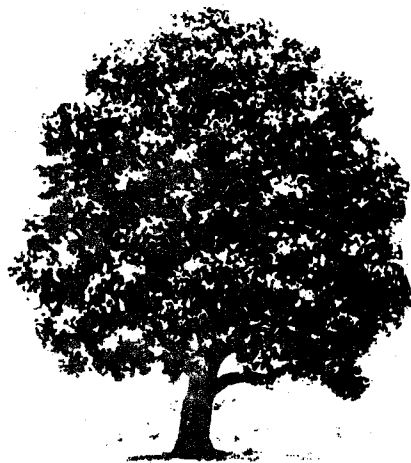


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**PRESENTATION
OF THE
GURNEY CUP**

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Editorial



Apologies for the late arrival of this issue but at least you were warned. A time again for self congratulation will occur this Saturday when the village will be presented with the Gurney Cup for winning the Best Kept Village Competition.

I would also like to congratulate Diane Eadie and Everlyn Griffiths at Cublington who have launched the 'Cublington Crier' to join the Wingrave & Rowsham 'Communique'

and our own 'Chronicle' and thus complete a 'triumvirate' of Parish Magazines.

This issue marks the start of our second year of publication. I hope to be able to introduce a few new features as well as continuing with those that are established. Contributions are always welcome as well as ideas for topics you would like covered.

Finance has again raised its ugly head, but it does cost money to produce the magazine and at the moment we are running into deficit with our amiable and trusting printers. Donations, or better still, more advertising would be most welcome.

Graham Parker

HOW TO PASS ON ARTICLES/INFORMATION FOR THE "CHRONICLE"

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

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By the 21st. September please.

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PRESENTATION OF THE GURNEY CUP

The 'GURNEY CUP' will be presented to the village on the 15th. of September by the Chairman of the Buckinghamshire Association of Local Councils, Mr Richard Pushman. The ceremony will be held in the Church Room at 2.30 p.m. Others invited include the Chairman and Chief Executive of the Aylesbury Vale District Council and the judges in both the preliminary and final rounds. If you have a few moments of free time why not come along to the presentation - an opportunity to glory on self satisfaction should not be missed !

GEORGE WALDEN, C.M.G., M.P.



HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

18th July, 1984

Dear Mr Watts,

I note from last week's Bucks Herald that Aston Abbotts has won the Gurney Cup for the Best Kept Village in the whole of Buckinghamshire. That seems to me a tremendous achievement - though I am not really surprised, having noted myself how well the village is kept.

Please convey my congratulations to members of the Parish Council and, indeed, to everyone in Aston Abbotts.

D. J. Watts, Esq.,
White Wheels,
Aston Abbotts,
Aylesbury,
Bucks.

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NOTICEBOARD

Ladies' Club

The new season begins on 27th. September at 2.45 p.m. when Miss Nora Cuthbert is coming to talk to us about Waddesdon Manor.

We look forward to seeing everyone again and new members will be very welcome.

HOUSEHOLD RUBBISH

Did you know you don't have to wait for a skip to appear in the village to get rid of your rubbish? At Rabans Lane in Aylesbury (the last but one turning on the left leaving Aylesbury on the A41 Bicester road) the Council provides skips galore for the public's use. It's free and open seven days a week. The times are as follows:

Monday to Friday 8.00 a.m. TO 4.30 p.m.

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**Aston Abbotts' attractive looks are
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PETER NUNN**

Praise for councillors

ASTON Abbotts resident and Observer correspondent Mrs Kitty Kelleher and other village inhabitants have applauded the efforts of their parish councillors.

Mrs Kelleher, who has lived in the village for 37 years, said that every week the councillors have been busy mowing grassed areas, sweeping paths and collecting litter.

And Mrs Kelleher, of The Green, said that people visiting the village have noticed the difference and "think it is very nice".

She added that villagers entered into the spirit of the competition: "Everyone has been doing their little bit to help. On the whole most people look after their gardens and their verges."

She also praised the "beautifully kept" churchyard and compared it to other villages where churchyards have become overgrown and untended.

A newcomer to the village, who was working hard on his garden, said he was also



● Mrs Kitty Kelleher

impressed by the efforts of his fellow residents.

Parish councillor Mr Colin Higgs explained that each councillor had worked on a specific area of the village, usually in the areas surrounding their own homes. He thought the villagers' participation had been "great".

He felt the competition had been an incentive to some residents to do more than usual, and had also rid the village of some eyesores.

● 'Excellent' Aston Abbotts caught the eye of the judges with natural beauty of a tree-shaded village green, thatched cottages, litter-free paths and tidy hedges and gardens.

The care shown by this small community has brought them the well-earned prize of the Gurney Cup.

"EXCELLENT"—the judges' verdict on the picturesque, and best-kept, village of Aston Abbotts.

And travellers through the attractive village which boasts pretty thatched cottages and a pleasant tree-shaded village green must surely agree with the judges' decision to award the Gurney Cup to Aston Abbotts.

But the natural beauty of the tiny village has been enhanced by the considerable effort which has been undertaken to keep the green regularly mown, the paths litter-free, hedges trimmed and gardens tidy.

That effort—mainly on the part of the parish councillors—has earned the villagers the annual and first prize for being the best kept Back Lane village with a population under 500.

In the competition, organised by the Association of Local Councils, and sponsored by the Aston Sword, the judges took into account the colorful flower bed outside the Methodist Chapel, the neatness of St James' churchyard and other focal points in the village.

Householders played their part by tidying their gardens and those of elderly neighbours.

After four years of attempting to win the cup, their efforts have paid off—this year beating 19 other entries in their section.

In all five sections of the contest Aston Abbotts achieved a comment of "excellent" from the judges and were awarded 97 out of a possible 100 marks.

£900 raised for village church groups

FESTIVAL DAY FUN IN THE SUN

SUNSHINE and blue skies helped cheer the people of Aston Abbotts last weekend on the day of their festival and fete.

Large crowds gathered on the village green and playing field for the fete, which was opened by Mr Don Bellingham of Longmoor Farms.

And the event proved to be a success with total proceeds estimated at £900. This money will be shared between St James' Church, the Methodist Chapel and the Church Room.

The attractions at the fete included a display of old farming implements, the Birmingham Brass Band, a treasure hunt and the market stalls selling groceries, handicrafts, cakes, bric-a-brac and homemade produce.

Praise

In the church there were flower displays by Mr Neil Gurney, representing Songs

of Praise which received great admiration, as did the flowers in the Methodist Chapel.

Competition winners were: flower arrangement, 1 and 2, Mrs J Webb; home-made wine, 1, Mrs K Kelieher, 2, M Webb; vegetables, 1, Mr D Waite, 2 Mr P Rickard; single rose, 1, Mr P Hill, 2, Miss Elaine Hill.

The inter village sports competition was won by the Wingrave team who beat Aston Abbotts in the final. Prizewinners in the Grand Draw were: 1, Mary Honour of Waddesdon, £50, 2, J

McGregor, three bottles of spirits, 3, J Greaves, three bottles of wine.

There was a good congregation for Sunday evening's Festival Songs of Praise in the church.



● A display of old farming implements helped to entertain the crowds at Aston Abbotts Festival.

In the Recreation Ground we also had blue skies and sunshine and the added bonus of the microlight giving a splendid display above us. Down below however, the teams competing in the Inter Village Games were rather thin on the ground. With three teams backing out at the last minute, we had to rustle up a second Aston team to make the competition worthwhile. That done the spectators were then treated to some unusual variations of skittleball, penalty kicks, netball and crab football. The two highest scoring teams then battled it out over a much enjoyed game of volleyball. The games were unusual because on such occasions we like to make the rules up as we go along.

Congratulations in the end went to Wingrave with 19 pts; Aston 'A' were second with 15; Haydon Hill were third with 8 and a good effort from Aston 'B' who finished with four points, but with an average age of four and a half, not surprising. Thanks to everyone who took part. With that said, the general feeling is that next year, maybe its time for a change.

A summary of the financial results follows:

ASTON ABBOTTS FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

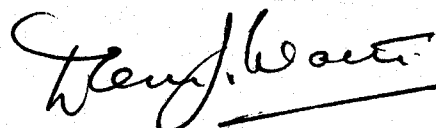
ASTON ABBOTTS FETE 21 JULY 1984

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	<u>1984</u>	<u>1983</u>
Grand Draw - ticket sales	470.20	484.04
Stalls	405.68	454.13
Refreshments	87.55	80.81
Sideshowes and competitions	65.30	55.26
Other receipts	34.00	63.05
	<u>1062.73</u>	<u>1137.29</u>
Less Expenses	195.37	168.12
	<u>£ 867.36</u>	<u>£ 969.17</u>

In accordance with the Resolution passed at the 1984 Annual Parish Meeting, the net proceeds are to be allocated as follows :-

St. James' Church	28%	£ 243
Methodist Church	28%	£ 243
Church Room redecoration and repairs	28%	£ 243
Parish Council (toward cost of mower)	6%	£ 52
Balance, to be allocated	10%	£ 86.36
	<u>100%</u>	<u>£ 867.36</u>



D.J. Watts

Hon. Treasurer

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Buckingham County Council
Education Department

Course Programme for September 1984

Leaflets describing the courses and learning opportunities provided by Buckinghamshire County Council in this area are now available from libraries and village post offices and shops, or by 'phoning Wing 632.

Our courses cover a wide range of subjects, activities and crafts and they take place during the daytime as well as in the evening, and in other villages in addition to Wing.

If you are interested in any of our courses, you can attend a free introductory session, with no obligation to enrol, during the week beginning Monday, 17th September. These sessions are intended to give you the chance to meet your tutor and potential fellow course members at the same time and in the same room as planned for the course.

Please collect a leaflet and send in a reservation form, if possible. This helps us to gauge the response to particular courses and does not commit you in any way.

If you feel that the Centre is not meeting your own learning or leisure needs, please contact Dr. Alan Owen, the Head of Centre, at Wing Adult Centre, Wing County Secondary School, Aylesbury Road, Wing, Leighton Buzzard, Beds (Tel. Wing 632). He will always be pleased to meet you and talk to you about how the Centre could help.

Details of the courses available appear on the following pages.

Fees

The standard fee for courses is 80p per hour.

You can pay for 20-week courses in 2 instalments of 10 weeks or get a 10% discount by paying for 20 weeks at the beginning.

In cases of financial hardship, special low fees or small instalments may be arranged with Dr. Owen.

Senior citizens, under 18's and those in receipt of certain state benefits (please enquire) are automatically entitled to pay half fees.

There are no extra charges for non-Bucks residents.

Monday

- Badminton** (2nd Stage) 7.30-9.30 p.m.
expert coaching in skills and tactics. **20 weeks**
- Bobbin Lacemaking** 7.30-9.30 p.m. **20 weeks**
this class is full but send in reservation form and we may be able to arrange another evening.
(Introductory session on 24th September)
- Dressmaking/Soft Furnishing** 7.30-9.30 p.m. **20 weeks**
instruction and guidance in either or both these domestic crafts from beginners to advanced levels.
- French Conversation** 10.00-11.30 a.m. **20 weeks**
for those who already speak some French and wish to develop fluency.
- Furniture Restoration** 7.30-9.30 p.m. **20 weeks**
working on your own piece of furniture (antique or modern), learn techniques of repair and restoration. Some basic skill with tools will be required.
- German (Beginners)** 8.00-9.30 p.m. **20 weeks**
an opportunity for those with no German to make a start with the language, using the B.B.C. 'Kontakte' tapes and books.
- Keep Fit** (at Cheddington Combined School) 8.00-9.00 p.m. **20 weeks**
exercises to music to keep you in trim—slightly easier than Discocise.
- Keep Fit** (at Northall Village Hall) 8.15-9.45 p.m. **20 weeks**
popular village class—places limited to 12.
- Running a Small Business** 7.30-9.30 p.m. **10 weeks**
essential information, advice and guidance from a professional accountant.
- Book-Keeping for Small Business** 7.30-9.30 p.m. **10 weeks**
simple methods to understand and control the paperwork.
(Starts 7th January—After introductory session on 17th September)
- Typewriting/Keyboard Skills** 7.30-9.30 p.m. **20 weeks**
for beginners or improvers; business or personal use—useful for computer and word processors as well as typewriters. Take R.S.A. exams if you wish.
- Upholstery** 7.30-9.30 p.m. **20 weeks**
learn or improve skills in traditional or modern upholstery working on your own projects.
- Yoga** 8.00-9.30 p.m. **20 weeks**
the way to good physical and mental health.

Tuesday

- Badminton** (at Edlesborough Combined School) 7.30-9.30 p.m.
mixed ability, sociable village class. **20 weeks**
- Bridge (Beginners)** 7.30-9.30 p.m. **20 weeks**
the card game that adds a new dimension to your social life. No need to come with a partner.
- Cookery** 7.30-9.30 p.m. **Spring Term**
Send in form for details—available later in the year.
- Crafts** (at Winghoe Town Hall) 10.00 a.m.-12.00 noon **20 weeks**
patchwork, quilting, applique—all levels of ability and experience accommodated.
- Floral Art** 7.30-9.30 p.m. **2 x 10 weeks**
develop your sense of creativity and design; ideas for gifts, flowers for special occasions and cultivation of plant material.
- German Conversation** 8.00-9.30 p.m. **20 weeks**
an enjoyable chance for those with some knowledge of German to extend their spoken ability.
- Impressionists to Modern Art** (at Wing Hall) 10.00 a.m.-11.30 a.m. **20 weeks**
an opportunity to study this exciting period of transformation in art and increase your own understanding and enjoyment.
- Introduction to Computers** 7.30-9.30 p.m. **20 weeks**
for those with no previous knowledge or experience of computers. Learn what they are, how they work and what they can do.
- Local History** 7.30-9.30 p.m.
two short courses intended to help you to understand and appreciate the important historical features and personalities of the local area (Beds and Bucks)
- i. Railways, Roads, Canals and Bridges **10 weeks**
 - ii. People and Places (Introductory session on 8th January) personalities, mansions, cottages, churches and monuments. **10 weeks**
- Upholstery** (at Wing Hall) 10.00 a.m.-12.00 noon **20 weeks**
don't miss this opportunity to join a daytime class. Traditional and modern skills working on your own project.

Wednesday

- Badminton (Beginners)** 7.30-9.30 p.m. **20 weeks**
basic instruction for inexperienced players and complete beginners.
- Drawing and Painting** (at Ivinghoe Town Hall) **20 weeks**
10.00 a.m.-12.00 noon
popular, sociable village daytime class giving practical guidance and instruction at all levels.
- French (Beginners)** 8.00-9.30 p.m. **20 weeks**
a course for beginners or near beginners to be based on the new B.B.C. 'A vous la France' programmes and books.
- Improve Your French** 8.00-9.30 p.m. **20 weeks**
second stage course for those wishing to develop their use of French in realistic situations.
- Introduction to Archaeology** 7.30-9.30 p.m. **10 weeks**
Oxford University course. Tutor from Bucks County Museum.
(Introductory Session—3rd October)
- Keep Fit/Discoise** (at Wing Hall) 10.00-11.30 a.m. **20 weeks**
at last a regular daytime class. We are trying to arrange a creche.
- Keep Fit** (Wing) 7.30-9.00 p.m. **20 weeks**
a chance to join an established, friendly group. Beginners welcome.
- Keep Fit** (at Dagnall First School) 8.00-9.00 p.m. **20 weeks**
a new village class. K.F.A. qualified tutor.
- Keep Fit** (at Edlesborough Combined School) 8.00-9.30 p.m. **20 weeks**
popular village class. K.F.A. qualified tutor.
- Making Children's Clothes** 9.30-11.30 a.m. **20 weeks**
learn how to make simple practical clothes for your children at half the cost of shop bought clothes. We are hoping to arrange a creche.
- Upholstery** 7.30-9.30 p.m. **20 weeks**
learn traditional and modern skills working on your own project.
- Writing for Pleasure** (at Wing Hall) 10.00-11.30 a.m. **20 weeks**
newcomers are welcome to join this successful and supportive group tutored by a professional author. We are hoping to arrange a creche.
- Yoga** (at St. Michael's School, Stewkley) 8.00-9.30 p.m. **20 weeks**
mental and physical relaxation.

Thursday

- Autobiographers and Their Art** (at Wing Hall) 10.00-11.30 a.m. **10 weeks**
an informal but stimulating discussion group looking at some books in which authors depict themselves—honestly or otherwise.
- Bobbin Lacemaking** 9.45-11.45 a.m. **20 weeks**
continuation of popular daytime class. A few places may be available for beginners or improvers.
- Conversational Business French** 8.00-9.30 p.m. **10 weeks**
a completely new course intended specifically for more advanced students who wish to develop their ability to communicate in business situations.
- Discoise** (at Cheddington Combined School) **20 weeks**
more energetic movement and exercise to popular music.
- Drawing and Painting** 7.30-9.30 p.m. **20 weeks**
for beginners and advanced students. Includes drawing from the model; watercolour and oils; and some of the essential basic techniques.
- Karate (Tang-Soo-Do)** 7.30-9.30 p.m. **20 weeks**
keeps you in peak physical condition and builds inner confidence. Wear loose clothing.
- Ladies' Recreation** 8.00-9.30 p.m. **20 weeks**
come and enjoy a lively and fun-packed evening in a friendly atmosphere, performing keep fit exercises and playing indoor team sports.
- Making the Most of Silk Flowers** 7.30-9.30 p.m. **3 weeks**
a pre-Christmas opportunity to make presents and arrangements for the home, office, church, etc. from these increasingly popular materials (Starts 8th November)
- Spinning and Basic Weaving** 7.30-9.30 p.m. **20 weeks**
learn how to produce finished articles from the fleece starting with simple tools and then using a spinning wheel.
- Starting BASIC for Home Computers** 7.30-9.30 p.m. **10 weeks**
beginners course for those who have recently bought a home computer or are thinking of doing so. Bring your own equipment if possible.
- Computer Workshop** 7.30-9.30 p.m. **10 weeks**
intended for those who have some knowledge of BASIC and wish to work on projects under guidance.
(Starts on 10th January)
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Friday

Amateur Gardening (City & Guilds) 1.45-3.45 p.m.

an opportunity to take a Hampden Hall Course at Wing during the daytime. Each termly module leads to a City & Guilds certificate, if you wish to take the exam at the end. Fees are about half the normal rate but you will have to contribute something towards cost of materials. Exam fees are also extra.

- i. Garden Design (Introductory session on 14th September)

12 weeks

- ii. Plant Propagation (Introductory session on 11th January)

12 weeks

Dancing Classes 7.30-9.30 p.m.

two kinds of dancing are on offer this year

- i. Folk/Barn Dancing

10 weeks

aimed especially at the beginner, suitable for all ages. A useful way to keep fit as well as enjoying yourself.

- ii. Ballroom and Sequence Dancing

10 weeks

(Introductory session on 11th January)

for the complete beginner. The four main ballroom dances will be taught and some of the most popular of the sequence and novelty dances.

Gentle Exercise for Older People (at Wing Hall) 10.00-11.30 a.m. 20 weeks

a relaxed and enjoyable way to stay fit and active for people of about retirement age and above. Tutor qualified and experienced in teaching older people.

Upholstery (at Stoke Hammond First School) 7.15-9.15 p.m.

20 weeks

traditional and modern skills working on your own project.

How to Enrol

Send no money in advance.

Send in reservation form (or copy) for priority in case your course is oversubscribed.

Attend free introductory session during the week beginning Monday 17th September except where otherwise stated—on the same day, at the same time, and in the same place as planned for the course.

Come and find out and try before you enrol.

Meet your tutor and fellow course members.

- Discuss any special interests or requirements you may have.
- Enrol then if you wish—or before the course starts (if there are still places).
- Courses will then start during the week beginning Monday, 24th September unless otherwise stated.

N.B. If a course is oversubscribed, priority will be given to those who have sent in a reservation form and who enrol at the introductory session.

RESERVATION FORM

Please complete and return to:

Dr. Alan Owen
Wing Adult Centre
Wing County Sec. School
Aylesbury Road,
Wing, Leighton Buzzard, Beds.

Closing date for reservations
14th. September 1984.

Mr./Mrs./Miss/Ms.....

Forename(s).....

Address.....

..... Tel. No.

Please reserve me a place on the following course(s):

Course(s) Day/Place

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CHURCH NEWS

The Festival seems a while ago but what a good if exhausting weekend it was, rounded off with a full church for Songs of Praise. The Church was decorated superbly and it was a joy to see it packed with visitors on both Saturday and Sunday afternoons. They gave generously too, so that our expenses which, of course, were heavy, were covered and we made a modest profit of £50 or so towards the rewiring fund. I suppose the biggest danger to the Church building (other dangers afflict the Church proper) is fire. So it is now necessary



ST. JAMES THE GREAT, ASTON ABBOTTS, BUCKS.

to have the wiring renewed, as it is nearly fifty years old. This is a big job - the lowest tender was over nine hundred pounds - and will stretch our resources to the absolute limit.

I wonder if all the villagers who would grieve if the church closed or was burnt down through neglect would be prepared to give something regularly? Many do of course; the envelope scheme does mean we have a steady income but it is a building that takes some looking after. It should not be a matter of special appeals but rather a matter of saying "Yes, I'll take an envelope" and then give say, just 50p. a week to see that the church continues to grace our village for generations to come. If you are interested please let us know.

The children enjoyed the Quiz. We had many excellent entries and it was a hard task deciding the winners. So much so that the Churchwardens decided that three consolation prizes of £1 book tokens should also be awarded.

The few words about the church which, we thought, were most apt were: 'I like this church because it is like a little house'. Unfortunately Victoria Chandler who wrote that had one answer wrong so first prize to: Angela Hayward of 5 North View, Hardwicke Age 10, who had all the answers correct and a very apt comment - 'I like the stained glass window which tells the story of Jesus's life time'.

Consolation prizes to: Victoria Chandler of 23 Stoke Road, Linslade Age 11.

Amanda Fox of 1 Church Row, Aston Abbotts Age 13.

Natasha Johnson of 75 Winslow Road, Wingrave Age 9.

SERVICES

		Sidesmen
September 16th.	11.15 a.m. Holy Communion	Mr. C. Higgs.
	Readings: Ephesians 3(14-21) : Luke 11(1-13).	
September 23rd.	11.15 a.m. Holy Communion	Mr. C. Spike.
	Readings: 1 Timothy 2(1-7) : Matthew 14(1-12).	
September 30th.	11.15 a.m. Holy Communion	Mr. J. Ford.
	Readings: 1 John 4(15-21) : Luke 16(19-31).	



THE CHURCHES OF WINGRAVE WITH ROWSHAM, ASTON ABBOTTS AND CUBLINGTON

September 1984

A MESSAGE FROM THE RECTORY

Tel: A.A. 623

For anyone who reads this sheet regularly - and by the speed with which I get 'jumped on' for any mistakes I may make there are one or two of you out there who obviously do - you will think I've got "harvest" on the brain. You could well be right, but I got into such 'hot water' last year for getting dates of the said occasion mixed up that I decided this year to really try and concentrate.

Being responsible for three parishes means I've got to concentrate more than I ever had to do when I was responsible for just one. And, speaking of the three parishes (my triplets as I fondly call them) I have now come to the end of my three years as your vicar/rector, or whatever you call me.

It is amazing how time flies. Well, it does for me. I don't seem to have been here that time at all. Perhaps, on reflection, for those good folk who think I've been here too long already, the last three years have dragged!

However, one of my objects has been to try and get us all to work together in the three parishes: to have a common mind and purpose. I realise, of course, that each parish is a community (or should be) with its own identity. This is as it should be. But I still think that we could work together more than we do - at the very least visit each others churches when the time of our own Service is unsuitable, rather than taking the "Sunday off"! Co-operation in other fields, such as fetes and other social and political activity would not come amiss. This doesn't mean disloyalty to our own cause. Yet it does reflect a desire to broaden our outlook on life, and a willingness to share with and learn from others. A sign of individual and social maturity. Our children ought to see this in us.

Having said that, I now welcome the prospect of a new move in Cublington to publish its own parish newspaper - the "Cublington Crier". I was asked when I first came here about the possibility of a joint parish magazine. It seemed an impossibility then. Now, without my doing (only a little bit of hinting and nudging here and there, and lots of prayer and hope) it is coming about. Each parish communicating its thoughts, feelings, history and up-to-date messages about community happenings in its "Communique" / "Chronicle" / "Crier", with this sheet linking the Churches together when it appears attached as part of each parish newspaper.

I do so hope that Cublington will rise to this new opportunity. The word, written down, is very powerful. I can say something many times in public utterance and few will remember or take notice. But if I write it down for all to read (especially if there is a mistake or it's the least bit controversial) and, well...I'm back to the beginning of this message again.

And I'm back to the HARVEST again. Our collections in all three parishes will be given to the current Famine Appeal through Christian Aid. There will be no harvest this year for Ethiopia because of the drought. We really don't know what drought is, do we, compared with what is happening in Africa? No harvest for them until 1985 at the least - probably 1986. We live in a land 'flowing with milk and honey'. So please be prepared to give generously and, if you don't actually go to one of our harvest Services, why not put your generous gift in an envelope and get someone who does go to take it for you.

Yours sincerely,

FR. JOHN HEFFER

P.S. Some of us will be on a conference at Stowe School in November to try and learn how to work together more and with greater efficiency, particularly in the rural parishes. This may well determine the future ministry of the Church. We're hoping for dynamic results.

SERVICES AND EVENTS: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

CONFIRMATION 1984 All those who are considering confirmation this year are invited to come to the Rectory on Wednesday, 10th October at 7.30 p.m. Classes can then be arranged. Attendance at this meeting can be seen as an enquiry, not a commitment.

RESUME OF HARVEST OCCASIONS 9th September at Rowsham(Manor Farm) 3.00 p.m.
16th September at URC Wingrave, 2.45 & 6; Methodist Cublington, 6.00 p.m.;
Aston Abbots Methodist, 2.45 & 6.00 p.m.
23rd September at Wingrave Parish Church, 10 & 6 p.m.: -Harvest Supper & Sale.
30th September at Cublington Parish Church, 10 Family Service, Parish Communion 10.30, Harvest Lunch & Sale 12.30 (No 8.45 or 6 o'clock Services);
Methodist Wingrave, 2.45 & 6 p.m.
6th October (Bull & Butcher) Harvest Sale, 8 p.m.
7th October at Aston Parish Church, 11.15 & 6 United Evening Service.

SUNDAY LESSONS (ASB)

23rd September	Pentecost 15	1 Timothy 2(1-7)	Matthew 14(1-12)
30th September	Pentecost 16	1 John 4(15-21)	Luke 16(19-31)
7th October	Pentecost 17	Galations 2(15)-3(9)	Luke 7(1-10)
14th October	Pentecost 18	1 Peter 4(7-11)	Matthew 25(14-30)
21st October	Pentecost(Last)	Revel.7(2-4,9-17)	Matthew 25(1-13)

PLEASE NOTE Harvest Sunday Morning Lessons are as follows:-
Genesis 1(1-3,24-31a) & John 6(27-35) - pages 891,894 in ASB.

OCTOBER EVENING SERVICES Aston Abbots Parish Church, 7th at 6.00 p.m.
Wingrave Parish Church, 21st at 6.00 p.m.
Cublington Parish Church, Special United Evening Service at 6.00 p.m

HOLY BAPTISM

Aston Abbots Parish Church -

July 8th: BRIAN JONATHAN, son of David and Diana FULTON
LYDIA JANE, daughter of Leslie and Valerie SMITH

5th August at the Parish Communion:
ROSINA ANN, daughter of Marshalle and Tricia WEBB

HOLY MATRIMONY

Aston Abbots Parish Church -

14th July Jan Paul SEBESTIK and Tina Louise LODER
11th August Gordon Alan HERITAGE and Clare Elizabeth HILL

MARRIAGE BLESSING

Wingrave Parish Church -

9th August Alan Stuart and Carol Ann TIMMS

FUNERALS

On Wednesday, 30th May a Memorial Service was held in Aston Abbots Parish Church for Peter Frederick FOX.

After a Service at Milton Keynes Crematorium for Sylvia Victoria SING-BANSE, interment in Wingrave Churchyard, also Raymond Teja SINGH-BANSE, on Friday, 10th August.

A Service was held in Aston Abbots Parish Church and burial there on S.James' Day (25th July) for John Sidney SMITH

"We pray to the Father that he will welcome into his kingdom all our faithful departed brothers and sister and all who have been the friends of God"

O-FIVES meet on the second and fourth Thursday of each month in Wingrave Parish Church. The Autumn Session begins, however, with a party in the Rectory Garden on Thursday, 13th September at 2 o'clock. All mums (and dads if free) are invited to come with their children to this the first 'Teddy Bear's Picnic' held at Wingrave Rectory; so all bears welcome.

SCHOOL SERVICES in Wingrave Parish Church, 13th September at 9.30 a.m. Also, 4th October, a Harvest Occasion. Parents and friends are very welcome to attend.

Peter Arnold



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