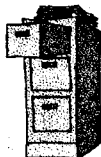


# The Chronicle

*Aston Abbotts Parish Magazine*

*Issue No. 162 September 1997*



The shocking news about the Princess of Wales has been a thoroughly depressing way to end the month. Our thoughts are of course with the two young princes for whom the loss of their mother must seem like the end of the world; and indeed for the others who died in this accident. That she has died at all is bad enough, but the apparent stupidity of the circumstances leaves me feeling both deeply saddened and angry. On a slightly more positive note, the one thing which is immediately clear is the immense and widespread affection people around the world have for her. I feel sure this is because of the genuine love she had for people in general and the disadvantaged in particular. Unlike many, she did not let her rank prevent her from being kind and treating those she came into contact with as equals. I sincerely hope one of the lasting legacies she will leave us will be the constant reminder that we should all treat people, irrespective of their circumstances, with the kindness and courtesy we expect from others.

The more observant of you will have noticed that I have removed 'Squirrel press' from the dedication at the foot of this page. When I took the last issue in to Whaddesdon school for printing, Jill Carter who prints and collates The Chronicle explained that the Squirrel Press ceased to operate many years ago (well nobody told me!) She also showed me around the school's 'resources facility' which was far more extensive than I had expected and is supported with a wide range of computing and printing machinery. The Chronicle is only one of many village magazines printed by this facility and of course they are all required at or around the end of each month. Quite a task for one person to handle!

The village fete was once again well organised (largely by Barbara and Dave) with the minimum of fuss. It was very nice to see so many of our younger folk helping and running their own stalls. Equally, it was encouraging that many of the people who have quite recently moved into Aston Abbots, joining in with the organisation and running various stalls. It's a pity that the weather wasn't a little kinder but the showers didn't seem to prevent everyone having a good time or cause a significant reduction in the taking's. Certainly the 'tea room' seemed to be doing particularly well whenever I went in. I'm not sure whether this was due to people sheltering from the rain or the wonderful selection of cakes etc. on sale. Anyway, well done everyone.

Great excitement for a few hours one evening earlier in August when the film crew turned up to film part of a new Kellogg's advert at Neil Chesher's house. There was Neil, strutting up and down, trying his best to look like Cecil B. DeMilne. He even tried to get his yellow tupa-wear car into the act but the professionals would have nothing to do with it (see Neil's version of events on page 16). The sequel to all of this was that a few days later, Rita and I were attending the Pembrokeshire County Show and one of the first things we saw was a Kellogg's promotional stand on which was a near life size 'cardboard' model of Neil's front porch and path complete with the sign for 'Cockcroft Farm, bed & breakfast' - fame at last!!



Andy Bystra

### DON'S TEASER!!

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

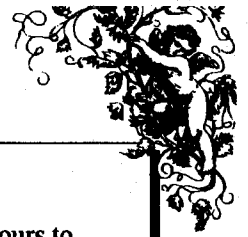
1. Dear Mr. Tell
2. Baby's noisy toy
3. Part of the Eye
4. Mrs. Bucket
5. Musical instrument
6. This will make you very cold
7. Got up.
8. Harvest of granite
9. Elizabeth always on the go
10. Romance in a fog
11. Economical management
12. A hand warmer for Reynard

Answers on page 6

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Please note that copy date for the Oct. issue will be Tues. the 23rd of September 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



Very many happy returns to all of you having birthdays during September, especially;-

Minnie Doggett 3rd Sept  
Piers Parker 4th  
Christopher Fox 6th  
Fiona Whyte 6th  
Sarah Smith 8th  
Alf Parker 9th  
Sally Palmer 18th  
Louise Palmer 20th  
Halisi Drysdale 22nd  
Anna Picking 24th  
Alex Dutton 25th  
Lyn Manning 26th  
Adrian Dixon 30th

## WELCOME

We would like to welcome new neighbours to Aston Abbots.

Liz. and Patrick Clarke who have moved into No. 2 The Acorns.

Andrew, Sally and Alex Dutton, Stella Rob and Jenny Howell (not forgetting Holly their dog) have moved into No. 3 The Acorns.

## BELATED WELCOME

We apologise to Isobel and Frank Chapman who have moved to No. 2 Brickstock since we omitted to welcome them when they first moved to Aston Abbots. Also our condolences to them on the loss of a dear son-in-law.

## BEST WISHES

Our good wishes go out to Enid Ludlam who has been in hospital for an operation. We wish her well and trust she will continue to regain good health.

## GOOD LUCK!

Good luck to the younger people who are going on to Senior school this term.

We hope that any 5 year olds who are going to school for the first time will be happy and soon settle into school life.

## REMINDER!

As a small reminder, if you know anyone who has a special birthday, anniversary, passed an exam or anything which can be shared in The Chronicle, please let us know.

## THANK YOU

May I through The Chronicle thank everyone who so kindly sent cards and personal condolences on the loss of Arthur. also for attending the church service.

Thank you again  
Minnie Doggett.

Thanks to everyone who gave sweets and toys to the children's tombola, particularly Kirsty and Andy who helped with 'Beat the Buzzer'.

Thanks also to Anna, Zoe and Alex who helped clean and sort the toddler's toys in the church room and come to visit and helped set up, pack away and entertain the toddlers.

Shona.



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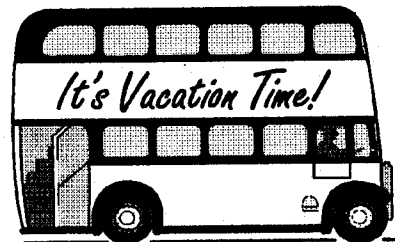
Also;-

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### PROPOSED OUTINGS FOR 1997

- Trip 1.** Saturday 4th October Canterbury Cathedral Flower Festival. (Price to be advised)  
**Trip 2.** Sunday 2nd November Brighton (For the 'Old Crocks' Race) £8.00  
**Trip 3.** Saturday 7th December Nottingham Christmas Shopper. £8.00

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



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An example of an advocacy partnership is Frank and George. Frank lives in a home for the disabled but he felt isolated and lonely. George now visits him once a week; sometimes they go out. Frank confided that he wanted to learn how to paint and George helped him to enrol in a local art class.

For further information please contact Mary Byrne or Peter Wenham at Aylesbury Vale Advocates on 01296 432313 (24 Hours)



*"That cat's wasting it's time - it'll never get him to fill the glass!!"*

Many thanks to Christine Scott for the caption above. I bet quite a few of us know which pub she must have been drinking at!!!

*Ed.*

## Riddle

Two men go into the Bull & Butcher and ask for large brandys with ice. What they don't know is that poison has been put into both drinks.

One of the men drinks his quickly and leaves - he lives to tell the tale. The other lingers over his drink and dies.

Why??

*Thanks to Emma.*

*Answer on page 6*

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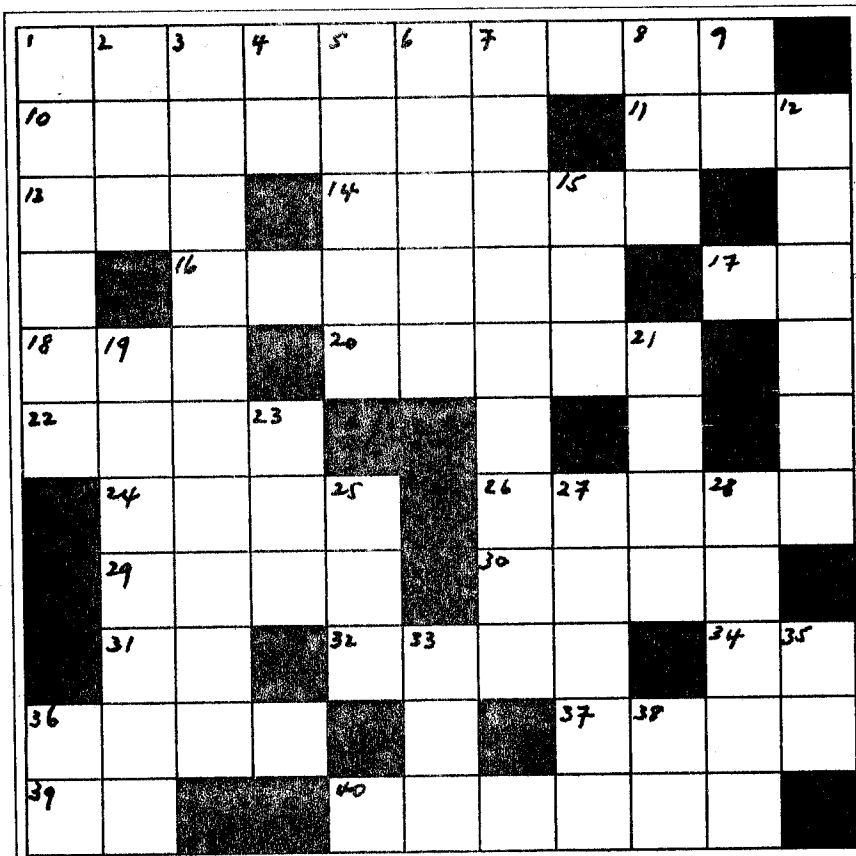
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## ACROSS

1. Wiltshire Town (10)
10. Repeat (7)
11. Noah had one (3)
13. Boy's name (3)
14. Trade (anag.) (5)
16. Added up (6)
17. Near (2)
18. Japanese sash (3)
20. Spartan slave (5)
22. Pleasant (4)
24. Fish (4)
26. Polish tractor (5)
29. Talon (4)
30. Throw (4)
31. Exclamation (2)
32. WW2 Concert Party (4)
34. Aloft (2)
36. A chocolate bar (4)
37. To box (4)
39. Hitler's henchmen (2)
40. To imbue (6)

## DOWN

- 1 & 12 Local town 6 & 6)
2. Devoured (3)
3. Of the lens of the eye (10)
4. Title (2)
5. Soil (5)
6. Aver (5)
7. Seeds of the Areca Palm (5 & 4)
8. Car component (abbrev 3)
9. Short year (2)
12. See 1 across
15. Computer term; eg 16Mb - RAM (3)
19. Female dogs (7)
21. Girl's name (4)
23. Girl's name (3)
25. Fear, Wonder (3)
27. Cook (5)
28. Normal (5)
33. Member of religious order (3)
35. Short for pair (2)
36. Chem. symbol for arsenic (2)
38. Greek letter



*Don and chums trying out their motorcycles on Lines Hill!!*

## FLOWERS

1. Sweet William.
2. Yellow rattle
3. Iris
4. Hyacinth
5. Viola
6. Fressia
7. Rose
8. Stonecrop
9. Busy Lizzie
10. Love in a mist
11. Thrift
12. Foxglove

## RIDDLE

The poison was in the ice so the man who drank his brandy quickly didn't consume any because his ice didn't have time to melt.

## Answers to last months

### ACROSS;

1. Stored, 6. Sing, 10. Aura, 11. Abuser,
12. Used, 13. Nose, 14. SS, 15. Dog,
17. TSB, 18. Alpha, 20. Gel, 21. Dig,
23. Pi, 25. Bent, 27. Rondos, 29. Obi,
30. Tea, 32. To, 33. Long, 35. Instal,
37. Legislators.

### Down;

1. Sausage roll, 2. Tussle, 3. Ore,
4. Rad. 5. Dado, 6. Sun, 7. Isotope,
8. Ness, 9. Grebe, 15. Dad, 16. Gag,
19. Planing, 22. Instil, 24. In.
25. Beast, 26. Tools, 28. Oboe, 31. Ena,
32. Tar, 34. GI, 36. To.



# CHURCH SERVICES

## SUNDAY READINGS



7th Sept. 97 Pentecost  
16 (p.714)  
Rom. 12, 9-end; Luke 10, 25-37

14th Sept. 97 Pentecost 17 (p. 718)  
James 1, 16-end; Luke 17, 11-19

21st Sept. 97 St. Matthew (p. 800)  
2 Cor. 4, 1-6; Mat. 9, 9-13

28th Sept. 97 Pentecost 19 (p. 729)  
Heb. 11, 1,2,8-16; Matt. 6, 14-end

### ASTON ABBOTTS

7th Sept. 97 11.15 Morning Service  
14th 11.15 Parish Communion  
21st 11.15 Parish Communion  
28th 11.15 Parish Communion  
19.00 Harvest Festival (Bull & Butcher)

5th Oct. 97 10.00 Benefice Eucharist at Wingrave

### WINGRAVE

7th Sept. 97 10.00 Parish Communion  
14th 10.00 Parish Communion  
21st 10.00 Parish Communion  
28th 08.00 Holy Communion (BCP)  
10.00 Family Service

5th Oct. 10.00 Benefice Eucharist

### CUBLINGTON

3rd Sept. 97 10.00 Holy Communion (BCP)  
7th 10.00 Family Service  
18.00 Evensong  
14th 08.45 Parish Communion  
21st 08.45 Parish Communion  
28th 08.45 Parish Communion

5th Oct. .97 10.00 Benefice Eucharist at Wingrave

5th Oct. 97 Pentecost 20 (p. 735)  
Rom. 8, 18-25; Luke 9, 51-end

## FROM THE REGISTERS

### Baptism

6. July. 97 Jemma Camfield at Wingrave  
13. July. 97 Thomas Stefanczyk at Aston Abbotts  
3. August. 97 George Castle at Wingrave  
17. August. 97 Jack Reekes at Wingrave

### Marriage

21. June 97 John Sanders & Tracey Fletcher at Aston Abbotts  
5 July. 97 Paul Masters & Stephanie Cook at Wingrave  
9. August .97 Peter Alliston & Lynette Turner at Aston Abbotts





## RECTOR'S REPORT - SEPT. 1997

Earlier in the summer I spent a day in Didcot as part of the preparation for having a "curate". I remember the day well, because it did not get off to a very good start and I was late in arriving.

The meeting was held at the headquarters of the Baptist Church (which I didn't realise was in Didcot). As I drove home, I thought about some of the ideas we had been discussing during the day and that, rather to my surprise, those in higher places in the Diocese had considered that our three parishes were a suitable place for a curate to be trained - and even more surprisingly that they thought that I could do that training.

At the beginning of next month, Siv Tunicliffe will be ordained by the Bishop of Oxford as Deacon. She will then become "curate" here and will start doing some of the clergy-type jobs. Having a curate is actually a good experience for all of us in the Church. It is good because it forces us to think out why we do things the way we do - and hopefully breaks some of our bad habits.

### Church flowers for September.

W/E 6th/7th Mrs Doggett

13th/14th Miss E. Osborn

20th/21st Mrs S Ford

27th/28th Harvest Festival



Curates are also useful because they lack practical experience and make mistakes. We all make mistakes (even though we often don't like to admit to them). Our mistakes are probably the experiences through which we learn most. Allowing people to make mistakes, to get things not quite right, is not very easy. It is even harder when the person making those mistakes is someone whom we feel should know better - and someone whom we have known for a long period.

Among the things that Siv will have to learn is how to conduct a funeral service - which is not as easy as you might think. The trouble with being curate in a rural situation is that there are not very many funerals - and that we tend to know the families rather better than might happen in a town where people tend to be more anonymous. Still, I am sure there must be a way that we can overcome that problem.

We have been fortunate that for the past ten years or so we have had the assistance of Rev. Peter Binns, who has taken some of the Sunday services. Hopefully we can continue to benefit from his ministry here. Whilst we know that the number of full-time clergy is in decline, it is good to know that new patterns of ministry are developing.

*Bob Willmott*

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# PARISH COUNCIL NEWS.

*Unofficial notes of the meeting held in July and August 1997*

## Bridge at Wing

Much concern was expressed about the weight restriction which has been imposed on Castle Hill Bridge on Stewkley Road, Wing. Vehicles over 7.5 Tons can no longer use the bridge, resulting in an increased number of heavy goods vehicles driving through Aston Abbots and surrounding villages.

Given the present level of funding it is unlikely that the bridge will be strengthened or replaced for at least 5 years. If heavy goods vehicles ignore the weight restriction and the bridge deteriorates, a lower limit may be imposed or the road closed to all traffic.

The Parish Council are going to write to the local MP and liaise with other local villages to push for the bridge to be repaired sooner. The highways representatives will also raise this issue at the next ACDC Highways meeting.

## Recreation Ground

Quotes are being obtained for a hard playing surface in the Recreation Ground. It may be possible to get a grant from AVDC Public Amenity Projects via Landfill Tax to assist in this.

## Bollard Light in Brickstock

The bollard light in Brickstock should shortly be fitted with a time clock so that the light will be on between dusk and midnight and 6am and sunrise on dark winter mornings.

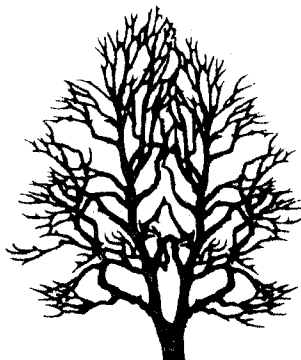
## Planning Matters

Banner Homes are appealing against the decision not to allow the erection of 5 dwellings on their site. The expected date for the appeal is January 1998. This will be an informal hearing to which the Parish Council and individuals can make statements to the Inspectors from the Department of the Environment.

The Parish Council are to write to Banner Homes to request the speedy transfer of the additional strip of land for the Recreation Ground.

## Next Meeting

The Next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in the Church Room on Wednesday 1st October 1997. Members of the public are welcome to attend.



*To the Editor of the Chronicle.*

## A letter from the Parish Council

*Local Residents are concerned about children playing with balls and on bicycles on and around Brickstock.*

*Would parents and those responsible for these children please tell them to play on the Recreation Ground and not on the public highway.*

*People are concerned for the children's safety as vehicles arrive, park and reverse in Brickstock.*

*Parish Council*

## 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 Abbots.  
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# Paul Esders

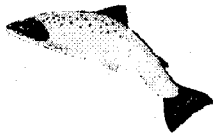
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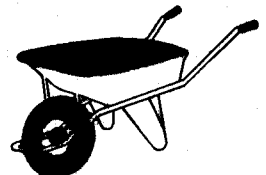
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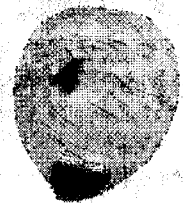


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# Wingrave School News

## Final Assembly

This is a time when the school gather together both to receive awards and to say farewell.

All members of the school both staff and pupils will miss Mrs Roberts who is retiring after 22 years at the school. She has assisted the school and helped the pupils in numerous different ways. There are many ex pupils in the villages who will remember Mrs Roberts. The school and governors presented her with gifts which included garden chairs and a framed portrait painted by a young pupil. The school wish her well in her new home and retirement. Farewell was also said to Mrs Marriner- Kyle who is leaving her full time post but will be returning on a part time basis.

Several pupils in each class received certificates of achievement These are awarded not only for achievement and progress in academic subjects but also for qualities like enthusiasm, courtesousness and general citizenship.

The following were also awarded; netball cup to

Hayley Wilkinson, football cup to Clive Biggs, sports cup to Alison Muir and the citizen cop was awarded jointly to Sophie Bush and Rose Kennedy.

## First School Assembly

Throughout the term, the Thursday assembly is taken by one of the classes but for the final one of the term all three junior classes took part and parents were invited to join. Class one presented their work which has arisen out of a very successful visit to Oak Farm Rare Breeds Centre. The presentation included descriptions of favourite animals, poems and pictures.

Class two had fun with their percussion instruments accompanying "On the Ning Nang Nongn. Their environmental work included a fascinating show of minibeasts with each pupil describing how they were made with fabric, card and papier mache.

The final presentation was given by class three which was based on their visit to Hazard Alley at Milton Keynes. Through drama they showed their response to several accident situations including drowning, fire and a car accident. Emergency services were contacted with all the correct information being requested and given. The safety message given as a rap ensured that the message had really got through.

All three classes showed the fun and the benefit they have from the educational visits

## Booking the School

If the Village Hall is already booked, try the school. It has a lovely large hall, ample parking and access to a kitchen. It is ideal for all types of events and parties. Smaller rooms are available Contact the school office for details. The approximate cost is £10.00 per hour, but could well be less if more than one event is taking place at the same time.

## Voluntary Help

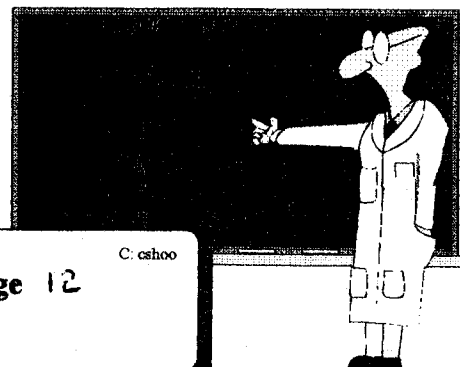
The school is looking for members of the community who would be willing to help in variety of different ways. Help with small groups or reading, craft work, storytelling, cookery, maths or even general conversation is required. Also specialised expertise in, for example computers is of great value. The time offered can be as little as an hour a week. It is rewarding work as you get to know the children and their enthusiasm. Whether you have a particular area of interest or are just an enthusiastic adult please contact the school office on 681436. If you have an interest which you would be willing to share in an after school club the school would delighted to hear from you.

The school has a strong team of teaching staff but with the need to cover national curriculum, there is little time for the extras which are of immeasurable value to the children.

## Sponsored Walk

This was organised by the School Association and took place on a beautiful warm Sunday. The 4 and 6 mile walks seemed to be the most popular. Mr McClellan was not challenged on the 16 mile one and judging by his return time it may have become somewhat longer! But watch out next year Mr McClellan, there are some very energetic members of the new classes six and seven who are not going let you get away without a challenge again!

The barbecue and cool drinks on the rec. were much appreciated by walkers and non-walkers. Energy levels were soon revived and active games including football took place during the afternoon.





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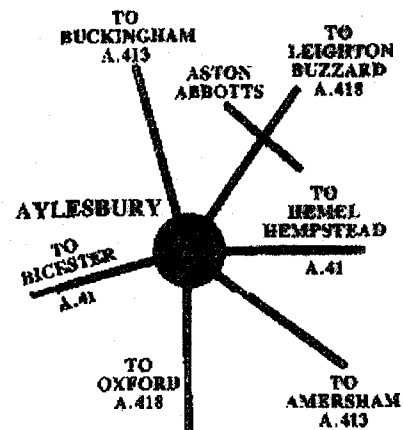
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**Tues. 2nd** Aylesbury Vale Transport Meeting. Train/bus queries to Colin please.

**Thurs. 11th** Whist drive Church Room 7.30 pm.

**Sun. 14th** Rambling Club Members meet at Caldecote Lake 2.00pm.

**Thurs. 25th** Whist drive Church Room 7.30 pm.

**Sun. 14th** Village footpath walk (Everybody welcome) Meet at the Green 2.00 pm.

**Sun. 28th** Harvest Festival St. James Church 11.15  
Harvest sale **Bull & Butcher** 7.00pm

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### Tesco bus timetable.

I have had several reports that there have been differences between the bus times I published in an earlier issue of the Chronicle and the actual times at which the bus runs. Apparently this has arisen due to 'local negotiations' with Tesco's, about which I am not aware.

If anyone has the latest timetable would they please pass a copy to me so that I can publish the correct times of this useful service.

*Ed.*

## FETE 1997

We would like to thank everyone in the village for such a wonderful effort. As you can see from the accounts, we did very well despite the bad weather. The helpers all valiantly braved the rain, as indeed did the visitors who weren't put off.

Many stalls achieved records, including tombola, bric-a-brac, toys, children's tombola, plants and gifts. This was especially due to everyone's extreme generosity and the fact that items donated this year were of a very high standard.

Many people have commented on the marvellous display of rare breeds, put on by the Searls of Lines Hill Farm, and we would like to pass on their compliments.

For those that remained, the fete was an enjoyable afternoon, helped along by the Morris men and Billy Radish, who, like a Pied Piper on stilts, helped the clearing up surrounded by an entourage of yelling children.

Thank you everyone for another successful day.

*The Fete organisers*

*(See the following page for details of the Fete accounts.)*

*Ed.*

**ASTON ABBOTTS FESTIVAL COMMITTEE**

**VILLAGE FETE 26 JULY 1997**

		£	£
<b><u>RECEIPTS</u></b>			
DRAW	Ticket sales	498.00	
TEAS		136.27	
STALLS	Tombola	200.00	
	Cakes etc	91.65	
	Garden	181.60	
	Groceries	28.65	
	Bric-a-brac	150.40	
	Ice cream	30.00	
	Gifts	131.00	
	Books	72.40	
	Toys and Bouncy Castle	64.76	
	Children's tombola	51.32	
SIDESHOWS AND COMPETITIONS	Coconut shy	58.00	
	Skittles	19.40	
	Children's games and competitions	17.34	
	Pony rides	30.00	
	Car rides	19.00	
	Guess the weight of cake	30.81	
BARBECUE	From Frank and Louise at the Bull and Butcher	106.00	
DONATIONS		55.00	
CHURCH COLLECTING BOX		41.54	
			2013.14
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>			
	Band	90.00	
	Morris Men	60.00	
	Draw tickets and licence	103.16	
	Organ	35.00	
	Clown	30.00	
	Birds of prey	15.00	
	Advertising	16.69	
			349.85
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## Unexplained Happenings in the Village

The card that came through the door said 'Neil Lee, Location Manager', and on the back it said we want to use your garden path to film a TV advert. I thought it was all a joke so I was quite surprised when I rang the man back to find out that he was serious. The crew were to film a Kellogg TV advert at Norduck and they needed a garden path for a 3 second sequence..

So 1 week later I was at home expecting 6 to 8 people to turn up, when to my surprise 2 lighting wagons, a crew bus and about 40 people invaded the Green.

Out came all the paraphernalia of filming with lights festooned all over the place, sound recordists, video recordists, clapper boys, producers, directors, assistant directors and dogsbodies.

The 'stars' turned out to be 3 little kids who were dressed in school outfits.

The whole thing took 1 ½ hours to erect, ½ hour to film and ½ hour to pack every thing away. In that time lots of interested villagers came round to see what was happening. Some thought it was the start of yet another Christmas Show!

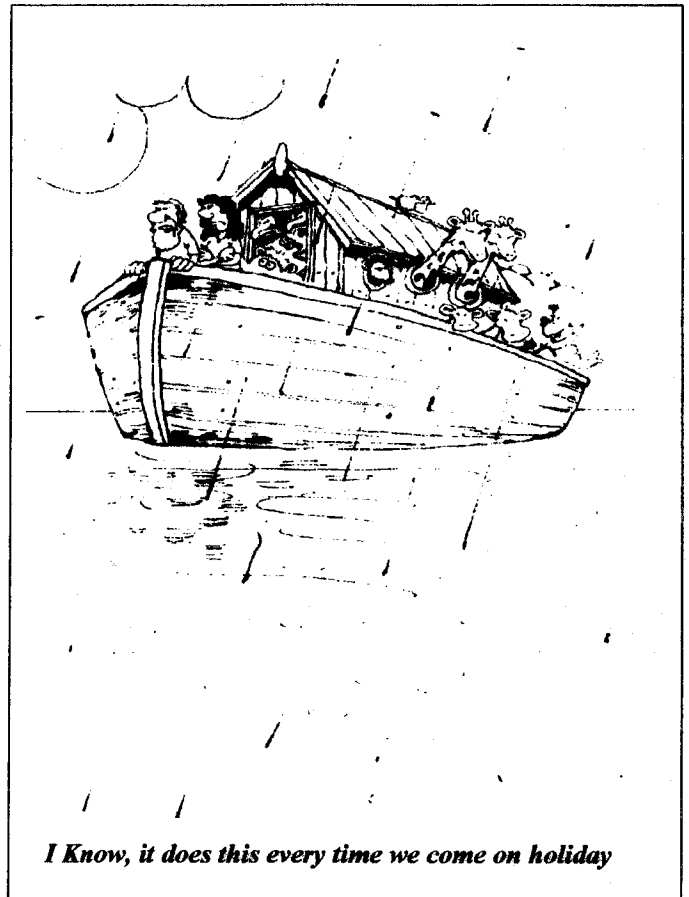
Even the police arrived, courtesy of peripheral village well wisher. Fortunately, the crew were so experienced that no traffic problems occurred and Mick Griggs went away happy with the traffic but disappointed he had not been offered a part. Brancker was seen to be looking over shoulders in the hope that someone would break a leg and they would ask for star type volunteers. Fortunately, no broken limbs!

The sign on the Garden gate said, Cockcroft Farm, Bed and Breakfast, and the shot consisted of two of the kids arriving at the gate with their mother. They shouted 'Come on', Lucy, Come on, '. Lucy ran down the garden path to them and they walked away. 3 seconds..... 2 ½ Hours.

The little kids were the model of good behaviour, waiting patiently whilst all of the changes were made and then doing their lines with excellent precision. I understand there is a National Breakfast or Cereal Week (Organised by Kellogg) and the advert is due to be seen during the course of w/c 1<sup>st</sup> September.

I have had to increase my daily order for milk to keep up with the regular supplies of cornflakes that I am enjoying as a result of the interesting adventure

*Neil Chesher*



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After last year's rousing success, Artisan are back again with **Stuff the Turkey '97**. A show with more ingredients than your Uncle Pete's party punch, this could be the most fun you've had all year!

Children are well-catered for too with two full day drama workshops with the now famous Chris Amos and the return of the fabulous Pipsqueak productions with **Patacake Pipsqueak** over the half-term!

A rich crop of films have been gathered together with something to suit virtually every taste! From **The Lost World: Jurassic Park** to that Walt Disney classic **The Lady and the Tramp**, from **Batman and Robin** to **Mr Bean**! And that is just a taste of what's in store!

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### **Country Work grant - what's that ?**

It's national grant scheme funded by the Post Office, BT and the Rural Development Commission, and administered by the national charity (Action with Communities in Rural England). The Scheme supports groups in the countryside establishing economic projects which benefit to the local economy and which provide employment to local people.

### **? All good in theory. but who's eligible for grants ?**

The obvious question! Let's examine the Schemes rules and regulations;

- The Country Work Scheme is open to community groups which are charitable, or non-profit - distributing bodies operating in rural England.

*N.B. Grants are not available for individual enterprise or for profit making or distributing businesses. If a Country Work funded project does make a profit, then any such surplus must be re-invested in that project.*

- Projects should improve the availability of jobs, training or income - generating opportunities in one or more rural communities.

- Projects should involve local people and groups;

- Projects should be established within 12 months of an application.

■Projects should be of a sustainable nature or have sustainable outcomes.

### **?So what sort of projects are we talking about?**

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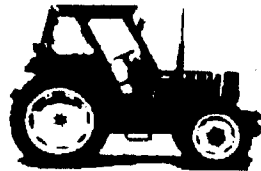
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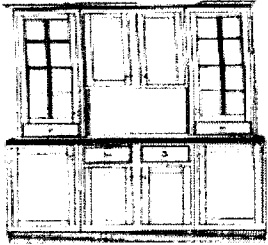


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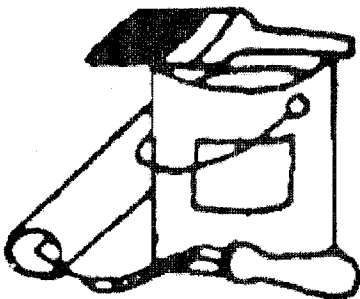
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Many of the girls have been on four camps so are very experienced at putting up and striking tents whatever the weather. Outdoor cooking was very popular during last term, with excellent food, not a tin of beans in sight! This term the evening meetings will be increasingly indoor based, the leaders have thoughts for activities but the patrols will also come up with their own interesting ideas. Badge work will also continue, we haven't yet had anyone reaching the Baden-Powell Trefoil Award but hopefully it will not be far off.

There were several responses to cooking and camping equipment for which many thanks. We are still on the look out, so do get in touch if you have anything that might be suitable.

We are very grateful to the MacIntyre school not only for the use of their hall but also for allowing us to expand into classrooms as well. The grounds are a pleasure to use, not many guide groups have campfires in such an idyllic setting.

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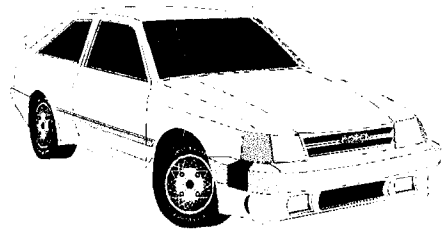
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