificent £106.00 half of which half has been passed to John for our funds.

Having presented the Chronicle accounts for past and current years to the Parish Council, they agreed to support the Chronicle with a payment of £200.00.

Despite my having put the wrong date on the advert publicising the Chronicle disco in last month's issue, and two other major events being held close to Aston Abbots on that night, it was well attended. Lol and Dave spent the afternoon setting up lots of 'technical kit' to produce a great sound system complete with clever lighting effects. Throughout the evening they played a really good selection of music which proved so popular that most of us who were there danced the evening away. Even Neil Chesher danced so it must have been good!! Lol and Dave managed to create a party atmosphere which continued right until it was time to go home. Very many thanks to Frank for letting us hold the disco at The Bull & Butcher and Lol and Dave for the great music. A good evening; we really must organise another one.

Very much at the last minute we decided to hold a raffle to boost funds even further. I should therefore like to thank all those who responded to the 'arm twisting' and donated prizes; especially Frank who very sportingly gave two (yes two!!!!) bottles of whisky.

With the raffle and entrance money, plus several donations made on the night we made £234.00. However, our good fortune didn't end there because Dave Lewis auctioned a flight for three around the village and this raised a further £50.00. In addition, Vinney has agreed to organise and run a Karaoke evening in the autumn with proceeds going to The Chronicle.

Putting all this together, the Chronicle funds are currently as follow;-

Previous balance	£ 69.00
Donations	£330.00
Flower Stall	£ 53.00
Parish Council	£200.00
Disco and flight	£304.00
TOTAL	£956.00

Based on our printing and collation costs remaining the same and the hope that the Fete will yield a further donation, we should remain in the black throughout this financial year (up to April 98)

Once again, a very big thank you to all of you who so kindly gave us your support.

CHANGES TO ADVERTISING CHARGES

On reviewing our overall finances it has become clear that advertisements take up about half the space in the Chronicle whilst receipts from advertisers only amount to just over 25% of the our printing costs. In other words we are charging advertisers half of what it cost to publish their adverts. To address this it has been agreed that beginning next year, advertisers will be given the option of paying the same but halving the size of their advert, or leaving their advert the same size but paying double the present rate. A letter explaining this in further detail is to be sent by our treasurer to all advertisers shortly. My policy of not charging our readers or schools etc. for 'one off private' adverts will remain unchanged.



Andy Bystra

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

Please note that copy date for the Sept. issue will be Fri. the 22nd of August 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 July and August, especially:-

George Fox 2nd July
Donna Wigget 2nd
Brenda Malin 6th
Margaret Kent 6th
Nigel Palmer 6th
Len Scuthcings 7th
Nicola Lovell 9th
Vic Scott 13th
Gordon Smith 15th
Diane Lovell 17th
Andrew Plested 19th
Anne Bracnker 24th
Daniel Smith 24th
Deirdre Whyte 27th
Lawrence Hinds 29th
Julia King 31st July

Paul Fletcher 4th August
Doris Turner 10th
Christine Fox 10th
Mark Hewitt 11th
Dorothy Hinds 14th
Andrew Parker 21st

SORTED!!!

Just to clarify who's who in the welcome we gave to the folk who have fairly recently moved into Nash's Farm; they are

**Jill, Andy and their baby son
Thomas Stefancyk who live at No. 8.
Julie at No. 7
Gilly at No. 6
Bethany and Karl at No. 5
and Andi and Becky at No. 2**

Arthur Doggett

It is with great sadness that we learned of the death in June of Arthur Doggett. He would have been 82 on the 10th of August this year. For a great many he will be remembered as a 'gentleman' in the truest sense of the word and of course a particularly good organist. For many years he played at Wing Church and recently played at services in our own church in Aston Abbots.

I shall personally miss him since whenever we met; whether around the village or when he occasionally popped into the 'Bull' for a couple of halves, we always got into such interesting conversations. He seemed to be so very enthusiastic about the arts, particularly music. A few years ago it was painting. He was desperate to be able to paint and we would often discuss the fundamentals of the various techniques. More recently, because I struggle to master even elementary keyboard he was helpful in explaining the some of the basics of music theory.

Like me he loved church organ music but unlike me he was very knowledgeable about it and would often explain why certain pieces were played in a particular way as well as the historic background to their having being written. Several of my records were bought after these conversations.

Arthur was no 'stick in the mud' either. Quite a few of us remember the night he played the organ at one of the 'Chronicle Cabarets', ending a recital with Land of Hope and Glory. As I remember, Arthur didn't get away until he had played several encores and it was a night which will be long remembered by us.

He will be sadly missed and our thoughts go out to Minnie and their family at this very sad time.

Ed.

WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to Mr & Mrs Hockridge who have moved into No. 5 Brickstock.

also

A belated but non the less warm welcome to:-

**Ray and Jackie who moved into 'Leafy Oaks'
(next to the Bull & Butcher)**

**Ivan and Elizibeth who live at No. 1 Nash's Farm
and**

Paul and Ellie who live at No. 4 Nash's Farm



Summer Drama Club

at Leighton Buzzard Theatre

Adventures in Theatre is a series of four and five morning workshops during which the participants devise their own play.

Family and friends are invited to attend a performance on the final morning.

The workshops are designed to be fun, exciting and limited only by the participants imagination.

Everyone taking part in the Summer Drama Club will receive a certificate of participation.

Once again we are delighted to welcome professional drama tutor Chris Amos to lead the workshops - but don't leave it too long to book as his workshops always sell out very quickly.

Sweets, ice creams and drinks will be on sale from The Servery in the theatre foyer.

Monday 28th July - Friday 1st August, 9.30am - 1pm

Magic and Mystery

Witches, wizards faeries and frog princes all feature in these enchanting workshops. Come along and explore the worlds of fantasy and fairy tale.

Suitable for 7-9 year olds

Fee: £25

Monday 4th - Friday 8th August, 9.30am - 1pm

TIME TRAVELLERS

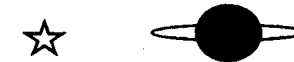
Journey into the distant past or rocket into the far away future for adventures in written and yet-to-be written history.

Suitable for 9-13 year olds

Fee: £25

Monday 11th - Friday 15th August, 9.30am - 1pm

JOURNEY INTO SPACE



Boldly go where no-one has gone before in the company of robots, aliens and intrepid star farers of all kinds!

Suitable for 7-9 year olds

Fee: £25

Monday 18th - Friday 22nd August, 9.30am - 1pm

Arabian Nights

Genies out of bottles, flying carpets, brave heroes and beautiful princesses. A thousand and one nights worth of adventures in this workshop inspired by the famous collection of Eastern fairytales.

Suitable for 9-13 year olds

Fee: £25

Tuesday 26th - Friday 29th August, 9.30am - 1pm

Of Ghoulies & Ghosties & Long legged beasties

Do you like stories about scary monsters? Then you'll enjoy spending a week in the company of every kind of giant, ogre, ghost and goblin that has ever crept, crawled, slunk or slithered through the pages of fable and folklore!

Suitable for 7-9 years

Fee: £20

24hr Booking Line on
(01525) 378310

24hr Information Line
(01525) 381414



Leighton Buzzard Theatre,
Lake Street,
Leighton Buzzard

WHAT'S ON IN JULY/AUGUST 97

JULY

Thurs. 3rd Whist drive Church Room 7.30 pm.

Tues. 8th Leighton/Lindslade Transport Meeting. Train/bus queries to Colin please.

Sun. 1st Rambling Club Members meet Woburn Sands 2.00pm.

Thurs. 17th Whist drive Church Room 7.30 pm.

Sat. 26th Festival weekend. Commences 2 pm.

Sun. 27th Church floral display 2 - 5 pm. Teas available

Tues. 29th. Village walk in conjunction with Aylesbury Vale 'Holiday Walk'. Meet at the Green 7.00 pm.

Thurs. 31st Whist drive Church Room 7.30 pm.

AUGUST

Saturday 3rd Coach trip to Gloucester Docks/Shopping. Depart Bull & Butcher 8.55 am.
Fare £8.00 Book with Colin.

Sun. 1st Rambling Club Members meet Lomond Drive Lindslade 2.00pm.

Sun. 24th August (Bank Holiday) Folkestone Depart Bull & Butcher 7.55 am. Fare £8.00 Book with Colin.

Mon. 25th Bank Holiday.

Thurs. 28th. Bucks County Show Weedon.

Fri. 29th Refuse collection (one day later due to Bank Holiday).

TRAVEL NEWS

Improved train service. Aylesbury - Marylebone

There are now **fast** trains between Aylesbury and Marylebone with journey times reduced to 50 minutes. These run non-stop from Gt. Missenden. These faster trains depart Aylesbury 6.44, 7.53, & 8.23 am. Return fast trains leave Marylebone at 5.22, 6.22, & 7.22 pm.

Also, there are through trains on Sundays so no more changing at Amersham. These depart Aylesbury 9.40, 10.40, 11.40, 12.40, 3.40, and 5.40. Return trains leave Marylebone 10.53, 3.53 then hourly until 7.53.

Tesco bus.

The Friday Tesco bus will now leave Aston Abbots at 10.55 returning at 1.40.

Mini trips for school holidays using the bus

Tring Museum.

Buses from Aylesbury 8.30, 10.28, 12.28, 2.28.
Returns from Tring 12.10, 2.10 (Sat), 3.10 (not Sat.), 5.10.

High Wycombe Caves

Buses from Aylesbury 8.30, 10.40, 12.40, 2.40.
Returns from H.W. 11.30, 3.00, 4.40.

The Rye Chair Museum and Beconsote Model Village

Train departs from Aylesbury 11.04, 1.04.

Oxford, river gardens, museums, shopping

and a host of wonderful restaurants and pubs. (Take the camera)
Buses from Aylesbury 8.30, 10.30, 12.30.
Returns from Oxford 2.35, 4.05.

Leighton Buzzard.

Canal Walks.
Boat trips.
Narrow gauge railway.

SPONSORED BICYCLE RIDE

There will be a sponsored bicycle ride in aid of the Buckinghamshire Historic Churches Trust on Saturday the 13th of September from 10 am. until 6 pm. Money raised will be divided between the Buckinghamshire Historic Churches Trust and the church chosen by the cyclist.

Sponsorship forms are available from Hilary hasler, burston cottage, Aston abbotts.
Tel; 01296 681877.



THE CHRONICLE

Advertising rates for 1996
All rates quoted are per annum

FULL PAGE	Back	£65
	Inside	£33
HALF PAGE	Back	£33
	Inside	£16
QUARTER PAGE	Back	£16
	Inside	£9
EIGHTH PAGE	Back	£9
	Inside	£7
OTHER ADS	Inside	£7

Please send copy and cheque
(made payable to "The Chronicle")
to:- John Whyte, 14 Brickstock,
Aston Abbots,
Aylesbury, Bucks.
Tel 01296 681685

HELP LINE

(Driving you to the doctor, picking up
prescriptions and so on)

ROY MALIN

3 Ross Road 681358

JOHN WHYTE

14 Brickstock, 681685

GEORGE FOX

1 Church Row, 682024

TONY HINDS

6 The Green, 681454

If you would like to join
the help line
tel. Andy Bystra on 681690

YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

TOM MANNING (Chairman)
682115

SHONA MACGREGOR (Parish Clerk)
3 Nash's Farm 682381

GWEN KEMPSTER
53 The Green, 681310

MARGARET KENT
6 The Green, 681454

LINDA SUTTON
Sadlers Farm, 681413

JOHN SANSOME
Longmore Farm, 681010

District Councillor
BRYAN ROUND
11 Nup End, Wingrave, 681621

County Councillor
BRENDA JENNINGS
2 Cotes Way, Wing 681065

LOCAL RECYCLING COLLECTION POINTS AVAILABLE AT THE MACINTYRE HOME WINGRAVE & THE BULL & BUTCHER ASTON ABBOTTS.

GLASS Please separate green, brown and clear
glass

CANS All types of cans including steel and
aluminium food and drink cans
(Please crush cans if possible)

PAPER All newspaper and magazine wastes
(No large amounts of cardboard please)

THE MACINTYRE CENTRE can also take
textiles (All old clothes, rags, blankets etc) and is
open 8.30am to 6.30pm MONDAY to
SATURDAY

ASTON ABBOTTS VILLAGE FETE 1997

**Saturday
the 26th of July - 2.00 pm.**

Building on last years success, this year's fete promises to be even more colourful and entertaining. Why not bring your friends and family along and enjoy a pleasant afternoon at our increasingly popular village festival. Plans are well under way to include;-

Silver Band, Entertainers,

Birds of Prey, Morris dancing,

The church will be decorated

and afternoon teas available,

Rare Breeds, Bouncy Castle,

Barbecue, Tombola,

Barrel organ Ice cream,

Stalls run by the youngsters,

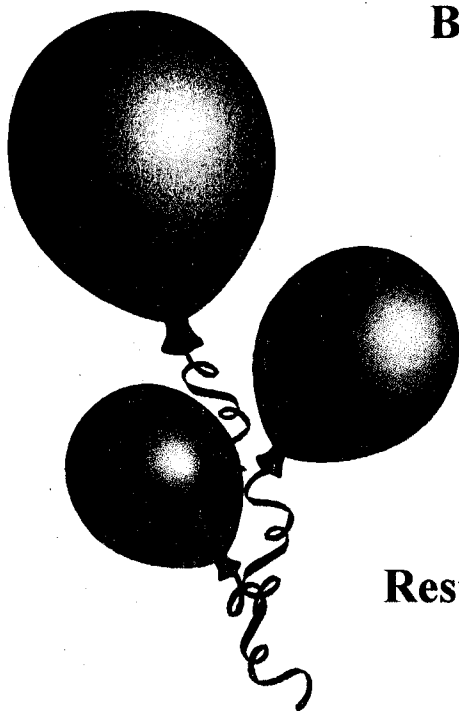
Skittles

plus all the usual popular
stalls & attractions.

A 'Fete' Raffle is to be held; prizes
will include;-

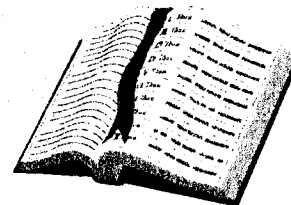
£100.00, a meal for two at The Old Masters
Restaurant, and tickets for London shows.

*The Bull & Butcher will be open all day and provide
live music in the evening.*





CHURCH SERVICES



SUNDAY READINGS

6th July
Pent. 7 (p.669) 1 Cor. 12, 27-13-end;
Mat. 18, 21-end

13th July
Pent. 8 (p.674) Gal. 5, 16-25;
John 15, 16-end

20th July
Pent. 9 (p.679) Eph. 6, 10-20;
John 17, 11-19

27th July
Pent.10 (p.684) Phil. 2, 1-11;
John 13, 1-15

3rd August
Pent.11 (p.689) 2 Cor. 4, 1-10;
John 13, 31-35

10th August
Pent.12 (p.694) 2 Cor. 5, 14 - 6.2;
John 17, 20-end

17th August
Pent.13 (p.699) Acts 7,54 - 8,1;
John 16, 1-11

24th August
Pent.14 (p.705) Eph. 5, 25 - 6, 4;
Mark 10, 2-16

31st August Pent.15 (p.710)
Rom. 13, 1-7; Matt. 22, 15-22

7th September
Pent.16 (p.714) Rom. 12, 9-end;
Luke 10, 25-37

FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

8th June 1997 Stephanie Buysmn at Wingrave

Holy Matrimony

31st May 1997 Jeremy Lee & Helen Smith at Cublington

ASTON ABBOTTS

6th July 11.15 Morning Service
13th July 11.15 Parish Communion
20th July 11.15 Parish Communion
27th July 6 p.m. Songs of Praise

3rd. August 10.00 Benefice Eucharist
10th August 11.15 Parish Communion
17th August Benefice Eucharist at Wingrave
24th August 11.15 Parish Communion
31st August Benefice Elucharist at Cublington

7th September 11.15 Morning Service

WINGRAVE

6th July 10.00 Parish Communion
13th July 10.00 Parish Communion
20th July 10.00 Parish Communion
27th July 10.00 Parish Communion

3rd August Benefice Eucharist at Aston Abbotts
10th August 10.00 Parish Communion
17th August 10.00 Benefice Eucharist
24th August 10.00 Parish Communion
31st August Benefice Eucharist at Cublington

7th September 10.00 Parish Communion

CUBLINGTON

6th July 10.00 Family Service
13th July 08.45 Parish Communion
20th July 08.45 Parish Communion
27th July 08.45 Parish Communion

3rd August Benefice Eucharist at Aston Abbotts
10th August 08.45 Parish Communion
17th August Benefice Eucharist at Wingrave
24th August 08.45 Parish Communion
31st August 10.00 Benefice Eucharist

7th September 10.00 Family Service
6 p.m. Evensong



RECTOR'S REPORT - JULY & AUGUST 1997

I cannot make up my mind about which is the best alternative.

In the three churches for which I am responsible there are three organs - Cublington has an American organ, Aston has a small Victorian pipe organ and Wingrave has a larger Victorian pipe organ. They all work fairly well - well enough so that we would not normally be thinking of their retirement and replacement with something else.

That may be the problem, because organs are only useful when you have people who can play them and organists are becoming an endangered species.

One solution is to teach many more people to play the organ. That would take time but could be arranged without too much difficulty. The trouble comes in persuading those who have learnt to turn out on Sunday morning (even if on a rota basis).

Another solution is to grasp modern digital technology and have all our music to CD quality at the press of a button. There is something about this that doesn't feel quite right. Modern technology does not come cheaply, and as we know, it changes at an alarming rate so that this year's model is out of date before we have really got to grips with it. Yet it is not just the cost that is off-putting, technically the sound quality may be excellent but somehow there is a feeling that it is not quite the real thing.

It seems only the "human" element that we find difficult - after all, many churches already have modern digital organs instead of pipe organs. These are very far removed from the early electronic organs. As long as there is a real person actually playing, we do not experience the problem. Could we get used to a sound engineer sitting at a bank of switches instead of an organist sitting at a keyboard? After all, the organist is in reality sitting at a bank of switches and skilfully blending different sound sources, and reflecting/matching the feeling/mood of the people who are there.

In former times, many churches had small orchestras to provide their music. Could that be a way forward or maybe we need to have a period when we become music-less, or learn to use our voices without any other accompaniment? Your answer is as good as mine!

Bob Willmott

Church flowers for June.

JULY

W/E 5th/6th Mr C. Higgs

12th/13th Christening

19th/20th Mrs Bean

26th/27th Festival

AUGUST

W/E 2nd/3rd Wedding

9th/10th Wedding

16th/17th Combined
Service (Cublington)

23rd/24th DONATED

30th/31st No Service



ST JAMES' CHURCH, ASTON ABBOTTS

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Rev, R Willmott	Tel; 681623
Shirley Ford	" 681865
Christine Fox	" 682024
Michael Hasler	" 681877
Hilary Hasler	" "
Ann Godman	" 681763
Gordon Kemp	" " "



Wendy Long

Freelance Florist

Weddings

Functions

Fresh - Dried - Silk Flower Arrangements



Wendy Long
10, Nup End Cottage
Wingrave
Nr. Aylesbury
Bucks. HP22 4PX

Hair by Jane

In the comfort of
your own home

*20 years experience
Special rates for
pensioners*

*For enquiries or appointment
please ring Jane on;-*

01296 437624

or

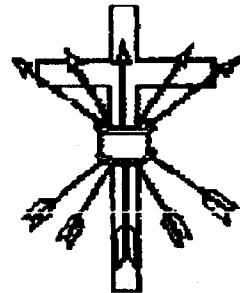
03798 371848 (mobile)



WADDESDON CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

School Lane, Waddesdon, Aylesbury HP18
OLQ

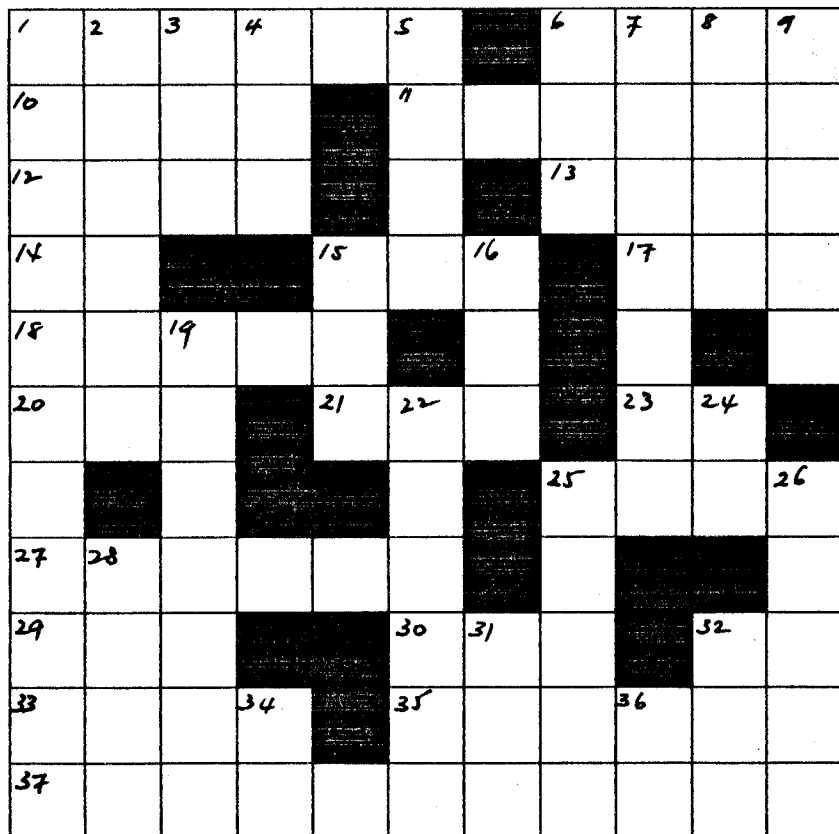
Telephone 01296 651382



WHAT NEXT????

The Waddesdon Sixth Form offers a wide
range of 'A' Levels and advanced GNVQ's.

Please contact the school for
further information.



Can you find the names of flowers suggested by the following?

1. Young horse's hoof
2. Wed 24 carat
3. A prickly German wine
4. Miss Hampshire has a bruised organ of sight
5. Helps to keep the floor clean
6. Truthfulness
7. A bovine error
8. A tasty vegetable
9. Emblem off Scotland
10. Seen after stoking the fire
11. Butterfly bush
12. From Amsterdam

Answers on Page 24



ACROSS

1. Laid up (provisions e.g. 6)
6. To warble (4)
10. A distinctive air (4)
11. One who ill uses something or somebody (6)
12. Second hand (4)
13. Body part (4)
14. Hitler's Henchmen (2)
15. Animal (3)
17. You can put your savings in this (initials 3)
18. Greek letter (5)
20. Jelly like substance (3)
21. To delve (3)
- 23 3.141 (2)
25. Not straight (4)
27. Pieces of music (6)
29. Japanese sash (3)
30. Ate (anag. 3)
32. -- & fro (2)
33. Indicates length (4)
35. To fix in place (6)
37. Those who make laws (11)

DOWN

1. An item of food (7 & 4)
2. To wrestle (6)
3. Mineral (3)
4. Cooling device (3)
5. Part of wall (4)
6. Centre of solar system (3)
7. Soot Pie! (anag. 7)
8. Headland (4)
9. A bird (5)
15. Father (3)
16. To suppress speech (3)
19. Smoothing timber (7)
22. Implant; infuse (6)
24. -- side; enclosed (2)
25. Animal (5)
26. Instruments (5)
28. Musical instrument (4)
31. Girl's name (3)
32. --- & feather (3)
34. American soldier (2)
36. -- & fro (2)



Oh well!! I suppose if he's not going to open we shall have to go home and do that damn Chronicle crossword!!

Answers to June: Across - 1 Mo. 5 Ardonic. 10 Ornate. 12 Nosh. 13 Tail. 14 Sidle. 15 Otter. 17 Hotel. 18 Rep. 19 Ono. 20 Inn. 22 Faces. 24. Learn. 28 Ankle. 29 Dinah. 30 St. 31 Hernia. 32 Tito. 34 Realm. 35 Sconces. Down - 1 Motor. 2 Orate. 3 Sale. 4 At. 5 Re. 6 Onion. Nod to. 8 Isle. 9 Cheltenham. 11 Nit pick. 14 Shoulders 16 Rinse. 21 Nelson. 22 Fast. 23 Antic. 25 Eire. 26 Anna. 27 Rails. 33 To.

Paul Esders

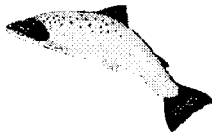
Gourmet Seafood's

Quality seafood from around the world delivered to your door.

The following is a small selection from our extensive product range;-

Fish

Whole Salmon £2.99 per lb
Salmon steaks
Tuna Supremes.



Shellfish

Lobster tails
Gambas King Prawns
Jumbo Peeled Prawns
Garlic King Prawns
Breaded Wholetail Scampi
Peeled Scampi tails
Chilean Scallops
Giant Greenlip Mussels.



Meats.

Scottish Sirloin Steaks
Magret Duck Breasts.

Prices on request or to order, just ring;-
Paul Esders on 01296 21642

15% discount given on production of this advert

HARDWICK PLAYGROUP

Playleader required for friendly village playgroup.

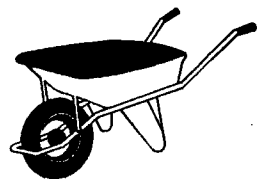
D.P.P. trained or equivalent required.

If you are interested, please phone 641221

DO YOU NEED HELP WITH YOUR GARDEN?

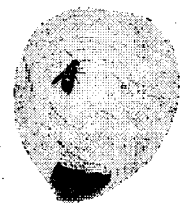


Pruning
Strimming
Hedge-cutting
Weeding etc.



Experienced in all garden maintenance.
No job too small.

**REMOVAL OF WASP NESTS
NOW UNDERTAKEN!**
Reasonable rates.



Call Alan Kempster
on 01296 681 310

ELECTRICIAN

All types of indoor & outdoor work carried out.
Reasonable rates.
For FREE ESTIMATES, contact

Barry Kibbles

Telephone; Wingrave (01296) 681755

A NEW PATH!!

The problem with God is that He does take people at their word !.

Seventeen years ago I made Him a promise that I would follow Him and do whatever He asked of me. Well, I was youngish then and enthusiastic. But He decided to hold me to that promise and has done so ever since.

Three years ago I started out, together with three other people, on a new path for our diocese of Oxford. It had been decided to try a new kind of training for a new kind of minister; someone who would only work in one parish or a group of parishes, and be supported in their training by those parishes. The training would be both theological and practical and at the end of it the man or woman would be ordained as priest no differently from in the past but only now by a different route.

So, after my ordination on the fifth of October, Aston Abbots, Cublington and Wingrave will have a curate for the first time for many, many years, and that should be helpful to every one, not least to Bob Willmott.

There have been many changes within the Church of England during the last twenty years or so. Not just the ordination of women to the priesthood, but in the villages too. Once each village had its own parish priest living in the village. He was very much part of village life, knowing his parishioners well, baptising the children and taking their weddings and funerals. There was something solid and secure about the position of the Church, the language of its services and the way it functioned.

Less so nowadays. There is insufficient money to pay for a priest in every parish. Many villages, like Aston Abbots, have no resident priest, and this seems unlikely to change. As the full-time clergy presence becomes less the laity will have to become involved more. And that will be a good thing for the Church. But clergy need to be found because there are certain things that only clergy can do, such as baptisms, church weddings, confessions, celebration of the Eucharist. And most people still want clergy to take funerals.

The only drawback, - if it is one, is that the Local Non Stipendary Minister (my official name-to-be) is not expected to be full-time, so there will still be plenty of scope for lay people to take their part in the ministry of the Church to the village. After all, the church is not a few people who wear a dog collar but all the people together, learning about and living out their Christian faith and so witnessing to others about the love and forgiveness of God. "Christianity was not founded by clergymen." (nor clergy women for that matter).

In October when I am ordained by the Bishop of Oxford I can be sure of one thing: it is not going to be the end of the road; there will be more to come and I will have no idea what it is. God always was a God of surprises and He certainly will not have changed in that.

Siv Tunnicliff

Dear playground committee,

the children of the village need your help.

They desperately need a small piece of the playing field for their ball games etc. i.e. to play netball or basket ball or even play on their roller skates or skateboards. All it needs is either a tarmac or concrete square, big enough for these games to be played on.

When playing in Brickstock, not just with a ball but on their bikes they are often told off.

They don't always want to play football and whilst the swings and slide are fine for the younger children a small surfaced area would enable the older ones to play a wide variety of games in safety.

As an adult I can appreciate people living in Brickstock not wanting these games played around their cars. However, we have all been young and understand that children get fed-up being constantly told off. Surely the provision of a suitable area would not be too difficult to arrange and be beneficial to all concerned.

We would be most grateful if you could look into this for them.

Sharon Wilkinson.





The Bull & Butcher

* **BED & BREAKFAST**

* **LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**

* **BAR FOOD LUNCHTIMES**

* **EVENING MEALS**

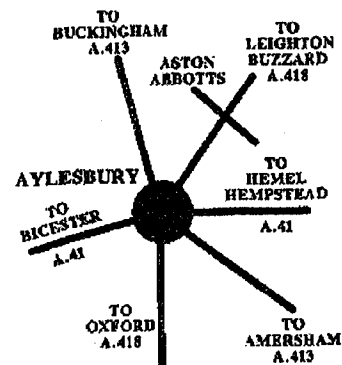
* **FUNCTION ROOM**

* **CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA**

* **AMPLE PARKING**

Free House

Aston Abbots, Nr. Aylesbury, Bucks



Fed-up with all that mud at Glastonbury?

Then why not try 'Black Frank's'.

Romanies ethnic groups and Hippies (if there are any left) welcome.

Ample parking for caravans and free grazing for horses.

For Bookings,

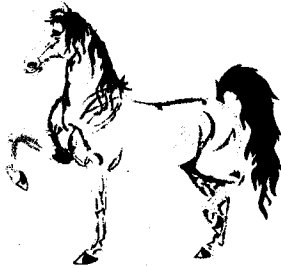
Guest Beers

Telephone: **01296 681520**

HAY FOR SALE

£3.00 per bale.

New season hay £2.00 per bale



Houlbrooke -
Norduck Farm
Tel:- 681115

FETE RAFFLE TICKETS

Fete raffle tickets are now available from Gordon Smith. He also has them in bulk for those of you who wish to sell raffle tickets.

PROFESSIONAL TILING LTD - UK

*Having trouble tiling those difficult corners?
Haven't got the specialised tools?
Has your grouting gone gungy?*

*Then why not call in 'The Professionals'
(Power showers are our speciality.)*

*For an 'immediate response'
'just contact your local
representative (Ray)
at 'The Bull' any
Saturday between
6.30 and 7.30 pm.*



TOTAL PANIC!!

It was a lovely June morning; sunny, birds chirping and all that sort of stuff. In my usual early morning lethargy I was on the way to pick up the paper from Bernard's, have a crafty look at page three of Percy's Sun before Frank and Bernard, the "postie" and milkman did, and all seemed well with the world. And then I spotted it!! What a shocking sight first thing in the morning? A banner Homes flag mast erected outside the Church Room.

Was this the next building to disappear at 6.00 in the morning before any one could complain?

Where were the bulldozers?

Had the workmen failed to wake up from their slumbers in the new caravan park at the 'Bull'?

Were they, even as I gazed on at this dreadful and afflicting sight knocking at Doris's door for the key?

But no!! It was none of these. With tremendous relief I then spotted the heap of empty lager tins and realised the phantom mast 'nicker' had struck again.

Ed.

IRISH HOSPITALITY??

Scene; Back bar of The Bull.

Time; Mon. 23rd June 7.00 pm.

Young man walks up to the bar and asks Frank if he has got a single room for the night.

Frank, trying to look very important and busy spends some time consulting his diary, then turning, asks the young man "How many will that be for??"

Assembled drinkers collapse in laughter.

Ed.



Winter in Aston Abbotts



June in Aston Abbotts



PAINTING & DECORATING

*Wall paper stripping
Lining & Paper hanging
Painting & Staining
Distress paint effects
Colour washing & rag rolling
Coving, Dado & picture rails
Plus all exterior decorating work.*

by Adrian Bystra
Free Estimates
Tel; 01296 337137
0850 255 985

FETE

There will be a collection on:-
**Tuesday 22
and
Wednesday 23 July**

evenings. Please have ready any
contributions suitable for the fete

Toys,
Bric-a-brac,
Books,
Produce,
Prizes,
Children's prizes.

Please bring cakes and plants on
the day. If you need to contact Janet
Biddle about the plant stall, please ring
her on 681 102.

Any volunteers for helping on stalls
etc. please ring us on 681 689. Helpers
will also be needed on the morning of
the fete, to help set up stalls, collect
straw bales and so on. Meet on The
Green at 10 am.

Otherwise, see you there. Let's
make this year's fete another success.

*Barbara Bellingham
David DeSilva*



Having difficulty deciding what sweet or
pudding to prepare for that special party?

Havent got time to prepare them? Then
try;-

Puds for Parties

For a Selection of Homemade Puddings
Ring Lynne on 688547

Also;-

Orders now being taken for homemade
speciality icecreams.

Wingrave School News

School Association

Hopefully there were not too many blistered feet after the 2.5, 6 and 16 mile sponsored walks. Recovery at the barbecue in the Kennedy's garden is always much appreciated.

Speech Competition

During the summer term all the children in the middle school have taken part in this competition. They are asked to give a well presented and interesting three minute speech on any subject of their choice. Subjects vary from Florida to Wild Dogs, Bermuda Triangle to Pigs or Pancakes to Motorbikes. Each class puts forward two members to go forward into the finals. The final speeches are given to the whole middle school and three adult judges. In joint third place this year were Danielle Austin and Laura Blake. In second place was Jack Puddifoot and the winner was Nicky Wyatt with a very popular speech entitled 'What I Would Do If I Was Prime Minister' - Tony watch out!

Verulamium

As part of their work on the Romans, class 4 visited the Verulamium at St. Albans. The following extract is from an account by Sarah Smith.

'First we went to the hypocaust. The hypocaust was a Roman way of central heating. The house is supported on pillars. You light a fire underneath these and then the warm air flows through special chambers in the floor and walls. I saw some huge mosaics that would have covered their floors. We saw a Roman coffin with a skeleton inside it. They had worked out from his skull what he would have looked like. I learnt that a delicacy in eating was roasted ostrich.'

101% is the name of the newspaper produced by class 6. The first edition, which has been circulating around the school, contains articles on the national election, the school election, sport, cooking, visits, jokes etc. The pupils will be looking forward to the next edition.

School Election

Following the excitement of the recent general election, class 6 decided to hold their own school election. The pupils in the class had a chance to write a manifesto and read it out to the class. After ideas were given to the class everyone voted. The candidates elected were myself, Ben Wyatt and Colin Antosiewicz. We are now busy preparing our manifestos and campaigning for votes. Examples of ideas are the introduction of bicycle racks and recycling bins around the school. The candidate with the most votes will have the chance to put forward their ideas to the school governors. SO WATCH THIS SPACE'

Claire Hounslow class 6



1st Wingrave Guides.

All twenty nine members of Wingrave Guides took part in the weekend camp on the Cliveden estate. As they began to pitch the tents the rain started but thanks to the expertise of the girls the camp was set up within minutes. The camp was good fun and very popular.

We would like to make a plea on behalf of the guides. For our camps and patrol cooking. We are in need of the following:

large cooking pans/pots,
large frying pans,
large plastic mixing bowls
smaller saucepans and frying pans for patrol cooking
metal grids e.g. from an old barbecue or oven.

Although we shall be fundraising for a second patrol tent, we still need the modern framed tents for kitchen, stores, shelter and first aid.

If any one has any of the above which are no longer required please contact one of us, or drop them round. We can be contacted as follows:-

Jane Muir 681513

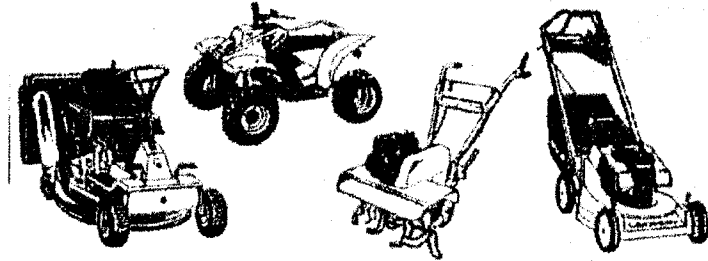
Jose Ricketts 681847

Brenda Horne 681418



LAWNMOWERS

GARDEN MACHINERY, ATV,s
SALES, SERVICE, REPAIRS



FREE LOCAL COLLECTION & DELIVERY SERVICE
RGC MACHINERY, WING
TEL: (01296) 681007 or (01296)681286

Bed and Breakfast
amidst delightful rural surroundings



Longmoor Farm

Cublington Road, Aston Abbots,
Buckinghamshire. HP22 4ND
Tel 01296 681 010
Fax 01296 688 594



SWANBOURN HOUSE, SCHOOL

Two Domestic Assistants are required at Swanbourne House School, Swanbourne for cleaning and dining room/pantry duties.

Hours would be 8.30am until 2.45pm/3pm from 28 August - term time only, with halfpay retainer during holidays.

If you are interested, please contact Mrs B. Hope, Housekeeper on 01296 720264 or write to:
Swanbourne House School, Swanbourne,
MILTONKEYNES MK17 OHZ

A FEW USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

A V DC.	(01296) 555555
Bucks County Council.	395000
Electricity Queries.	(01582) 498888
British Gas (Southern).	415555
Anglian Water	(0345) 145145
Thames Water.	(0645) 200800
Police .	(01296) 396000
Electrician.	(01296) 681755
Tax	i(01296)688739/681013
Samaritans.	(01494) 432000
Doctors Gibby/Dunford.	(01296) 688201
Lilley/Jones	(01296) 688949
Roberts/Rizzo-Naudi.	(01296) 641203

THOUGHTS ON THE DISPLACEMENT, OVERNIGHT, OF LARGE WHITE OBJECTS FROM THE GENERAL AREA OF NASH'S FARM

At Nash's Farm did Banner Homes a new development decree,
Of barn conversions (so they said), and brand new homes for you and me.

At dawn one day the barns came down; men began to dig holes.
Oddly, out of nowhere appeared two monstrous, priapic poles.

Flags fluttered; these ludicrous sticks towered over neighbouring houses.
Dark passions welled up - of a black kind only such crassness arouses

Grown men mumbled into their beer. Plots hatched. Then one glorious dawn
The sun awoke, the blackbirds cheeped, there were those ghastly poles - gawn!

People moved in. We wish them well. We hope to welcome them further -
To our pubs - we need two - which are goodfer what good pubs are goodfer,

Or that other place of worship, the church, go there and pray
Or join the Ramblers. use the shop, enjoy your summer fete day.

But back to Banner - not done yet. Still have houses to build.
Tho' still not sure what land they own or how the plot can be filled.

We're not out the wood yet. Not free, just on parole.
To tell us one day they'd be back, they left us two bloody new poles.

Damn the things! Melt them all down! . It was the might of thirteen June
When those oversized twigs were brought low, by the light of a silvery moon.

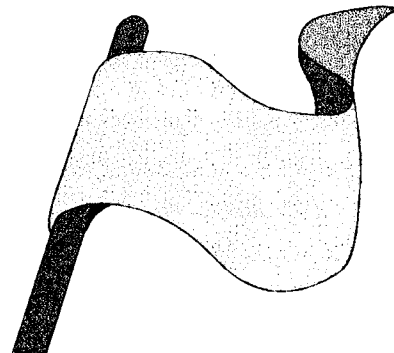
A word to Banner; when you go, to show other people your tricks,
Take down your fence!

Clear up your mess!
And don't leave behind any sticks !

S. T. Codswallop Esq.



Caption required for next issue!!



(Skilled Friendly Service)

S.M. ARMAN.



BUILDING & LANDSCAPING

*** PATHS & DRIVEWAYS**

*** TURFING & PLANTING**

*** EXTENSIONS**

*** REFURBISHMENT'S**

*To discuss your requirements
and supply FREE
no obligation quotation
please telephone:*



Tel;- 0374 831122



THE FRIENDS OF WHITCHURCH SURGERY

invite you to;-

Jazz Night with Supper

on Sunday 10th August 1997

Featuring
"The Royal Castle Jazz Band"



LADIES CLUB NOTES FOR JUNE

July 3rd Competition afternoon.
Church Room 2.45

July 17th End of Season tea party!!!!



TOMBOLA

We are running the Tombola at this year's fete again this year and would be very grateful if you could donate a bottle. Any size, any contents, or indeed if not a bottle then any gift including items suitable for children's prizes would be much appreciated.

We will come around and collect during the week commencing the 14th of July or if you prefer, you can drop them off at 6 The Green or give me a ring on 681454.

Many thanks, Margaret & Diana Kent.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL CONTINUING EDUCATION.

For details of courses throughout Aylesbury Vale please telephone 01296 398957

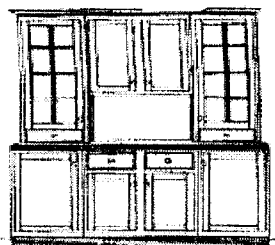
PROPOSED OUTINGS FOR 1997

- Trip 1. Saturday 3rd August Gloucester Docks/Shopping £8.00
- Trip 2. Sunday 24th August (Bank Holiday) Folkstone £8.00
- Trip 3. Saturday 4th October Canterbury Cathedral Flower Festival. (Price to be advised)
- Trip 4. Sunday 2nd November Brighton (For the 'Old Crocks' Race) £8.00
- Trip 5. Saturday 7th December Nottingham Christmas Shopper. £8.00



Pickup points	Trip 1	Trip 2	Trip 3	Trip 4	Trip 5
Aylesbury (Kingsbury Sq.)	9.15	8.15	8.15	8.15	8.15
Wingrave (Abbots Way)	9.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.30
Aston Abbots (Bull & Butcher)	8.55	7.55	7.55	7.55	8.35
Cublington Cross Rds	8.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	8.40
Wing (Stewkly Rd bus stop)	8.45	7.45	7.45	7.45	8.45
Linslade (Church Rd)	8.35	7.35	7.35	7.35	8.55
Golden Riddy		7.30	7.30	7.30	9.00

K
I
T
C
H
E
N
S



B
E
D
R
O
O
M
S

OFFICE/STUDIES

From a family business, established 1985 you will find the right product for your needs with Excellent value kitchen, bedroom and home office furniture, supplied and fitted for the discerning client

We also supply most makes of kitchen appliance either with a kitchen, as a replacement or addition

To complete the picture if required we supply Lighting and Tiling, also Artexing and Decorating

For the best value with outstanding service

KITCHEN SCENE

01296 688878



Spanish, English and Continental Cuisine.

Spanish, a'la carte and vegetarian menu
Weddings * All special Occasions

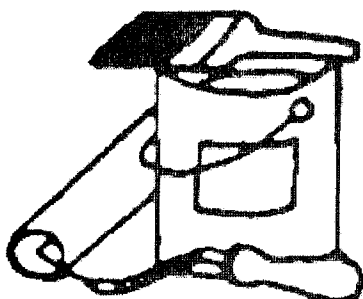
FULLY LICENSED

Lunch; Tues - Sat. 2.00 - 2.00pm

Dinner:- Mon. - Sat. 7.00 - 10.00pm

*Cublington Road (next to the Church),
Aston Abbots. Telephone 01296 681432*

J.M. COLES Painter and Decorator



All aspects of interior and exterior work undertaken to highest standard of workmanship.
No job too large or small

Tel: 01296 682188 Mobile: 0956 516406

Millinium Grant Offers

The 21st Century Halls for England Fund has just announced it's first round grant offers totalling almost £2 million. The programme is funded by a £10 million award from the Millennium Commission to ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England).

A total of 33 halls in 22 counties throughout England have now received conditional offers of a grant, to be ratified by the Millennium Commission, towards renovation, extending or building a new village hall. The grants will provide between 6% and 50% of the total project cost with the remainder raised by local fund raising, other grants, donations and voluntary labour. The first Bucks winner (of a conditional grant) is Forty Green (£100,000 for a new hall).

Bob Bradshaw, Programme Manager, commented: "We would welcome more applications for refurbishment and extension schemes. In order to achieve a spread of projects, as required by our contract. We are particularly interested in smaller projects and larger ones seeking a small percentage of grant from our Fund." He went on to add: "Rural Community Councils in each county can give guidance on a range of issues including the necessary partnership funding, and the sort of features that might be included to meet the Programme's criteria."

The amount of grant applied for and offered varies widely. The smallest amounts to some £7,900 and the largest £125,000 although only two of the grants were over £91,000. The average grant is £45,000.

The projects selected are a mixture of renovation, extensions and new buildings. All intended to provide access and facilities for less able bodied people, including features to assist movement within the building and devices to assist the partially sighted and those hard of hearing. They also generally feature energy efficiency measures including high levels of insulation and energy saving devices. Many have included provision for computers and information technology, either as part of this scheme or in plans for future expansion.

Four of the halls were selected as Flagship Halls in recognition of their exemplary designs, often within the constraints of relatively low budgets. These were identified as forward-looking projects featuring innovative solutions to the problems and issues likely to be encountered by communities into the next millennium. The third round of applications is scheduled to begin in autumn 1997.

From the Bucks CVS Newsletter

WHATEVER NEXT!!!!

Recycling Plan for Mobile Phones

A mobile phone recycling project has been launched by BT and the Association of European Telecommunications and Professional Electronics Industry (ECTEL).

The scheme involves manufacturers offering to take back and recycle items once consumers have finished with them.

Richard Page, the minister with responsibility for the environment in the Department of Trade and Industry (at the time of the launch), said: "Technological development has made the mobile phone a disposable product. As such, I suspect that once a mobile phone has reached the end of its life, many consumers just throw it away or leave it to collect dust. Many Governments are considering the issue of waste electronic equipment, and the case for legislation. My message is that there is an opportunity now for industry to contribute positively and ensure that we achieve the best solutions."

A number of findings should result from the ECTEL/BT project. We need to establish how much electronic equipment is going into the waste stream and the extent of its potential environmental impact. We must also define the equipment to be considered and decide which categories should be earmarked as priorities for recovery."

Source: BT TAC report 31/2/97

A mother and small daughter were on the beach, and the child saw two other children in the distance, paddling. She asked her mother if she could go and play with them by the sea, and her mother said "Yes". When she returned, her mother asked "Were they boys or girls", to which the little girl replied, "I don't know, they didn't have any clothes on".

FOR SALE

Top quality hay - £3.00 per bale

Phone :-

Daryl Tomlin

01525 240875

or

Rita 681690



The ROYAL OAK

**Real ales*

** Pool Table*

** Darts*

** Good home cooked food 7 days a week*

** Kid's Drinks; buy one and get the refills free*

Special events



*Ring 01296 681262
for more details*

Enclosed gardens & play area, children welcome.

WINGRAVE GARAGE

Terry Bracey Wright & Michael Mitchell

Telephone 681543

YOUR NEW LOCAL MOT CENTRE

**By Appointment 8.30am to 6.30pm Monday to Friday.
(Saturday mornings by arrangement)**

PLUS all the usual services;-

Petrol Sales

Servicing and Repairs

Free Courtesy Car

We are happy to give you an estimate even for the smallest job!



Curtains & Cushions

Curtains, blinds, pelmets, bedspreads, tailored loosecovers, all at competitive prices

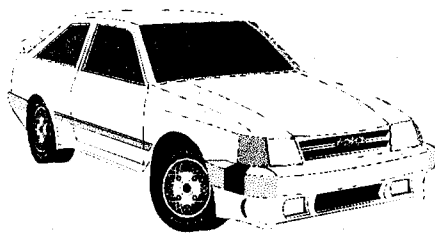
Large selection of fabrics

FREE QUOTATIONS

Ring **KATE** on
(0296) 720452



Does your car need attention?



For full service or repairs;

Ring Barry on 681 335

RENT THIS SPACE

Advertise in the Chronicle magazine

contact John Whyte on;-



(01296) 681685

TRI • COUNT • DECOR
N.P. Lamb

TRADITIONAL MASTER DECORATOR

Mobile:
0850 556417

Telephone:
0296 668714

- Answers to flower puzzle
1. Coltfoot
 2. Marigold
 3. Hollyhock
 4. Black eyed Susan
 5. Broom
 6. Honesty
 7. Cowslip
 8. Sweet Pea
 9. Thistle
 10. Red hot poker
 11. Buddleia
 12. Tulips

Alison J Whittaker, B.A. Hons. Music

*Piano, Electric Keyboard &
Theory of Music Teacher*

10 Recreation Ground Cottages
Wingrave,
Nr. Aylesbury
Bucks. HP22 4PH Tel: (01296) 681639

BIGNELL & BRANDON

*Carpentry, Glazing,
General Building and Maintenance*

Aylesbury 681242 Aylesbury 432390

Mobile 0468 115527 Mobile 0468 126612

ASTON ABBOTTS CHURCH ROOM

AVAILABLE FOR WEDDING RECEPTIONS: BIRTHDAY
PARTIES: FOLK EVENINGS: DANCES: BINGO ETC...

MAXIMUM 60 PEOPLE.

FURTHER DETAIL FROM DORIS SCUTCHINGS ON

AYLESBURY (01296) 681 243

Cost;- £5.00 per hour + metered electricity
£2.00 per hour + metered electricity for residents of the parish

*Here's wishing all
my readers a very
happy and peaceful
summer holiday.*



Dave Lewis

FLACKWELL ELECTRONICS

Church Farm, Aston Abbots

**TV. VIDEO & SATELLITE
SERVICING**

General Repairs

(MOST MAKES REPAIRED THE SAME DAY)

Rentals, New and Used Sales

No call out fee within Aston Abbots

Phone David Lewis on 682126 for details.