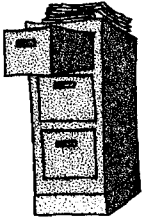


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Aston Abbotts Parish Magazine

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**Editorial-----Sunday 25th
January 1998.**

I mentioned in the December issue of The Chronicle that the Chronicle Cabaret may make an appearance this year. Things have moved on a pace since then because last week there was a meeting of 'the management' at which it was decided there would be a 'Cabaret'. It's format is to be even more sophisticated since this year it will be in the form of a soiree cum cocktail party with a 14 act cabaret to follow. Judging from the acts being lined up it promises to be a jolly good evening which should generate much appreciated cash to ensure the Chronicle is able to keep going.

Whilst on the topic of 'home-spun village entertainment, the quiz night being held in the church room should if previous ones are anything to go by be worth a visit. In the slightly longer term a St. Patrick's night has been organised at The Bull & Butcher for Sat. the 14th March. This always raises considerable money for the Macmillan nurses and judging from the last two will be a brilliant night with a live Irish band and traditional Irish food included in the price. However, although there is a marquee it is a very popular event so book early.

It has struck the members of the 630 club as ironic that we like to celebrate St Patrick, and Burn's night yet seem to ignore our own St. George. In an attempt to remedy this they are currently arranging a St George's night for the Saturday following, complete with a 'baron' of beef etc.

I would like to draw your attention to two important meetings which are referred to in this issue and which take place this month (Feb.). Both will result in decisions being taken which could involve significant expenditure and hence fund raising but hopefully will result in better facilities for us and future generations.

They are;-

The meeting referred to on page 18 in which Tom Manning hopes to establish whether or not there is sufficient enthusiasm and/or the will amongst us villagers to bring about the much needed improvements to our village hall / church room.

The second is the recreation ground meeting referred to on page 4. Support of parents and youngsters who use or might use the 'rec.' is essential in order to obtain a corporate decision of interested parties as to what improvements are needed.

One thing is certain and that is we will get the hall and rec. we deserve!



Do you like to Sing??

There is a growing interest to form a village choir with the aim of meeting regularly to sing a wide range of songs; from barber-shop to blues, secular and non secular, songs from the shows, popular songs to suit all tastes. Male and female, young and old tenor, base, soprano, are all welcome.

The main objective will be to have fun arrange social events and endeavour to put together a short concert for this year's village fete. The emphasis will be on having fun and some tuition is available.

If you would like to know more contact
Jack Rennie on 681664

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(Andy Bystra. 31 The Green, (Tel 681 690 or 688 125) by this date please.*

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RITA'S PEOPLE PAGE



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

Michael Coleman 4th Feb
Ivy Brandon 5th
Pablo Gutierrez 7th
Vikka Drysdale 7th
Andy Garton 9th
Barry White 9th
Haidee Mogford 13th
Richard Clarke 13th
Paul Hewitt 14th
Tony Cutler 16th
Irene Lowden 18th (Congratulations on being 70 this month)
Sally Dutton 22nd
Tracey Lovell 23rd
Linda Wheaton 25th
Daniel White 25th
Anita Parker 26th

THE 'MYSTERY' CONTINUES!!!

"As the seasons change and the birds fly South for the winter it also appears so does the sex of the Seagulls. Suzie the Seagull has flown on prevailing winds and landed as Jonathan. The truth is out!"

But is it? Looks like either I got his/hers name wrong or 'it' had a sex change while 'it' was away?!! - Ed.



HE'S OFF AGAIN!!

We were all pleased last month to see that Bob Higgs managed to get into hospital (and more importantly back again) in time for Christmas and that his operation was successful. Well!! He's off again this month to have a knee operation so; we wish you well Bob and look forward to seeing you up and about the village in a very short while.

MANY THANKS

Very many thanks to Andi Swain (Nash's Farm) for his generous donation towards equipment for the Toddler Group

BEST WISHES

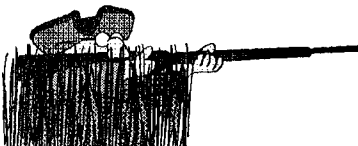
We are all sorry to hear that Becky who lives at Nash's Farm has not been well. Our thoughts are with you Becky and we hope your future treatment will result in a speedy and full recovery.



DUCK!!!!

Forgive us if loud bangs are heard in the vicinity of our bungalow but we hereby issue a warning to the fox that killed 3 of our best laying ducks that if a clear shot presents itself, he will have the full attention of both barrels!!

Jackie & Ray.



A HAPPY BIRTHDAY

No sooner are all the Christmas parties over, it seems someone has a birthday to celebrate. Saturday 17th of Feb. was no exception. A 'surprise' get together at The Bull & Butcher was organised for Tony Hinds who has reached the 'big 50'.

An excellent spread of food was laid on by Tony's daughters Julie, Joanne and Claire which was duly 'tucked into' and enjoyed by everyone. Brother Lol. provided the music to dance the evening away, which went with 'a swing'

Thanks once again to all who were in on the organisation and to Tony for giving us all the cause to have a really good evening

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WHAT'S ON IN FEBRUARY 98

- Thurs. 5th.** Bingo Church Room 7.30 pm.
- Sun. 8th.** Rambling Club Members meet Ampthill 2.00 pm
- Mon. 8th.** Rambling Club AGM. (Delta.
Leighton Buzzard) 8.00pm.
- Tues. 10th** Mobile library calling at The Green, Wingrave Rd.,
" Bucks Road Safety Meeting. County Hall 7.30pm.
" Floral class Church Room 7.00pm
- Thurs. 12th.** Whist drive Church Room 7.30 pm.
- Sat. 14th St. Valentines Day**
" Recreation Ground Meeting - The 'Rec.' 12.00 noon
- Sun. 15th.** Village footpath walk, meet The green 2.00 pm.
- Thurs. 19th.** Bingo Church Room 7.30 pm.
- Tues. 24th** Mobile library calling at The Green, Wingrave Rd.
" Shrove Tuesday (Pancake day)
- Wed. 25th** Ash Wednesday (1st day of Lent)
- Fri. 27th. Quiz Evening in aid of the church.**
Church Room 7.30 pm. (Tickets from PCC. members)
- Sun. 1st Mar..** Rambling Club Members meet at Buckingham
(The Old Goal, Market Place.) 2.00 pm

A NOTE FOR ALL THOSE NEW DIARIES :-

The Village Festival Weekend

(including 'The Fete')

is to be held on

**Sat. & Sun. the 25th & 26th of
July 98.**

RECREATION GROUND IMPROVEMENT

12 people attended the meeting held in the Church Room on Wednesday the 14th of January 98. It was an informal meeting to discuss what could be done by way of improving the existing facilities at the recreation ground within the limitation of available funding and establish what should be done to meet future needs.

Based on requests from some of the youngsters in the village and local residents who were concerned that Brickstock is often used as a play area and quite young children are seen riding recklessly on the roads, the 'Recreation ground Committee had sought quotes for a 'tarmac'd' area to be provided within the recreation ground. It was hoped that such an area would facilitate safer cycling for the smaller children and encourage various sporting activities to be played within the 'rec.' when the grass was too wet to be played on. Estimates received varied between £16,964 to £22,600 for a basic surface with all sporting equipment such as basket ball nets being offered as optional extras. Since the Recreation Ground Committee's funds currently stand at approx. £2,000 it was felt that even with the potential to receive '50%' grants, a very large fund raising exercise would be necessary to raise the additional money needed for such a project.

The meeting concluded that as there is such a large disparity between the cost of likely improvements and the cash available, and since no youngsters and very few of the parents affected were present, it is important that an opportunity is created to obtain their (the user's) views. To this end, a meeting will be held at The Recreation Ground on Saturday the 14th Feb. commencing at 12.00 noon. It is hoped that parents, youngsters, and anyone with an interest in the future of the 'rec.' will attend. If you can't be there, please pass your ideas to:- *Tom Manning* Tel:- 682115

The meeting was reminded that further expenditure would be necessary in the short term because of the various reported safety hazards noted during formal annual 'inspections' of the children's play area. The main issues were that the climbing frame had become insecure and is too near to the swings, the slide has a 'finger trap' which needs to be removed and safety surfacing needs to be provided under all equipment. In addition, the slide and climbing frame need painting and all items will have to be modified to allow for the depth of the safety surface material. The meeting felt that since some of these safety matters have been outstanding for two or more years, work must begin early this year. A quotation of £15,000 had been received for the total refurbishment and 'up-dating' of this part of the 'rec.'. However, in the light of the limited cash available some work could be carried out on a DIY basis and hopefully parents of the children who use the equipment would volunteer. Priority would be given to

a.) Filling in the 'finger trap'.

b.) Moving the climbing frame and setting it in concrete blocks in such a way that a safety surface can be installed underneath. Linda Sutton offered to obtain quotations and advice in readiness for the installation of the safety surfaces.

Would parents or other volunteers please contact *Tom Manning 682115, Ivan Greenaway 682605 or John Whyte 681685*



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Ed. (informal notes)

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The early days of January are often occupied in part by my annual jigsaw. I try not to do more than one per year because I find them rather addictive and I don't do very much else until I finish!

This year's jigsaw was, like most jigsaws, of rectangular shape, but, unusually, it was a long thin one that required a different board from the one I normally use.

The picture was the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel (which explains its long, thin shape). The edge was completed fairly easily, then came the hard part of sorting out the small individual panels. This was complicated by the fact that the ones at the top were upside down to look at, which meant constantly turning the picture round to see what they were meant to be. Normally this would not have proved too much of a problem, but since the manufacturers had kindly supplied a stand to hold the picture (which seemed a very kind and useful addition), I was constantly having to check that the picture was the right way round on the stand.

There were, as in all good jigsaws, the pieces which seemed to belong to an entirely different puzzle until very nearly the end of construction, and pieces which seemed to fit in more than one place. However, the final result was very pleasing - and it was not until, after having left it up for a week or so, I decided that it was time to pack it away, that I discovered on the bottom of the box a description of the various panels and scenes that were displayed.

Several people I saw over the Christmas/New Year period were also engaged on jigsaws, but many of them were trying to complete three-dimensional jigsaws, which are a totally different ball game. A 1000 piece, two-dimensional one is about my limit. I have been known to complete a 2000 piece one, but it seemed to take for ever (and I felt guilty about the time it was taking).

Jigsaws are about fitting the pieces together in the right sequence in order to complete the picture. In many ways our lives are like jigsaw puzzles. We are constantly puzzling over the pieces that are before us and trying to build that into a satisfying life. At times we come across sections of the puzzle that are not too taxing, whilst at other times we feel as though there are too many pieces to fit in and some of them do not seem to belong to the same picture that we think we are creating. We juggle with the events and circumstances of our lives, trying to discover the picture that will eventually reveal itself in all its beauty.

With a jigsaw we are usually helped by having a picture from which to work, but in real life we have to discover the picture (which is already there) revealing itself as we go along.

Bob Willmott

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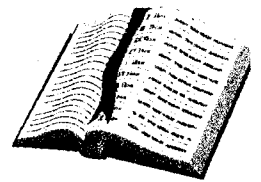
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| 22nd. Feb. 98 | 10.00 | Family Service DIY |
| 25th. Feb. 98 | 20.00 | Ash Wednesday Service |
| 1st. Mar. 98 | 10.00 | Parish Communion |

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| 8th. Feb. 98 | 08.45 | Parish Communion |
| 15th. Feb. 98 | 08.45 | Parish Communion |
| | 18.00 | Evensong with Bishop Colin |
| 22nd. Feb. 98 | 08.45 | Parish Communion |
| 1st. Mar. 98 | 10.00 | Alpha Service |



SUNDAY READINGS

1st. Feb. 98
Epiphany 4 (W)
1 Cor. 13, 1-13;
Luke 2, 22-40

8th. Feb. 98
3 before Lent (G)
1 Cor. 15, 1-11;
Luke 5, 1-11

15th. Feb. 98
2 before Lent (G)
Revelations 4;
Luke 8, 22-25

22nd. Feb. 98
1 before Lent (G)
2 Cor. 3, 12 - 4,2;
Luke 9, 28-36

1st. Mar. 98
Lent 1 (V)
Rom. 10, 8-13; Luke 4, 1-12

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LADIES CLUB FEBRUARY PROGRAMME

Feb. 5th.

A talk entitled 'The Westcott Parish Map' is to be given by Mrs Myrica Jones who is a local artist.

Feb. 19th.

Mrs Beryl Hulbert will present an illustrated talk on 'Looking at Islands'.

March 5th.

The Annual 'Spring Lunch' will be held in the church room commencing 12.00 noon for 12.30.

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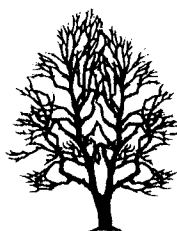
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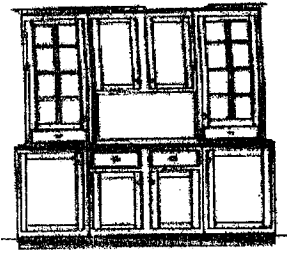


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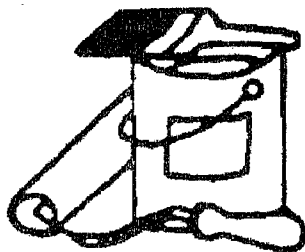
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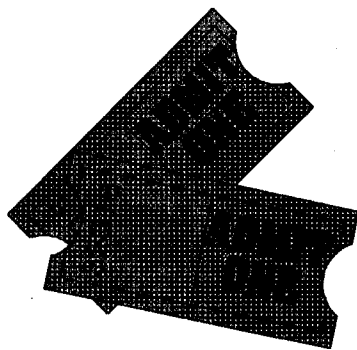
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The February half-term is full of fun and frolics for the more junior members of the audience with two workshops, a live show and a family film!

The first workshop, Incredible Journeys on Monday 16 February, 9.45am - 3pm is for 7 - 9 year olds. Holders of tickets for this voyage of discovery get to travel through tropical jungles, across burning deserts, to the centre of the earth or even into outer space. And all without leaving the theatre!

The second, Mystery Theatre on Friday 20 February, 9.45am - 3pm is designed with 9 - 13 year olds in mind. It is full of old dark houses, foggy streets, hidden treasure and dastardly deeds. But whodunnit? You can find out in this exciting and action packed workshop that looks at the world of thrillers and mysteries! Both work are led by Chris Amos and cost £10 each Tickets are strictly limited so book early to avoid disappointment!

Major Mustard's Travelling Show returns to Leighton Buzzard Theatre on Tuesday 17 February with The Magical Mustard Pot Superb children's entertainment for 3 - 7 year olds. This new show finds Major Mustard looking for his good friend, Biscuit the Mouse to show him his new and magical Mustard Pot. Join Major Mustard in a variety of songs shadow puppets and stories as he looks for Biscuit, and investigates the mysterious and magical Mustard Pot!

The family film for the half-term is

Free Willy 3: The Rescue (U)

on Wednesday 18 February, 2pm.

It is the third instalment of the saga of the friendly orca-whale, and finds the survival of Willy and his entire family at risk from grave danger encircling them in the Pacific Northwest waters. This is a gripping drama the whole family will enjoy!

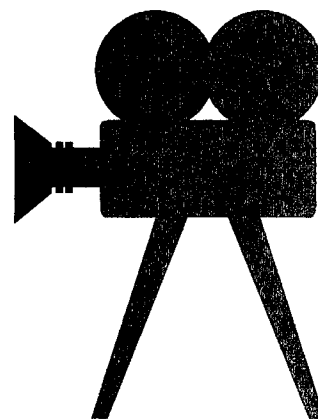
Fab Films
for Feb...



Other films for February are three extra screenings of The Full Monty (15) on Monday 2, Tuesday 3 and Wednesday 4 February at 8pm We have now stripped back to the bear essentials with this fabulous feel-good comedy no less than 12 times! Don't miss it!

On Saturday 7 February, 8pm there is a chance to see The Gambler (15) starring Michael Gambon in this portrait of the Russian writer, Fyodor Dostoyevsky; a fevish middle-aged epileptic whose genius is inextricably linked to his personal addictions to gambling and passion. There are a few tickets left for the magnificent L.A. Confidential (18) on Saturday 14 February, 8pm and Paradise Road (15) on Friday 20 February, 8pm. For action-packed adventure don't miss The Peacemaker (15), the topical, international thriller starring George Clooney and Nicole Kidman on Saturday 21 February, 8pm or The Game (15) on Friday 27 February, 8pm starring Michael Douglas.

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PANCAKE PARCELS

With Shrove Tuesday only a short while away and having a great love of pancakes, I asked Anne Brancker to recommend a recipe for pancakes which would be a little more exotic than the usual plain ones with lemon and sugar (as nice as they are). She consulted her library (literally) of cookery books and came up with the following. Having tried it out, we can recommend that you do not leave out the brandy!;-

PANCAKE MIX

4oz plain flour
1 egg
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 pint milk
oil for frying

FILLING

3 Ripe Bananas
Juice of 1 lemon
2 tablespoons apricot jam

SAUCE

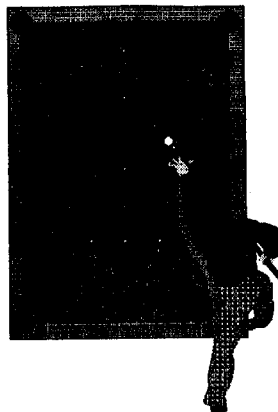
1/4 pint orange juice
2 tablespoons soft brown sugar
1oz butter
1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
2 tablespoons brandy (optional)

To make the batter, sift the flour and salt into a bowl and make a well in the centre. Add the egg, then gradually beat in the milk, drawing in the flour from the sides to make a smooth batter.

Heat a little oil in a frying pan until very hot. Pour in a few spoonfuls of batter, tilting the pan so that it spreads evenly, and cook over high heat until golden brown. Remove from the pan and keep hot while frying the remaining batter, making 8 pancakes in all.

To make the filling, peel the bananas, then mash the flesh with the lemon juice and jam. Divide the filling equally between the pancakes, then fold each pancake around the filling to make a parcel.

To make the sauce, pour the orange juice into a large frying pan. Add the remaining ingredients and bring to the boil, stirring constantly. Boil for 5 minutes until reduced, then lower the heat. Arrange the pancake parcels in a single layer in the pan, then heat through for about 10 minutes, spooning the sauce over the pancakes from time to time. Serve hot, with cream.



TONY'S SPORTS COLUMN

After having not won a game in the first half of the season and also getting knocked out of the Cup, our luck has at last changed in 1998. We have started the New Year with two wins, firstly by beating The White Hart at Quainton 5 - 3 at home and then the following week beating The White Horse 5 - 3 away.

We are rather hoping this trend continues since we badly need to gain some points on The Royal Oak who are some considerable way ahead of us in the league.

Tony

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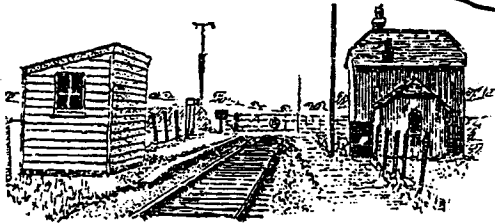
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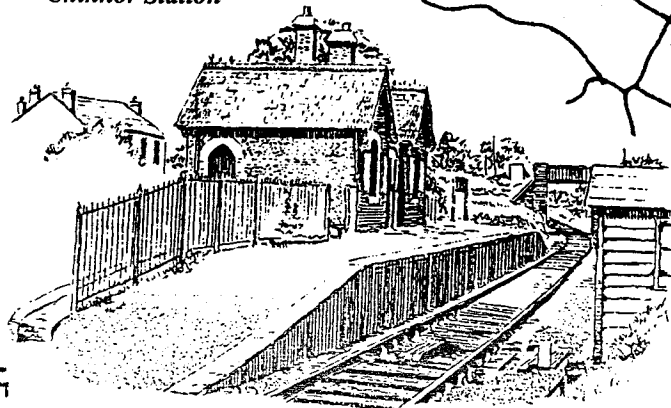
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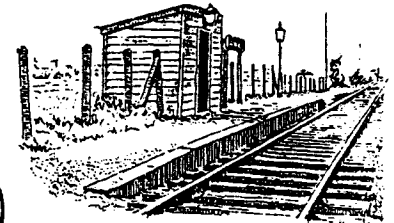
The branch to Watlington ran for 8 miles 66 chains and opened for traffic in 1872 as the Watlington & Princes Risborough Railway. The railway was taken over by the G.W.R. in 1883. The branch was single line throughout and worked on the one-engine-in-steam principle and carrying third class only.

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The Great Western Railway The Watlington Branch

Opened 1872 and Closed 1957

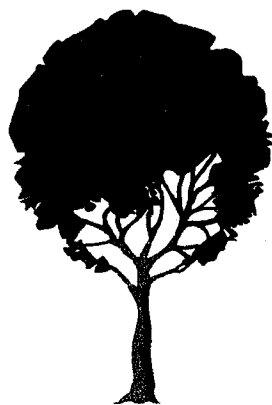
THANK YOU

Although it is nearly four years since Oliver and Jody died, at last the tree on lines hill has been planted and the wooden bench is in place.

Although Geoff Hanson now lives in New Zealand it was his idea to plant a memorial tree. He probably didn't realise how much money would be raised therefore allowing for a bench as well. I'm sure it will be used by many people who can sit and reflect or just enjoy the magnificent views; perhaps even the 'power walking' ladies after their long haul up the hill early in the morning. Both the boys had a great love of the countryside and were very privileged to be able to use so much of the surrounding farmland for their favourite pursuits and I know would welcome people the opportunity to look over it in comfort.

We would like to thank Bob and Julie Moulton, Frank and Louise McMannus (Royal Oak and Bull and Butcher) as it was on their counter the glass jars sat and a big thank you to the customers and friends that donated gifts also for the support received from the village. We could not have lived in a kinder place.

Lastly but not least our thanks goes to Bob Wilmott who gave us support and strength at times when we felt it wasn't possible to carry on, always being around just when the time was right, dividing his time equally between the two families. He said that the funeral had to be right as it may be the biggest job of his career and my goodness it was. Nobody could have performed a better service.



Thank You.

*John, Linda and Rachel
Sutton
Saddlers Farm.*

WALTINGTON - CHINNOR - PRINCES RISBOROUGH RAILWAY (A HISTORY)

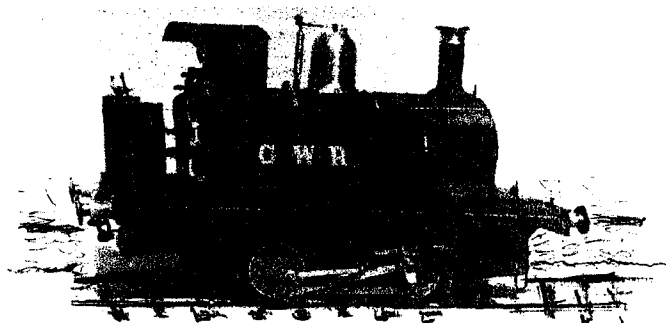
An act of Parliament passed on the 26th July 1869 authorised the Watlington Princes Risborough Railway Co. to construct a light railway (single track) from the GW station at Risborough to Watlington a distance of 8 miles and 66 chains, and largely promoted by local landowners following the failure of plans to extend the Wallington branch to Watlington.

The line opened on the 15th August 1872 and had stations at Chinnor and Aston Rowant and halts at Bledlow, Wainhill and Lewknor, but had financial problems and finally the GW purchased the line in 1883 for £23000. During inter war years the branch soldered on but World War 11 saw an up-turn in its fortunes and this was maintained when immediately after the war a mail order company started to use it to dispatch goods, but sadly this was short lived, and passenger usage started to decline.

The inevitable result was after a public enquiry British Rail closed the line to passengers in 1957. The last train left Watlington at 9pm (10 mins late) and with a number of dignitaries present, and as had become the custom the train left to the sound of detonators exploding on its last journey after 85 years of history of a passenger branch line. Today the Chinnor - Princes Risborough Railway Association have re-opened the line between Princes Risborough - Bledlow - Wainhill halts to Chinnor, and hopefully extend back to Watlington in the future, and there is even talk of building a M40 interchange at Aston Rowant with trains continuing to Marylebone, good news for a great local line.

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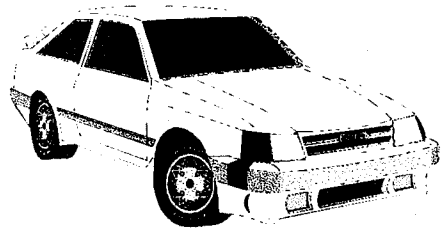
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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS.



VILLAGE HALL DEVELOPMENT

Unofficial notes of the meeting held on Wednesday 7th January 1998

1 Parish Precept

It was agreed that the rate for the coming year should be set at 3% above last year's figure.

2 Banner Homes

Banner homes have appealed against AVDC's decision to refuse permission for the erection of 5 additional dwellings at their Nash's Farm site. The appeal is to be held at The Members Lounge, 84 Walton Street, Aylesbury on Tuesday 10 February 1998 commencing at 10a.m. If you cannot attend the hearing and wish to comment on the appeal you may make written representations to:-

**The Planning Inspectorate,
Room No. 10-07, Tollgate House,
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Bristol BS2 9DJ**

quoting reference number APP/J0405/A/97/281970

3 Anglian Water

Complaints have been received about excessive amounts of chlorine in the drinking water. Anglian Water are to be contacted regarding this.

4 Highways

The highways representatives are seeking to have the road between Aston Abbots and Weedon added to the gritting schedule for 1998. They also have suggestions regarding cutting of the verges and how resources could be better used.

5 Trees on The Green

A Sycamore seedling and a dangerous Rowan are to be removed.

6 Footpaths

Phil Turner from the Parish Paths Partnership Scheme gave a talk on the services provided by the scheme.

10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting will be 11th February 1998 at 7.30pm



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CVILL



A meeting held on the 29th March 96, concluded the 'millennium' could provide a focus for fund-raising to improve our 'village hall'. Broad agreement was achieved on the following,-

1. Since the deeds are currently held by the Church; before further significant effort or expenditure is committed, a 'trust', or similar, needs to be set up to ensure executive decision making is firmly and legally in the hands of villagers.
2. Improved heating, plus male/female toilets meeting modern standards of hygiene should be a priority.
3. Storage area for tables, chairs and play-group equipment.
4. Kitchen refurbished to meet modern standards of hygiene.
5. Access to meet fire regulations and disabled requirements
6. Lobby/entrance' area to facilitate coats, double as small meeting room and facilitate Christmas show stage access.
7. Exterior sympathetic to existing attractive village hall.

Mrs Caroline Murray generously offered to donate some adjacent land should it be required.

Actions were assigned to:- resolve the issue of 'title' to the hall, identify methods of raising funding, & grants likely to be available, submit a draft plan to AVDC, and design a logo for use with subsequent correspondence. It was felt a further meeting should be called when it is felt significant progress has been made regarding these initial activities. The agenda was expected to include:- Formation of a constituted committee. Identify 'officers' and their terms of reference. Agree layout of hall to be pursued. Agree an initial, phased plan of actions with time scales. Record progress of actions in hand. . AOB

Arising from the initial meeting the Vicar has recently established that the church authorities would now be prepared to lease the hall back to the village. A draft design was submitted to Aylesbury Vale Planning Office shortly after the meeting and this coupled with other discussions and a site meeting indicates they will not permit an extension large enough to meet all the objectives stated above since the associated building (though in the same materials and style to the original) would be 'dominant' to the existing. A further problem is that the 'Roads Dept.' would expect 'additional' parking to be provided.

In view of these developments, Councillor Manning has arranged for a further meeting to be held in the church room to identify whether 'the village' wishes to pursue improvements to the hall under the constraints detailed above and if so; agree a specification, actions and responsibilities for achieving it.

This meeting will be held on
Tuesday the 17th of Feb. 98.

commencing at

8.00pm.

It is imperative those interested attend and it is hoped
that at least one representative from
each 'user group' will be there

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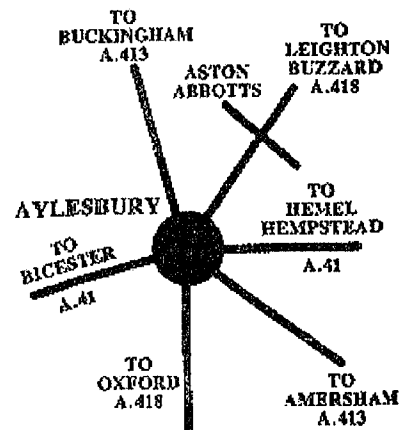
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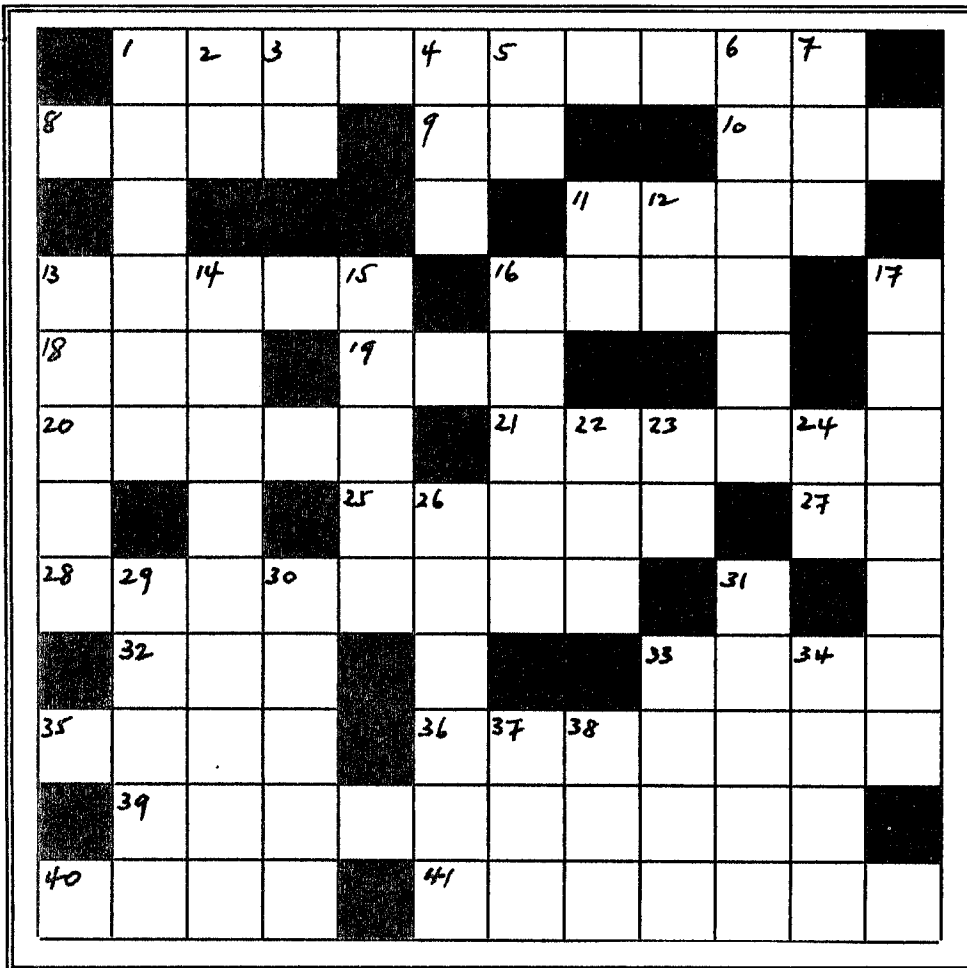
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ACROSS

1. Local town (10)
8. European mountains (4)
9. Compass point (2)
10. Equal footing (3)
11. Aid (4)
13. N. American ox (5)
16. One admired for courage(4)
18. Extraordinary insight init. (3)
19. --- Gardner (3)
20. Parsley is (1 & 4)
21. Oral (6)
25. Musical drama (5)
27. Nay, non, nein (2)
28. Information store (8)
32. Father (3)
33. To expect and desire (4)
35. List of duties (4)
36. TAP LATE (anag 7)
- 37 To imitate (3)
39. Boy scouts are supposed to (2 & 8)
40. Most outstanding (4)
41. Let go (7)

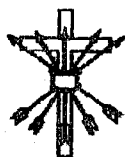
DOWN

1. Colour (6)
2. Not down (2)
- 3gas (2)
- 4 Writing item (3)
- 5 Same as 9 across (2)
6. Self confidence (6)
- 7 Atlas (3)
- I I Chem. symbol for Helium (2)
- I 2. Royal letters (2)
- 13 Facial hair (5)
- 14 Looks on, eg sports event (9)
- 15 Eastern Governor (5)
- I 6 - - - - & have nots (5)
- 17 Army rank (7)
- 22 Before (poetic 3)
- 23 Army regiment (2)
- 24 Indefinite article (2)
- 26 A sales pitch (6)
- 29 Sun dried bricks(5)
30. To fit, alter, modify (5)
31. A 'IOTE (anag. 2 & 3) Come - -
33. At this spot (4)
- 34 Cricketers wear them (4)
- 38 A friend (3)

Answers to January's crossword:-

ACROSS: 1. Long Marston. 10. Ore. 11. Omaha 12. Note. 14. Teg. 15. Critical. 18. Me. 19. Oars. 20. Lead. 22. Len. 24. Age. 26. Err. 27. Nose. 18. Apollo. 30. Sex. 31. Saws. 35. Rap. 37. Whipsnade. 38. Neon. 39. Mar.
 DOWN: 1. Lincoln. 2. Notions. 3. Greta. 4. Me. 5. Rota. 6. Smell. 7. Tag. 8. Oh. 9. Naredropper. 13. Or. 16. IRA. 17. CS gas. 18. Marl. 21. Eel. 23. Eons. 25. Epees. 29. Ox. 32. Awe. 33. Who. 34. Sin. 35. Ram. 36. Ada.

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