## The Chronicle

Parish Magazine for Aston Abbotts



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## **Editorial**

Every month I have begun this page with a word of thanks, and this month is no exception. Several people have donated cash to help finance THE CHRONICLE, to them my sincere thanks. Others of you have indicated that you would be willing to support the newsletter through advertising. Again my thanks. Later in the issue is a page giving details of hoe you can do this with some examples of how the advert page could look.

## THE PARISH COUNCIL

As you will see in our UPDATE column the Parish Council meetings cover issues that concern us all. One of the encouraging aspects of these meetings is the regular attendance of both your District Councillor Bryan Round and your County Councillor Reg Keen. If you have any problems the Parish Council Meeting provides an opportunity for you to meet your representatives, but if you cannot make the meeting they can always be contacted by letter or phone:

Bryan Round, Fernleigh, Nup End Lane, Wingrave. (Tel: Aston Abbotts 621).
Reg Keen, 18 Bragenham Side, Stoke Hammond, Milton Keynes. (Tel: Soulbury 467).

(Reg's telephone number given in an earlier issue was incorrect - my apologies)

Please keep the articles and ideas coming - if any of you have a talent for drawing I would welcome any illustrations, large or small.

Please note that due to the Christmas break the next issue of THE CHRONICLE will not be delivered until January 5th. or 6th.

Finally my best wishes to you all for Christmas and the New Year.

Groham Parky.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sir, - May I congratulate the Editor and Aston Abbotts in general on an excellent and informative production. I am always available to visit people in their own homes regarding any problems they might have with the County Council - in particular 12+ selection problems and the appeals procedure. I am a regular attender at your Parish Council meetings and seek the advice from your elected representatives on matters effecting the village. I am delighted to be able to work closely with Bryan Round on District matters and by 'pooling' committees I feel we are able to help our villages in a very constructive way. Finally, through your columns, may I wish everyone a very happy Christmas and New Year.
Yours sincerely,

REG KEEN.

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- 1. By telephone to Graham on Aston Abbotts 325.
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THE JANUARY ISSUE : Copy by Friday 30th. December ; delivery will be on January 5th. or 6th.

## WHAT'S ON

POPPY APPEAL: May I thank all who gave so willigly to this years Appeal. Full details not yet known but certainly an increase on

last year. THANK YOU.

D.E.WAITE.

THURSDAYS 1st. and 15th. WHIST DRIVE at 7.30 p.m. in the CHURCH ROOM.

THURSDAY 8th. BINGO 8.00 p.m. in the CHURCH ROOM. SATURDAY 17th. XMAS BINGO 8.00 p.m. in CHURCH ROOM. MONDAY 26th. BOXING DAY WALK to WING meet at the GREEN at 11.00 a.m.

## ASTON ABBOTTS CHRISTMAS SHOW

Performances on Wednesday 30th. November.
Friday 2nd. December.
Saturday 3rd. December.

## Aston Abbotts whist drive

At a whist drive in the Church Room, Aston Abbotts last Thursday in aid of St. James' church funds, Mr. Colin Higgs was the M.C.

Mr. Colin Higgs was the M.C.
Winners were Mr. C.
Higgs, 2 Mr. Hodges, 3
Mrs. E. Naylor, 4 Mrs.
Banks. Special — 1 Mr. D.
Waite, 2 Mrs. E. Bennion.

## TUESDAY CLUB NEWS

The second meeting of the TUESDAY CLUB was held on the 8th. November in the Church Room and was a 'roaring success'. Ruth and Helen Watts treated us to a demonstration of Christmas crafts and then encouraged everyone to join in and make their own festive decorations. Christmas crackers abounded ..... parcels proliferated .... and tree decorations dangled:

A stimulating selection of savouries were produced and served by Bridget Brandon, Christine Fox and Diane Fulton. A raffle was also held.

The next meeting will be held on <u>DECEMBER 13th</u>. at 8.00 p.m. in the Church Room. It will be a talk and demonstration on hair care. Refreshment ladies for the meeting will be Michelle Hinds, Karen May and Diane Lovell.

## NEWS FROM THE 1st. WINGRAVE SCOUT GROUP

The cubs kept the Wingrave flag flying with a convincing victory in the first round of the cub quiz. The team of John Keighley, Lyndon Johnson, Christopher Arnold and Simeon Banks romped home with 36 points to Aston Clintons 21. We wish them the best of luck in the next round.

The scouts too have won a tough competition - the District First Aid Competition. A high standard was achieved by the team of Sean Cannon, Andrew Barrow-cliffe, Adrian Dixon and Neil Cook. The scouts also gained a creditable 2nd. place in the District Night Hike.

The Christmas Bazaar, held on Saturday 26th. November, was a great success, and with the help of a major raffle added £420 to the funds.

On the same day the District Handicraft Competition was held in Aylesbury, but Wingrave had to be content this year with 4th. place out of the 16 packs taking part. Among those gaining individual success were Jonathan Pitts who won the puppet class in the under  $9\frac{1}{2}$  age group; Mark Purrett, who came 2nd. in the same class for the over  $9\frac{1}{2}$  age group (as well as obtaining 3rd. place in the working model class); and Piers Parker who came 2nd. in the cakes class! To them all our congratulations, but especially to Mark Bonham for his 1st.place.

## FOR SALE

A black and white television set .... 14 inch screen .... £10 Contact Aston Abbotts 486.

## METHODIST CHURCH

The CHRISTMAS BAZAAR was a great success with £148 being raised. The childrens stall raised £16 which they have decided to donate to the Blue Peter Appeal.

The <u>CAROL SERVICE</u> will be at <u>6.00 p.m. on 18th. DECEMBER.</u> This will be a United Service.

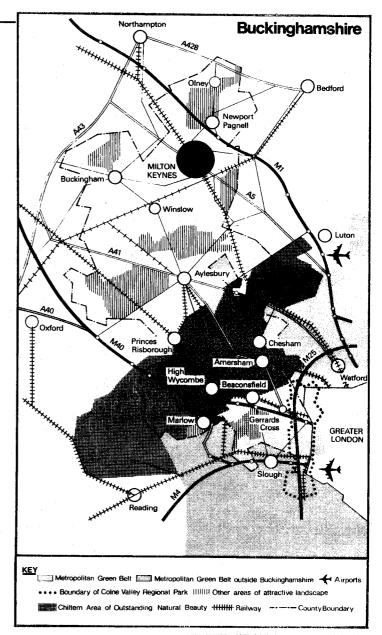
## Buckinghamshire: a farming report

## Patricia Dodd and Reg Warner visit a county suffering intense pressures on its land

- This small county 50 miles long and up to 14 miles wide has suffered severe pressures on its farmland from the outward growth of London, the creation of Milton Keynes, the expansion of Aylesbury and the construction of the M1, M40 and
- There are only 6,200 farmers, managers and workers in a population of nearly 600,000.
- The farming is varied: 54,000 acres of barley, 79,000 acres of wheat, 5,000 acres of oats, 163,000 acres of grass, 600 acres of potatoes, 1,430 acres of vegetables, 430 acres of orchards, 200 acres of soft fruit and 40 acres of glasshouses. There are 120,000 cattle, 65,000 pigs, 175,000 sheep and 1.75 million poultry.
- Half the farmland is grade 3, and 15% grade 2. There is hardly any grade 1.
- Typical price for agricultural land is £1,800 an acre. Much land in the south of the county is said to be owned by builders, who hope eventually to receive planning permission.

AN EXTRACT FROM THE BRITISH FARMER AND STOCKBREEDER FOR THE WEEK ENDING 17th. SEPT. 1983, THAT WE HOPE WILL BE OF INTEREST.

- The metropolitan green belt covers a third of the county, which also includes the Chiltern Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. There are 48 Sites of Special Scientific Interest, all
- Buckinghamshire County Council has 110 farming tenants and a large landholding: 8,000 acres of statutory smallholdings and 5,000 acres of farmland within the green belt. The GLC has 760 acres of smallholdings at Denham.
- The proposed Coine Valley Regional Park will include land at the London end of the county. In the 40 square miles of the park green belt policies will be reinforced and the landscape will be improved. If approved, the park will be completed about
- The county NFU, formed in 1918, has 1,700 members, and is keen to remain independent. Its representatives on the NFU council are W. A. Hilsdon and R. Uglow, and the county Secretary is Chris Aworth.



## City of a tomorrow that isn't coming

THE CITY of the future - or ugly sprawling amoeba, whichever way you look at it — has robbed Buckinghamshire thousands of acres of once-useful countryside.

Milton Keynes is "by far the largest planned growth scheme in south-east England," in the words of the Buckinghamshire Structure Plan. Thirty-five square miles, taking in the small towns of Bletchley, Stony Stratford and Wolverton, were destined to house 250,000 people by the mid-1990s. A city the size of Cardiff or Newcastle-on-Tyne was to rise in little more than a quarter-century.

The fate of Milton Keynes shows the folly of relying too much on projection of current trends. Since the heady days of full employment in the sixties population increase has slowed. and Buckinghamshire no longer has a chronic shortage of skilled workers. The county's unemployment rate is 9%. The raison d'etre for Milton Keynes has gone.

"Farmers are angry about the amount of wasted land," said Chris Aworth, secretary of Bucks NFU. "There are 7,000 acres of farmland within the area designated for the city, mostly let on grazing licences.

There are bits here, bits there, between the clusters of cheek-byjowl houses that have been built.

"A lot of it's more or less unfarmable." said John Boughton able," said John Boughton, county NFU chairman, "cut off between areas of houses or factories. There have been many building errors too. It's been a wasteful venture in lots of ways."

## Farm with an open gate

PETER ALSFORD, who used to manage Shell's demonstration

manage Shell's demonstration farm at limer, is now in charge of an ambitious "open farm" project at Milton Keynes.

The Open Farm (Milton Keynes) Trust, chaired by Tom Boden — a former deputy president of the NFU — runs the 375-acre Manor Farm as a commercial venture, dedicated to informing the public about foed production.

tion.
Mr. Alsford, last year's chairman of Bucks NFU, has a fragmented farm. It is owned by Milton Keynes Development Corporation, and is used for beef, sheep and arable production. A dairy herd is to be introduced, too. The Ouse forms one boundary, and there are 150 acres of flood meadow.

it's early days yet. The trust took on the tenancy only last year, and the house and buildings are still being renovated.

## Annual meeting

ASTON Abbotts Ladies' Club held its annual general meeting in the Church Room, last week.

support during the year.
Mrs. P. Rickard pre-

sented the treasurer's report and balance sheet, showing an increase to £140.85 in the bank, and Mrs. J. Ford, the minutes secretary, reported on the year's activities.

A bring-and-buy stall raised £15.10 for club funds and a photograph competition was won by Mrs. Bellingham and Mrs. Christopher.

Cakes were provided and served by Mrs. Murray and Mrs. Kelleher. The latter also won the raffle prize.

Mrs. Newell agreed to continue as chairman for another year, with Miss B. Bennett as vice-chairman, Mrs. Dines as secretary,

Mrs. Newell presided and Mrs. Rickard as treasurer thanked members for their and Mrs. Christopher as minutes secretary.

The new committee will consist of Mesdames Smith, Kent, Hills, Read and Bellingham.

Our meetings for December are on the 8th. and 22nd.

On the 8th. the meeting is as usual at 2.45 p.m. in the Church Room. Mrs. Synot will be talking to us about places she has visited in various parts of the world.

On the 22nd. we are holding our annual carol service. This year it will be in Cublington Church at 2.45 p.m. and Pam Reed has kindly invited us all to tea at her house afterwards.

## CHURCH NOTES

Our Carol Service this year is on 18th. December at 3.00 p.m. We hope to see as many people, old and young, as can possibly be there. It would be good to have a full church for the serwice and for the cup of tea and mincepie after wards.

On Christmas Day itself we will be having a Family Service, followed by Holy Communion, at the earlier time of 10.00 a.m. Again it would be good to have our usual excellent Family Service congregation enlarged to beat our record so far of fifty. There will be no Family Service on the 1st. January.

## SERVICES FOR DECEMBER

			<u>Sidesman</u>
4th.	11.15 a.m.	Family Service followed by Holy Communion	Miss. G. Ford.
11th.	11.15 a.m.	Holy Communion	Mr. C. Higgs.
18th.		Holy Communion Carol Service	Mr. C. Spike. Churchwardens.
25th.	10.00 a.m.	Family Service followed by Holy Communion	Mr. J. Ford.

There will be no flowers during Advent. Special arrangements will be made for decorating the Church for the Christmas Services.

May we take this opportunity of wishing you all a very happy Christmastide.

## "YEARS' MIND"

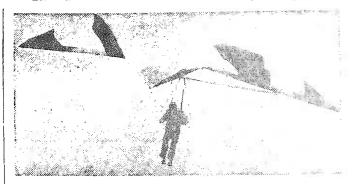
If you would like the mames of departed loved-ones remembered at the Altar, we keep a diary. All you need to do is to submit the Christian Name by which they were known and the Surname, with the anniversary date, and they will be entered in the diary. Then, on the Sunday before the date each year, we will include their names in the prayers at morning Service. You do not have to be a Church member - we will gladly offer this in what is called the "YEARS" MIND". Please hand your names for this remembrance to Mrs. Shirley Ford at 2 Ross Road.

## The Court Chanicles

MASTON IB-DUTE MEMORABILIA"

This page is reserved for momerability imags worth remembering, about Aston Abbotts. If you have any stories from materyear; of life in Aston when the Abbey flourished; any childhood materies or old newspaper cuttings; tales of village characters or an unresolved mystery, thats just what we need for the ESTONE CHRONICLES.

This month an extract from the fally Express of 27th. December 1973. A decade on and three more grandchildren, and the only time George flies now is in his dreams after a 'heavy' night on the home made wine.... Many happy returns!



UP...George has Intrut-

# Or . . George Has are say

TROUBLE . . . mind that thorn bush

## A thorny end for George the birdman

Express Staff Reporter

LRANDPA GEORGE showed yesterday that flying isn't strictly for the birds. For the daredevil 65-yearold just spread his wings, took a running jump and simply soured.

was something more down-to-earth-like landing that posed the prickly problem for the bespeciacled birdman.

Coorge Brandon, of Asion Abbotts, Bucking-hamshire, began his Box-leg Day spectacular before a rowd of 200 near Ayiesbury.

the donned his crash trimet and strapped himacil into his man-sized kite oil top of Ivinghoe Beacon, 2001, above sea level.

## Height

Then, after 18 unsuccessattempts, he finally flew through the air for 100ft. before coming in to land on top of a thorn lash

Croover a father of five who has eight grandchildren reached a height of 25 feet before the thorny lameras. As he untangled himself from his harness



George Brandon

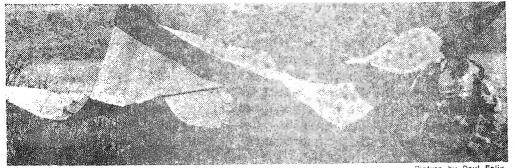
he said: "It's all been worthwhile."

He had spent £170 of his savings buying the 18ft. long blue and black kite, which has a 24ft. wing span.

## Another go

"Some people reckon that I'm too old to do this sort of thing but I'm not one of them. I've always wanted to fly and now I've done it." he said.

But he's still not satisfied: "I intend to find another hill somewhere and have another go and see if I can fly even higher and further next time."



Picture by Faul Felix

OUCH!... What a prickly block for a londing

## <u>UPDATE</u>

Our Regular Notes on Parish Council Activities.

Among the topics discussed at the Parish Council Meeting held on 18th. of November were:

## THE CHURCH ROOM

The Chairman reported the disappointing response to the public meeting held in October. The Vicar had not felt the meeting was sufficiently representative to warrant the formation of a management committee, and the matter had been left in abeyance "certainly until the spring".

There were members of the Council who felt that an opportunity had been lost; that at the public meeting four parishioners had been prepared to serve on a management committee which, along with one other nomination and the Vicar, would have provided a committee more than adequate to carry out the task. Particular concern was expressed that the help offered by the Manpower Service Commission (MSC) to carry out maintainance would be lost. The MSC had offered to carry out the work for the cost of materials but needed a detailed costing and job description presented to them with an assurance that the money for materials would be available. This needed acting upon immediately if we were not to lose the offer by default. The work would require some urgent fund raising (something in the region of £200), which it was felt a management committee would have undertaken with enthusiasm. After further discussion the Clerk was instructed to write to the Vicar asking him to reconsider the appointment of a management committee to serve until the Annual Parish Meeting.

## LINES HILL

The chevrons at Lines Hill had been agreed and would be installed. County Councillor Reg Keen informed the meeting that a request for an extension of the 30 m.p.h. limit would be included in next years review. The construction of a footpath from Lines Hill to the village however, was not seen as a 'justifiable priority' by the County Council. The Parish Council will however continue to press this matter.

## WINGRAVE ROAD

The extension of the Wingrave Road footpath was again raised and requests would be made for its inclusion in the minor works programme for next year. The lack of access to the garages in Wingrave Road during recent improvement work was raised and District Councillor Bryan Round promised to see if some relief from rental payment could be obtained.

## BEST KEPT VILLAGE

Again discussed — any ideas on how to improve our performance would be welcomed. There was a suggestion that if we undertook work to improve the appearance of the village that was normally the responsibility of the District or County Council we should be able to ask that the money thus saved should be diverted to other work in the village. This was obviously an idea that needed further investigation!

## BRICSTOCK BUNGALOWS

There had been a quite justifiable complaint at the absence of any lighting for the rear access path to the bungalows. The Parish Council agreed to treat this as a priority issue. Advice would be sought from the Electricity Board with an indication of cost, so that the improvement could be included in next years programme.

THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING will be held at the CHURCH ROOM on FRIDAY 13th. JANUARY starting at 8.00 p.m.

## DECEMBER'S GARDENING TIPS

The leaves have fallen from most of the trees leaving us a few evergreens and coloured stems (such as dogwood) to give colour in the garden.

One last tidy up. Clean and put away the lawn mower.

Dig up part of the old rhubarb root and leave on top of the ground to the frost. Replant it at the end of January, cover with an old bucket or dust bin with the bottom out and filled with straw lightly packed for young and tender rhubarb.

May I wish everyone a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Amateur Gardener.

## THE ASTON ABBOTTS COOKBOOK

One or two more ideas for the festive season - a couple of warming drinks (one a little warmer than the other) and a reasonably local (Oxfordshire) traditional - well 19th. Century - seasonal pudding.

## MULLED WINE

Gently heat in a saucepan:

1½ litres(3pints) of red wine;

750 ml.( $1\frac{1}{2}$  pints) water;

1 cinnamon stick;

Juice of 2 lemons.

Add:

200g. (8 ozs) soft brown sugar pint of orange juice.

Garnish with orange or clementine slices, each studded with a clove. Keep mixture warm without boiling until ready to use.

Makes approx. 20 glasses.

## KIDDINGTON HOLLYGOG PUDDING

Ingredients: 8 oz. plain flour

4 oz. butter or lard

Pinch of salt

Golden Syrup or treacle

Mug of milk

Cold water to mix.

Method

: Sieve the flour and salt. Rub the fat into the flour until it has a breadcrumb consistency, and add a little milk to form a stiff dough. Roll out into a rectangle, spread with syrup or treacle and roll up like a Swiss Roll. Put mixture into a greased baking dish and pour enough milk to reach half way up the side of the dish.

Bake in a moderate oven (400 F) for 35-40 minutes.

Serve in slices.

The recipe is the copyright of Oxfordshire Museum Service, Woodstock, Oxon.

## APPLE MULL

Gently heat:

1½ litres (3 pints) apple juice;

750 ml.(1½ pints) water;

1 cinnamon stick;

Juice of 2 lemons.

Add:

3 tablespoons of brown sugar;

2 tablespoons of honey.

Garnish with apple slices (optional).

Makes approx. 20 glasses.

The General Synod of the Church of England is working out a procedure so that divorced people may be married in church. I am all for this in certain cases, but the cumbersome machinery which is being proposed to make this happen will prove both costly and time-consuming. I suspect, therefore, that most people will take the simpler way out and have a civil marriage followed by a blessing in church. Many other countries use this method for all marriages, anyway.

My own feelings in this matter are mixed. I believe that marriage vows are for life, and that the marriage bond which two people enter into on their wedding day is a permanent commitment 'for better for worse...' So that if I officiate at a second marriage without reservation I appear to be saying that marriage vows don't matter. On the other hand, marriages do break up; divorced people do marry again, so that if God's blessing is going to help them in their new commitment the Church must be there at that crucial moment in their lives.

So the best way forward seems to be the one that I have been using. By conducting a Service of Blessing (or "Dedication" as the Bishop likes us to call it) over a couple who are trying again I am saying that I want them to succeed, and of course I do. I know that it's often seen to be contradictory and inconsistent - I have said so myself! - if the Church refuses to officiate how can we agree to bless? Yet, however illogical this may seem to be it is, I believe, an honest attempt to deal with the conflict between holding an ideal and ministering to people's needs in an imperfect world. And I never thought I should ever say that!

Most people whose marriages have broken up are scarred for life. They need the assurance of God's love and forgiveness more than those of us who are fortunate to have stable marriages. A service of blessing or dedication can be a wonderful experience and often a very moving occasion. So it may not be possible without grinding a lot of Church machinery to marry divorcees in church; but they can often be helped to see that the Church's teaching which is hard on them can support the resolve in other marriages. It can also help them in the fresh vows they are taking as they are fortified with God's blessing in church.

## Yours sincerely, FR. JOHN HEFFER

P.S. CHRISTMAS is all about the Holy Family of Mary, Joseph and Jesus. Naturally, families come together to celebrate the Festival whenever possible. For the Christian it can be a special time to offer hospitality. There was "no room" for the Christ-child at Bethlehem. Is there going to be room in your home for someone who lives alone and (but for your unselfishness) will spend Christmas alone? It's not surprising that for folk who live by themselves Christmas can be the unhappiest day of the year. Do you know someone like that? Then you could change Christmas misery into Christmas Joy.

ADVENT FOUR The events leading up to the birth of Christ will be told in dramatic form by the Wingrave Junior Church, Sunday 18th December at 10.00 a.m., as a prelude to the Parish Communion that day. Gifts of toys may be brought to the crib scene for the MacIntyre School.

"EARL HAIG" The collection at the Remembrance Day Services at Wingrave amounted to £50 which has been sent to the Fund.

CONFIRMATION 1983 A note of those confirmed by the Bishop of Buckingham at Linslade, 30th November will appear in the January issue.

ASTON ABBOTTS: December 18th 3.00 p.m. Carol Service
Christmas Day 10.00 a.m. Family Service followed by the
Christmas Communion (Note Below)

CUBLINGTON: December 18th 3.00 p.m. United Carol Service (N.B.)
Christmas Day 8.45 a.m. The Christmas Communion

WINGRAVE: December 18th 10.00 a.m. Nativity Scenes (Over Page)
December 18th 6.00 p.m. Christingle Carol Service (N.B.)
Christmas Eve 11.30 p.m. Midnight Mass (N.B.)

New Year's Day 11.00 a.m. United Benefice Eucharist (N.B.)

NOTES Gifts of toys brought to the Carol Service in Cublington Parish Church, 18th December, will be given to the MacIntyre School. At the Christingle Carol Service in Wingrave Parish Church, 18th December, the children from the village School and the MacIntyre will join us with their special carols and read the lessons. Young children are particularly welcome to come on Christmas Day to Aston Abbotts for the Family Service at 10 o'clock when they are invited to bring a Christmas toy; BMX bikes will have to be left in the porch! At 11.00 p.m. on Christmas Eve the Wingrave Singers will lead carols in the Parish Church; a fitting introduction to the Midnight Mass of the Nativity. After the United Benefice Eucharist on January 1st a glass of wine and mince pies will be served; an opportunity for the three parish congregations to

SUNDAY LESSONS

1st January Christmas 1 Romans 12(1-8) Luke 2(22-40) 8th January Epiphany 1 Ephesians 2(1-10) John 1(29-34) 15th January Epiphany 2 1 Samuel 3(1-10) John 1(35-51) 22nd January Epiphany 3 Philippians 4(10-20) John 6(1-14)

meet and to celebrate (continue to celebrate?!) the coming of 1984.

FAMILY SERVICE at Aston Abbotts Parish Church is held on the FIRST Sunday of the month. This is now true for Cublington. So the next occasion in the new year will be February 5th: Aston at 11.15 a.m. and Cublington at 10.30 a.m. The days and times for evening Services in these two parishes are indicated in local publicity. There is an Eening Service every Sunday in the Methodist churches in both villages at 6 o'clock.

JUNIOR CHURCH PARTY - Wingrave Community Centre: 3.30 until 5.30 p.m.

O-FIVE GROUP is held in Wingrave Parish Church on two Thursday afternoons each month. Date check: December 8th, 22nd, January 12th (Party)

and January 26th. Time always at 2.15 p.m.

HOLY BAPTISM Wingrave Parish Church, Sunday 30th October:

ARON IAN, son of Ian and Wendy BIGGS SARAH JANE, daughter of Peter and Carolyn WRIGHTON

FUNERAL After a Service in church, 14th November, ERNEST JAMES RICKARD was buried in Wingrave Churchyard, aged 100 years. During the Service the congregation were asked to give thanks for his long life and all that he had meant to the community; also for his son Cecil and his daughter-in-law Kathleen who had taken care of him in latter years. We pray that he may rest in peace.

JANUARY 8TH The Vicar of Bierton, the Revd. Michael Whalley, will be conducting the Services in our three parishes while the Rector takes Services at Bierton and Hulcott.

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