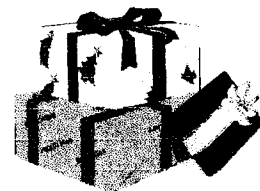
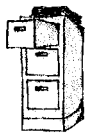


The Chronicle

Aston Abbotts Parish Magazine

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**Editorial-----Sunday 23rd
November.**

It's rather sad there will be no Christmas show this year. Nobody's said as to why this should be but it seems to have been brought about by a combination of the 'key players' having other commitments and lack of 'new blood' to pick up the challenge. However, on a brighter note, a few brave souls have taken the 'Bull' by the horns as it were and are organising an entertainment for Dec. the 27th. This promises to be a disco with a 'little entertainment' added on!! (See ad. further on in this issue). Still on the 'entertainment front'; rumours abound that the much loved Chronicle Cabaret may make a return next year.

The January issue of The Chronicle will be a little late due to being unable to get it printed until Waddesden school return from their Christmas break. More radical however is the fact that as of July next year I intend to 'stand down' as editor. This means that the last issue I shall produce will be the one for July/August. Rita is content to continue writing the 'people's page' and I intend to regularly submit articles and drawings. I will of course give whoever takes on the job as editor all the assistance I can and if necessary be co-editor for the Sept. issue.

During the three years I will have been editor, The Chronicle has been transformed from 'cut and paste' into the 'digital age' and I believe maintained the aims initially laid down by Graham Parker (today this would be called 'the mission statement'). However, I now feel it would benefit from a fresh approach to it's content. In addition I wish to make more time for a number of 'pet' engineering projects and to write and produce several short documentary videos of contemporary life in Aston Abbots (for which I shall be seeking volunteers!!!).



STOP PRESS

It is hoped to get a band of Bell Ringers together from Aston Abbots and Cublington to ring in the New Year on the bells at St James Church.

I am always impressed by the way in which our younger folk get involved with events in the village. December is no exception in that several of them are organising a Blue Peter Bring & Buy Sale at the church room on the 13th of December. Please, please give them your fullest support and if you can't get along on the day, give them something nice to sell or a donation towards their fund for Children with Cystic Fibrosis.

And finally, let me thank all those who have contributed to the production and distribution of The Chronicle throughout 1997 and wish you all a very happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.

Andy Bystra



WHITCHURCH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Christmas Fete.

**Saturday 6th December 1997
10.am. until 12.30pm**

Come along and enjoy the festive fun!
There will be:-
Various craft stalls
(ideal for those special Christmas gifts)

A visit from Father Christmas
(If he's not too busy)
Refreshments of hot mince pies
and a warming drink
....and of course a raffle
and children's tombola

Printed at Waddesdon School and distributed free of charge to all households in Aston Abbots
Please note that copy date for the January issue will be
Sat. the 20th of December 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 December, especially;-

Ivan Greenaway	2nd Dec.
Allison Hewitt	11th
Becky (Nash's)	11th
Rosie Manning	12th
Stella Howell	14th.
Jack Turner	15th
Derek Ludlam	19th
Claire Barnett	18th
Andrew Lovell	25th
Nicholas Osborn	25th
Val Smith	25th

FRANK HIGGS

Frank Higgs died suddenly at his home on Tues 18th Nov. at the age of 84. He was born and bred in the village and attended the village school. On leaving school he worked at the Abbey, firstly in the house and later in the gardens. He was in the choir at St. James church, Verger and

Churchwarden. When war broke out he joined the Grenadier Guards and was duly posted at Windsor and Buckingham Palaces. He played for the cricket and football teams in his youth and later umpired for many teams and celebrity matches.

Frank was also a keen gardener and liked reading as well as any television programme connected with sport. However, he thought football of late was not up to standard and prices paid for players outrageous.

Frank is survived by his wife Natalie, two sons and two daughters.

Whoops!!!

Apologies to Bridget Brandon who's birthday I omitted to mention in last months Chronicle (It was on the 8th). Honest 'Bridge', it must have got erased from the data base - yeah, yeah, they all say that!! Any way, it's back on so on behalf of all the staff here in The Chronicle office, a very happy birthday.



WELCOME



We extend a very warm welcome to Irene Rennie's mother Elizabeth and sister Joyce who will be spending Christmas with Jack and Irene here in Aston Abbots .

This will be their first trip outside the 'States' and of course their first British Christmas.

We hope they had a safe journey here and wish them a very pleasant and happy Christmas.



THANK YOU

I would like to say thank you to friends and neighbours for their sympathy extended to Andy and myself on the death of my dear Mum.

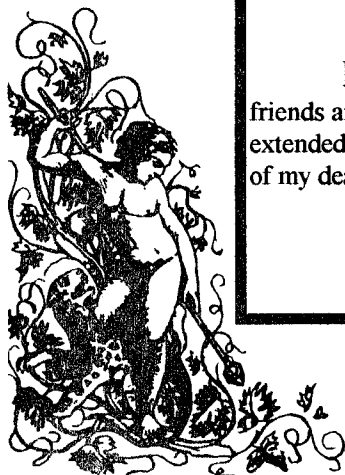
Rita

SAD LOSS

It was extremely saddening to hear of the tragic death of Paula and two of her children, Lawrence and Charlotte due to a traffic accident. They lived for a short while in New Zealand cottages Aston Abbots and Lawrence and Charlotte were often seen about with the other youngsters in the village.

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THANKS

Many thanks to all those who contributed to the Christian Aid Week. £182.26 was raised
Thank you again

Caroline

Lane

KIDNEY APPEAL

Thank you to all who gave so generously to the Kidney Appeal Charity. A total of £32.00 was raised which I know will be gratefully accepted.

Rita

Wingrave School News
November 1997

Laurence and Charlotte

The school was deeply shocked on hearing about the death of Laurence and Charlotte. Both children had many friends, they will be sadly missed. The school would like to have some form of memorial to the children, various ideas have been discussed and all ideas are welcome.

Open Evening, Annual Parents Meeting and School Association AGM

There was a busy atmosphere throughout the evening for these events. Parents were able to see the school in action with displays and activity in all the classrooms and the hall. There was also a chance for the parents to ask questions and to put forward their ideas for the benefit of the school. The school values the parental support which enhances the school community life.

School Productions

The first school already have their rehearsals well under way for their Christmas production 'Frostbite - The Dragon who stole Christmas'.

Auditions are taking place in the middle school for the major school production 'Robin Hood' which will be performed next spring. All the middle school will have some involvement in the play which will give them an insight into the discipline and work required to put on a production of a high standard.

Totem Pole

Wingrave School's own totem pole is now standing in the school grounds. It was made by sculptor Sam Boffey who used a design drawn by pupil David Cross. It is a piece of work which has been admired and discussed by young and old.

Many pupils have been involved the project which included creating their own totem poles and gaining a greater understanding of North American Indian culture.

Fashion Show

Will Mr McClellan have a staffing crisis next year? Four members of his staff were among the eight models who took to the cat walk for the School Association fashion show. Does a new career beckon?? This was a very successful event where all ages were able to purchase clothes at very reasonable prices.

OFSTED

By the time this account reaches your doorstep the inspection will be only a few days away. A tremendous amount of work has been going on to make all the necessary preparations and to have all the paperwork in place. Good luck Wingrave School!

Ryder-Cheshire Volunteers

The Ryder-Cheshire Volunteers Leisure Activities Project, links physically disabled members with a volunteer to share a hobby or leisure activity.

Would you like to have a go at Pottery? Are you free on Wednesday afternoons?

Gentleman living in Aylesbury would love to have a go, but needs a little assistance., plus a bit of confidence.

You don't need to be an expert enthusiasm, commitment and resourcefulness are more important. Travelling expenses are covered by the charity.

If you would like more information about this request, or this Charity (Reg No 285746) in general, Please contact Christine Hodgetts 0129 714407

WHAT'S ON IN DECEMBER

Tues. 2nd Mobile library calling at The Green, Wingrave Rd., and Oxley's Farm during the morning.
Aylesbury Vale Transport Meeting (Bus & train queries to Colin)

Thurs. 4th. Whist drive Church Room 7.30 pm.

Sat. 6th Christmas shopping to Nottingham. £8.00 Departs Bull & Butcher 8.35 Book with Colin.

Sun. 7th. Rambling Club Members. Meet at Safeways car park (Aylesbury) 2.00 pm

Tues. 9th Floral class Church Room 7.00pm

Thurs. 11th. Bingo. Church Room 7.30 pm.

Sat. 13th 2.00 - 4.00pm

Sun. 14th. Village foothpath walk, meet The green 2.00 pm

Tues. 16th Mobile library calling at The Green, Wingrave Rd., and Oxley's Farm during the morning.

Thurs. 18th. Whist drive. Church Room 7.30 pm.

Sat. 20th. Bingo. Church Room 7.30 pm.

Sun. 21st Carol Service St James 7.30pm.

Sun. 28th. Rambling Club Members. Meet at Wing 2.00 pm

Tues. 30th Mobile library calling at The Green, Wingrave Rd., and Oxley's Farm during the morning

Refuse collections over the Christmas and New Year period

Week ending 27th Dec. - Saturday 27th

Week ending 3rd Jan. - Saturday 3rd

Week ending 10th January - Friday 9th

Then as normal

BOOK THIS DATE:-

Saturday 6th Dec.
Christmas shopping to Nottingham.
£8.00
Departs Bull & Butcher 8.35
Book with Colin.

Christmas & New Year Bus Services

During this period buses will run as follows:-

Christmas day, Boxing day and New Year's day there will be no service.

Saturday 27th Dec. there will be a 'special service' but you will need to see the local press for details.

Mon. 29th,

Tues. 30th

Wed. the 31st. of December the Saturday service will operate on

Thereafter the normal service will resume.



POPPY BINGO



I suppose we should have anticipated there would have been a goodly number of people attending the 'Poppy Bingo' night since as we arrived at the at the Church Room' we saw cars parked all around the green. Somehow 7.20 didn't seem too late to be arriving for an event which was due to start at 7.30; but once inside it was clear that this was a very popular event and we should have made the effort to have got there earlier. I guess the aficionado's of bingo had got there early to get their favourite 'lucky seat' or something but what ever the reason every place seemed to have been taken. However, somebody kindly set up a card table for us, issued the appropriate bingo cards and pencils, flogged us the inevitable raffle tickets and in a short while we all had our 'eyes down'.

With Len Scutchings in charge, the calling was fast and furious. Tremendous fun but it made marking off the multiple cards we had rather ambitiously bought something of a challenge for us 'newcomer's.

There were dozens of very acceptable prizes; most of which I gather had been donated. with at least two being awarded for each of the ten or so 'cards'. We must have been blessed with beginner's luck that night because uncharacteristically we won a bottle of Buck's Fizz and a large box of our favourite chocolate biscuits.

All too soon the 'gambling' seemed to come to an end and some rather nice sausage rolls were served (the smell of these cooking in the kitchen had played havoc with my concentration all evening). Finally, one last game of bingo for the two 'star prizes', the raffle was drawn and it was all over; that is with the exception of a thank you from Tim Ioder to Len, Doris, Colin and all those who helped to organise the evening. A special mention was made of those who had so generously donated the many prizes.

Ed.



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Members of The Ladies Club celebrating the clubs 50th anniversary at The Old Masters Restaurant

SHARED FRIENDSHIP AND FUN IN DIFFICULT TIMES.

The Aston Abbots Ladies Club was started in the autumn of 1937 by the then vicar's wife Mrs Momm. She had the idea of arranging that afternoon social meetings be held for the benefit of all women in the parish. She approached Mrs Steel and Mrs Morton who gave their support by becoming President and Vice Chairman, the Chairman being Mrs Luke How. The annual fee was then sixpence and the price of a cup of tea tuppence.

In the beginning they had 52 members. They played whist, bingo and held beetle drives. Sometimes a film show was given by Mrs Steel. A garden meeting was held every June at The Firs and a carol service in the church at Christmas time. Club members always had a New Years afternoon party and played games such as 'putting the tail on the donkey', 'putting the baby to bed' (although we are not sure what this implied) and 'musical Arms'.

Even very bad winter weather and deep snow did not prevent members turning up for meetings. Competitions such as how many items could be got in a matchbox became a regular feature at club meetings; the highest recorded being a total of 71.

Dressing a wooden cloths peg was another with the winning entry on one occasion looking like Winston Churchill. Other competitions included, best old photo and best spring bulb.

Each year the ladies knitted items for babies which were judged before being sent off to charities. As a way of raising money they regularly held a 'trading stall' or as we would call it, bring and buy. From time to time members would learn to

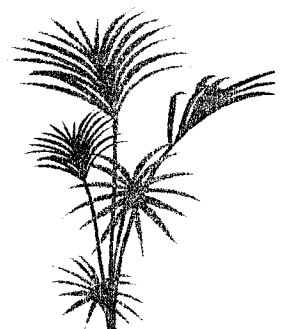
perform little plays, usually funny ones and these would be acted out for the benefit of the members.

By the time war was declared the club was well established and started to help the war effort. Mrs Steel organised a waste salvage scheme, collecting and sorting paper and aluminium which members helped with. Clothes were made for evacuees billeted in the village. Speakers were few and far between during the war years but the electricity and Gas Boards did free demonstrations; one in particular showing how to best use powdered milk and eggs.

The minute book records how on Jan. 8th 1943, the secretary read a note from Mrs Morton who was 'Food Warden' for this area, as to how to procure rations should the invasion come. In October 1943 members decided to buy a gramophone each member paying sixpence towards it's cost.

It is impossible to include everything which took place in those first five years but what does come through from the minute book is that they all shared friendship and fun in very difficult times.

Shirley Ford



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THE WEEKEND

This is not an account of a foreign travel to some far flung corner of the globe, but a pleasant weekend in the south west of the Cotswolds in a small hamlet of Castle Coombe.



Arriving early on Saturday we donned our boots and went for a walk through leafy woods over a little bridge spanning a pretty stream, across a posh golf course and eventually out on to a road where, lo and behold the sign said "Wiltshire cream teas". Well it was eleven O'clock in the morning and as many people know I can't resist a cream tea whatever the time of day. They opened up for us and we partook of a delicious tea sat in a converted stable, the original floor highly polished and the old hay racks still in the corner.

Feeling refreshed, we made our way back to the village. The 15th century 'B&B' cottage where we were staying was just by the church; an ancient monument stood in the middle of the tiny triangle of cottages with a pub to the right and within a stones throw to the left, the Castle Inn where we booked a table for that evening.

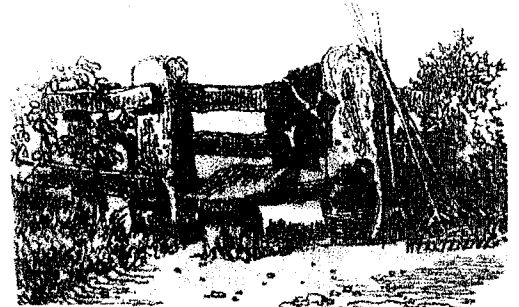
After settling in, we set off again following the directions of a local guide book. Over stiles made from old railway sleepers and up through woods to come out in brilliant sunshine on top of hills overlooking the valley. We continued on until we reached the hamlet of Ford where we had a ploughman's lunch at a small pub. Well, it looked small from the front but extended well to the back and could hold ninety people. The landlord said he

had sold out last January for this coming Christmas Day at £40.00 per head!!

We set off at a brisk pace up the opposite side of the valley which was quite high. It was so warm that families were picnicking on the grass and a buzzard was circling above our heads. Back once again to the village and as it was still quite early we set off for a third walk, this time in the opposite direction, through woods and out onto the Castle Coombe race track where we watched the cars for a while. By the time we got back to the B&B we had walked about thirteen miles during the day so were quite ready later in the evening to enjoy the superb meal served at the Castle Inn..

The following morning, after a full English breakfast, we left Castle Coombe and went five miles up the road to Laycock, a slightly larger though non the less charming village. A craft fair was on in the village hall and we visited the old tithe barn which is just as it was centuries ago where money was collected for the wool and grain. we went to Laycock abbey set in extensive parkland. The Abbey and the crypts were built in the 13th century and added to over the centuries. it was originally a nunnery but converted to a private house in Henry the eighths reign.

Henry Fox Talbot who was known as the father of modern photography lived there in the nineteenth century and his granddaughter presented the Abby to the National Trust in the 1940's. Her great nephew and niece live there today. After a short walk across flat meadows beside a tributary of the River Avon. Fieldfares were flying over head and gold finches feeding off thistle heads on the bank. A lunch in the little village bakery and tea shop finished our day and we made our way home.



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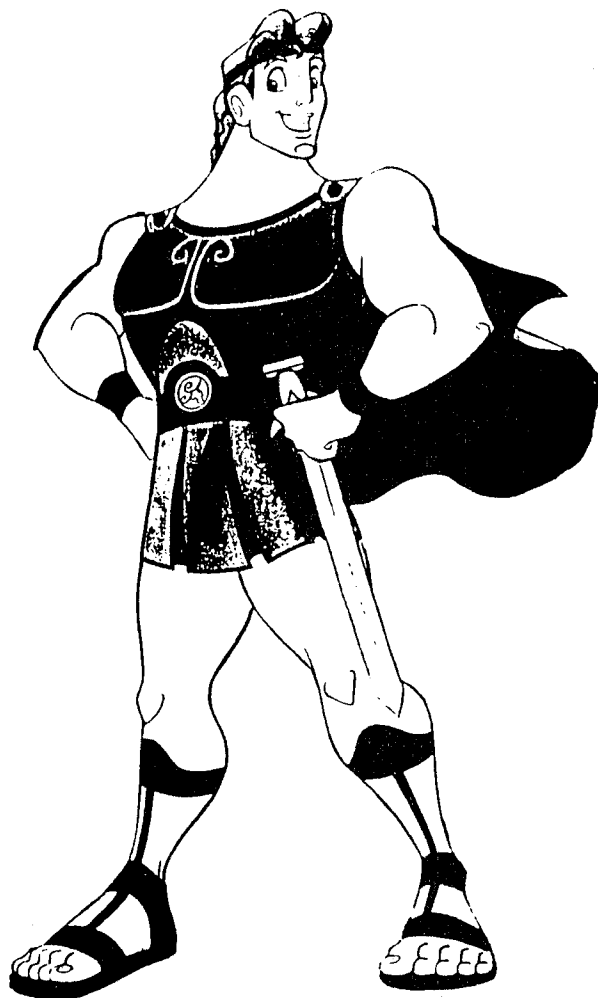
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CVILLAGE

Disney's

HERCULES



Friday 19th December, 2pm & 7.30pm. Saturday 20th December, 2pm
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Remembrance Day parade began at the Wingrave War Memorial when the names of the fallen were read and wreaths were laid. This was followed by the march to the United Reform Church which was filled to capacity.

On Saturday 8th November a Bring and Buy Coffee Morning was held in the Church Room. It was organised by Pam and John Dixon and very well attended. Many thanks to lady members who assisted them.

The Bingo evening organised by Doris and Len Scutchings was held on Saturday 15th November and with 58 people supporting the event was a very successful sell out. Tea, coffee and hot sausage rolls were served in the interval. Many thanks to those who donated prizes and helped with the Bingo and Coffee morning.

The National Poppy Appeal will receive in addition to the house to house collection, the following amounts:-

Church Collection	£114.00
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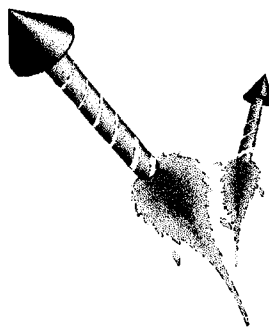
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Fanned by a reasonably brisk wind the fire quickly grew and we could soon see the extensive and near professional preparations Lol and the lads had made. (The lads by the way were Dave Lewis, John Whyte, Barry White and Ray Wilkinson). A stout rope fence separated the crowd of parents and youngsters who had come along for the fun from both the fire and fireworks 'launching' area. Cape Canaveral couldn't have been more impressive!!

So far as I can remember this was the fifth display in the village organised along similar lines and it certainly appeared to me to be the best and safest yet. Sparklers were shared out amongst the younger children and between the odd shower us 'older kids' oohed and aaaahed at the impressive and sometimes loud display until we had developed a prodigious thirst!!

I estimated there to be in the region of 150 to 170 people present and this prompted the thought at the time as to whether they had all made a contribution to the cost of the fireworks. Lol. had spent some £330.00 on them and this had provided a truly great display. Our Parish Council sportingly authorised £150.00, a further £100.00 was given by John Whyte from the 'village fund' and a total of £80.00 was passed to Lol. by various individuals. Ray Wilkinson is to make a donation towards next year's fireworks of £17.50 for the one he lit upside down!!

Ed.

POPPY APPEAL COFFEE MORNING

The coffee and bring and buy morning could be quite well supported. Very acceptable coffee was served with a generous selection of biscuits included. There were quite a few bargains to be had from the bring and buy stall. All in all a very pleasant and convivial interlude which provided a break from the usual Saturday routine, saved a little on the washing up and raised much needed cash for a deserving charity.



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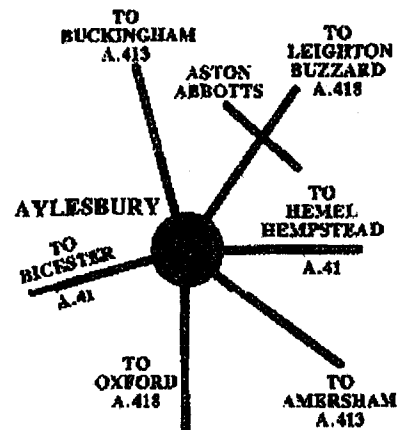
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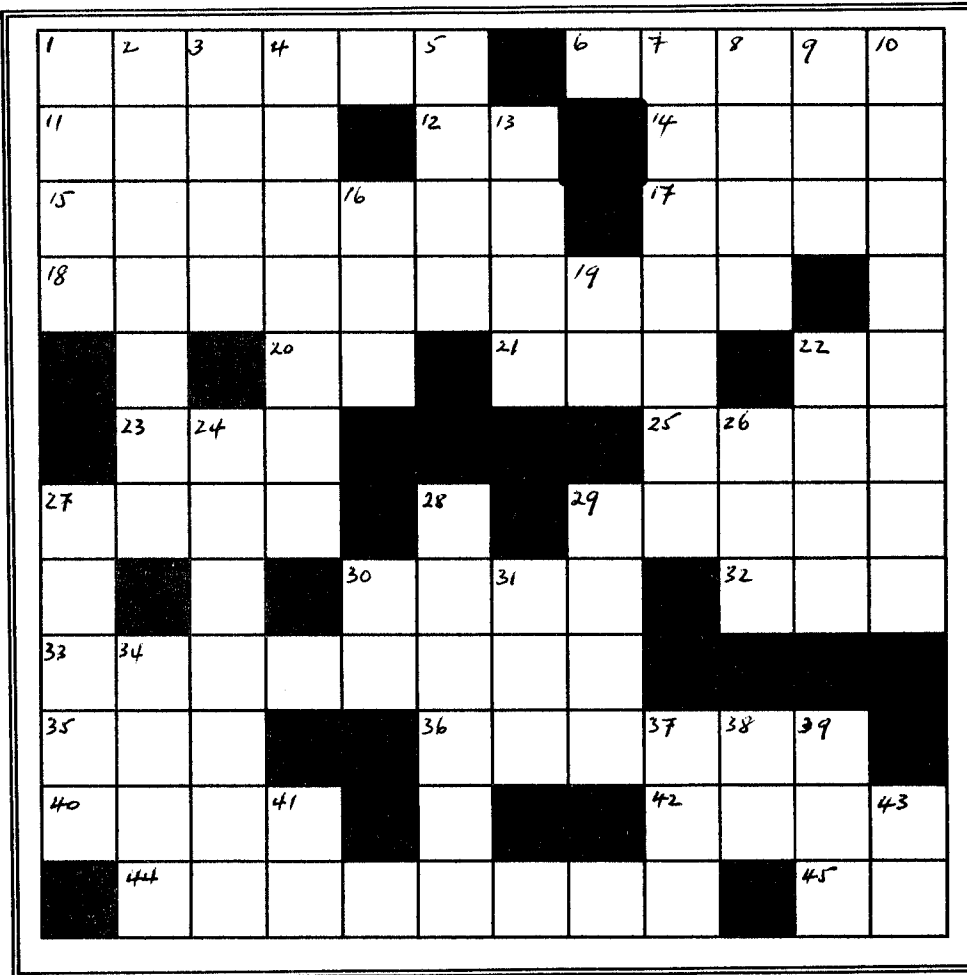
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21. Lair (3)
22. Preposition (2)
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25. Frigid (4)
27. Thames at Oxford (4)
29. Precious stone (5)
30. A cheese (4)
32. Digit (3)
33. Inside (8)
35. You propel a boat with this (3)
36. Leg joints (6)
40. A town vehicle (4)
42. WW2 concert party (4)
44. Member of Ku Klux Klan (8)
45. Children's game (2)

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1. Area in London (4)
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4. This sum (anag. 7)
5. A lass (4)
7. Perfume (7)
8. Small medicine bottle (4)
9. And the rest (3)
10. To relight (8)
13. Changed colour e.g. of hair, fabric etc. (4)
16. Over (poetic 3)
19. A notable day in 1945 (2)
22. Oil, fat (4)
24. Wind in S. France (7)
26. Anything (colloquial 3)
27. Simpleton (5)
28. Prickly bush, pipe (4)
29. Sudden pull (4)
30. Former railway owners (2)
31. An atom, molecule (3)
34. Police informer (4)
37. Boy's name (3)
38. Printer's measure (2)
39. Site of interest to scientist (abb.3)
41. Mother colloquial (2)
43. Preposition (2)



There's no doubt about it; you certainly get the best views across The Vale from up here on Lines Hill!!

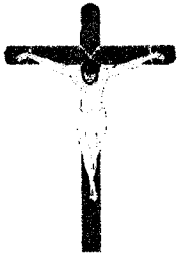
Answers to November

ACROSS:

- 1 North. 2 Tedium. 7 House. 10 SA.
 11 Thumb. 12 Natter. 15 Barton. 17 Ovation.
 19 Neros. 20 Car 21 ARB. 22 Par. 24 Own.
 25 Lo. 26 Amateur. 28 Never.
 30 BR. 32 Timetable 35 AA 36 Cure
 37 Bank 39 Cast. 40 Cabbage.

DOWN:

- 1 National 2 Rhubarb 3 Tomato 4 Hubris.
 5 Tenon. 6 Dot 7 Use 8 Marston 13 An
 14 Terror 16 To. 18 Veronica 20 Creel.
 22 Para. 23 At. 26 Avert.
 27 Mete. 29. Emus. 30 Bang 31 Rake.
 33 Baa. 34 Ebb. 38 AA



RECTOR'S REPORT DECEMBER 1997

There has been speculation recently about the changes that are in the pipeline for the Church Services. Just what will be in the new Prayer Book for the new millennium?

One school of rumours suggests that everything will be changed - for the worse. All the old traditional words will have gone and we shall be presented with a very watered down set of services that will please none of the regular worshippers, and few of those who don't come either.

At present we know very little about the new book and its contents, because large parts of it are still being revised and have not yet been finally agreed. Personally I do not think it will be any great upheaval and that it will not actually take very long to get used to, although that depends largely on the attitude of those who use it.

In an age where many people's connection with the church is tenuous (to say the least), we need to ask some rather basic and searching questions. Like - is the new book for those who come to church regularly or is it designed for those who only come occasionally? And - how would someone who has never been to a church service react to what goes on?

The problem is not so much with changing the words to suit the changing situation as to recognising that there are now a great number of people for whom the church is an irrelevance, and are not going to be helped whether the service is in seventeenth century English, twenty-first century English, ancient Greek or the language of Timbuktu.

The real problem is in the basic assumptions that we make - and I am coming to the conclusion that in many of the discussions that the church has, there is the presumption that the changes are for "us" to make so that "they" will approve. It is no good making changes on the basis that people will find it easier to come to church. Getting the words right is not going to motivate people. It may help to avoid confusion (or have the opposite effect) but it is unlikely to change dramatically the support which the church has.

We can argue for weeks about whether the Lord's Prayer should say "Lead us not into temptation" or "do not bring us to the time of trial" but until we start telling the truth about God and His Love - that He loved us so much that He sent His only Son to take our human nature, to be born in a stable and to die on the Cross for us - and living that truth in our lives, we shall get nowhere.

We need to concentrate on what the church is about before we decide how to do it.

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Church flowers for December.

W/E

6th/7th

&

13th/14th - Advent (No flowers)

20th/21st - Everyone for
Carols/Christmas

29th/8th - No Service





CHURCH SERVICES

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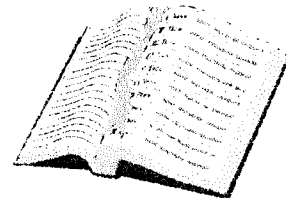
7th Dec. .97	11.15	Morning Worship
14th Dec. .97	11.15	Parish Communion
21st Dec. 97	15.00	Readings & Carols
25th Dec. .97	10.00	Family Service & Communion
28th Dec. .97	10.00	Benefice Eucharist at Wingrave
4th Jan. 98	11.15	Morning Worship

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3rd Dec. 97	10.00	Holy Communion (BCP)
7th Dec. 97	10.00	Family Service
14th Dec. 97	08.45	Parish Communion
21st Dec. 97	08.45	Parish Communion
	15.00	Carols & Readings
25th Dec. 97	08.45	Christmas Communion
28th Dec. 97	10.00	Benefice Eucharist at Wingrave
4th Jan. 98	10.00	Christingle
	18.00	Evensong

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7th Dec. 97	10.00	Parish Communion
14th Dec. 97	10.00	Parish Communion
	18.00	Christingle
21st Dec. 97	10.00	Parish Communion
24th Dec. 97	18.00	Blessing the Crib
	23.00	Christmas Eucharist
28th Dec. 97	10.00	Benefice Eucharist
4th Jan. 98	10.00	Parish Communion



SUNDAY READINGS

7th Dec. .97 Advent 2 (V)
Phil. 1, 3-11; Luke 3, 1-6

14th Dec. .97 Advent 3 (V)
Zeph. 3, 14-20; Luke 3, 7-18

21st Dec. 97 Advent 4 (V)
Micah 5, 2-5; Luke 1, 39-45

25th Dec. .97 Christmas (W)
Heb. 1, 1-4; John 1, 1-14

28th Dec. .97 Christmas 1
1 Sam. 2, 18-20,26; Luke 2, 41-52

4th Jan. 98 Epiphany (W)
Eph. 3, 1-12; Matt. 2, 1-12

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptism

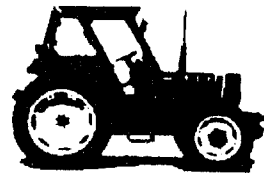
2nd Nov.97 Genevieve Stephens at Wingrave
16th Nov.97 Paige Stray at Wingrave

Funerals

6th Nov. 97 Bernard Angryk at Cublington
11th Nov..97 Lily Robinson at Cublington
12th Nov. 97 Laurence & Charlotte Radford,
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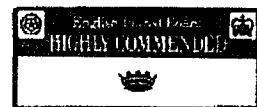
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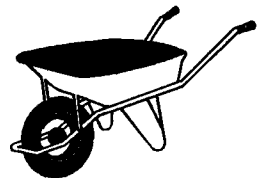
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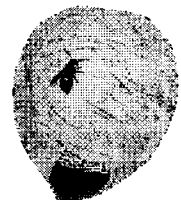


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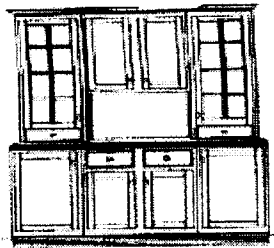
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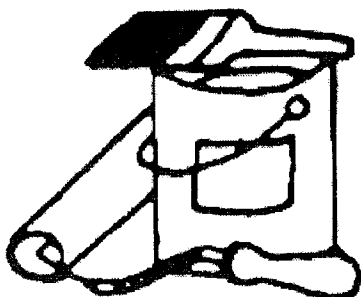
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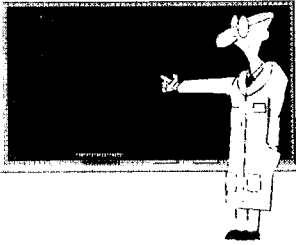
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WINGRAVE SCHOOL NEWS

I'm not sure whether I had received this news letter before going to print last month or have only just found it in the 'midden' I call my desk. However, here (slightly modified due to it's late publication) is The Wingrave School News

Ed.

Open Evening - Thursday 6 November

Members of the village visiting the school were made very welcome and were able to chat to the children in the classrooms. They saw the work being studied and shared some of the fun of the extra curricular activities.

At 6.30 A video was be shown in the library titled "Excellence in Schools" which outlines the proposed way forward in education over the next five years. Peter Green, Chief Adviser from the LEA was present to discuss the implications of the content of "Excellence in Schools" for children, parents, the LEA and schools. It was hoped that this session would be of value to everyone interested in education whether or not they have children at school.

The Annual Parents Evening started at 7.30. The Governors present their annual report to parents and answered questions arising from the report.

The School Association AGM took place at 8.30.

Harvest Festival

Once again the school filled the Parish Church for their Harvest Festival Service. All classes in the school contributed to the service through poetry, mime and a newly learnt harvest song. The harvest gifts were donated to and much appreciated by Aylesbury Homeless Action Group. As well as operating a "Crisis at Christmas" shelter, the Group are planning to provide hot meals from a local church hall for those in need and unable to help themselves.

Planetarium Visit

Classes 5 & 7 took part in this visit. The following is taken from an account written by Zoe Last class 7.

The atmosphere in the planetarium was very different from the bright noisy traffic in London. We were led into a round room with a dome shaped roof. The dome seemed to suck us up and take us into a completely fascinating world where we saw everything from Orion to Mercury. In another room we were shown a plasma ball and a duplicate of a black hole. This consisted of a black plastic, shaped bowl with a hole down the centre and by spinning a ball round and round it the ball eventually falls down the hole. This is what happens to a star when it is sucked into a black hole.

I felt by the end of the day, dizzy with space facts and exhausted!

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A few more history homework 'bloomers'

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The government of Athens was democratic because the people took the law into their own hands. There were no wars in Greece because the mountains were so high that they could not climb over them to see what their neighbours were doing. When the Greeks fought the Persians the Greeks were out numbered because the Persians had more men.

Then came the middle ages. King Alfred conquered the Dames. He lived in the age of shivery. In midevil times most of the peple was alliterate. Finally the Magna Carta provided that no man could be hanged more than once for the same crime

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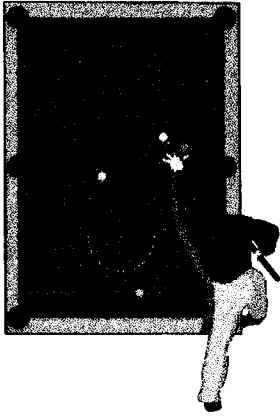
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Again, we gave away our early lead of 2 - 0 when playing The Swan & Castle to end up losing the match 6 - 2.

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Tony

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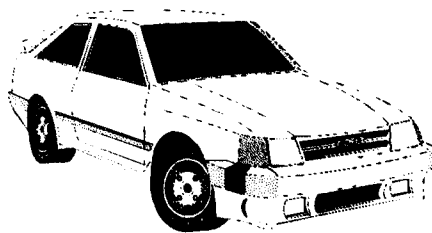
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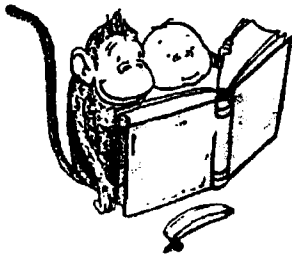
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