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Parish Magazine for Aston Abbotts



THE FESTIVAL COLLECTION

MONDAY 16th JULY

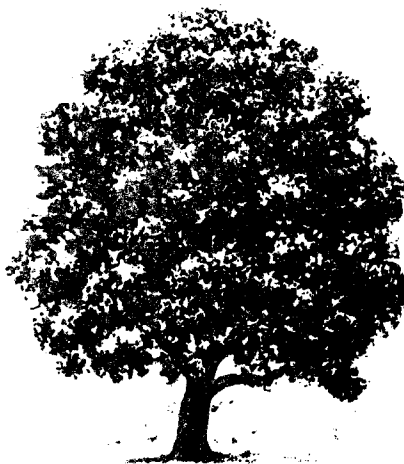
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Editorial



Apologies yet again! This time for the late arrival of this issue. The past month has been hectic to say the least, but we have reason to believe that we remain serious contenders for the Best Kept Village Award, which we missed by one point last year. Final judging is usually held during the first two weeks in July ... so one final effort and justice will we hope be done!

The proposed change of use of the Old School House has been a major topic of concern, but no letters to The Chronicle! An account of events at the Parish Council meeting appears in our Update section.

This years Festival promises to be another enjoyable weekend ... don't forget the collection on Monday 16th., anything you can spare will be gratefully received.

Graham Parker

HOW TO PASS ON ARTICLES/INFORMATION FOR THE CHRONICLE

1. BY telephone to Graham on Aston Abbots 325
2. By dropping a note through his door - The Cloisters Church Row.
3. Use the box in the Village Shop.

DEADLINE DATES FOR THE AUGUST ISSUE

The August issue will be out early - Fete Day - due to the departure of the Editor to foreign parts. By the same token the September issue will be late, not issued until the 8th or 9th. of September.

Copy for the August issue as soon as possible please and no later than Friday 13th please !

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ADVERTISE IN THE CHRONICLE

We need your help to secure the financial future of THE CHRONICLE. This is the style of page we hope to produce; it will appear inside the news letter and your advert would be in each monthly issue for a year.

COST : Minimum £5 - but you could give more!

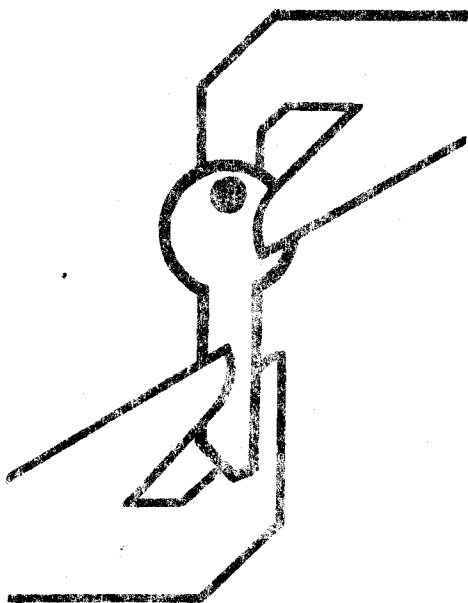
The aim is to raise at least £100 from a two sided page.

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FURTHER INFORMATION : Ring Aston Abbots 325.

We welcome another advertiser to the Chronicle, we thank them for their generous support and hope you will support them.

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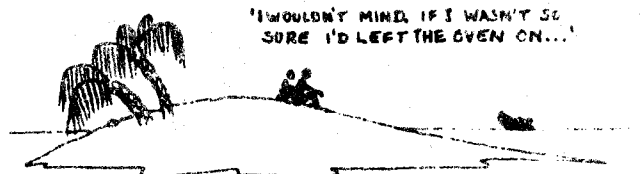
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The principal benefit of the Homeminders service is, of course, security.

Homeminders keep things going

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Tel: Aston Abbots 565



NOTICEBOARD

FESTIVAL

As you will already know, this years village Festival will be on Saturday 21st. July. This years will be an even bigger and brighter attraction than ever - more sideshows; an inter-village 'SUPER TEAMS' tournament; a fly-past display of micro light aircraft.

In addition there will be a number of competitions for villagers:

WINE - a single bottle of home made wine, from natural ingredients not kits.

ROSE - a single bloom displayed.

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT - children under 12 and adult: the most unusual floral arrangement; the most attractive arrangement.

VEGETABLES - A collection of any SIX separate vegetables.

Certificates will be awarded to all winners.

For further information contact Eileen Naylor at the Bull & Butcher, where entries should be taken on the morning of the Festival.

Finally the village relies to a great extent on donations from you to fill the stalls. As last year, we will be making a single collection of items on Monday 16th. July between 7.00 p.m. and 8.00 p.m. We would welcome any gifts, but especially:

GARDEN PRODUCE
GROCERIES
BOTTLES
BOOKS
BRIC - A - BRAC
CAKES

If you can dig into the cupboards, loft and garage and spare any of the above we would be most grateful.

THREE KITTENS URGENTLY require a kind loving home. If you don't want a kitten perhaps you know someone else that does. Please apply to Diana, 1 Church Row as soon as possible.

*Marshallé and Trish Webb would like
to thank everyone for the good wishes
they received for Rosina Ann who was
born on 11th May.*

Trish Webb



WINGRAVE C.E. COMBINED SCHOOL

July, 1984

Miss Whipps and Mrs. Morley

Wingrave Combined School will be a very different place in September because four members of staff are leaving including Miss Whipps and Mrs. Morley, who are both retiring.

Miss Whipps has been teaching at Wingrave School for thirty-two years. She was appointed in September, 1952, and has spent her whole teaching career in Wingrave except for a short period of two terms in 1975 when she was acting Headteacher at Aston Abbotts C. E. First School. When this school closed down she returned to Wingrave School in September, 1975. Miss Whipps has taught infant children all this time and she re-introduced the May Day Celebrations in their present form in 1956. She was presented with a Jubilee Medal in 1977.

Mrs. Morley started at Wingrave School in September, 1974, when the new school opened. She has taken the oldest children, the rising 12's, for these ten years. Mrs. Morley has also contributed very much to the school. She has been in charge of the netball team, which each year has done very well indeed, and also helped with our successful athletics teams. Mrs. Morley helped to start and has been in charge of the school bookshop for many years and during the last two years her enthusiasm and newly learnt expertise have been very evident in the introduction of computers in the school.

We are grateful for the contribution that both Miss Whipps and Mrs. Morley have made to the education of the children in Wingrave, Aston Abbotts and Cublington and to the whole life of the school.

We shall be holding a Cheese and Wine Evening on Thursday, 19th July, from 7.30 p.m. to say "farewell" to both of them, and the other teachers, who are leaving. Tickets for the evening, at £1 each, are obtainable from the school.

We shall also be making a presentation to both of them and anyone wishing to make a contribution should send it to the school in a clearly marked envelope.

We wish both Miss Whipps and Mrs. Morley a long and happy retirement, and every happiness and success to Mrs. Booth and Mrs. Campbell, who are moving on in their careers.

Brian Ellis

CHURCH ROOM

NOTES FROM THE CHURCH ROOM MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

FESTIVAL BUFFET LUNCH

22nd. JULY 1.00 p.m.

Tickets: £2.50 (With
a glass of wine) £1 for
under 14)

Tickets obtainable from
Bridget Brandon (A.A. 425)



DETAILS OF CHARGES

£10 DEPOSIT (for breakages etc.)

£2.50 per hour (outside hire)

£1.50 per hour (hire by Parishioner)

Charges do not include electricity which
is available on a pay as you use basis.

For bookings please contact Doris Scutchings
at the Post Office (Tel: A.A. 243).

Available for parties, weddings, discos,
club meetings and general functions.

The Committee would like to remind patrons
to clear the hall after functions - sweep
the floor, return chairs and tables etc.

Dates for Your Diary

ASTON AUCTION 28th. SEPTEMBER
7.30 p.m. in the Church Room.

We need to rebuild the Church Room funds
following redecoration - if you have any
fund raising ideas please let us know.

NEXT CHURCH ROOM MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING: 14th. SEPT. 8.00p.m.

IN BRIEF

An extract from an admirable
new series Aylesbury PLUS -
"Old How's Almanac".

Is there anyone in the village
who would like to provide sim-
ilar brief anecdotes of life
in Aston?

ASTON ABBOTS - A
cricket tea in the garden
of the pub (was it the Bull
and Butcher?) with the
wasps devouring the sand-
wiches after the village
blacksmith, John Bran-
don, had devoured our
bowlers.



Ladies' Club

To go back a few weeks to May 24th., we had sparkling weather for our "Not so Young" outing and tea party. I think a good time was had by all, including the slightly younger members of the club who set it all up.

Our open evening meeting on June 7th. was another success. A good gathering of people watched Neil Gurney's demonstration of flower arrangements. He took as his theme "Weddings", and gave us an arrangement for 'something old, something new; something borrowed, something blue', finishing with a classic pink and white wedding arrangement. The arrangements were auctioned at the end of the meeting.

The weather was kind for our annual outing on 21st. June, this year to Kew Gardens. Those who went voted it a good day out.

Now to the last two meetings of this session. The penultimate meeting is on July 5th. and is to be another open meeting at 7.30 p.m. Entrance for non-members will again be 20p. The speaker will be Mrs. Hunt from Yardleys and she will be talking about make up.

The last meeting will be at the usual time of 2.45 p.m. It will take the form of a tea party and Mrs. Hill has kindly invited us all to the Old School House. Mrs. Dunkley, who, as we all know, is an amusing speaker, is coming to entertain us with a short talk about moving house.

WHAT NEXT ?

THE RECREATION GROUND

At the last Parish Council meeting it was suggested that the future development of the recreation ground should be opened up to a village discussion.

One proposal that has been put forward is the construction of a fenced hard court area for use as tennis courts, a 5-a-side soccer area, netball etc. We would be pleased to hear any comments you might have on this proposal. Do you think this is a useful development of the ground? Do you have any other suggestions for the grounds development? What problems or benefits do you see in this development? Is there any way you can help with information on playing surfaces, fencing, draining, grants, interest free loans, fund raising ideas or organisation?

Please send your thoughts and ideas to The Chronicle in the usual way or contact Les Smith (Tel: A.A. 368).

Your Village Shop

OSBORN'S

THE GROCERS

'use it or lose it'

UPDATE

OUR REGULAR NOTES ON PARISH COUNCIL ACTIVITIES.

Among the topics discussed at the Parish Council Meeting held on Friday 22nd June were:

BEST KEPT VILLAGE

Although the results of the first round of judging are not being made public we have good reason to believe that Aston Abbots will be under close scrutiny during the first two weeks in July.

CHANGE OF USE FOR SCHOOL HOUSE

An excellent, detailed discussion was made all the more useful by the presence of the prospective new owners Mr. and Mrs. Guitierrez who impressed all present by their concern for ensuring that the essential nature of the village was retained. Concerns were expressed both by members of the public and by councillors. Many of these could be resolved by inclusion in the planning conditions, but on others definitive reassurances remained to be confirmed. After lengthy debate the Parish Council unanimously agreed to support the application so long as certain conditions could be built into any planning consent. The Coun-

ASTON ABBOTTS PARISH COUNCIL

John Whyte, 23 The Green (Chairman); Peter Dines, 87 The Green (Vice Chairman); Colin Higgs, 6 Wingrave Rd.; Graham Parker, The Cloisters, Church Row; Les Smith, Gatesgarth, Lines Hill; with David Watts of White Wheels, Wingrave Road as the Clerk.

Your District Councillor is Bryan Round, Fernleigh, Nup End Lane, Wingrave. (Tel: Aston Abbots 621).

Your County Councillor is Reg Keen, 18 Bragenham Side, Stoke Hammond, Milton Keynes. (Tel: Soulbury 467).

cil wanted the following conditions to be enforced: restrictions on opening hours, including Sunday opening; no change to the external appearance of the building; a limit on the size of the restaurant, no more than thirty seats; no obtrusive signs or lighting; no food or drink to be sold for consumption off the premises. The Council agreed to support a change in the route of the footpath that crosses the property and noted that a new entrance would be made further down Cublington Road for which planning application had already been granted when the building was still in use as a school.

Another area of concern that the Parish Council wanted some reassurance on was over the possible future development of the building; would we have some control over any expansion or change in the style of the restaurant; what would happen with another change of ownership - would there need to be a reapplication for continued use as a restaurant?

Bryan Round assured the meeting that he would seek reassurances on all the points mentioned before giving his blessing to the proposals.

COUNCIL HOUSE ALLOCATION

Again a reasoned and informative discussion involving both Bryan Round and Reg Keen, whose comments were very helpful. The result was that everyone agreed more consultation was needed at Parish Council level so that full benefit could be taken of local knowledge; but it was acknowledged that difficult decisions had to be made that often involved confidential personal knowledge and that our trust had, in the end, to rest with our elected representatives.

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

ASTON ABBOTTS PARISH COUNCIL

83/84 — ?

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1984

GENERAL SUMMARY

Balances off:

General A/c

201 08

Recreation A/c

118 51

Recreation Deposit A/c

355 88

675 47

Receipts:

A.V.D.C. Receipts

850 -

Donations from Aston Abbotts Festival
Christmas Show etc.

290

256 78

Deposit Interest

16 83

1413 61

2089 08

Payments:

Street Lighting, including replacement lamp

567 -

Administration

170 85

Grant to P.C.C.

75 -

Repairs and maintenance

90 46

Recreation equipment

546 12

1449 43

639 65

Balances off:

General A/c

1199 52

Recreation A/c

160 64

Recreation Deposit A/c

1379 49

1639 65

I/we certify that I/we have completed the audit of these accounts in accordance with Part III of the Local Government Finance Act 1982 and with the Code of Audit Practice. In my/our opinion the accounts present fairly the financial position of the authority.

G. Fletcher (G. FLETCHER)

Asst District Auditor

31 May 1984

CHURCH NEWS

The Bishop and Archdeacon of Buckingham have asked the churches in their area to think about the whole question of the ministry of the church. This work has begun and a high spot is to be a weekend conference and workshop at Stowe School early in November. By ministry they, and we, mean the whole work of the church in worship and in the community. Here in Aston Abbots



ST. JAMES THE GREAT, ASTON ABBOTTS, BUCKS.

we are conscious of the large number of people who would be very upset, to put it mildly, if the church was to shut its doors yet who rarely if ever join us in a service. Why is this?

A church should not just "hatch, match and dispatch"; important though all three are. It should be helping us all to enjoy life to the full, to see clearly where we are going and to see where each of us, from the youngest to the oldest, from the more talented to the less talented, contributes to the welfare of the village and most importantly to the wide world outside. A tall order maybe but well worth working at.

The Chronicle and the church would welcome views of ways in which our ministry, that is the ministry of all of us, church-goer and non church goer alike, could be improved.

Meantime there are two Family Services this month, on the first and on the twenty second; the latter being the Sunday morning of the Festival weekend. That Sunday evening we have a service of Songs of Praise with the Rev. Tom Thorp

from Whitchurch as preacher - our apologies to him for misspelling his name on the posters advertising the service and the Festival of Flowers!

SERVICES FOR JULY

July 1st.	11.15 a.m. Family Service followed by Holy Communion. Readings : Acts 4(8-12): Luke 8(41-56).	<u>Sidesman</u> Miss G. Ford.
July 8th.	11.15 a.m. Holy Communion Readings : Acts 8(26-38): Luke 15(1-10).	Mr. C. Higgs.
July 15th.	11.15 a.m. Holy Communion Readings : Acts 11(4-18): Luke 10(1-12).	Mr. C. Spike.
July 22nd.	PATRONAL FESTIVAL 11.15 a.m. Family Service followed by Holy Communion. Readings : Ephesians 4(17-32): Mark 10(46-52). 6.30 p.m. Songs of Praise	Churchwardens. Churchwardens.
July 29th.	11.15 a.m. Holy Communion Readings : Romans 8(1-11): Mark 12(28-34).	Mrs. J. Ford.

THE CHURCHES OF WINGRAVE WITH ROWSHAM, ASTON ABBOTTS AND CUBLINGTON

July 1984

Wingrave Rectory: Tel. A.A.623

21st July ASTON ABBOTTS' VILLAGE FETE & FLOWER FESTIVAL
(see local publicity)

22nd July PATRONAL & DEDICATION FESTIVAL OF ASTON ABBOTTS

11.15 a.m. Family Service

11.40 a.m. Parish Communion

6.00 p.m. "Songs of Praise" (Preacher: Revd. T. Thorpe)
Vicar of Whitchurch

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK RESULTS Mrs. Roberta Smith (Benefice Organiser)
reports that a record amount was raised this year - over £300:-

Wingrave	£146.66	(1983 - £135.43)
Rowsham	18.75½	(1983 - 9.23½)
Aston Abbots	65.64	(1983 - 39.38½)
Cublington	51.92½	(1983 - 41.18½)

A sum of £24.40 was raised at a coffee morning held by Mrs. D. Eadie of Cublington. So the total sent to "Christian Aid" was £307.38 (1983 - £254.43). Many thanks to all our collectors for their efforts and to those who gave so generously. In addition, thanks to Mrs. Joyce Round (Treasurer) and Mr. John Cotton (Auditor).

SUNDAY SERVICE VARIATIONS As this 'Church News Sheet' is not published in August, the following is a summary of Church Services in the holiday months:

Cublington Parish Church.....Parish Communion at 8.45 a.m.

Wingrave Parish Church.....Parish Communion at 10 a.m.

Aston Abbots Parish Church.....Parish Communion at 11.15 a.m.

NOTE the following exceptions: 29th July -No Service at Aston Abbots
19th August-Cublington at 9.15 a.m.
19th August-No Service at Aston Abbots
26th August-No Service at Cublington

FAMILY SERVICES will be held in Cublington Parish Church at 10.30 a.m.
in Aston Abbots Parish Church at 11.15 a.m. on SUNDAY, 2ND SEPTEMBER.

HOLY BAPTISMS: At the Morning Service, Aston Abbots Parish Church
on Sunday, 3rd June: RICKY ALAN, son of Alan & Jacqueline LEE.

on Sunday, 17th June, Wingrave Parish Church:

MICHAEL GEORGE, son of George and Julie DJURIC.

FUNERAL Aston Abbots Parish Church on Tuesday, 26th June:

LUKE HOW

"May he rest in peace"

"BRINGING IN THE SHEAVES" Harvest Festival still assumes great significance in country parishes; many folk will attend church then if at no other time. Indeed, it would appear that anyone who doesn't go to church at Harvest Festival must truly be a pagan! So, over page is a comprehensive programme for all who wish to know in good time.

HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICES AND EVENTS IN THE PARISHES

- 9th September ROWSHAM(Manor Farm Barn) Service at 3 o'clock
(Preacher: Revd.P.Drake, Vicar of Stewkley)
- 16th September U.R.C. WINGRAVE Services at 2.45 and 6.00 p.m.
METHODIST CUBLINGTON Service at 6.00 p.m.
METHODIST ASTON ABBOTTS Services at 2.45 and 6.00 p.m.
- 23rd September WINGRAVE PARISH CHURCH Parish Communion at 10 a.m.
Evensong at 6.00 p.m.
(Preacher: Revd.P.Bullock-Flint, Vicar of Ivinghoe)
Evensong followed by Harvest Supper and Sale
in the church.
- 30th September CUBLINGTON PARISH CHURCH Family Service at 10 a.m.
Parish Comm'on at 10.30 appx
Harvest Lunch and Sale in the church
at 12.30 p.m. No Evening Service.
METHODIST WINGRAVE Services at 2.45 and 6.00 p.m.
- 6th October ASTON ABBOTTS' HARVEST SALE ("Bull & Butcher") 8.00 p.m.
ASTON ABBOTTS' PARISH CHURCH Family Service at 11.15 am
Evensong at 6.00 p.m.
(Preacher: Revd.B.Heafford, Methodist Minister)

SUNDAY LESSONS (ASB Year 2)

5th August	Pentecost 8	1 Corinthians 12(4-13)	Luke 6(27-38)
12th August	Pentecost 9	2 Corinthians 6(3-10)	Mark 9(14-29)
19th August	Pentecost 10	Galations 6(1-10)	Luke 7(36-50)
26th August	Pentecost 11	Philippians 1(1-11)	Matt.20(1-16)
2nd September	Pentecost 12	Micah 4(1-5)	Matt.5(13-16)
9th September	Pentecost 13	Jeremiah 20(7-11)	Matt.10(16-22)
16th September	Pentecost 14	Ephesians 3(14-21)	Luke 11(1-13)
23rd September	Pentecost 15	1 Timothy 2(1-7)	Matt.14(1-12)

READING IN CHURCH The way we announce the lessons is as follows:

Lesson 1 "A reading from (eg) S.Paul's letter to the Galations", or,
"A reading from the book of Micah"

At the conclusion: "This is the word of the Lord"

Lesson 2 (The Gospel) "The Lord be with you" - congregational response.
"A reading from the holy Gospel according to..."

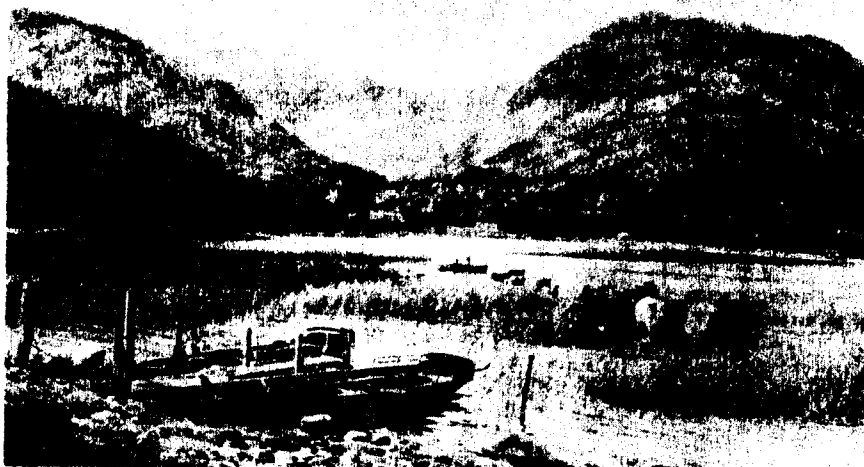
At the conclusion "This is the Gospel of Christ"

NOTE Some readers have asked for this help, but the introduction is
has little value compared with the clear reading of the Word.

GRACE BEFORE MEALS Much kindness has been shown in so many ways to the
occupants of the Rectory during Sheila's convalescence - not least in
the provision of a meal at the end of each day. Before the evening
meal, therefore, the prayer of thanksgiving has taken on additional
meaning. Here is the grace that is often said - you might like to use it.

"Bless us, O God, as we sit together;
Bless the food we eat today;
BLESS THE HANDS THAT MADE THE FOOD;
Bless us, O God. Amen"

Peter Arnold



'Bringing back stray cattle across the head of Ullswater'. Watercolour. Thomas Bushby (1861-1918). Signed, dated 1902, inscribed 'Ullswater'. 14ins. x 21ins.

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