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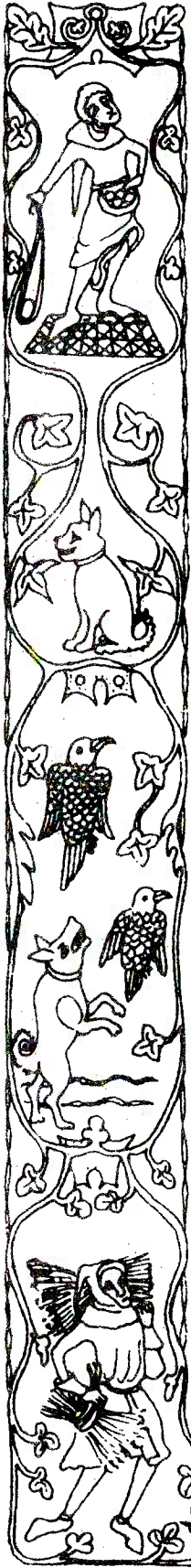
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BOOK OF THE MONTH

The Rothschilds of
Buckinghamshire

APRIL

No. 20





Editorial

A little short of space this month- trying to cut down on paper which has increased by 25% in the last month! Talking of tragedies - April 10th. will see another small step for progress and one giant leap backwards for individuality. No longer will you be able to pick up the phone in Washington or Wagga Wagga and ask for an Aston Abbotts number; for on April 10th. we become part of the amorphous mass of Aylesbury, identifiable only by the prefix 681. Another English idiosyncrasy disappears.

Graham Parker

Graham Parker.

ASTON ABBOTTS YOUTH CLUB

Following a very successful first month the Youth Club is celebrating with a disco for its members on Friday 29th. March from 8-10p.m. Tickets priced 50p., include refreshments, and may be obtained from Bridget Brandon on Aston Abbotts 425 (Aylesbury 681425 after April 10th!).

Activities for the month of April:

5th. - Good Friday - no meeting: 12th. - General activities.

19th. - Organised games: 20th. - Cooking.

The Youth Club is open to all village children and their friends between the ages of 9 and 16, and takes place each Friday evening in the Church Room from 7-9p.m. A subscription of 30p. is charged per child and refreshments are available.

DEADLINE DATE FOR THE MAY ISSUE : By the 20th. April please.

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WHATS ON

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CHURCH ROOM 8.00 p.m.

SUNDAY 21st. APRIL. FOOTPATH WALK
MEET THE GREEN 2.30 p.m.

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Ladies Club

The illustrated talk on British butterflies, which Mr. Cornwall gave us on February 28th was very interesting and the slides were superb. Most of the photographs were taken near to his home in Buckingham and they ranged from the cabbage white butterfly to the much less seen orange tip and others.

Despite announcing that we were having a social evening on March 13th., we changed our minds and had, instead, a buffet lunch in the Church Room on March 14th.!

At the time of writing we are looking forward to some entertainment on March 28th. by two ladies called Jill and Eileen, after which we shall have a break until April 25th. when Miss. Anne French from the Crafts Council is coming to speak to us.

Tuesday Club

CHEESE & WINE APRIL 9th. AT
THE CHURCH ROOM 8.00 p.m.

PRICE £1.50 PLUS RAFFLE.

Ladies wishing to attend please contact Mrs. Fox or Mrs. Hinds before April 1st.

THE CUBLINGTON CHOIR

For some years now the Cublington Choir has successfully sung at various events in Cublington and further afield - both at special services in the Anglican and Methodist churches and at occasions like the Harvest Supper. Last year we were honoured to receive an invitation to entertain the Aston Abbots and Cublington Ladies Club!

There have been suggestions that the choir might become a joint one with Aston (we already have three people from Aston). We are not affiliated to any church. There are many musical works which would probably be rehearsed and performed by a larger choir than either Cublington or Aston could muster on its own.

If you are interested, why not come along to our first practice of the new season, which will be in Cublington Methodist Church at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 13 May. Our leader, George Liddell (1 Roses Close, Cublington, 'phone A.A.591) would be happy to discuss any details.



BOOK OF THE MONTH

The malice in his Methodism

MR SPEAKER by George
Thomas/Century £9.95 pp242

George Thomas, the recently retired Speaker of the House of Commons, who made 'Order Order', a national catch phrase, has told all.

For those of you who like to see a man of eminence go for the throat of those who were once his associates, then you will enjoy this book. But to those who had grown to admire the lilting Welsh voice and abundant common sense of George Thomas - you may well be disappointed. Gaitskell, Foot, Callaghan and even the relatively untried Kinnock all fall foul of Mr. Speaker's pen. Indeed Michael Foot has followed up the publication of this book with a bitter exchange of letters in which he has accused Thomas of betraying "Speakers secrets". Mr. Foot believes this breach of etiquette can only make the job of future Speakers



more difficult. That may or may not be so. I have no objection to George Thomas revealing all, but I'm afraid it also exposes a characteristic that I had not previously noted - a rather nasty malicious streak. Speaker Thomas is a lesser man for having revealed all!



BRIC-A-BRAC
At the Village Stores.

The old scullery, not a pretty sight, I said to myself. So after some amateur decorating, stirring in a few adjectives with the emulsion, which in places refused to adhere to 15th. century walls, what to do? Cover with a picture of Grandma, a cracked plate - araldite only slightly visible to the discerning eye - perhaps a medieval wall hanging, if I could find one - OR, failing all else, stand gracefully before the already peeling emulsion.

Please come and visit, see for yourselves, not the interior decorating, but a selection of bric-a-brac and chat.

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Wednesday 3rd April.

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The Marathon Man



As a part time jogger I envy those who seem to be able to cover miles with apparent ease. I run in a futile attempt to balance out the damage being done to my body by tobacco and alcohol. As, then, a minor member of the jogging fraternity I have long admired the tenacity of Aston Abbotts best known athlete Andrew Ford. We have featured the exploits of Terry Doyle in an earlier issue but this month - after some persuasion - Andrew outlines his career to date and offers some advice to would be masochists.

I started running three and a half years ago, just to try and keep fit, and within six months ran my first marathon. I have been hooked ever since. That first marathon was organised by the Bucks Herald and the Aylesbury Round Table for the Burns Unit at Stoke Mandeville Hospital.

In the three years since that race, I have run five full marathons, with a best time of 3hrs. 23mins, and six half marathons, with a best time of 1hr. 26mins., plus a few five, eight and ten mile races. My training schedule consists of running about twenty five miles a week in winter and forty miles a week in summer and now I have added some winter weight training. In the weeks leading up to a race I gradually increase the miles up to the distance of the race.

Some tips that the would be jogger might find useful

1. Do not go out after a meal until two - preferably three - hours have elapsed.
2. Carry out stretching and loosening exercises before running.
3. Keep muscles warm in winter by wearing protective clothing.
4. Never run hard on stiff muscles.
5. Do not run long distances in old, worn out or borrowed shoes.
6. Before and during a race drink plenty of fluids because runners use a considerable amount of liquid - this loss is the main cause of cramp.
7. If running after injury, or a long lay off, start at a gentle pace and short runs, building up to the longer distances very slowly.

If you have not taken up jogging yet why not give it a try? After the first few agonising and embarrassing attempts you will find you improve quickly and feel much healthier.

ANDREW FORD.

A LETTER FROM WING.

ATTIC AUCTION

Saturday, 27th April

Viewing from 11:00 a.m.

Sale from 2:00 p.m.

The purpose of this article is to bring notice of the auction to your attention. An auction of this kind is very interesting and enjoyable and everyone who attends will have a fun afternoon and may even purchase a bargain. Put the date in your diary and come and enjoy yourself.

Your help would also be appreciated by providing articles for us to sell for you and as you receive 50% of the proceeds it could be financially beneficial. We are prepared to try to sell almost anything except clothing.

No reserve prices are possible. Our auctioneer sells everything, even for low prices, but this adds to the fun and enjoyment of the event. Genuine bargains are possible, but items can be sold which otherwise take up storage space in your house or garage for ever.

Please look in your cupboards, garage, attic. Collect together all those items old or new which you have put away and will never use again. This is a good way of Spring Cleaning and it gets rid of unwanted items.

If you are moving house or clearing a house for any reason remember our sale. It is surprising how an item you would throw away could have value for someone else. If you want to raise money for your own club funds why not collect items that your members will give you and then let us sell them for you. Everyone has something they don't want and if 30 members each give three items the overall amount raised could help your club and Wing School.

The kind of articles that sell well vary tremendously, but pictures, kitchen utensils, gardening equipment, toys, games, bicycles, electrical goods in working order, vases, books, small furniture, unwanted gifts of all kinds are usually safe bets.

Help us to raise money to help the pupils of the school and at the same time help yourself.

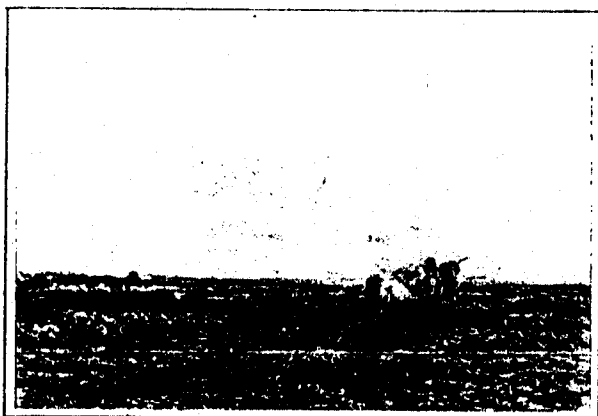
Come along to the Auction. You could get the bargain of a life time and have an enjoyable afternoon.

Either bring your items to the school on Friday, 26th April from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., Saturday morning from 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. or contact one of the following members of the Parent Teachers Committee who will arrange to collect your items from you.

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COLLECTORS GUIDE

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Charm and anguish in watercolour

Another gallery specialising in good Victorian watercolours is that of Peter Arnold, 3 Knolls Close, Castle Street, Wingrave, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, who mounts three annual exhibitions – spring, autumn and Christmas – each of about sixty paintings; and in between issues catalogues of recent acquisitions.

Leafing through earlier catalogues, I discover a pleasing variety of exhibits – for instance, a splendid vista of *St Peter's Rome from the Pamphilia Doria* by William Leighton Leitch (1804-1883). Though signed and dated 1862, it almost certainly originated in a sketch made in the 1830s, when the young Scot passed five busy years travelling in Italy.

In last year's spring and autumn shows, there was much to give pleasure – particularly a blossoming watercolour *At Luccombe, Isle of Wight*, which exploits to the full the natural historical bent of the artist, William Stephen Coleman (1829-1904), who illustrated many of the books of the Victorian naturalist the Rev. J. G.

Woods. Another landscapist featured there was Arthur R. Smith (1872-1934), born and trained in Yorkshire, who had a particular affection for his native county and the Lake District, as was evident from *A Yorkshire Land* and *Among the Fells*, both of which were shown in the artist's lifetime in major London exhibitions.

It is unlikely that any of our contemporaries would dare to give a work a title in the form of a quotation from a classical author; indeed, in these ignorant times, it is unlikely that either



A riverscape by Harry Sutton Palmer,
watercolour. 12ins x 19ins

artist or audience would recognise a classic, but such is the case with a watercolour in the current Arnold Gallery spring show. It is a light-hearted portrayal of a gathering of schoolboys, some playing cricket, some with marbles, one with a makeshift forerunner of the popgun. The drawing is titled "In!" – "*Quo gemitu conversi animi*" which is, roughly Englishing Virgil, "what groaning anguishes their spirits".

When he made it on 18 May 1816, it must have been freshly autobiographical for James Prinsep (1799-1840), since he was still only in his seventeenth year. Soon after this he went to India to be an assistant to the chief assayer at the Calcutta Mint, being appointed Assay Master there in his early thirties. In the last decade of his life, Benares and its environs were the subject of his principal drawings.

Cotswold landmarks

Another watercolour featured in last autumn's show at the Arnold Gallery was *The Old Priory, Broadway*, by the turn-of-the-century painter Joseph W. Milliken. As one who has known the Cotswold village of Broadway ever since I was old enough to be aware of the spirit of place; who has ever had kinsfolk hithering and thithering thereabouts; and who a while ago had the frequent pleasure of taking tea, with friends who owned it, in the garden where Sargent painted the Griggs children in *Carnation Lily, Lily Rose*, I am delighted to see a resurgence of interest in images of Broadway.

QUIZ

This is the sixth and last in our winter series. My thanks to all who have contributed and for the donations made ready for next winters series. To finish with something a little different. No prizes, but how many of the following do you recognise? Answers next month.



MARCH QUIZ

MORE ABOUT BUCKS.

Answers: 1. Bedfordshire. 2. Jordans. 3. Bierton or Barton Hartshorn. 4. Bradwell, Milton Keynes. 5. Burnham. 6. 1963. 7. Botolph Claydon - bus shelter. 8. John Biggs. 9. William Cowper. 10. Stoke Poges. 11. Watling Street. 12. Stowe. 13. Weedon. 14. Lower or Nether Winchendon. 15. 1876. 16. Preston Bissett (pub). 17. Newport Pagnell. 18. Lord Roseberry. 19. Fr. John Heffer. 20. Anne.

THE BIBLE CAKE.

Answers: 1. $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. butter. 2. $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. sugar. 3. 1 tblsp. honey. 4. 3 eggs. 5. $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. raisins. 6. $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. figs (chopped). 7. 2oz. almonds (blanched and chopped). 8. 1lb. flour. 9. Season to taste with spice. 10. 1 pinch of salt. 11. 1 tsp. yeast. 12. 3 tabbsp. milk.

Again many thanks to Colin Higgs for both those quizzes.

UPDATE

REPORT ON THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN THE CHURCH ROOM ON FRIDAY 8th. MARCH.

In the absence of any matter of major concern the meeting contented itself with electing the various committees for the year and deciding on the distribution of any money raised at this years Festival.

Church Room Management Committee.

The committee reported on the successful work of the MSC in redecorating the building and that the cost had been met with the help of money from last years Festival. They were now undertaking a review of future improvements which would be discussed at their next meeting on Sunday 31st. March at 3.00 p.m. in the Church Room. Details in next month's Chronicle. The accounts - details on page 2) showed a healthy balance but the committee hoped that further funds could be made available from this years Festival to enable the improvement programme to be continued. The committee Chairman, by constitution, is Fr. John Heffer. The other members elected at the Parish Meeting were: Betty Bennett; Ivy Brandon; Brenda Roff; Doris Scutchings; Chris Brandon; Michael Cox; John Ford; Graham Parker; David Watts and John Whyte.

Festival Committee for 1985.

Several much valued members decided to take a rest this year and the committee would, I am sure, appreciate a few more volunteers. This does not mean you should avoid committee members when they enter the pub for fear they should seek your voluntary help, but rather that you should immediately approach them offering a drink so that their minds are distracted from seeking your assistance! The 1985 Committee elected at the Parish Meeting is: Margaret Kent; Tricia Webb; Chris Brandon; Peter Dines; Graham Parker; Richard Plestead; Victor Scott; David Watts; and John Whyte. David was elected treasurer with the other appointments being made at the first meeting, which was arranged for Friday 29th. March in the Methodist Schoolroom. A report on this meeting will appear in next months Chronicle.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.

This was held immediately after the Annual Parish Meeting. Amongst the topics discussed were:

Roads: The saga of the Moat Lane chevrons appears to run and run and run. Again Reg Keen promised to do his level best to obtain some action. (This appears to have been successful as I see new signs and one chevron have at last appeared). The meeting went on to discuss the generally deplorable state of the village roads and decided to seek a site meeting with the County Council so that all the matters of concern could be clearly put. Before this meeting the Parish Council again seeks your help. Please tell any member of examples of pot holes, damaged verges or poor drainage so that nothing is missed.

Planning Application: A further application has been made to develop the site between Oak Farm House and the Royal Oak. This consists of three detached four bedroom houses with garages. The Council's previous objections had been accommodated in the new plans but observations were still made regarding a boundary disagreement that existed; the position of the street lamp and the building materials to be used.

There was also discussion about the mowing arrangements for the year and the Council was again grateful to Don Waite for volunteering to continue with his care of The Green. A formal vote of thanks was recorded to Don for all his work last year.

The Council also agreed to enter the Village Venture Competition (see details about this competition on page) and the Best Kept Village Competition, determined, of course, to win both.

ASTON ABBOTTS VILLAGE ROOMStatement of Affairs for the Year Ended 31.12.1984.

<u>(1983)</u>	<u>Income</u>	
11	Tuesday Club	31.00
59	Ladies Club	46.75
38	Bingo	30.00
-	Whist	12.00
91	Other Functions	72.25
-	Festival Proceeds	243.00
-	Festival Lunch	96.26
17	Ramblers Club	1.50
20	Christmas Show	27.00
70	European Election Fee	50.00
-	Auction Proceeds	<u>124.10</u>
		733.86
-	Electricity Meter Collection	<u>19.00</u>
<u>306</u>		<u>752.86</u>

	<u>Expenditure</u>	
130	Electricity	152.71
39	Water Rates	20.90
34	Insurance	34.99
-	Meter Installation	80.00
45	Room Repairs	225.57
5	Sundries	<u>1.83</u>
		516.00
<u>53</u>	Surplus for the Year	<u>£236.86</u>

	<u>Bank Account</u>	
78	Balance 1.1.84	131.04
<u>131</u>	Balance 31.12.84	<u>367.90</u>
<u>53</u>		<u>£236.86</u>

D. Scutchings
Doris Scutchings - Treasurer

The above statement is prepared from the books of the Church Room and has been audited by me.

Michael Cox FCA.

Michael Cox *5th March 1985*

The Rothschilds of Buckinghamshire

by JOHN CAMP.

PART FOUR

Of the six great Rothschild mansions in the area of Aylesbury only one of them is outside Buckinghamshire. This is Tring Park, situated just over the county boundary in Hertfordshire. The house, said to be designed by Wren about 1680, first belonged to Charles II who gave it as a gift to Nell Gwynn for services that have never been exactly stated. By the 1870's the house was owned by the Galsworthy family, who as well as having a literary member, were also bankers and great friends of the Rothschilds. In 1874 the house and its 4000 acres of farmland were purchased by Lionel Rothschild, who came to live there with his growing family. Lionel has a place in political history as being the first Jew to be allowed to take his seat in the Commons as an M.P.. Queen Victoria, as anti-semitic as ever, insisted that, as Britain was a Christian country, no non-Christian should have any part in its government. Much to her annoyance the oath of allegiance was altered and in 1858 Lionel Rothschild entered parliament as the first Jewish member, sitting as a Liberal for the City of London.

At Tring one of the first things Lionel did was to pull down the fine 17th-century facade of the house and replace it with a pseudo-French frontage of the same era. This was deplored at the time, but later this type of architecture became a Rothschild hallmark and is seen again at Waddesdon and at Halton.

Lionel died in 1879 and the new owner of Tring Park became his son, Nathaniel. He, too, was to break new ground for British Jews when in 1885 he became the first Jew to be elevated to the peerage. It was as 'Lord Natty' he was to be known as henceforth rather than as the first Lord Rothschild, at least as far as the ordinary people were concerned. He was an odd man - very generous but extremely bad tempered and with practically no sense of humour. Nevertheless he became a lifelong friend of the Prince of Wales and the acknowledged lay-head of British Jewry. While often excessively rude to both his male and female companions (he had once been described as one of the two rudest men in England - the other being Lord Randolph Churchill) he was generous to the poor and in particular to the villagers of Tring for whom he rebuilt, in splendid style, the former dilapidated Rose & Crown inn. Many Tring families still possess golden guinea coins and other gifts presented by Natty to the children at Christmas and other festive occasions such as the huge summer fete held annually in the grounds. Natty became Lord Lieutenant of Bucks and his generosity is seen in the various reading-rooms and working men's clubs he established in Aylesbury and elsewhere.

Natty had two sons, first Walter Lionel, born in 1868 and then, in

1879, his second son, Nathaniel Charles. Lord Natty died in 1915 and Walter Lionel became the second Lord Rothschild. He was an even greater eccentric than his father and consistently refused to have anything to do with the family banking business. His chief interest was zoology, and most of his time and money were spent in chasing luckless animals and birds round Africa on enormous safaris, hunting them down and bringing the bodies back to Tring to be expertly stuffed. This was the foundation of the Tring Natural History Museum which is today such an important part of the British Museum.

Walter Lionel, 6'8" in height and weighing 22 stones, never married though he was successfully blackmailed for almost the whole of his life by an eminent society lady with whom he had had a youthful liaison. Her name has never been revealed, not even by his niece, Miriam Rothschild, whose fascinating book on her uncle, "Dear Lord Rothschild", was published by Hutchinsons in 1983.

Walter's younger brother, Nathaniel Charles, worked unwillingly in the family business but was really only interested in nature and wildlife. He suffered from a brain tumour and, tragically, killed himself in 1923, but not before he had made a provisional list of picturesque areas of England worth preserving, thus becoming the father of the modern conservation movement. It is his son, normally called Victor, who is the third Lord Rothschild and head of the family today. Whilst being remembered for his interest in conservation, a more tangible memory of this interesting man is seen in Aylesbury, in the ancient King's Head inn just off the Market Square. This inn, built in 1446 and with contemporary stained glass in the window of the bar, was owned by Nathaniel Charles and bequeathed to the National Trust on his death.

Today Tring Park still stands in its own grounds, though part of the area has been sold for building. As compensation, perhaps, this impressive house can now be seen from the new Tring by-pass. It is owned by the Arts Educational Trust, and runs as a school for the children of actors or others associated with the arts. It provides a grounding not only in conventional academic subjects but also in ballet, dancing, deportment, stage-craft and other subjects designed to fit pupils for a stage career. It is not open to the public, but the school is an expensive one, the result being that the owners have few problems in maintaining this extremely interesting building for posterity.



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THE CHURCHES IN WINGRAVE WITH ROWSHAM, ASTON ABBOTTS AND CUEBLINGTON

April 1985

A MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

Tel Aylesbury 681623

"What do you want to be when you grow up, sonny?" was, what I thought, a rather tedious question adults perpetually asked, when I was a child. I didn't know the answer, anyway, and it just seemed a boring topic of conversation because they couldn't think of anything else to say to me.

It is an important question, though, isn't it - really?

Ten years ago Dr. Coggan (then Archbishop of Canterbury) spoke of the importance of the "ordained" ministry. He said the reason why he believed in the need for recruits for the ordained ministry was because he believed in the MINISTRY OF THE LAITY. "If that sounds contradictory," he continued, "I can only say that the main work of Christ's Church will be done by the witness of the faithful laity. But if that witness is to be intelligent and infectious, it will demand an adequate supply of full-time, well equipped, highly qualified clergy, whose main task will be to train the frontline troops for their warfare.

Ten years on, we are still (and more urgently) thinking about the necessity for more ordained clergy. What is more, we have been asked by the House of Bishops to feature this in our parishes. So I propose to bring the matter of vocation to our notice at the Festivals (see over).

Ministry, of course, belongs to the whole Church - as those who were able to attend the Stowe Conference know well. Some people, however, are called by God to a particular ministry. Is this for you, or for someone you know?

PAROCHIAL ORDAINED MINISTRY: You will be interested to know (if you don't already) that Philip Dines, whose parents live in Aston Abbots is in training for the Church of England ministry at Westcott House, Cambridge. Colin Marsh, whose family lives in Wingrave is in training for the United Reform Church ministry at Mansfield College, Oxford. From this Deanery, Ron Crane is preparing for ordination this year, and is presently at S. Stephen's House, Oxford.

ORDAINED NON-STIPENDIARY MINISTRY: Some men and women feel called by God to exercise ordained ministry while remaining in their existing jobs.

FULL-TIME LAY MINISTRY: Accredited Lay ministry may also be an option by those who feel called to carry out a lay ministry in the Church.

CHURCH ARMY OFFICERS: The opportunities within the ranks are many for parish work, children and youth work, social care, homes and hostels.

READERS: They work in a voluntary capacity alongside the ordained ministers in the worshipping, teaching, and pastoral life of the Church.

SPECIALIST MINISTRIES: These could be full-time in such areas as prisons, hospitals, the Services, universities and schools.

More later, but I do hope that you will think long and hard about this, and pray for those who God is calling that they will not only hear but heed his call.

It should be said, however, that full-time ministers in parishes are not highly paid (indeed, quite the contrary for it's hardly the point), but in a grossly materialistic society our young people, looking to know what to do with their lives, should be encouraged (parents and teachers, please note!) not to think of how much they can get, but what they can BE... "When they grow up".

Yours sincerely,

FR. JOHN HEFFER

H O L Y W E E K A N D E A S T E R

MAUNDY THURSDAY(April 4th) In Wingrave Parish Church at 11.00 a.m. the 'Stations of the Cross', followed by the Commemoration of the Last Supper. Holy Communion and the Solemn Stripping of the Altars.

GOOD FRIDAY(5th April) 11.00 a.m. Family Service in Aston Abbots Parish Church, followed by refreshments with hot cross bun.

12 Noon: Cublington Parish Church "The Good Friday Devotion"
2.00 p.m: Wingrave Parish Church "An Hour Before the Cross"

EASTER DAY(April 7th)

8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion(said)	Cublington
10.00 a.m.	The Parish Communion	Wingrave
10.00 a.m.	The Family Service	Cublington
11.15 a.m.	The Parish Communion	Aston Abbots
6 o'clock	United Benefice Evensong	Aston Abbots.

SPECIAL SERVICES Cublington has a United Evening Service, 28th April and a Family Service, 5th May.

Aston Abbots' next Family Service, 5th May.

DEANERY YOUTH FESTIVAL(Friday 3rd - Monday 6th May). This is a week-end camp for teenagers (13 years plus) in the grounds of S. Mary, Old Linslade. Workshops include: music, drama, cooking, puppets, and a variety of other events. The cost is around £10.50p. More details on the Notice Boards or from the Rector.

SUNDAY LESSONS (ASB)

28th April(613)	3 after Easter	1 Cor.15(1-11)	John 21(1-14)
5th May(618)	4 after Easter	Revelation 3(14-22)	John 21(15-22)
12th May(623)	5 after Easter	1 Cor.15(21-28)	John 16(25-33)
19th May(630)	After Ascension	Ephes.1(15-23)	Luke 24(45-53)
26th May(634)	Pentecost	Acts 2(1-11)	John 14(15-26)

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK(13th - 18th May) This year, our contributions are just as important (if not more so) as the disadvantaged peoples of the world can be quickly and conveniently forgotten.

HOLY BAPTISM Aston Abbots Parish Church:)
Andrew James, Nicola Marie, Tracey Anne, Sarah Jane,)
and Diane Cynthia LOVELL;) 10th March
Hayley Louise DEERING.)
Cublington Parish Church:)
Ellen Louise ROBINSON.)
"God has received you by baptism into his Church"

FUNERAL At the Chiltern Crematorium, 11th March: Ada Theresa MALINDINE.
"We have entrusted our sister to God's merciful keeping"

<u>PARISH CHURCH FESTIVALS</u>	Cublington	9th June
	Wingrave	30th June
	Aston Abbots	21st July
<u>PARISH CHURCH HARVESTS</u>	Wingrave	22nd September
	Aston Abbots	29th September
	Cublington	6th October

WINGRAVE BELL RINGERS SERVICE in the context of Evensong on Sunday 19th May at 6.00 p.m. in the Parish Church.

CHURCH NEWS

Mothering Sunday was a splendid occasion with a congregation of sixty two including twenty three children. We used a special service and wish particularly to thank the seven readers who took part.

Portraits of Buckinghamshire



Now we look forward to the great festival of Easter and as last year we are having a Family Service on Good Friday at 11.00 a.m., when we will be joined by families from Cublington and Wingrave. It would be good if all the families who come sometimes to the family service would make a special effort to be with us; again as last year we will follow the service with refreshments including a hot cross bun.

On Easter Sunday there will be a celebration of Holy Communion at 11.15 a.m. and also Evensong, once again for all the benefice, at 6.00 p.m. We do hope to see you at one - or even all ! - the services.

No. 4 OLNEY CHURCH.

In the churchyard lies "the tomb of John Newton, joint author with Cowper of Olney Hymns, and a man who played a very important part in the theological history of our country in the 18th. century. He became curate of Olney in 1764, a position he held for fifteen years, after which he became vicar of a London church. He died in 1807 and was buried beside his wife at Olney".

Clement Shorter in his "Highways and Byways of Buckinghamshire" (1910). Sketch by Frederick Griggs and dated 1908.

SERVICES FOR APRIL

			<u>Sidesman</u>
APRIL 5th.	: GOOD FRIDAY	Family Service 11.00 a.m.	The Churchwardens.
APRIL 7th.	: EASTER DAY	Holy Communion 11.15 a.m. Readings: Isaiah 12; John 20(1-18). Evensong 6.00 p.m.	The Churchwardens.
APRIL 14th.	: Holy Communion 11.15 a.m.	Readings: 1 Peter 1(3-9); John 20(19-29).	Mr. J. Ford.
APRIL 21st.	: Holy Communion 11.15 a.m.	Readings: Isaiah 25(6-9); Luke 24(13-35).	Mr. C. Higgs.
APRIL 28th.	: Holy Communion 11.15 a.m.	Readings: See Vicar's Sheet.	Miss. G. Ford.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE VILLAGE VENTURES COMPETITION

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VILLAGE HALLS

This year there is a special section of the competition, with its own cash prizes, for projects connected with village halls. Entries in this section might include building a new hall, or improving an existing one through structural alterations, refurbishment or new facilities.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE VILLAGE VENTURES COMPETITION

The Competition is designed to support and encourage new voluntary initiatives in the rural areas of Buckinghamshire. Cash prizes totalling over £1000 can be won by the most enterprising projects.

Who can enter?

The competition is open to any group of people working on a voluntary project for the benefit of their village.

The project must be a new one, ie started since the closing date of the last competition (31st July 1983), but it need not be completed.

Each village can enter more than once, and a scheme involving several villages would also be eligible.

Since the purpose of the competition is to encourage voluntary action in rural areas entries will not be accepted from communities with a population over 6000.

What kind of venture?

Some of the projects entered in previous competitions have included:

- Starting - a youth club
 - a lunch club for the elderly
 - a mother and toddler group
 - a voluntary transport scheme
- Building - a BMX track
 - an adventure playground
 - a Scout/Guide HQ
- Writing - a village newsletter
 - a local history
 - a set of information leaflets
 - a village appraisal or plan
- Clearing - the village pond
 - a derelict area
- Creating - a nature reserve
 - a garden for the disabled
- Raising - the money to buy a playing field or to re-roof the church

These are only a few ideas. You can enter any sort of voluntary work which gives lasting benefit to the community.

The closing date is 31st August 1985.

INSIDE THE BACK PAGE

A Travellers Tale

Gypsies are once again on the front pages of our local newspapers. The overcrowded Cublington site, with its festering piles of rubbish, has brought persistent complaints from local Parish Councils and, at last, some action by the District Council. As you may have read in the Bucks Herald, the Council has served notice to quit on the seven legal tenants and has taken court action to evict the illegal squatters, in order that the site can be cleaned. But this will only be temporary relief, if relief it proves to be. Once cleaned the site will again be available for legal occupation.

Local authorities are obliged under Government legislation to make provision for "persons with a nomadic habit of life". This originated with the 1968 Caravan Sites Act and was further reinforced by legislation passed in 1980. The idea behind the laws was to try and encourage the travelling population to join the mainstream of society. Permanent sites, it was argued, would stop families being continually moved on; allow their children to enter local schools and thus build up a sense of belonging to a community. This was a laudable aim, but circumstances have changed and left the policy in tatters.

The case for the "Gypsies" is a hard one, even for the most ardent liberal to defend. But the fact is that the Cublington invaders are not Gypsies at all. "Gypsies" is a much misused word and we would be better advised to use the term 'traveller'.

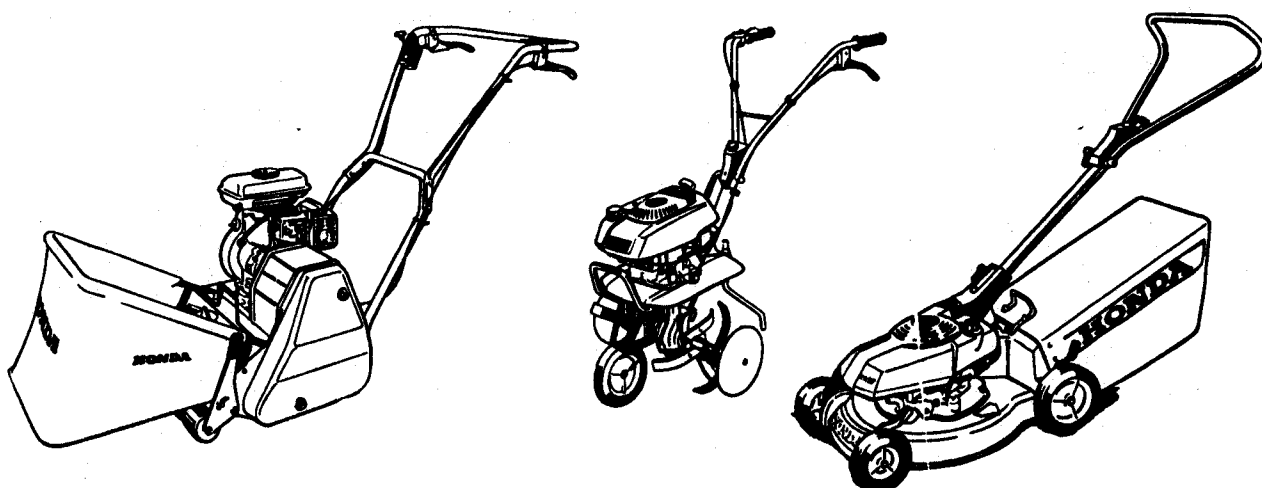
The travelling community is made up of very few true Gypsies. The true Gypsy people have their origin buried in the mists of history. They originated perhaps in India, have their own Romany language and their own distinct culture and even physique. The vast majority of the present travelling population are in fact Irish 'tinkers', a part of the huge landless army that has been a feature of Irish society since Cromwell's day. Cromwell's ruthless scorched earth policy of subduing Ireland forced families off their land and destined them to a life of wandering. Still more were dispossessed by the evictions of the 1840's. Today there are over 12,000 travellers in Ireland creating a major social problem. The plight of the Irish travellers has grown worse during the recent years of depression and many have followed the pattern of earlier Irish families and fled to England in the hope of finding a better life. There are no restrictions to their immigration and a good living can be made in the scrap metal trade.

The numbers have grown alarmingly, doubling in the last twenty years, to give a total of over 30,000 throughout the country. With London and its suburbs offering the best prospects it is not surprising that it is in these areas that we find the greatest concentration of travellers. The few sites provided by Local authorities have been swamped and are now littered with huge piles of rubbish and the refuge common to any scrap metal merchant. The apparent lack of any attempt by the travellers to keep the sites clean has not exactly endeared them to local people. The irony is, that it is the councils who responded to the Government's legislation who suffer the most; those who ignored the requests to build sites for the travellers having little or no trouble.

The problem will not go away; belated controls on immigration would require lengthy and delicate negotiations with the Irish Government. A solution has to be found that can placate infuriated local people, and be acceptable to the travelling community. The failure to find a solution could well result in an outbreak of frustrated violence.

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