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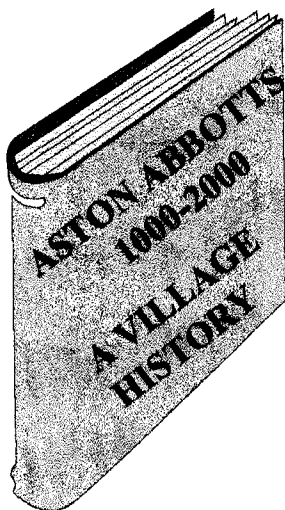
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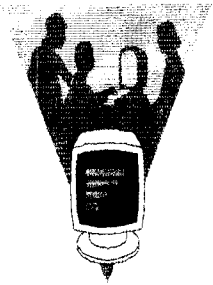
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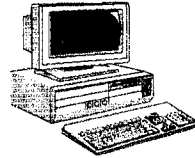
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# Editorial

Monday January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2000

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I am delighted to report that the many, expensive steps taken by **THE CHRONICLE** to see off the dreaded Y2k bug (an extra twist in the elastic band, crossing our fingers, etc etc) have paid off. As I write this editorial on January 3<sup>rd</sup> reports from around the World also suggest that the vast majority of fears about the bug were either unfounded or prevented - thank goodness. Bernard can now rest safe that there won't be a run on tins of beans or loo rolls.

So we have moved into a new Millennium. I see it's still raining. And I haven't won the lottery. *And* the wheelie bin still isn't big enough. But has anything else changed?

On a National and even International front there does seem to be a new wave of optimism, a real belief that great strides can be made towards World Peace and helping the impoverished in the third World. I am sure that those issues will be covered in great depth in your daily papers, so what about issues closer to home?

During my tenure as Editor hardly a **CHRONICLE** has passed without mention of the A418 death trap and this month is no exception. It seems that the speed limit *may* be reduced to 50mph, an act about as effective as the captain of the Titanic shouting more loudly at the iceberg to get out of the way. With winter here, please remember (and new residents be warned) that the road between here and Wing regularly becomes a skating rink in time for the rush hour. If there is one issue that the entire village can and should campaign about, it is for dramatic improvements to the A418.

In a real triumph of community spirit, the AAH book "Aston Abbotts 1000-2000, A Village History" has been completed and is now on sale. This documentation of the village's history will surely be one of the most interesting reads of the new year. And make sure that you visit the Aston Abbotts Millennium exhibition at the Church and Church Room - full details are on page 8.

As Editor, I tend to report on events rather than cast opinion on the thoughts of other villagers, however it strikes me that there are a number of minor 'niggles' in the village at present. Bob Willmott's

message this month should help to put things into perspective and perhaps remind us all of how a little tolerance can go a long way to resolving differences.

Finally, we will be holding a **CHRONICLE** meeting on January 24<sup>th</sup> for anybody who would like to help produce the paper or contribute on a regular basis - see page 24 for full details.

Anyway, enough of my ranting - enjoy **THE CHRONICLE!**

*Andi Swain*

## IN THIS FIRST ISSUE OF THE MILLENNIUM OF THE CHRONICLE

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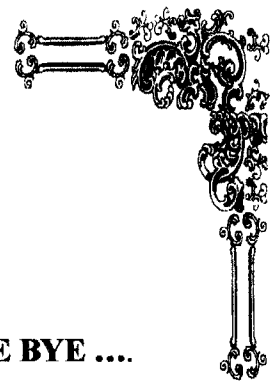
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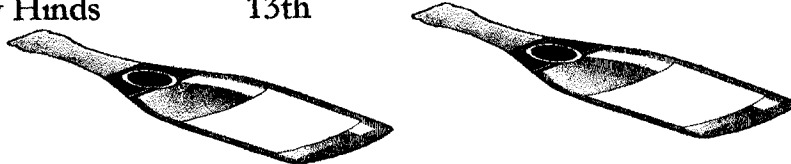
Aston Abbotts wishes a **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to everybody celebrating in January, especially

Nicholas Oldfield	2nd	(first birthday of the millennium)	
Andi Swain	5th	Zoe Judd	25th
Jane Plested	7th	David Lewis	28th
Sarah Plested	7th	Carol Spooner	28th
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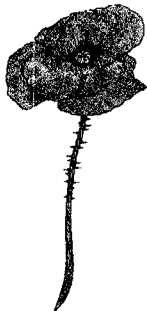
Andy, Jill and Thomas Stefanczyk, who used to live at Nash's Farm, have moved to Dunton - not too far away, so we should still see them around!



## GOOD LUCK

to Alison Hewett who will be travelling to her new job in Hungary where she will be teaching English. We hope all goes well for you, Alison!

## 1999 POPPY APPEAL

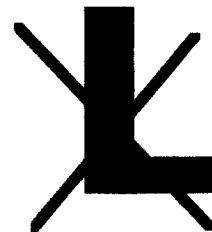


The collections in Aston Abbotts amounted to £608.71. The area total was £1862.30.

Many thanks to those who gave and to those who collected.

**A Rawlings (Poppy Appeal Organiser)**

## WELL DONE



To Hannah Brandon who has just passed her driving test at the first attempt

Is there a little girl or boy wondering where their Teddy Bear and Tellytubby Poe are? They were found in the Church after the Carol Service. I'm sure you would like them back - just give Shirley Ford a ring on 681865.



## Helloooo!

We would like to welcome John and Claire to the village. They have recently moved into Nash's Farm - we all look forward to meeting you.

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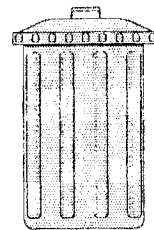
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# IN THE VILLAGE 1.

## THE FUTURE OF THE CHURCH ROOM

Villagers will no doubt wish to be made aware of the latest position on the proposed extension to the Church Room.

After modified plans were submitted to AVDC (showing new piled foundations to avoid damage to the Yew trees in the Old Vicarage), planning permission has now been granted.

However, nothing is ever straightforward and it soon transpired that the new owner of the Old Vicarage was not made aware of the proposed donation of land for the extension. Following a site meeting with the owner and our design agent a modified version of the extension is now required, which will shorten the building by a few feet.

Considerable expense has already been incurred in gaining the current planning consent and further costs will be necessary to alter the plans and to approve building regulation approval. We also require consultation and legal agreements to be made between the owner of the Old Vicarage and the Church (owners of The Church Room).

It was decided at The Parish Council meeting that the views of people living in the village are required before further progress can be made. A meeting has been called for 8.30pm on the 19<sup>th</sup> January in The Church Room. Anybody who has an interest in the hall and its future should attend as without the participation of local people this project will not succeed and we stand the chance of losing this valuable village commodity.

TOM MANNING

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The Bucks Herald this week reported that a poet called Toad (Helen Warham) has been commissioned to write poems for villages and communities across the Vale. She will compose a poem about the past or present - basically, on what is important to the community.

Meetings with Toad will take place throughout January and February - if anybody (or group) in the village would like to find out more, contact AVDC arts project officer Kerry Andrews on 01296 585310.

## ST JAMES' CHURCH AT CHRISTMAS

The Church was full to overflowing for the annual carol service with 158 people in the congregation. Extra chairs had to be brought in from The Church Room and added to the end of each pew down the aisle, and then extra ones added in the tower!

The Cublington Rolling Stones performed and acted out various small plays and accompanied the singing, whilst the Sunday Juniors acted to "While Shepherds watched ..." and our toddlers group sang "Away in a manger". Various people had decorated the windows to carol titles and the ever popular tree added the finishing touch.

Christmas morning communion again saw a large crowd attending the service and exchanging greetings - it was a real joy to see so many in church.

The next big event which we hope will also draw the crowds is the 3 day Millennium Exhibition on Saturday / Sunday / Monday 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> January inclusive. Held at The Church Room and St James Church, the exhibition is open daily from 10am to 4.00pm and light refreshments are available. There are many photographs, paper cuttings, old tools and implements, details of the Prisoner of War camp at Norduck and the WARA campaign - so do come along!

Colin

## ASTON ABBOTTS & CUBLINGTON LADIES CLUB

The Carol Service was held in Cublington Church. Afterwards refreshments were provided by the Cublington members, at the home of Mrs. Doreen Liddell.

We begin our events in the New Year with a visit to Oxford Theatre on January 5<sup>th</sup>. Dates of next meetings -

- January 13<sup>th</sup> at 2.45pm - A talk by Mrs. S Munn - "An Ecuadorian adventure"
- January 27<sup>th</sup> at 2.45pm - A talk by Mrs. E Sutton - "Mary Rose, raising and conservation"

We welcome anyone wishing to join our club - be our guest on your first visit!

## MILLENNIUM MATTERS

**00.00.00 ON 01.01.00**

Where were *you* when Big Ben chimed in the New Millennium? Did you see the moment with friends and family at home, or at a millennium party? Perhaps you were at the Aston Abbots party, or another special occasion.

Did you visit The Dome or witness the spectacular fireworks on the banks of the Thames in London? Or maybe you traveled to some far flung location?

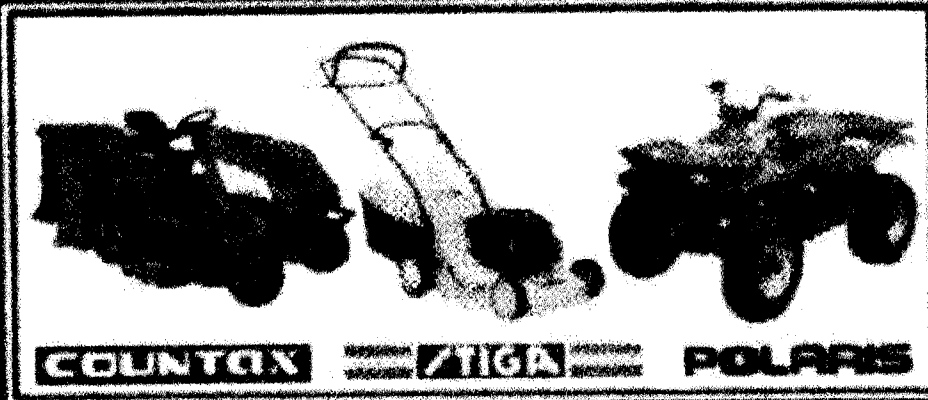
Whatever you were doing, **THE CHRONICLE** would love to hear from you. We will be running a special feature in next month's issue about how villagers saw in the new year - so get writing to the Editor at 2 Nash's Farm or e-mail us at [astonmag@aol.com](mailto:astonmag@aol.com) and share your experiences with us.

Ed.

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# IN THE VILLAGE 2.

## LAST CABARET OF THE MILLENNIUM!

There was a time when 'the high thirties' was considered to be the absolute size of the audience who could be 'fitted into' the Church Room for a Cabaret evening.

Such is the ever increasing demand for tickets that each year a few more are squeezed in. This year was no exception and the amazing demand for places required drastic measures be taken. The solution was found when Ray Wilkinson was drafted in, at a not insubstantial consultancy fee, to 'maximise' the usage of space available. With Teutonic thoroughness and employing methods learned from years spent in German beer halls he 'shoe horned' sixty three into the hall.

Somehow, everyone was seated and it has to be said that this 'cheek by jowl' approach coupled with the free wine created a very happy atmosphere. Contributory to this growing feeling of 'well being' was of course the excellent selection of food prepared by Francesca and Jackie on a 'help yourself' basis.

The Cabaret- the result of many nights spent writing scripts, rehearsing in front rooms, potting sheds or any where else available - was as usual extremely entertaining from start to finish. It would take an entire issue of **THE CHRONICLE** to do justice to every one's performance but overall there was a touch of 'the retrospective' about the acts. Perhaps the proximity of the end of the millennium had something to do with it because several previously performed and popular 'pieces' had been dusted off and re-presented as fresh as ever.

Included in this nostalgia : the ever popular Abba (or BigMacAbba) with Anne, Sharon and the Johns Whyte & Brancker; Anne & John's well loved version of Sophia Loren and Peter Sellar's 'Spaghetti' song; and Margaret Kent re-enacting that well known 'Martini' advert, appearing between acts ever more tipsy. Those who were watching closely claimed that the Martini in the bottle went down significantly during the course of these appearances leading to a certain amount of speculation!

The final piece of 'nostalgia' was in the last act in which Tony and Ray presented an hilarious 'reincarnation' of Andy Pandy and Looby Lou. Not only very funny (by innuendo) but it was clear from Tony's performance that he had spent many hours watching Andy Pandy videos.

I shouldn't like to leave the impression that the show was totally retrospective since the remainder of the acts were an all new mixture of songs and sketches including Dave Lewis, our popular 'stand up' comedian, Chesh accompanying himself on guitar and solos by John Whyte and John Brancker. Not least was our very own Editor Andi Swain who introduced each act with great panache in his own inimitable style.

Of course a special thank you must go to Neil Chesher who scours the net for material, and organises and writes much of the musical content. Also to Nigel Palmer for very professionally playing many of the accompaniments on keyboard and to Andy Stefanczyk who provided a very posh glitter curtain and a sound system including radio mikes (very professional for those who mastered them!).

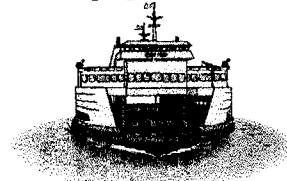
A great night - many thanks to all who were involved. We look forward to the next Cabaret in May 2000 so if you are thinking of coming along be warned and order your tickets early from John Whyte!!



## *Autumn in America 3 by Shirley Ford*

After our overnight stop at the Howard Johnson Hotel at Portland, we breakfasted and left for a 200 mile drive to our next destination. Our first stop was at North Conway Railway Station where working trains of the last century were on display. Unfortunately there was not time for a ride because we were scheduled to take a drive through Vermont and what turned out to be wonderfully colourful scenery. A short stop was taken to photograph and video a covered bridge called Albaney Bridge with a river running underneath. It was very attractive and reminded me of Scotland.

Lunch was taken at the Cannon Tramway where for \$8.00 you could take a cable car ride for half a mile up and down the side of the mountain. Pressing onwards we were driven to Stowe in New Hampshire where we booked into the hotel at around 5.00pm. After 'settling in' there was a choice of sitting out on the balcony or walking around the beautiful gardens. Not for long though because at 7.00 we all piled back into the coach and went to a restaurant called Pickwick where we had a delicious evening meal, returning to our hotel the Mountaineer Inn, singing.



The following morning was very misty but non-the-less we left at 8.00am for the drive to Burlington where we were to catch the 9.30

ferry across lake Champlain to Port Kent. The hour long journey was pleasant since the weather by now had turned very warm and sunny.

By noon we arrived at the Ramada Inn where a nice lunch awaited us - much needed 'fortification' because within a short time we found ourselves being ushered onto a coach bound for the marina where we were to join a cruise boat scheduled to leave at 1.30pm sharp.

Lake Placid is a freshwater lake and on the day we were there the near perfect weather showed off the beautiful colours of the trees reflected in the water. This was most definitely one of the highlights of the holiday. After a short tour of the area we returned to the hotel, changed and went out for a meal. The day ended very peacefully, relaxing by the lakeside watching the boats.

Shirley Ford

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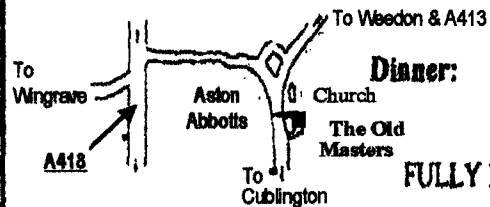


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<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup></b> 7.30pm	Bingo in The Church Room in aid of Lifeboat Appeal
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	Leighton / Linslade Transport Meeting (Bus and Train queries to Colin)
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup></b> 7.30pm	Whist Drive in The Church Room
<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	Ramblers' New Years Party, Link House, Gt. Brickhill
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup></b> 2.00pm	Rambling Club members meet Whipsnade
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	Mobile Library The Green / Wingrave Rd / Oxley Farm
<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup></b> }	<b>ASTON ABBOTTS MILLENNIUM EXHIBITION</b> at The Church Room and St. James Church from 10.00am to 4.00pm daily + Light Refreshments
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup></b> }	
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup></b> }	
<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup></b> 7.00pm	Floral Class in The Church Room with Mrs. Townsend
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup></b> 8.00pm	Parish Council Meeting in The Church Room
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup></b> 7.30pm	Whist Drive in The Church Room
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup></b> 2.00pm	Village Footpath walk, The Green
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb</b> 7.30pm	Bingo in The Church Room

### DATES FOR YOUR NEW DIARY!

**SATURDAY AND SUNDAY  
29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> July 2000**

### is Festival Weekend !!

It may seem a long way off but the organising begins soon and we need a volunteer(s) to help run the fete - please contact the Editor on 682651 if you would like to help or need more information



#### CHURCH FLOWERS FOR JANUARY

9 <sup>th</sup>	Mr C Higgs	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Exhibition
16 <sup>th</sup>	Mr I Belgrove	30 <sup>th</sup>	No Service

#### SIDESMEN FOR JANUARY

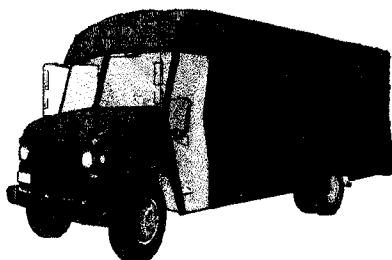
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mr A Ford	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Mr G Kemp
9 <sup>th</sup>	Mr C Higgs	30 <sup>th</sup>	No Service
16 <sup>th</sup>	Mr Hartnett		

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Come and see your District Council at work and take part in the proceedings! Visit the Parishes Sub-Committee on

- 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 7.00pm (Tea/Coffee served from 6.40pm)
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**Everyone is welcome to attend - contact Margaret Yates on 01296 585060 for more information**



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- Wingrave Road, Aston Abbots 11.00am - 11.15am
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# IN THE VILLAGE 3.

## JOHN HAMPDEN

An article by **THE CHRONICLE'S** historical writer, Colin Higgs

No one is more associated with Buckinghamshire and The Vale of Aylesbury than John Hampden (1594 - 1645). He came from a line of local squires and was brought up at the family seat Hampden House, among the Chiltern beech woods. As a boy he crossed The Vale on his way to Thame Grammar School and later to Magdalen College, Oxford.

After his marriage in 1619 he settled at Great Hampden and represented Wendover in the first three parliaments of Charles I. At Great Kimble in 1636 he became a national figure by refusing to pay Ship Money levied on his land in the outlying parts of Stoke Mandeville parish.

Bucks had been assessed to supply a 450 ton warship and 160 men and £4,500 in lieu, then ensued litigation questioning the legality of the Ship Money. Charles' attempts to arrest Hampden led to the outbreak of Civil War - Hampden raised his own troop of footmen of Bucks men (called The Greencoats) whose motto was "There is no turning back".

He took part in the battles with Charles' troops under Prince Rupert's command which were ranged across The Vale, including the Battle of Aylesbury on the 1<sup>st</sup> of November 1642.

John Hampden was mortally wounded at the Battle of Chalgrove Fields (near Watlington) on the 18<sup>th</sup> June 1643 and died in Thame. He was buried in Great Hampden Church where there is a monument to his memory. Another monument to John Hampden, a Cornish Cross, was built on land near Prestwood on which he had refused to pay Ship Money and in 1912 a statue of the patriot was unveiled in Aylesbury's Market Square.

COLIN

## ROBIN COUNT

The RSPB is carrying out a UK-wide survey of robins for UK Wild 2000. The aim is to record details of robins in January and again in May, to find out how numbers change with the seasons.

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*Let the Chronicle know if you are taking part, and what you find! Ed.*



## KIDS WILL BE KIDS...

*Villagers David and Linda Wheaton have written to THE CHRONICLE about attitudes towards the village's youngsters ...*

We are just about sick and tired of narrow-minded, whinging, whining people in the village moaning at our kids - and we don't just mean our own kids, but all of the kids who get together after school and during the evenings. Were those people never teenagers, or did they come down from another planet at an older age? It would seem the kids can do nothing without someone having a go at them.

It seems funny that up until recently, we had no trouble with moaners, but now, people who haven't even been in the village for 5 minutes seem to have nothing better to do than moan at our kids. One older person called the kids "malicious hooligans"! We can quite understand why, after all, they do terrible things like bounce balls in the road (ooh), talk and even ... wait for it ... laugh and enjoy themselves outside people's houses! How absolutely awful!!!

When one of the kids told this person that they couldn't play outside their own house as it is on a main road and they might get knocked over, this person replied something like "that would do us all a favour" - a fine example to the younger generation wouldn't you say?

Just recently, the kids were asked by another person if they were trying to break into their garage. Please! Of course these people excel in moaning at the kids but seem to decline when asked to come and speak to the parents. Funny that. If these people don't like kids, why move into a village with an ever growing population of youngsters - why not move into a field in the middle of nowhere where they wouldn't be disturbed by "malicious hooligans"?

Believe us, we know the kids are no angels and they do get cheeky and answer back (don't all kids - especially when they are being moaned at constantly), but for God's sake, the kids in the village are good kids. If these people visited London or even Aylesbury, then they would come across "malicious hooligans". Do our kids do drugs or vandalise property? We don't think so.

It's about time these people got a life and let others live theirs.

**A very fed up David and Linda Wheaton**

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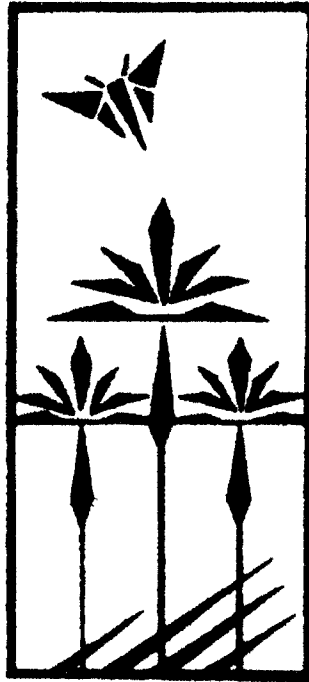
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# IN THE VILLAGE 4.

## ASTON ABBOTTS PARISH COUNCIL

### UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE CHURCH ROOM ON WEDNESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 1999

#### MATTERS ARISING

- Trig Point on Lines Hill - the Clerk reported that the Trig Point has indeed been removed with permission from Ordnance Survey and is not recoverable.

#### PLANNING

- A/99/1346/APP Aston Abbots Church Room, side extension
- A/99/2217/APP 2 Norduck Cottages, Moat Lane - change of use of agricultural land to inclusion within domestic curtilage.

#### APPROVED

- A/99/02424/APP Norduck Farmhouse, Moat Lane - pole barn  
**The PC had no comment to make on this application.**
- A/99/02395/APP 20, The Green - tree works. **APPROVED**
- A/99/02625/APP Barn 3, Longmoor Farm, Cublington Road - crown reduce Oak by 20%. **The PC had no comment to make on this application but urged that any work should be carried out by a qualified, registered contractor.**
- A/99/02729/ATN Wingrave Road - transmitting station - installation of telecommunications equipment.  
**The P.C. had no comment to make on this application.**

#### HIGHWAYS

- Feedback from the A418 meeting - the meeting took place on 26<sup>th</sup> November and was attended by Cllr Manning and D/Cllr Cooper, by invitation. The meeting was chaired by Mr David Rowlands and John Bercow MP was also present. The issues that local villages have been raising regarding safety on the A418 were not really addressed. The only further measure which may be introduced is a possible reduction in the speed limit from 60mph to 50mph between Berton and Wing. This is considered by the PC to be totally inadequate.

- Gritting Routes - although Weedon Road does not feature on this winter's gritting route, we have been assured it will be gritted.

#### CHURCH ROOM EXTENSION

- Despite being granted planning permission for the extension to The Church Room, further problems have arisen concerning the donation of land by the new owner of The Old Vicarage. Resolved to call a public meeting so that the matter can be openly discussed before proceeding. The meeting was agreed for Wednesday January 19<sup>th</sup> at 8.30pm in The Church Room. (See report on page 4 of this month's CHRONICLE)

#### OTHER MATTERS

- Foot way lighting in Bricstock - following complaints about the siting / timing of the footway light at Bricstock, it was resolved to canvass the opinion of all of the residents of the row of cottages before deciding how to proceed.
- Local Government and Rating Act / Parish Review - resolved to accept the proposed changes as they stand.
- Parish Precept - resolved to raise the Parish Precept for 2000 by no more than the current rate of inflation.
- Reports -
  - a) There is still excess water lying on the road outside Oak Farm.
  - b) There is excess road glare on the allotment corner.
  - c) The small gate leading to the Rec is broken again.

#### DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2000  
Everyone is welcome to come along.

## FUN QUIZ

Here's a fun quiz to test your powers of thought! Each of the clues begins with a number which relates to the answer.

Here's an example for you ....

60 MIAH = 60 Minutes In An Hour

Get the drift? Now here are 26 more for you to ponder over! See how you get on (and no cheating...) - some are really easy, others somewhat trickier!

No prizes but I will give you the answers next month, just in case you're stuck!!

**Ed.**

## TEST YOUR SKILL!

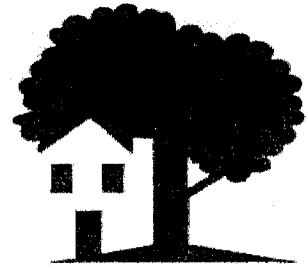
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10. 30 DHSAJAN
11. 1901 DOQV
12. 76 TITBP
13. 11 PIAFT

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17. 39 S
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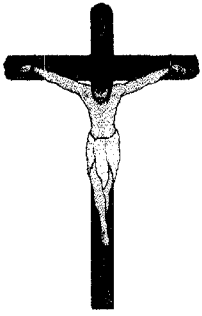
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## RECTOR'S REPORT - JANUARY 2000



I don't suppose that my sisters and I were the only children ever to try to preserve the "new" look of our shoes by trying to walk without flexing our feet. It didn't work, partly because our feet soon ached, partly because we forgot, and partly because our new shoes needed to be worn in.

**I suspect that we shall find the new Millennium much the same – once we have got used to its newness and worn it in.**

Our new school shoes were needed either because our old shoes were worn out or because our feet had grown. 'Growth' is a characteristic of life. All through our life we are growing. As children we grow physically, and that is easy to see. In middle age we change shape again (but we prefer people not to comment on that). But our growth is not only in our outward appearance. We develop intellectually, emotionally, spiritually. We understand more about ourselves and the world in which we live, we discover and explore new opportunities, and so on. All through our life there are more lessons for us to learn, new heights for us to aspire to, new problems for us to solve.

We may not manage to put the world completely to rights – but it is important that we do what we can to resolve the conflicts. It is important that we try to encourage people, and to show that we appreciate what they are doing. That means that we shall need to learn how to forgive those whose words and actions seem to us to be wrong.

Some years ago now there was a society formed – I don't know whether it still exists – whose objectives were "to be nice to everybody". It encouraged politeness and non-aggressive behaviour among its members – much-needed attitudes that have been sadly lacking at the end of the Twentieth Century. But maybe theirs was an ideal that got its timing wrong. Maybe now, as we go into a new Century, we need to think again about how we relate to other people. Maybe now is the time for us to consider making radical changes to the way we behave towards each other.

Learning to co-operate and learning to share are two of the lessons that we should have learnt as children – lessons that were meant to be for life. Life is to be shared with other people, and with the created order. We live with a vast treasure-chest of wonderful things. For many of us, life sometimes becomes so frantically busy that we lose sight of the wonder of Creation. The vastness of space, the incredible beauty in the smallest living thing, the realisation of the interaction of all creation – each depends on another, none is sufficient of itself. God, the Creator, has done a fantastic job, and he deserves our respect and reverence.

But he did even more than create us – in his love, he sent his only Son to live like us and to die for our sins. What a great future lies ahead of us to enjoy in the new Millennium.

**Bob Willmott**

## 1<sup>ST</sup> WINGRAVE SCOUT GROUP

Well, the Christmas Bazaar went with a real swing! Everyone has worked very hard on this our biggest fund raiser of the year. We have raised a staggering £1400.00 (or thereabouts ) to go towards the new Scout H.Q.

A very big thank you to everyone involved and to everyone who came on the day to spend their money. We hope to hear soon from the Lottery about the funding, an up-date will follow when we hear.

### BEAVERS

We spent most of December preparing for Christmas, making gifts, Santa biscuits and Christmas cards. The Beavers enjoyed taking part in the Bazaar, planning and running the Lollipop stall and the Find a Fiver in the yellow pages! There is great excitement as we prepare now for another first, a joint Christmas Party. A review to follow next month!

Back at the Colony meetings we have been pleased to invest Harman Virdee and will be proud to see five Beavers move on to Cubs in the New Year. We really would be grateful for another helper from January, all you need is an hour to spare on a Monday evening, enthusiasm and a sense of fun. PLEASE get in touch if you can help, even for a few weeks to give it a try.

### CUBS

The Cubs have worked hard to make goods to sell at the Bazaar and also to gain their Craftsman and Artist badges. The last meeting was spent coming up with ideas for meetings, camps and outings for next year. Each Six also planned a Pack Meeting, they found it more difficult than they expected, maybe now they'll be sympathetic to the Leaders efforts.

### SCOUTS

Along with helping to collect stuff for the Bazaar, the Scouts have enjoyed a number of outdoor activities, including an evening of Wide Games and a village quiz (done according to Scouting tradition - IN THE RAIN!!). Term finished with a joint Disco with the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides. We hope this will be successful as it would be good to do more joint activities.

**If you would like to know more, phone the Leaders**

**Beavers:** Sue Ascott 681878, Jan Antiesowicz 681430 (Especially the caller from Rowsham who rang Sue, sorry we lost your number!).

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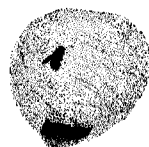
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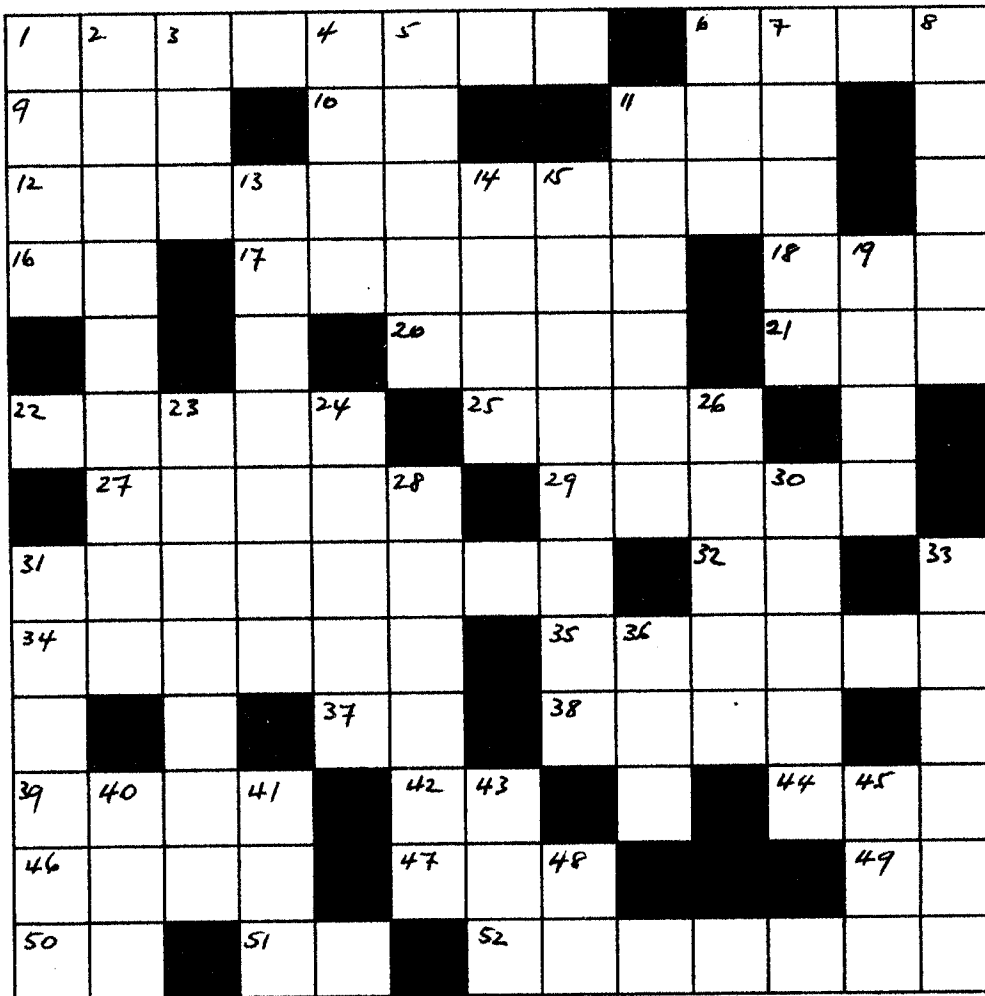
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**ACROSS:** 1 Merry. 6 Catseye  
11 Other. 12 Oboe. 13 Then.  
14 Draper. 15 Heat. 16 Often.  
17 En. 18 Ersatz. 20 Ant. 21  
Lied. 22 Scot. 24 Roses. 26  
Stored. 28 Bad. 29 Centre.  
30 Apex. 31 Tonga. 32 Elan.  
34 At. 35 Bumblebee. 37 Ski.  
38 Mabs. 39 Shin. 40. Memory  
41 Tyne.

**DOWN:** 1 Mother. 2 Ether.  
3 Rheas. 4 Rentals. 5 Yr.  
6 Corf. 7 Abate. 8 Tope. 9 Seen.  
10 Event. 14 Dozes. 17 Enter.  
19 Tied. 20 Aorta. 22 Sten.  
23 Conga. 24 Rap. 25 Odeum.  
26 Scones. 27 Dentine. 28 Barb.  
31 Tabby. 32 Elmo. 33 Lear.  
34. Akin. 36 Ulm. 37 Shy  
39 St.

**ACROSS:**

- 1. Local town (8)
- 6. Depend (4)
- 9. Logging tool (3)
- 10. -- day (2)
- 11. Own (Scottish 3)
- 12. Country (11)
- 16. Small doctor (2)
- 17. Substitute (6)
- 18. --- & downs (3)
- 20. Volcano (4)
- 21. Consume (3)
- 22. Dwelt (5)
- 25. A white wine (4)

- 27. Replete (5)
- 29. Normal (5)
- 31. Narrating (8)
- 32. Ends the fight! (2)
- 34. Worked out, solved (6)
- 35. Beastly (6)
- 37. Short road (2)
- 38. Idiot (4)
- 39. More than one (4)
- 42. -- & behold (2)
- 44. Beer (3)
- 46. English river (4)
- 47. Newt (3)
- 49. Royal letters (2)

- 50. Windows - - (Computer 2)
  - 51. American city (abb. 2)
  - 52. SAID TOE (anag 7)
- DOWN:** 1. Baton (4)
- 2. Worked out physically (9)
  - 3. Mesh (3)
  - 4. Above (4)
  - 5. Poem (5)
  - 6. To dispose of (3)
  - 7. To follow (5)
  - 8. Raising agent (5)
  - 11. Australian/NZ Army (6)
  - 13. CITE HER (anag 7)
  - 14. Thin strip of wood (4)

- 15. O THAT GNU (anag 2&6)
- 19 Bucket (4)
- 23. Cleaners (7)
- 24. To hinder (5)
- 26. Gurkha knife (5)
- 28. To cheat (6)
- 30. Main artery (5)
- 31. Purpose (6)
- 33 Snakes (6)
- 36. Bird (3)
- 40. Not in (3)
- 41. Fish (3)
- 43. Frequent (poetic 3)
- 45. Sheltered side of wind (3)
- 48. -- & fro (2)

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	12.00	Wingrave	Bells and service for the New Millennium
	12.00	Aston Abbots	Bells and service for the New Millennium
2 <sup>nd</sup> January	10.00	Cublington	Three Parish Family Communion
9 <sup>th</sup> January	10.00	Cublington	Christingle
	10.00	Wingrave	Parish Communion
	11.15	Aston Abbots	Parish Communion
12 <sup>th</sup> Jan. Wednesday	10.00	Aston Abbots	Franciscan Service
16 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	08.00	Wingrave	Prayer Book Communion
	08.45	Cublington	Parish Communion
	10.00	Wingrave	Covenant Service at the Methodist Church
	11.15	Aston Abbots	Parish Communion
19 <sup>th</sup> Jan. Wednesday	10.00	Rowsham	Franciscan Service
23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan.	08.45	Cublington	Parish Communion
	08.45	Aston Abbots	Parish Communion
	10.00	Wingrave	Parish Communion
	10.00	Wingrave	Franciscan Service
26 <sup>th</sup> Jan. Wednesday	10.00	Wingrave	Franciscan Service
30 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	08.45	Cublington	Parish Communion
	10.00	Wingrave	Parish Communion
	11.15	Aston Abbots	Parish Communion
6 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	10.00	Cublington	Family Service
	10.00	Wingrave	Parish Communion
	11.15	Aston Abbots	Morning Service
	18.00	Cublington	Evensong

## FROM THE REGISTERS

### Baptism

5<sup>th</sup> December Chloe Holland-Smith at Cublington

### Funerals

19<sup>th</sup> November Colin Whitley at Wingrave

26<sup>th</sup> November Herbert Halsey at Cublington

## SUNDAY READINGS

2 <sup>nd</sup> January	Christmas 2	Ephesians 1.3 - 14
		John 1.10 - 18
9 <sup>th</sup> January	Baptism of Christ	Acts 19.1 - 7
		Mark 1.4 - 11
16 <sup>th</sup> January	Epiphany 2	Revelation 5.1 - 10
		John 1.43 - 51
23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Epiphany 3	Revelation 19.6-10
		John 2.1 - 11
30 <sup>th</sup> January	Epiphany 4	Revelation 12.1 - 5
		Mark 1.21 - 28
6 <sup>th</sup> February	5 Before Lent	1 Corinthians 9.16-23
		Mark 1.29 - 39

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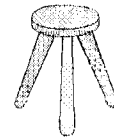
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# IN THE VILLAGE 5 - COMMUNITY NEWS.

## THAMES VALLEY CRIMESTOPPERS FIGHTING CRIME IN THE THAMES VALLEY

Crimestoppers is the only charity devoted to the solution of crime. It works in a very simple way. If you have information about a crime, phone the freephone number **0800 555 111**

- your call is free
- you do not have to give your name
- you may receive a reward

Many people sometimes come across information about crime or see criminals inaction but are worried about speaking to the police. What if the person suspected is a family member, a close neighbour or a work colleague? What if they are a notorious, and possibly violent, local villain? What if nobody else could have known the information? In these circumstances it is understandable that ordinary, law-abiding citizens might be afraid and fear reprisals. The last thing they would wish is to become the next victim.

Crimestoppers offers them a way to help which does not involve visits from the police, which will not require interviews, which will not lead to appearances in court as a witness. Above all, it will ensure that they need have no fear. Callers are not asked their names so their anonymity is guaranteed. If the information leads to the arrest and charge of a suspect, the caller may be offered a cash reward. Even then, a secure method of payment ensures that anonymity is maintained. However, the fact that less than 10% of rewards are claimed is proof that the public use Crimestoppers because they do want to help make their communities safer places in which to live.

Crimestoppers is a simple partnership between the community and the police. The police receive the calls and handle the information. The public just ring freephone 0800 'treble 5 treble 1' and give the information. The scheme has been running for 10 years and involves all police forces. It is not a replacement for 999 emergency calls or for normal contacts with the police.

The Thames Valley region covers Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire in partnership with the Thames Valley Police. Our regional board is comprised of volunteers drawn from across the region with a wide spectrum of experience. Its task is to publicise the freephone number and to mobilise our community to use it in its fight against crime: to make their own localities safer places in which to live and work.

Over all the regions, there is a registered charity, Crimestoppers Trust, which manages the network of regions and has ultimate legal and financial responsibility. However, the cost of publicising Crimestoppers, of funding the rewards and management is met by voluntary donations and other funds raised within the region. The recent Crime and Disorder Act

has required local authorities to develop new strategies and plans to fight crime in partnership with the police, voluntary organisations and the community from 1 April 1999. Crimestoppers provides them with a unique weapon which reaps immediate and proven results. Nationally 13 arrests and charges are now made every day from Crimestoppers information.

Although calls are received about all types of offences, Crimestoppers is also effective in mounting campaigns to tackle particular types of crime. The first of these targeted drugs. SNAP - 'Say No and Phone' is aimed at young people and uses bright trendy graphics and pop music to get the message across.

A second campaign, SMART - 'Stop Motorcrime And Ring Today' - has substantial backing from Vauxhall Motors. This tackles theft of and theft from all types of vehicles - crimes which audits recently undertaken by the local authorities of the Thames Valley have shown to be their greatest concern.

Crimestoppers is not just about violent and serious crime, but all types of crime. Crimestoppers not only detects crime, it prevents crime. It takes out of circulation criminals that the police might not otherwise be able to reach or even know about.

### CRIMESTOPPERS WORKS.

If you would like to know how you can support Thames Valley Crimestoppers, please contact the regional board administrator

**Mrs Vicki Kendal**

Thames Valley Crimestoppers,  
PO Box 4818, Earley, Berkshire, RG10 0FT  
Call / Fax 0118 934 3477

If you have information about a crime phone **0800 555 111**

### AYLESBURY VALE VISUAL ARCHIVE

You will all be aware of our own village exhibition and book to mark the new millennium, detailing the history of Aston Abbots. On a wider scale, the Aylesbury Vale Visual Archive aims to create a record of life in 20<sup>th</sup> Century Aylesbury Vale.

AVDC Community Action is recording peoples' memories, stories, views and opinions, and hopes and aspirations for the future on a CD-ROM.

If you would like to get involved, contribute your own thoughts or memories of the Vale, or are part of a group wishing to take part, please call Rachael Smithies, Visual Archive Project Officer, Department of Housing, Health, & Leisure, AVDC, 84 Walton Street, Aylesbury HP21 7QT - or call 01296 585158.

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## THE ASTON ABBOTTS MILLENNIUM SONG

*Many of our readers who partied the night away at the Aston Abbots Millennium Party have asked that we print the words to the Millennium Song, as sung by The Y2K Bug-gers (more of which next month, no doubt). Here then are the lyrics sung to the tune of 'Now this Bloody Year is over' (from Oh! What a lovely war).*

Tonight, we're here to have a party  
Tonight, the century will end  
Almost time to raise your glasses  
Take a drink with all our friends

Some of them are real peculiar  
Some of them just misbehave  
But we love them all together  
Even Wilk, Tony and Dave

In this village we have heroes  
People who do many a task  
Shirley Ford, Colin and Andy  
All you have to do is ask

People who collect for fete days  
People who do Christmas shows  
People who do lots of small things  
How many, no one really knows

We sing when ever we are able  
We sing when ever booze does flow  
We sing and no one seems to stop us  
Just let them try to tell us, NO

Then the Guys did the Full Monty  
Baring it for all to see  
Flashing Flesh at female floosies  
It wasn't very pretty

Now this Century is over  
And a new one must begin  
We will hold our hands together  
Hoping that we all will win

We'll all have sore heads tomorrow  
But we know it's worth the pain  
Thanks for your terrific friendship  
And we hope it will remain

Thanks for your terrific friendship  
And we hope it will remain

*Written by our own local impresario, Mr. Neil Chesher and performed by Neil, John Whyte, John Brancker, and Nigel Palmer.*

## YEAR 2000 EXHIBITION AT CUBLINGTON CHURCH

You will all be aware (assuming you read **THE CHRONICLE** from cover to cover!!) that Aston Abbots is holding a Millennium Exhibition in January. Here is news from Valerie Osborne of another Millennium Exhibition...

### EXHIBITION AT ST NICHOLAS CHURCH, CUBLINGTON

ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY  
THE 8<sup>TH</sup> & 9<sup>TH</sup> OF JANUARY, 2000

FROM 2.00PM TO 6.00PM

The exhibition comprises of old record books from the Parochial Church Council and Parish Council. Memorabilia of W.A.R.A. (Wing Airport Resistance Association) which will be illustrated by a cine film showing Cublington militant residents as never seen before or since - approximate screening times will be 3pm and 5pm on each day. Festive refreshments will also be offered.

## CHRONICLE MEETING

**THE CHRONICLE** is always on the look out for extra contributors and people who can help with typing and so on. Over recent weeks a number of villagers have expressed an interest in helping to produce **THE CHRONICLE** on a regular basis. So here's your chance .....

**There will be an open editorial meeting on Monday January 24<sup>th</sup> at 8.30pm at The Bull & Butcher.**

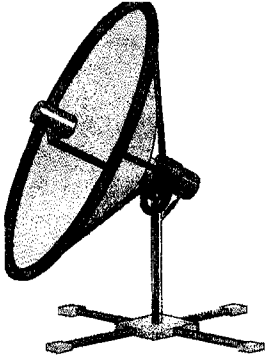
Please come along if you would like to help with ANY aspect of the paper - don't panic if you can't make the date, simply call Andi Swain on 682651 to discuss what you would like to do help.

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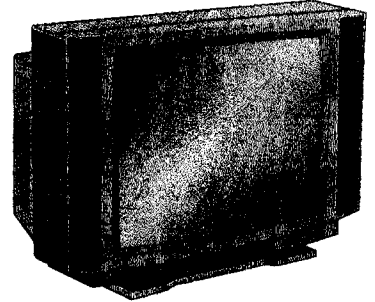
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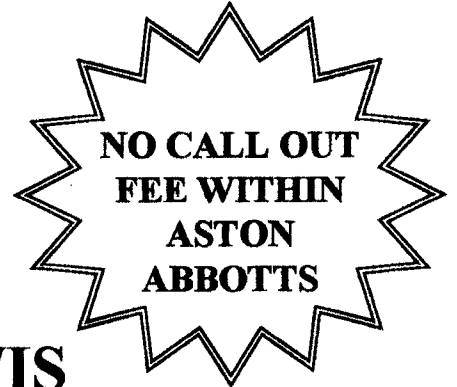
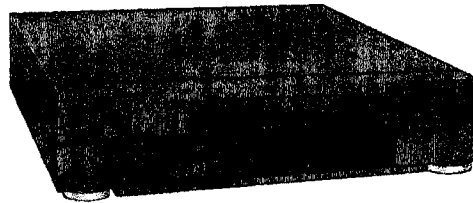
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