

The Chronicle

Parish Magazine for Aston Abbotts



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Editorial

The magazine now starts its third year - it hardly seems that long. As usual there has been a flood of summer contributions and some I have held over to build a stock for the winter months; but to everyone who has sent articles, my thanks - especially to Andy Bystra for the first of what I hope will be regular cartoons.

September is the start of a new school year and the start of a wide range of evening activities at Wing School. Why not go along during the 'introductory week' from 16th.-20th. September and try out one of the courses. Details appear on pages 11-13.

Please keep the articles and ideas coming. Any news for our "People" page (featured opposite) please contact Bridget on 681425 or call at 12 Bricstock.

Graham Parker

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DEADLINE FOR THE NOVEMBER ISSUE: SEPTEMBER 21st.

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People

A PAGE FOR NEWS OF VILLAGE PEOPLE
EDITED BY BRIDGET BRANDON.

Since the Festival Lunch I have had in my possession three glass dishes and two plates - one of which is old, oval and has a blue stripe running round the edge - for which I have been unable to find rightful homes. Could their owners please get in touch? There is also a lightweight coat which would fit an 8 or 9 year old. The inside is striped in dark blue and white. Telephone 681425 or call at 12 Bricstock.

KIM and DIANA would like to thank Mum and Dad Fox for all the hard work in making their wedding day a happy and successful one on the 10th. August.

BIRTHDAYS

Do we have any in September? I only know of Piers Parker who is 11 on the 4th. - was there no other birthday this month? If you would like birthday greetings sent for November please let me know on 681425.

CONGRATULATIONS

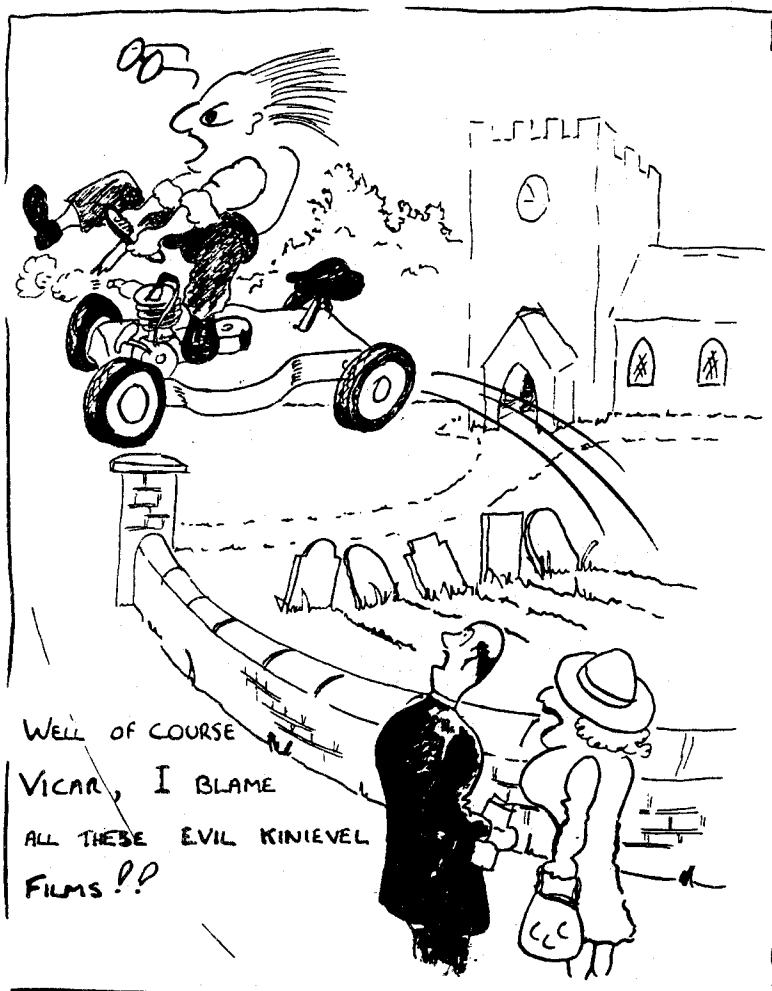
to Trish Webb who is pregnant and to Bridget Brandon who isn't. (Sorry Bridget - couldn't resist that. ED.)

BEST WISHES

to Rosie Jones who is in hospital; to George Brandon after his recent spell in hospital

OUR THOUGHTS

go to the friends and relatives of JACK JONES and ESTHER KENT. Both Jack and Esther will be sadly missed.



DYNAMIC DINES DARING DIVE DENTS DRIVE.

The news will by now be ancient news but nevertheless it needs recording, for it was a brave effort by Peter Dines to attempt a new record in the world mobile mower long jump championship. Accelerating hard toward the highest point of the churchyard wall Peter's daring leap failed to clear the pavement, but his efforts were rewarded by a badly bruised leg and arm - which could have been very much worse. However the black oil stain on the path will long remain to remind us of this noble attempt to place Aston Abbots in the record books. My thanks to Andy Bystra for providing such a suitable memorial to Peter's effort!

NOTICEBOARD

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION A.G.M.

WILL BE HELD ON 18th. SEPTEMBER, AT 8 p.m.
AT THE BULL & BUTCHER.

A Whist Drive in aid of Wingrave & District
Royal British Legion will be held on 28th.
September at 7.30 p.m. in the Church Room
Aston Abbotts.

DARTS

The Royal Oak darts team held its present-
ation dinner on Saturday 3rd. August. It had
ended up a reasonable season with the team
having come third in the league, second in
the beer leg and runners-up in the knock-
out competition.

The team were pleased to win two trophies
but hope, with a little luck next year. to
go one better and make them trophies for
winning rather than coming second.

The internal prizes were as follows:

Mens Singles : Roger Luft.

Ladies Singles: Margaret Hogston.

Mens Doubles : Terry Doel & John Whyte.

Mixed Doubles : Dave & Michelle Hinds.

Double Scotch.

LADIES CLUB

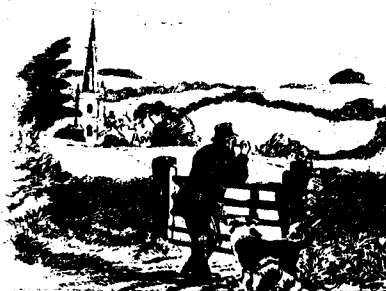
OUR 1985-6 SESSION BEGINS ON 26th. OF SEPT.,
when Mrs. Rickard will be giving us some
more cookery tips. The meeting will begin
at 2.45 p.m. in the Church Room.
WE ALWAYS WELCOME NEW MEMBERS.

DID YOU KNOW

If your household consists of five or
more people you are entitled to an add-
itional refuse sack each week. Contact
Mr. J. Halewood, Engineering Division,
Fowler Road, Aylesbury. Aylesbury 5900.

REQUIRED

Urgently required - one toupee - please
contact Box T.H. Aston Abbotts.



HALLOWE'EN BARN DANCE

Live Band

Refreshments

SATURDAY 2nd NOVEMBER

TICKETS LIMITED : PLEASE CONTACT DORIS OR PETER IF INTERESTED.

The Estone Chronicles

The second of our extracts from George Lipscomb's "History and Antiquities Of the County Of Buckingham" published in 1847, dealing with 'Aston Abbats'.

ASTON ABBATS.

THE MANOR HOUSE

was the residence of the Abbats of St. Alban's, during the possession of the estate by that establishment; but, after the dissolution of the Abbey, and the grant made by King Henry VIII. to the family of Dormer, it was never subsequently inhabited by the principal proprietors of the place, but occupied by occasional residents here.

It appears, by ancient parochial documents, that in 1694, the Vicarage-house being much out of repair, the Archdeacon of St. Alban's, Mr. John Cole, admonished the Churchwardens to repair the Church-house before the next Michaelmas; which was accordingly done, at the expence of 13*l.*: that there were five tenements, inhabited by poor persons: and that, according to an old register, "the Tithes of Burston Grounds, in 1703, were certified by Roger Hitchcocke, Vicar, William Elling and William Woodard, Churchwardens: that in Mr. Whitaker's time, there was paid out of the Manor of Burston, 86*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*; and that there belonged to the Vicarage, pasture for seven beasts in Windmill field; three pieces of meadow in Brickfield meadow; nine acres and a rood of arable in Rowsham [^]eld; and five shillings payment for the service of the shepherd, with the tithe in kind of Duncombe's field:" signed, Jonathan Marshall, Clerk.

The Living is a Vicarage, endowed, valued in 1534, at 6*l.* 7*s.* 11*d.*; a pension of 40*s.* being payable out of it to St. Alban's Abbey; 16*s.* to the Rector of Hardwick; and 2*s.* to the Rector of Wingrave.

In an old book, about 1250, (34 Hen. III.) it was called a Chapel under Winslow; and, together with Winslow, Little Horwood, and Grandborough, being Peculiars of St. Alban's, no Registry of Lincoln mentions *any institution to these* Livings; so that the list and succession of Incumbents can only be collected from Newcourt's Repertorium of the Livings in the Diocese of London, to which, since 1542, these ecclesiastics became subject; and from which, and other old books, the following list has been compiled:

VICARS.

WALTER DE GRATTEWORTH, OF GRUTTLEWORTH, the presentation of Robert Dormer, Esq.; died circ. 1595; being also Rector of Quainton; and was succeeded by

Richard de Streatley, 3 May 1344, for the Vicarage of Little Marlow. •

William occurs Vicar in 1430.

Gilbert Stapilton, died Vicar in 1490; having directed his interment in Blackfriars Church, London; his goods to be sold to provide a Priest, to sing for his soul in Abbats Aston Church, and for the soul of Mr. John Tate, who might have been his predecessor.

Thomas Crofton was Vicar in 1490; and in his Will, proved 13 Nov. 1514, appointed to be buried here.

Robert Howys, or Hewes, Vicar in 1534.

Robert Chaloner, presented 1554; died in 1581, being also Rector of Fleet Marston: and was succeeded by

Thomas Blanchard, B.D. instituted 2 Nov. 1581, on

the presentation of Robert Dormer, Esq.; died circ. 1595; being also Rector of Quainton; and was succeeded by

Hugh Whitacres, or Whittakers, in 1595; who was buried here, 7 April 1622; and was succeeded by

Robert Hitchcock, S.T.B. 1622. He occurs Vicar in 1650, when the Living was returned at 60*l.* per ann. He was fifty-one years Vicar; and was installed 8 Dec. 1660, Prebendary of Farendon cum Balderton, in Lincoln Cathedral. Very numerous entries of the names of his family, principally his children and grand-children, are inserted in the Parochial Register. He survived until 28 July 1673, when he died; and was buried here, (as had been Elizabeth his wife, 2 July 1668,) but without any inscription to his memory; being succeeded by his son.¹

Roger Hitchcock, A.M. instituted on the presentation of

Elizabeth Dormer, Countess of Carnarvon. He was buried here, 17 April 1705, as had also been Averina his wife, 7 March 1700. He was succeeded by

Samuel Spateman, instituted in 1705; died 5 Nov. buried 8 Nov. 1727; and was succeeded by

The Hon. William Carmichael, LL.D. instituted 26 Nov. 1727.

Richard Penn, instituted 6 Feb. 1753, on the presentation of Sir William Stanhope, K.B. but resigned; and

John Hotham, A.B. was instituted 4 April 1759, on the presentation of the same Patron. He was of Trinity Coll. Camb. A.B. 1756;¹ A.M. 1760; and on resigning this Living, was succeeded by

Potts Davies, instituted 8 Dec. 1767, on the presentation of Sir William Stanhope, K.B. by his attorney lawfully appointed. He had been Curate here in 1760; and at his death, was succeeded by

William Powell, instituted 3 Oct. 1777, on the presentation of Philip Earl of Chesterfield. He was of Ch. Ch. Oxon.; A.M. 8 July 1775.

Joseph Smith was instituted, 5 Oct. 1790, on the pre-

sentation of Thomas Green, Esq. of Whitchurch, Patron for this turn. He was of Oriel Coll. Oxon.; A.M. 5 July 1773; and at his resignation, was succeeded by

The Hon. Thomas de Grey, instituted 12 July 1802, on the presentation of Philip Earl of Chesterfield.

Philip Stanhope Smelt, A.M. instituted 14 Dec. 1804, on the presentation of Philip Stanhope, Earl of Chesterfield. He was of C. C. C. Oxon.; A.M. 9 May 1804; and at his death,

Philip Thistlethwayte Strong, A.M. was instituted 9 Aug. 1809. He was of Oriel Coll. Oxon.; A.M. 7 Nov. 1806; and at his resignation,

Charles Smelt, A.M. was instituted, 24 May 1810, on the presentation of Philip Earl of Chesterfield; and on his resignation,

Philip Strong, A.M. was instituted, 24 Oct. 1823, on the presentation of the Right Hon. George Earl of Chesterfield, the Right Hon. Lady Caroline Thynne, Spinster, and Arthur Stanhope, Esq. and Elizabeth his wife, the testamentary guardians of the said Earl, Patrons in full right.

Lipscomb's records end at this point but the list, which can be found in the Church porch indicates that upon Philip Strong's death in 1849 he was succeeded by:

John Day M.A.

John Thornton M.A.

Thomas Waddon Martyn.

Alfred Hanson Hough.

John Esco Pugh M.A.

Cecil White Morris M.A.

John William Harper Faulkner M.A. May 16th. 1951.

Harry Mead and John Heffer.

May 3rd. 1850 - 1853 Resigned.

July 15th. 1853 - 1887 Died.

Oct. 25th. 1887 - 1918 Died.

Sept. 15th. 1918 - 1918 Ceded.

May 11th. 1919 - 1934 Ceded.

Oct. 15th. 1934 - 1951 Ceded.

May 16th. 1951.



Portraits of Buckinghamshire

No. 7. THE BULL YARD, STONY STRATFORD.

Stony Stratford's famous high street is lined with ancient coaching inns, but none are more famous than the Cock and the Bull inns.

In the old days it was the Bull Inn at which the London coaches were wont to change horses, while the passengers by the Birmingham coach changed at the Cock. It is said that from the jests that prevailed between the passengers of the two coaches came the familiar phrase "a cock and bull story".

This sketch dated 1908 is by Frederick Griggs and appeared in Clement Shorter's "Highways and Byways in Buckinghamshire".

UPDATE

OUR REGULAR NOTES ON PARISH COUNCIL ACTIVITIES.

While the Beds & Bucks Observer article (right) outlines some of the topics discussed at the Parish Council meeting held in the Church Room on 9th. August, there were others.

REFUSE.

The Council discussed the continuing problem regarding the collection of household refuse. Our District Councillor Bryan Round has followed up our complaints and was informed that Thursday is indeed the official day of collection and only in the event of a breakdown would collection be delayed to Friday. He was assured that every effort would be made to try and improve on recent performances! If your household is missed and your rubbish not collected, which is the most annoying aspect of the present 'service', then you should ring the Council on Aylesbury 5900 and ask for the Cleansing Superintendent, who will make arrangements for immediate collection.

KERBING THE GREEN.

This is mentioned (right) but the agreement is that the County Council has agreed to pay half the £400 cost of kerbing sections of the Green that are under threat of erosion. The Parish Council paying the other half.

ALLOTTMENT PLOTS.

Overgrown plots are available for rent - see comments on the Best Kept Village judges marking sheet. TWO PLOTS AVAILABLE - COST £1. per year per plot. If you are interested please contact Clarie Spike.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

The new houses next to the Royal Oak will be fronted by an access road which is to be called 'The Acorns'. Planning application has been discussed for a new property at Bricstock. The Council has made observations regarding the size and style of the proposed property and the inadequate access to the site. An application for the conversion of two cottages at Church Farm was discussed as were the plans for three detached properties at Church Farm, where an objection was made by the Parish Council to a new agricultural entrance below the site.

FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

Despite the dramatic downpour mid-afternoon the Fete was an undoubted success - our thanks to Peter Knight who set the afternoon off in the right spirit, and to all those who manned stalls, provided produce and spent their money. The total profit was £721, which has been distributed as agreed at the Annual Parish Meeting - £200 to both Church and Chapel and £85 to the Recreation Ground and a further £85 to The Chronicle. The remainder is held in reserve and can be distributed at the Committee's discretion to any village organisation. If your club or committee is in need of financial help then please contact the committee treasurer David Watts.

Council problems at Aston Abbotts

ASTON Abbotts Parish Councillors heard at their August meeting in the Church Room that Bucks County Council had agreed a price to kerb around the village green.

Unfortunately Wingrave Road could not be included in this scheme, but Cllr Colin Higgs said he would continue to press for the kerbs to be attended to.

It was noted there were only two points difference between the winner of the local Best Kept Village Competition and Aston Abbotts.

Street lighting in the Briestock and Wingrave Road areas was discussed and it was agreed a replacement bracket should be bought for the bus stop site in Wingrave Road and the lamp reinstated. The electricity board would be notified of other faulty lamps.

Cllr Higgs reported on overgrown allotment plots and said the hedge along the garage road was causing motorists concern. It was also noted that garden rubbish was being dumped along the hedge.

Chairman, Cllr P Dines, said the parochial church council would have the hedge trimmed.

Councillors were worried about the amount of loose gravel on the roads, following resurfacing. The clerk was asked to bring this to the county council's attention and to ask for the white lining to be reinstated.

The Barbeque was seen as a great addition to the days attraction; the stalls made more money than ever and the sideshows were deemed to be the best ever. The only disappointment was the proceeds from the raffle for which your Editor takes due blame. His failure does however emphasise the debt of gratitude we owe to Mike Cox for all his efforts in the past years. The Festival lunch was again a great success as were the afternoons 'fun and games' on the recreation ground. To all who helped - many thanks.



Buckinghamshire Association of Local Councils

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

Disappointment after last years success but as you can see from the scores shown below we were only one point behind in our regional competition and only two points behind the eventual winners of the Gurney Cup.

On the following page is the judges marking sheet with details of the features that are examined, and the comments upon our scores.

GURNEY CUP (under 500 population)

Aylesbury Vale

1. Hardwick	94pts.
2. Aston Abbotts	93pts.
3. Ashendon	93pts.
4. Weedon	91pts.
5. Chearsley	88pts.
6. Little Horwood	85pts.
Mentmore	85pts.
8. Preston Bissett	84pts.

FINAL

1. Fulmer	95pts.
2. Hardwick	94pts.
Chenies	94pts.
4. Weston Underwood	91pts.
5. Bovingdon Green	88pts.

Winners of the other sections were:

MORRIS CUP (501 - 1500) Cuddington 96pts., who thus won the Wilkinson Sword of Excellence.

DE FRAINE CUP (1501-3000) Woburn Sands 91pts.

MICHAELIS CUP (3000 & over) Olney 91pts.



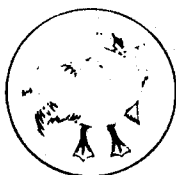
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BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 1985

JUDGES MARKING SHEET

COMPETITION CLASS GURNEY CUP

NAME OF VILLAGE ASTON ABBOTTS

Feature	Max	Marks awarded	Reasons for deducting marks. (Please continue overleaf if necessary)
1. The appearance and condition of the places of worship and public buildings, schools, war memorial, village centre, village hall or other community meeting place, churchyard and/or cemetery, the greens, playing fields, bus shelter, common.	30	29	CHURCH YARD VERY GOOD, ALSO RECREATION GROUND, BUT GOAL POSTS NEED ATTENTION. BUS SHELTER GOOD, ALSO VILLAGE GREEN.
2. The neatness of appearance of dwellinghouses, workshops and factory premises, shops and inns, flower and vegetable gardens, outhouses, sheds and yards	20	18	ALLOTMENTS GOOD BUT OVERGROWN AT THE BACK.
3. General condition of hedges, trees, fences and walls adjacent to and surrounding buildings and gardens, cleanliness of verges, ditches, ponds and streams	20	18	VERGES QUITE GOOD, SOME HEDGES OVER GROWN.
4. Appearance of signs and notice boards; taste and restraint shown in advertisement displays	5	4	
5. Bonus marks for general appearance of the village, with special attention to absence of litter	25	24	

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Signatures
of Judges

M. E. Martin

[Signature]

Date

AN INVASION OF SCOTS

A quiet drink at the Bull & Butcher seemed the perfect way to end a hectic day. So it was the other Friday that I made my way to that hostelry. My mind was taken by the thought of relaxing in a corner with a pint of bitter and passing the time of day with the hospitable hosts. I ambled along the road and turned into the doorway. As my hand reached to open the door I thought I heard the strains of music and turned to look. Nothing could be seen so I dismissed the noise and opened the door.

What a scene!

Several drunken Scotsmen and women were screaming and shouting, dancing and jiggging to some diabolical din coming from a tape machine. I caught my breath and almost turned to go but then I thought why should I be driven away by these hideous interlopers. After all, I did fancy a pint. Trying to ignore them I ordered my drink and went to sit in a corner. It was no good though; the noise was reaching out to all parts of the room.

They were an evil looking lot and had obviously been drinking half the day. The leader, whose name I gathered from the shouting, was MacCheshire, was wearing a very big hat and a very short kilt. This obviously excited the women amongst them as they kept on screaming at him, pleading for him to touch his toes. This must be some ancient Scottish tradition for I could see little purpose in this exercise - and certainly nothing from where I was sitting.

Another of the group was obviously a Scot of Dutch extraction. I could tell by the size of his little finger. It's a fairly well known fact that Dutchmen have very large little fingers. It was this peculiar physical attribute that had plugged the dyke on that legendary occasion and saved the nation from disaster. The name they called him confirmed my theory about fingers and Dutchmen when I heard them all cry in unison "Go, Handy, Go", as he whirled like a dervish to the cursed music. Mind you all the time he was dancing he had a pint in his hand and never spilled a drop.

There were two other male members of the party. The first was wearing red braces, which had obviously seen better days. This one - a Sandy McBrandy - kept trying to beg drinks from everyone in the bar until, in the end, even his wife, Midget, got so embarrassed she told him to break into the 50p. he had brought out with him and to stop moaning.

The last was evidently a consummate idiot. He kept grinning at everyone and tried to sing along to the tape. What a row! I never did find out who he was but I'll tell you this if I ever heard that voice again I'd know it straight away and I'd take steps to make myself scarce.

The women were reasonably respectable - well respectable when compared with the men. But what is it that attracts these Scotsmen to this country? Why must we tolerate their boorish behaviour? Hadrian had the right idea! Once in England the Scotsman will for ever tell you how wonderful his native country is - why then is he here? I should think in the whole of Scotland there can be but a dozen people left. Perhaps we could repatriate these reprobates to their homeland. I seek your support, dear reader, in ridding ourselves of these kilted monsters.

BUCKET O'BIGOTRY.

Wing Adult Centre

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Wing County Secondary School,
Aylesbury Road, Wing,
Leighton Buzzard, Beds LU7 0NY

Course Programme

September 1985 - March 1986

at Wing County Secondary School unless otherwise stated.

Dates for the Autumn and Spring Terms:

Introductory/Enrolment Week: 16th - 20th September

Autumn Term begins: Monday 23rd September

(Half Term: 21st - 25th October)

Spring Term begins: Monday 6th January

(Half Term: 17th - 21st February)

How to contact us

Write to us at Wing County Secondary School

Phone Alan Owen (or answering machine):- Aylesbury 688632

Sheila Dickens (Daytime Secretary):-

Aylesbury 688264/215 during school hours

Christine Seaman (Evening Secretary):-

Aylesbury 688632 between 7.15 - 8.15 p.m. Monday - Thursday

Monday

Bobbin Lacemaking 7.30-9.30 p.m. **20 weeks**

this class may be full - but send in a reservation form and we may be able to arrange another evening

Dancersise (at Cheddington County Combined School) **20 weeks**

Beginners 7.30-8.30 p.m.

movement to popular music at an easy pace.

Intermediate 8.30-9.30 p.m.

slightly more energetic dance movement.

Dressmaking/Soft Furnishing 7.30-9.30 p.m. **20 weeks**

instruction and guidance from beginners to advanced levels.

French Conversation 10.00-11.30 a.m. **20 weeks**

for those who speak some French and wish to develop fluency.

Furniture Restoration 7.30-9.30 p.m. **20 weeks**

learn techniques of repair and restoration working on your own piece of furniture - some basic skill with tools needed.

German (Beginners) 8.00-9.30 p.m. **20 weeks**

make a start with this language using the new B.B.C. learning package "Deutsch Direkt".

Introduction to Wine 7.30-9.30 p.m. **10 weeks**

why are wines sweet or dry, red or white, still or sparkling? Find out about wines, especially those of Europe, from this enjoyable course - with opportunities for tasting.

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 6th January - come to enrol on 16th September)

Typewriting/Keyboard Skills 7.30-9.30 p.m. **2 x 12 weeks**

for beginners or improvers; business or personal use - useful for those using computers 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 project.

Tuesday

- Badminton** (at Edlesborough Combined School) 7.30-9.30 p.m. **20 weeks**
mixed ability, sociable village class.
- Bridge for Beginners** 7.30-9.30 p.m. **20 weeks**
the card game that adds a new dimension to your social life come on your own or with a partner.
- Basic Electronics** 7.30-9.30 p.m. **10 weeks**
a practical course aimed at giving you a feel for the components and what they do - including basic fault-finding and repair.
- Cookery** 7.30-9.30 p.m.
Entertaining Made Easy (from 23rd September) **5 weeks**
mix-and-match recipes which can be made ahead of time or which are quick and simple to prepare.
Festive Fare (from 12th November) **5 weeks**
cooking with the festive season in mind.
Chinese Cookery for Beginners (from 7th January) **5 weeks**
for those who have always wanted to try Chinese Cooking but have never dared.
Quick Cuisine (from 25th February) **5 weeks**
quick, easy but delicious cooking for busy people
(Introductory meeting for these courses is on 17th September)
- Crafts** (at Ivinghoe Town Hall) 10.00 a.m.-12.00 noon **10 weeks**
patchwork, quilting, applique - all levels and experience
- Drawing and Painting** 7.30-9.30 p.m. **20 weeks**
practical help and instruction at all levels.
- Introduction to Computers** 7.30-9.30 p.m. **10 weeks**
learn what computers are, how they work and what they can do.
- Ladies Keep Fit** (at Northall Village Hall) 8.00-9.30 p.m. **20 weeks**
popular village class - places limited.
- Modern and Contemporary Art** 10.00-11.30 p.m. **10 weeks**
increase your understanding and enjoyment of this exciting but sometimes baffling subject.
- Upholstery** (at Wing Village Hall) 10.00 a.m.-12.00 noon **20 weeks**
an opportunity to join a daytime class. Learn traditional and modern skills, working on your own project.
- Your Driving Test** 7.30-9.30 p.m. **2 weeks**
a short course for learner drivers - all about the test and tips on how to pass.

Wednesday

- Badminton**
Beginners 7.00-8.30 p.m. **20 weeks**
basic skills and techniques.
Improvers 8.30-10.00 p.m. **20 weeks**
developing skills, techniques and tactics
- Creative Writing** 10.00-11.30 a.m. **20 weeks**
a chance to join a successful writing group led by a professional author.
- Dancersise** (at Wing Village Hall)
Beginners 9.30-10.30 a.m. **20 weeks**
movement to music at an easy pace
Intermediate 10.30-11.30 a.m. **20 weeks**
more energetic dance movement.
- Dancersise**
Beginners 7.30-8.30 p.m. **20 weeks**
movement to popular music at an easy pace.
Intermediate 8.30-9.30 p.m. **20 weeks**
more energetic dance movement.
- Drawing and Painting** (at Ivinghoe Town Hall) 10.00-11.30 a.m. **20 weeks**
popular, sociable village class giving informal guidance and instruction at all levels.
- French (Beginners)** 8.00-9.30 p.m. **20 weeks**
based on the B.B.C. "A vous la France" series.
- Keep Fit** (at Dagnall First School) 8.00-9.00 p.m. **20 weeks**
popular village class with limited space. K.F.A. tutor.
- Keep Fit** (at Edlesborough Combined School) 8.00-9.30 p.m. **20 weeks**
popular village class with K.F.A. tutor.
- Soft Toys** 7.30-8.30 p.m. (from 28th October) **5 weeks**
learn how to make soft toys for your children or grandchildren (or yourself) - just in time for Christmas.
- Spinning and Weaving** 9.30-11.30 a.m. **20 weeks**
learn how to make finished articles from the fleece, starting with simple tools and progressing to the spinning wheel and basic loom.
- Upholstery** 7.30-9.30 p.m. **20 weeks**
traditional and modern skills working on your own project.
- Yoga** (at St. Michaels School Stewkley) 7.30-9.00 **20 weeks**
techniques of mental and physical relaxation to help you cope with stress of modern living.

Thursday

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.

Cookery 7.30-9.30 p.m.
Cooking Through the Ages (from 26th September) **5 weeks**
a chance to learn about how people cooked and ate throughout history, from Roman to Victorian times. You will be able to prepare and take home a dish of your choice each week.

Healthy Eating (from 9th January) **5 weeks**
a practical introduction to many of the new ideas about eating and health. You will be able to prepare and take home a dish of your choice each week.
(Introductory meeting for both courses on 19th September)

Creative Writing 7.30-9.00 p.m. **20 weeks**
a new writing group led by a professional author.

Dancersise (at Cheddington Combined School) **20 weeks**
8.00-9.00 p.m.
dance movement to music to keep you fit.

Dressmaking (at Ivinghoe Town Hall) 10.00 a.m.-12.00 noon **20 weeks**
Informal guidance and instruction for beginners and more experienced dressmakers.

Interior Design 7.30-9.30 p.m. **10 weeks**
a new course to help you decide what you want in your home to suit your own tastes and lifestyle. Learn how to design a room and how to solve your interior design problems.

Ladies Recreation 8.00-9.30 p.m. **20 weeks**
a lively, enjoyable evening in a friendly atmosphere, playing indoor team games and keeping fit.

The "Work Ethic" in Literature 10.00-11.30 a.m. **20 weeks**
an informal but stimulating discussion group looking at attitudes to work and how it has been portrayed in books.

Spinning and Weaving 7.30-9.30 p.m. **20 weeks**
learn how to produce finished articles from the fleece, starting with simple tools and progressing to the spinning wheel and basic loom.

Yoga 8.00-9.30 p.m. **20 weeks**
techniques of mental and physical relaxation to help you to cope with the stresses of modern living.

Friday

Ballroom Dancing 7.30-9.30 p.m. **20 weeks**
for the beginner or near beginner, the four main ballroom dances will be taught, together with some of the most popular sequence and novelty dances.

Gentle Exercise for the Active Retired 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.

Guitar (Beginners) 8.00-10.00 p.m. **20 weeks**
instruction and guidance from a professional, for beginners wishing to make a start with this instrument.

Guitar (Improvers) 8.00-10.00 p.m. **20 weeks**
instruction and guidance for those who have already made some progress with the guitar.

Upholstery (at Stoke Hammond First School) 7.15-9.15 p.m. **20 weeks**
some places available in this village class learning modern and traditional skills.

CRECHE

We are hoping once again to be able to run our very successful creche on Wednesday mornings from 9.15-11.45 a.m. at Wing Methodist Hall. The cost will be £8.50 per term per child. Places will be very limited, so please indicate on your reservation form if you would like to make use of the creche.



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You are able to get free prescriptions if you are:-

Over 60 (woman) 65 (man)

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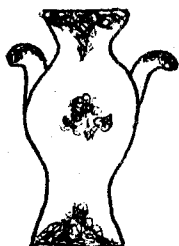
In receipt of supplementary benefit, housing benefit supplement, or family income supplement

War pensioner or suffering from certain medical conditions.

If you need a lot of prescriptions but cannot get them free a 'season ticket' (a prepayment certificate) may save you money. The cost of a season is £11 for a four month prescription and £30.50 for an annual prescription.

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CHURCH NEWS

It hardly seems possible but it is harvest time again, and despite our miserable summer the crops in our gardens, at least if ours are anything to go by, are not bad at all. This year as well as our usual Harvest Sale in the Bull & Butcher we are making our Harvest Thanksgiving at the Family Service on September 29th. at 11.15 a.m. At that service we will receive gifts from the children, and everyone else come to that, which together with the flowers will be given to those in the village who would most appreciate them. If there is anyone who you think we might overlook please make sure Doris, Kay, Len, or Peter is told. We hope it will be a very joyful occasion.



ST. JAMES THE GREAT, ASTON ABBOTTS, BUCKS.

The auction in the Bull & Butcher, by kind invitation of Eileen and Ernie, is also a most joyful time. Gifts for this should be with Eileen, or any member of the P.C.C. on Saturday morning though, of course, right up to the last minute anything can be added. Last year we had local bread, honey, wine and jams as well as plenty of vegetables and cakes. It really was fun so please both be generous in your giving and come along at 8.00 p.m. to buy at the Bull & Butcher on Saturday 28th. September.

Looking a little further ahead don't forget the Hallowe'en Barn Dance on Saturday 2nd. November. Tickets available soon from Doris or Peter.



From a wood engraving by Thomas Bewick.

CHURCH SERVICES

1st. September	: FAMILY SERVICE with Holy Communion 11.15 a.m. Readings: Ephesians 5(25)-6(4): Mark 10(2-16).	<u>Sidesman</u> Mr.C.Spike
8th. September	: Holy Communion 11.15 a.m. Readings: Micah 5(2-4): Luke 1(39-49).	Mr.C.Higgs.
15th. September	: Holy Communion 11.15 a.m. Readings: Romans 12 (9-21): Luke 10(25-37).	Mr.J.Ford.
22nd. September	: Holy Communion 11.15 a.m. Readings: James 1 (16-27): Luke 17(11-19).	Miss.G.Ford.
29th. September	: HARVEST THANKSGIVING. FAMILY SERVICE with Holy Communion 11.15 a.m. Readings: 1 Timothy 6(6-10): Luke 12 (16-34).	Churchwardens.

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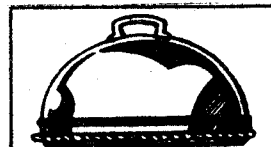
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A MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

Tel. Aylesbury 681623

Some of you will have heard by now about the proposed mission in the Autumn. Well, I say, "mission", but it will really be quite different from anything you may have experienced in the past. Certainly none of the strong-arm-tactics illustrated below! It will be an attempt for all of us to find fresh inspiration for our faith, as we live in a world which badly needs to have a vital faith.

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to help us on
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to the 20th.

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trip to France
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so we've decid-
as planned.

You should know that this whole exciting venture has been initiated by our friends from the United Reformed Church in Wingrave. But each denomination in all three parishes are invited to join in to bring our resources and our energy and our sense of unity. It looks as though it is going to be a busy week-end, and, if we all work together, a valuable time for all of us who live in these parishes.

The Festival of Faith begins on Friday, 18th October, with a series of coffee mornings/ tea afternoons/ coffee or tea evening gatherings. This will depend on whether you can make your house available and could invite a few neighbours in for such an informal occasion.

So please could you let me know if you feel you would be willing to hold such a gathering in your house, for the meeting for hosts or hostesses will be held in the Rectory, here, on WEDNESDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER. A set of invitation cards will be produced at that meeting.

The following, then, is the outline programme for the Festival:

FRIDAY, 18TH OCTOBER: the social gatherings which will be visited by a member of the S. Aldate's Team who will explain the rest of the programme.

SATURDAY, 19TH OCTOBER: A morning get-together for young people at about 10.30 a.m. In the evening at 7.30 p.m. the Team will present some drama among other items. Both morning and evening events to be held in the Wingrave Community Centre.

SUNDAY, 20TH OCTOBER: Our morning Services will be held as usual, then we all meet together in Wingrave Parish Church for a United Service at 3 o'clock conducted by the Team.

I'm afraid this is a rather sketchy outline. All will be made clear as the planning committee produces the full publicity. Meanwhile, our prayers for the Festival.

Yours sincerely,

FR. JOHN HEFFER

SERVICES AND EVENTS: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

CONFIRMATION 1986 The Bishop of Buckingham has kindly agreed to come to the benefice on May 20th next year to hold a confirmation in Wingrave Parish Church.

RESUME OF HARVEST OCCASIONS

8th September	Rowsham Manor Farm	3.00 p.m.
15th September	Wingrave URC	2.45 p.m.
15th September	Cublington Methodist	6.00 p.m.
15th September	Aston Abbots Methodist	6.00 p.m.
22nd September	Wingrave Parish Church	10 a.m. & 6.00 p.m.
29th September	Aston Parish Church	Family Service 11.15 a.m.
29th September	Wingrave Methodist	2.45 p.m. & 6.00 p.m.
6th October	Cublington Parish Church	Family Service 10 a.m.

SUNDAY LESSONS

		(ASB)		
15th September	Pentecost 16	(713)	Romans 12(9-21)	Luke 10(25-37)
22nd September	Pentecost 17	(717)	James 1(16-27)	Luke 17(11-19)
29th September	S. Michael & All Angels	(802)	2 Kings 6(8-17)	Matt.18(1-6)
6th October	Pentecost 19	(728)	Hebs.11(1-2,8-16)	Matt.6(24-34)
13th October	Pentecost 20	(733)	Romans 8(18-25)	Luke 9(51-62)

NOTE Harvest Sunday Lessons replace the above as follows:

1 Timothy 6(6-10) Luke 12(16-34)

CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE

Cublington Parish Church 13th July:

Colin Frederick SMITH and Diane Juliet GOLDNEY

Wingrave Parish Church 17th August:

John Martyn GOODIN and Anita Jane GOLDNEY

FUNERALS

After a Service in Aston Abbots Methodist Church, 16th July, for Esther Hilda Anne KENT, interment in the Churchyard.

After a Service in Aston Abbots Methodist Church, 16th July, for Jack JONES, interment Leighton Buzzard Cemetery.

WINGRAVE CHURCH OF ENGLAND VOLUNTARY CONTROLLED COMBINED SCHOOL There will be two occasions for the children of our School to come for Services in the Parish Church - 10th September at 9.30 a.m. Also, 3rd October at the same time of 9.30 for their annual Harvest Gift Service. Parents as well as any friends are very welcome to attend.

O-FIVES meet on the second and fourth Thursday of every month in Wingrave Parish Church. The Autumn Session begins 12th September at 2.15 p.m. with a 'Toy Party' in the Rectory Garden. Posters will explain.

COTTESLOE TRAINING SCHEME Brochures are available in the churches about this scheme for lay training. An opportunity for those who feel that their witness could be more effective to attend a course in the area on a subject of their interest. Please notice the closing date for enrolments is 16th September.

FOOTNOTE Local Church news does not normally appear on this Sheet, for this Church News Sheet is supposed to contain items of general interest to all three parishes. It appears, incidentally, each month in the Wingrave Communique, Aston Abbots Chronicle and Cublington Crier by kind permission of their editors. Any errors are responsibility of the rector - unless he in turn has been fed with false information!

INSIDE THE BACK PAGE

Another Fete day and another chance to meet people you haven't seen since the last one - if not longer - and thinking how they have aged, and how you remember them with hair, and without umpteen kids tagging along behind. It does dawn on you later of course that you too look slightly older and you also have less hair than you would ideally like. Your own kids; well, somehow you take it for granted that they are forever there dipping into your pocket and nibbling away at your precious beer money.

water. My mind was put at rest though as they stripped off to reveal swimming costumes beneath and so, on with the display. I don't suppose we will ever be able to hold another Fete in such a setting, but wouldn't it be nice if we could.

At that time you could get all your fruit and vegetable needs from the Abbey. With three, if not more, full time gardeners, there was always produce which was surplus to requirements and you could guarantee a steady stream of people from the



ABBEY LAKE, ASTON ABBOTS.

Anyway it's a time to reflect on past Fetes and remember that they used to be held in the grounds of the Abbey. What a glorious setting it was, and it wasn't just bowling, darts and a treasure hunt either. Punting round the moat was always a big attraction. What better way to kill a few minutes than being gently pushed in a figure of eight around the islands and back to the start to collect the next load of 'punters'. Maybe a leisurely stroll through the well stocked gardens would come next, and a sneaky sampling of the many delights available, making sure, of course, that Stan Simms wasn't watching. He seldom was though, the poor devil seemed to be asleep most of the time.

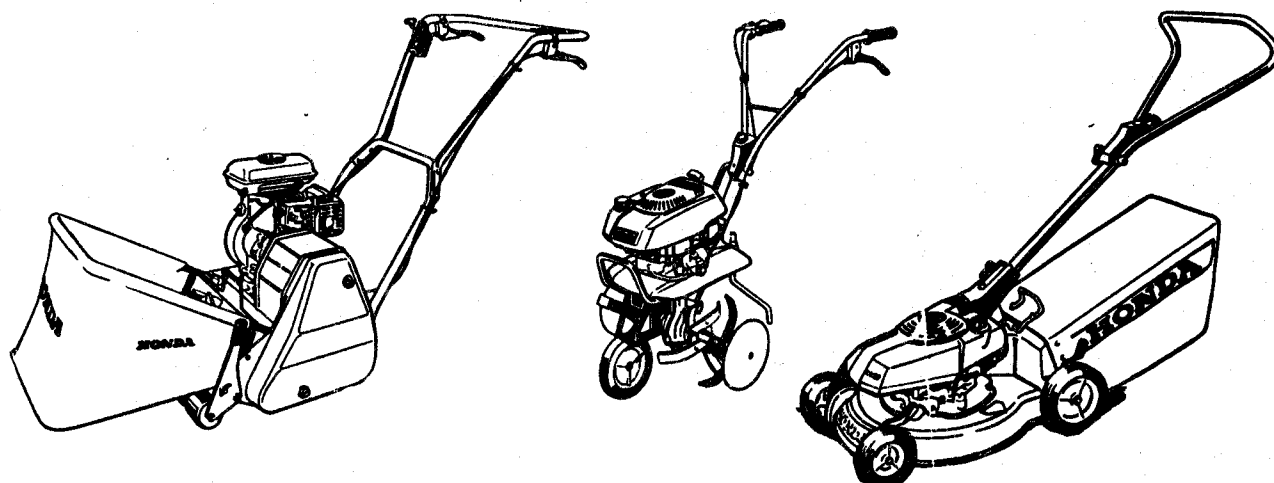
On to the swimming pool now to watch the display. Being fairly young then, it was a bit of a shock to suddenly see these fully clothed grown-ups clowning around and then all at once ending up in the

village going to stock up at rock bottom prices.

Fruit picking at the Abbey was also a popular pastime with the ladies - when they weren't potato picking for Charlie Brown at Lower Burston. Hour after hour of picking blackcurrants and at the end of the day, very stained hands and a few bob pocket money. It was a chance though for the ladies to meet and catch up on the latest gossip, a bit like an open air Ladies Club really! Happy days.

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