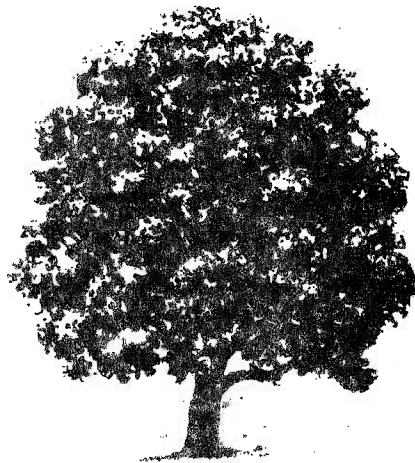


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Parish Magazine for Aston Abbotts



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Editorial

As usual apologies - first for this issue being a little late, but more importantly could I add my apologies to those of L.O. Mebuty for the comments that caused several readers to voice a word in my ear! I know that no disrespect was intended and hope that our correspondent will not be put off writing further articles on Aston Abbotts life. For my part I will try to ensure that nothing that could be translated as disparaging will appear again.

Could I thank Mary - Helen Crafts for once again promoting a coffee morning (and evening) that we hope will add to the Chronicles funds. They have asked me to point out that while everyone is welcome to both the morning and evening events they hope guests will return home in between!

Judging in the Village Ventures competition takes place this month and I will obviously let you know as soon as possible how 'The Chronicle' finished. Over eighty entries have been made and the quality appears to be high, so we can only hope for the best.

Finally, my thanks again to Andy Bystra for the cartoon - keep 'em coming Andy.

Graham Parker

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NOTICEBOARD

Dear Graham,

I understand that in my last article I upset several people with my, perhaps, inappropriate words concerning Stan Simms. To put the record straight I would like to say that Stan was a well loved member of the community who, unbeknown to us at the time, was suffering from a tumour, from which he subsequently died some twenty years ago. I must say that I write only as I remember, but I apologise to anyone I may have distressed in so doing.

L.O. Mebuty.

ASTON ABBOTTS NINTH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SHOW

DECEMBER 12th. 13th. & 14th.

A show would not be a show without a cast, so we are looking for talented people. For the past eight shows we have been unable to find any, so perhaps this will be the year! If you are inclined to make a fool of yourself why not give it a try. No form filling or questionnaires, not even a medical. Simply contact one of the production staff listed below as soon as possible.

Production Manager : Neil Chesher Tel: 681201.

Musical Director : Neil Tel: 681201.

Casting Director : Mr. N. Chesher Tel: 681201.

Alternatively you could contact John Whyte (681685) or Chris Brandon (681425) who will pass on any message. Tickets for the show will be available later.

LADIES CLUB

We opened our new session with another demonstration of Mrs. Rickard's cookery skills, and afterwards sampled it all - scones, currant bread, melting moments and a lovely pavlova. Not surprisingly almost all the members were present!

On October 10th. we have a representative coming from Thomas Cook to speak to us and on October 24th. Mrs. Sinnott is going to show us some more of her slides.

MARY - HELEN
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Next Parish Council Meeting:

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 8th.
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A LETTER FROM WING.

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May I cordially invite you to our annual Craft Fair. The selection of locally produced goods is excellent and many of them make ideal Christmas presents. As well as providing the opportunity to purchase goods there is often a number of displays showing how the goods are made. This is of great interest to adults and children.

Refreshments are available all day and it is an event well worth attending. Those of you who have recently started to attend our functions in response to my newsletters will not be disappointed with this one.

In spite of the bad weather the Swimming Association and Tennis Club have had successful beginnings. I intend to give local people the chance to meet with me later this year to discuss further ways we can work together to improve facilities for the community.

IVAN ANDREW

People

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

BIRTHDAYS

October 2nd. Denise Robinson.
October 4th. Trevor Searle.
October 26th. Rita Robinson.
October 31st. Haley Wilkinson.

BELETED CONGRATULATIONS TO

Neil and Margaret Chesher on their 16th.
wedding anniversary (September 27th.).

A VERY WARM WELCOME TO

Pam and Tony Hewitt who have moved into
Church Farm with their four children,
Alison(10), Mark (9), Paul (5) and David
who is three. Tony was Deputy Area Offi-
cer with Social Services Department of
the Borough of Rotherham and is now a
lecturer in social work at Cassio Coll-
ege in Watford.

OUR BEST WISHES TO

Olivia Wyatt who has been in hospital.

OUR THOUGHTS

are with the families and friends of
Mrs.Mellor (12 The Green) and Len
Stevens of 65 The Green aftertheir
bereavement.

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BONFIRE NIGHT : TUESDAY 5th. NOVEMBER

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ground at 7 p.m. Soup, baked potatoes
and sausages will be served. As with
previous years donations to help buy
fireworks will be gratefully accepted.
If you prefer why not give one big
firework and help the evening go with
a bang. Please contact John Whyte or
Bridget Brandon.

Dr.T.RODEN of High Street,Whitchurch is retiring from general practice
this month. If you would like to contribute toward a retirement pres-
entation could you please contact Bridget Brandon as soon as possible.

HALLOWE'EN BARN DANCE

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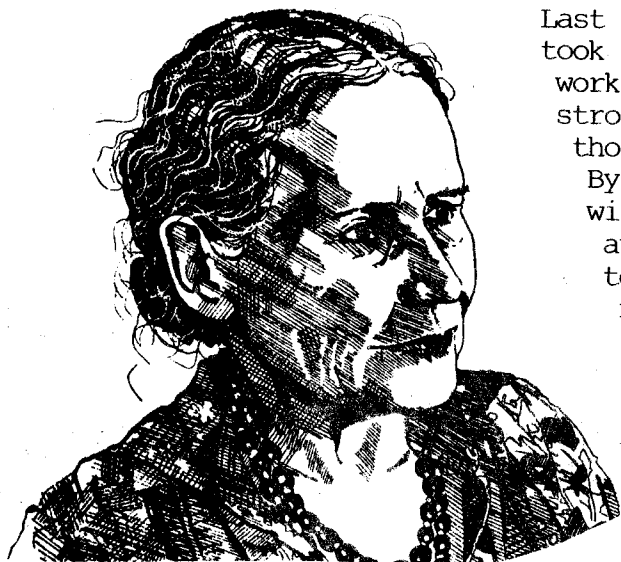
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Bookshelf

Each year October is the month in which controversy rages in the literary world. On the first of the month the six books shortlisted for the Booker McConnell Prize for Fiction are announced and for the rest of the month critics and public argue about the choice. Bookmakers, of every kind, do a roaring trade as the six selections vie for positions in the best sellers lists.



DORIS LESSING - A BOOKER PRIZE WINNER ?

lists.

Last year Anita Brookner's 'Hotel du Lac' took the £15,000 first prize but her latest work 'Family and Friends' may not be seen strong enough to reach the shortlist, although it would be one of mine.

By the time you read this the final six will be known and I will doubtless be disappointed that Doris Lessing's return to topics earthly rather than ethereal, in her new book 'The Good Terrorist' has not been rewarded by inclusion. But, perhaps, 'Unexplained Laughter' by Alice Thomas Ellis will be included along with Iris Murdoch's 'The Good Apprentice'. Many people would like to see John Fowles's latest book 'A Maggot' receive the recognition it deserves, and my list would be completed by Martin Booth's 'Hiroshima Joe'. The winner will be announced on October 31st. and I am hoping that it will be Doris Lessing, which should ensure that she does not even reach the shortlist.

One book that cannot appear in the Booker lists is the second volume of Clive James's autobiography 'Falling Towards England', but it is probably the most relaxing and enjoyable of all recent publications. The extract below is from Anthony Burgess's review in the Observer.

MR JAMES'S first volume of autobiography was marvellous. It seemed to me, roaring over it, that it was worth while to be brought up in Australia if it enabled one to write about being brought up in Australia with such force and jocosity. The second volume, whose ingenious title cheekily implies that we are the ones down under, is an intermediate memoir that presents Mr James trying to find his feet in the London of the Sixties.

Let us now glance at a specimen of Mr James's prose:

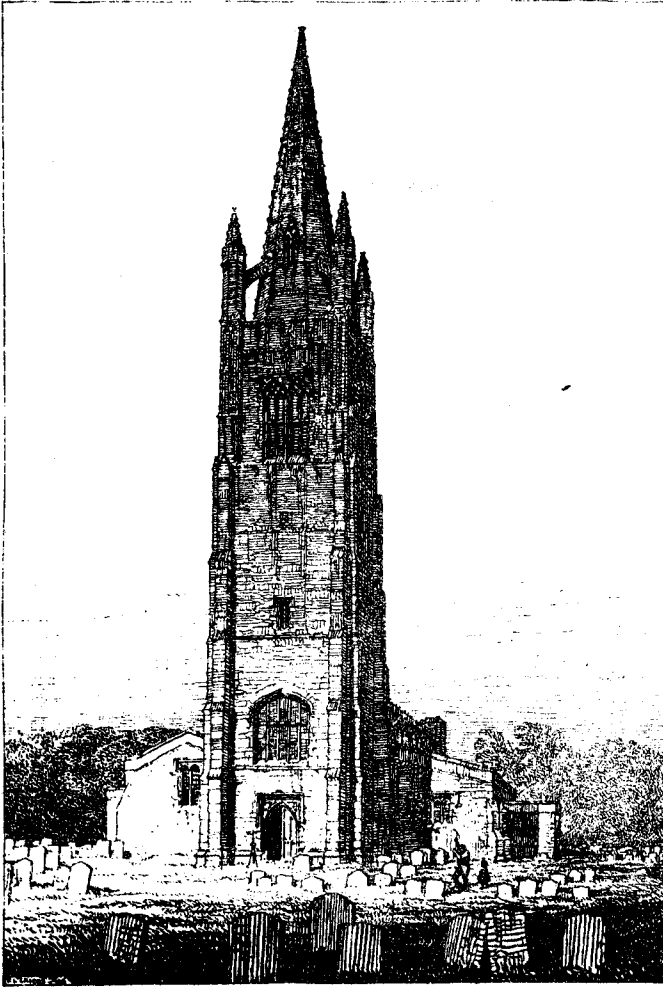
I had not yet begun to put on weight, but the possibility was there, like the side of a hill getting ready to slip. There was a falling feeling, especially in the scalp. My comb had hair in it. When the others told me I had a bald patch I told them it was an enlarged crown, but with a shaving mirror held at an angle over my head like a halo I looked into the bathroom mirror and saw a would-be tonsure about

the size of a florin. American graduates in hair technology called this the 'O' effect. The 'O' effect at the back of my head was being approached by an 'M' effect at the front.

This is in a tradition of humour we know well. It is very British, which includes Australian, and, like 'Three Men in a Boat,' it depends for its effects on well-worded self-disparagement.



Alison Uttley's *Tales of Little Brown Mouse*, a follow-up to *Tales of Little Grey Rabbit* has been reissued in a new format by Heinemann, with charming illustrations by Faith Jaques. (£5.50)



Portraits of Buckinghamshire

No.8. HANSLOPE CHURCH.

As a child I stared for hours out of my bedroom window across the broad Ouse valley to the slender and graceful spire of Hanslope Church.

Frederick Griggs's sketch (dated 1908) does not really do justice to the church of my memory, which is one of only three in the county that have spires, and Hanslope's is unquestionably the most admirable.

UPDATE

OUR REGULAR FEATURE ON PARISH COUNCIL ACTIVITIES.

Amongst the topics discussed at the last Parish Council meeting held in the Church Room on Friday 20th. September were:

Kerbing of the Green will be done in this financial year and hopes were expressed that work would begin in November.

Concern was expressed over the Oxley Platt (or is it Flatt) tip and County Councillor Keen agreed to investigate the conditions of the licence that appears to have been granted without reference to the Parish Council.

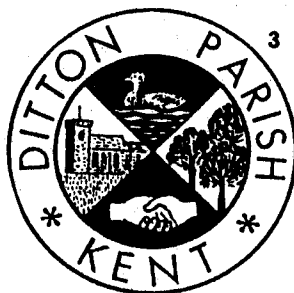
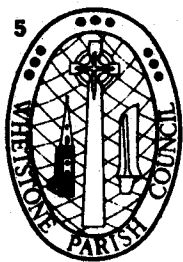
A lengthy discussion on the street lighting problem in Wingrave Road resulted in a decision to go ahead with essential replacements although this would place a severe strain on the Council's budget. The site contractor, whose work had initiated the problem, was to be asked to contribute toward the cost.

Discussion was also held on the appointment of Governors to Wingrave School. County Councillor Keen had put forward the name of Peter Dines as one of the three County Council nominees and despite an 'administrative hiccup' Peter would now serve on the newly constituted governing body.

Next Meeting: Friday 8th. November, 8.00 p.m. in the Church Room.

Local council logos

Many local councils and village societies have in recent years developed their own logos. How about one for Aston Abbotts?



In 1976 **Meopham Parish Council**, Kent, organised a similar competition which was won by Mrs E Burch from a field of 60 entries. The windmill on the logo (1) is situated opposite Meopham Green, on which cricket (symbolised by bats and ball) has been played for over 200 years. The parish council holds its meetings in the mill chamber, and the parish office is attached to it in the old machinery shed. The interlinked badge is that of Valkenisse, a corporate name for the three villages in the Netherlands with which Meopham has a friendship link.

The logo of **Woodmancote**, Gloucestershire (2), shows a slightly idealised picture of the actual green in the centre of the village, about four miles north of Cheltenham with a population of 2,400. The logo belongs not so much to the parish council as to the village as a whole, being used by the Woodmancote Society, the local magazine and, soon, as an impressive village sign.

The round logo of **Ditton Parish Council**, Kent (3), was designed by an 11-year-old pupil at the local junior school as the winning entry in a competition in 1979 for an official seal for parish council documents. It depicts the local church, trees representing the conservation area, the ducks from the village stream and the hands of friendship.

Medmenham Parish Council, Buckinghamshire, has as its logo (4) a reproduction of the village sign which stands in the churchyard. It is derived from the part of the village known as 'Danesfield', once thought to have been an early Danish settlement but now identified as a causeway camp c 2500BC. It is scheduled as an ancient monument.

In 1977 to mark the Queen's Silver Jubilee two local benefactors presented **Whetstone Parish Council**, Leicestershire, with a badge of office incorporating the logo (5) to be worn by successive chairmen. The Celtic cross represents the war memorial, the church represents Christian service in the whole community and the third symbol, a blade from the jet engine developed at Whetstone by Sir Frank Whittle, represents local industry and prosperity.

Ibstock Parish Council's logo (6) combines agriculture and industry. The sheaf of corn represents farming, while the miner's lamp is a reminder of the now-closed coal mine in the village and the nearby pits in which many parishioners work. The brick and trowel represent the village's most famous export, Ibstock bricks which are used throughout the UK and overseas. □

What would feature on an Aston Abbotts logo? The Abbey, the Church, the Green, something to reflect the agricultural basis of the village or our associations with Ross? The choice is yours; the task, for pure amusement - in other words its not official nor do we have any prizes - is to design a logo for the village. Entries to the Editor please.



From a wood engraving by Thomas Bewick.

YOUTH CLUB

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The new Youth Club year started with a bang on September 6th. with the good news that we have joined the Bucks Youth & Community Association based at Wing Youth Club. This gives us access to such facilities as camping and disco equipment, a 15-seater mini bus, games and craft materials; and we hope to put all this equipment to good use during the next twelve months.

We have decided to hold a jumble sale and cake stall in aid of Youth Club funds on October 19th, from 3 -4.30 p.m. in the Church Room. Would anyone who has jumble to donate please get in touch with Margaret Chesher, 20 The Green (Tel: 681201), who will arrange to collect if needed. Jumble and cakes may also be brought to the Church Room on Friday 18th, between 7 and 9 p.m.



Are there any elderly or disabled people in the village who need help with shopping, gardening, odd jobs ect.? The Youth Club children have volunteered their help on Saturday mornings and anyone who is interested should get in touch with Bridgit Brandon or Margaret Chesher. I should point out that the children will be supervised, at least at first, so that, for example, prize flowers are not pulled out with the weeds!

Youth Club activities for the month of October include:

October 4th. : General activities.
October 11th. : Table Tennis Tournament.
October 18th. : General activities.

October 19th. : Jumble Sale & Cake Stall.
October 25th. : Hallowe'en Masks.
November 1st. : Hallowe'en Disco.

The Estone Chronicles

The third extract from George Lipscomb's "History and Antiquities of the County of Buckingham" dealing with 'Aston Abbats'.

ASTON ABBATS.

THE CHURCH

stands on the north side of a small green, in the middle of the village, and is a neat structure, consisting of a nave and chancel, with an oblong square tower, embattled; having, at its south-eastern angle, a small projecting polygonal turret. The roof of the nave is covered with slate, and the tower with lead; the latter containing five small bells. The building is uniform, with a porch, having a gable roof, on the south side of the nave, between two windows; one of three cinquefoil-headed lights, bounded by plain sub-architraves; the western window of two lights. At the entrance to the porch are folding gates with iron spikes, under a pointed arch; but the door leading into the Church, within the porch, is ancient, very narrow, and under a semi-circular arch, closed with masonry. On each side of the porch is a stone sedile. The windows, on the north side of the nave, are of correspondent form and size with those on the south side; but the north door-way, which was opposite to the porch, is blocked up.

In the chancel are three windows; one at the east end, with a double range of lights, the lower having cinquefoil heads, and the six smaller and superior lights correspondent; two windows on the north and south sides, with two trefoil-headed lights, divided by a mullion, having a slipped trefoil in the spandril, under a pointed arch. Between the nave and chancel is a low-pointed arch; and the nave is separated from the tower by a wainscot partition, with a door under the gallery. The mouldings of the windows within, terminates by small corbelled heads; and near the east end of the south wall of the chancel, is a niche with a door.

The Font, like those of many Churches in this neighbourhood, is moveable, consisting of a small tin bowl or basin, painted, and set upon a tripod or frame, with a small cap, or covering of wood. This curious utensil is commonly placed within the altar-rails, where children are usually baptized; the ancient Font having been long dilapidated and taken away.

The Pulpit and Reading-desk were, in 1818, removed from the north to the south side of the nave, which is neatly pewed. These pews are numbered, and the names of the several proprietors exhibited in a list affixed to the wall near the entrance.

Above the arch into the chancel, are the Royal Arms, with the names of the Churchwardens who caused that decoration to be placed there, and of others who held the office in 1818, when the building was new-roofed, and otherwise ornamented. In the chancel is an old chest, with a convex-lid; and another of still ruder construction, in which parochial writings, registers, &c. are kept.

There are no monuments or grave-stones, excepting one large brown slab, within the rails, said to have been placed over the remains of Roger Hitchcock, some time Vicar. Length of the nave, about 50 feet; width, about 18 feet; the length of the chancel, about 27 feet; width, about 16 feet.

In an old church-book, is an account of persons liable to repair the church-mounds, to the number of about twenty-four, in respect of their several possessions; and also the following memoranda:

The Pew in the Chancel and y^e Seates joyning to it belongeth to the Vicarage on that side as the Pulpitt standeth. The Pew in the Chancel on the other side belongeth to the Court-House with the Seates joyning to it.¹

The oldest Register remaining begins 20 June 1559, and refers, by a memorandum at the beginning of it, to an "oulde Church booke."

Besides the numerous entries of the family of Hitchcock, very many also occur of the names of Russell. The marriage of Richard Summer of Quainton, and Katerine Byrenger, 9 Feb. 1567; and John Liddell and Joane Bartlett, 11 Oct. 1641; but no marriage is registered from 1641 to 1664; and in June 1823, one of the Registers was missing, supposed to have been lost.

¹ For the reason above given, this account is now incorrect, the Court-House Pew (belonging to the Lord of the Manor) being on the south side, where the Pulpit now stands.

The story that has fascinated the other side of the world

WILLIAM Stevens Paine, born in 1790, who became the parish clerk of Wingrave, once ran the Horse and Jockey pub in Aylesbury.

In 1820 he married Sarah Mortimer, born in 1794, and between then they had six children.

Nothing very unusual in that you may say.

But four of those ordinary, working-class local children living in the hard times, poverty and unemployment of nineteenth-century England have become a talking point today in places dotted all over Australia.

Their names were Charles, Lucy-Ann, Edward and Mark.

They were amongst hundreds of early emigrants joining a mass exodus from England after the Government offered people assisted passages during the 1840s.

Their fascinating, and at times, amusing experiences over 130 years ago are recorded in a unique batch of old, faded letters dated 1849 to 1902 that were recently discovered by accident in an old cigar box by a Waddesdon publisher.

He was Mr. Gerry Tomlinson of the Kylin Press, Darbonne House, and since making the find, he has been interviewed by Australian and local radio and has become something of an Aussie celebrity himself.

To piece together the Paine family jigsaw he enlisted the help of Mrs. Alice Maxwell, a 75-year-old retired legal secretary living in his local High Street, who transcribed the often unusual turns of phrase and difficult to decipher content of the letters.

Diligently, she spent a painstaking six weeks doing so and put them in some kind of chronological sequence.

Now, interest in them has snowballed to such an extent here and abroad, Mr. Tomlinson is publishing the correspondence in full in a book called 'Bring Plenty of Pickles' due to come out in September or October in a limited edition price £15.

His carefully chosen title for the work comes from a letter written by Lucy Ann who emigrated in 1849 with her husband on the 'Ageneria' Sydney-bound to seek their fortune in the new world down under.

It is addressed to her mother back home in Wingrave and in it she describes the inflationary cost of living in an Australia being invaded by prospectors during a period which came to be called the gold rush.

She itemises bread at six pence per loaf, flour at 205 shillings a sack, and adds as an afterthought to pass on to anyone in her native Buckinghamshire village thinking of coming, to bring plenty of pickles!

Lucy Ann was 21 when she left home and married an Aylesbury man, John Marks, whose father was believed to be a well-known baker in Kingsbury.

It was as a baker John first found employment five weeks after arriving in Australia and often worked from nine at night round till two the following afternoon to eke out a 12 shilling wage and board living for himself and Lucy Ann.

They were to have ten children.

Remarkably, the granddaughters of one of those offspring, their son called James Marks, recently visited Mr. Tomlinson in Waddesdon after reading of his amazing find in an article printed in the Australian Sunday Telegraph, dated June 23. They were sisters, Peggy and Marie Potter, who flew over, unlike Lucy Ann over a century ago, travelling on her leaky vessel on which, she wrote in one letter, seven people had died in transit.

The sisters went with Mr. Tomlinson for a nostalgic drink at the Horse and Jockey and visited Wingrave's cemetery where many of their long lost — until now — relatives are buried.

Today, Marie Potter, who married a wealthy Sydney property developer to become Mrs. Ewen, is just one example of living proof that Australia fulfilled the promise it offered to those who left England so long ago to search for a bountiful future.

Even more incredible, as a result of that disintegrating wad of old letters untouched since the turn of the century, relations unknown to each other before have been in contact and are organising a big family reunion in Australia.

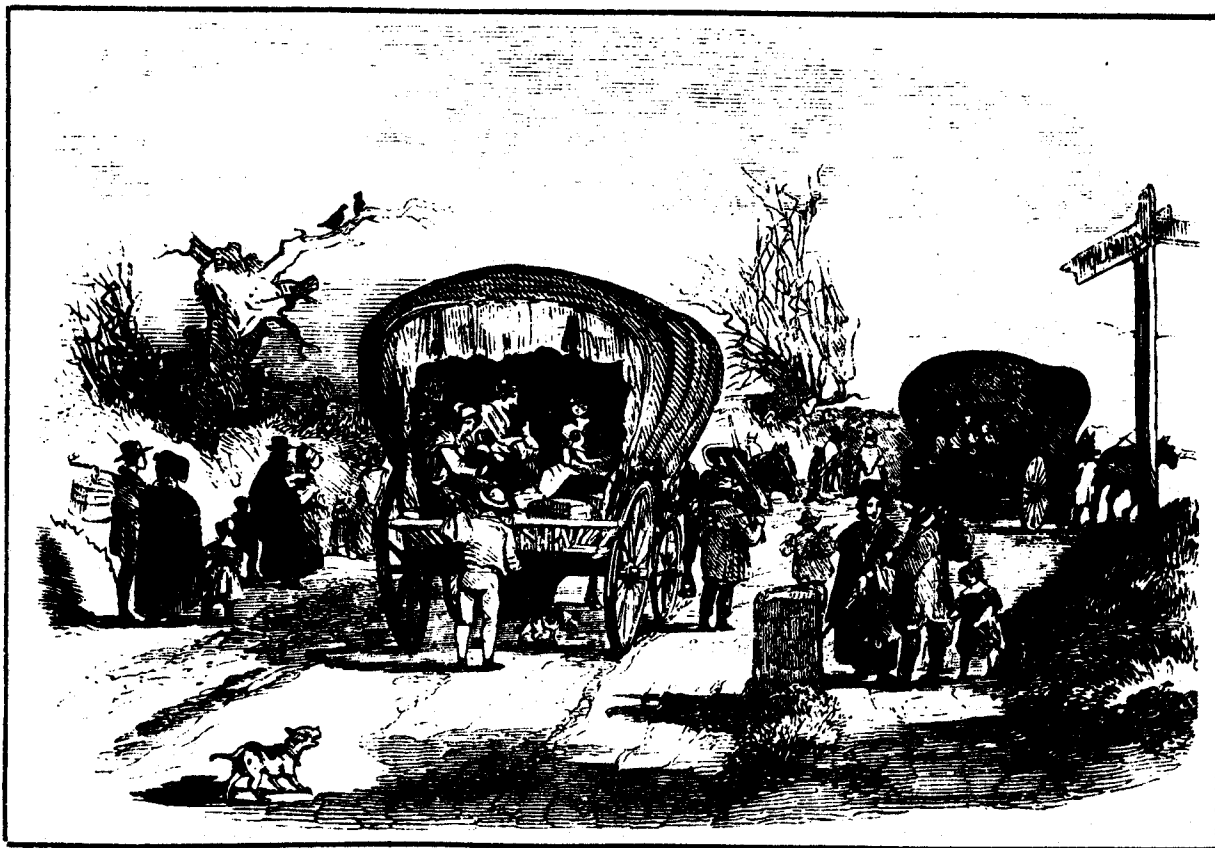
Now, Mr. Tomlinson is hoping that gathering will be matched by one in England amongst the English descendants on the Paine's family tree.

But however complete that tree has become since Mr. Tomlinson launched his Australian appeal for relatives to come forward, there are still gaps left unanswered locally.

Letters revealed by 1902 the Paines and Marks were thick on the ground in Redbank and Burundulla, Australia, but Mr. Tomlinson would like to know what happened to the Paine name in Wingrave. He is especially curious to find

Between them they had eight children — William Stevens Paine Smith, Thomas Stevens Smith, Louisa Charlotte Smith, Marion Theresa Smith, Walter Charles Smith, Mark Albert Smith, Arthur Edward Smith and Maud Emilia Smith.

Louisa is thought to have married a Mr. Bloomfield and Marion wed John Edward Steele in 1872 and had two children Francis and John. If anyone has any information on Paines, Bloomfields or Steeles, Mr. Tomlinson would be grate-



■ The emigrant's farewell — an illustration that will be used for the forthcoming Kylin Press publication "Bring Plenty of Pickles."

out if any of the descendants of the Paine's first born daughter Eliza in 1817 are living. She is thought to have married an Aylesbury butcher called Thomas Smith in 1844 who owned a shop in the Market Square.

What is known is that Arthur died aged eleven months and the sad story surrounding his death is that his grandfather made his coffin.

Maud Emilia married the Five Arrows pub landlord in Wadsworth which was taken over by the Rothschilds and turned into a hotel of the same name.

ful if they would contact him at Darbonne House to complete the portrait of the family he is building up.

Who knows if the picture is fully painted, Mr. Tomlinson's wish that the whole Paine and Marks saga will one day reach the television screen in the form of a serial may materialise!

An excellent article by SHERON DAVIS in the Bucks Advertiser of September 6th.



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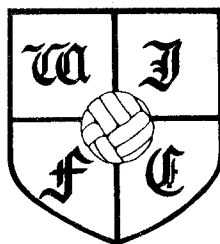


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WINGRAVE JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB



The actions of British fans over recent years and the tragedies of Brussels and Bradford might well have dulled your appetite for soccer. But the true spirit of the game does live on, as those who supported the Wingrave U.12 team last season will testify.

After many years of tremendous efforts but little tangible reward the 1984-5 season was one of welcome success, with the team finishing as runners-up in the Leighton Linlade & District Junior League. In addition Steven Ward and Andrew Parker were selected to represent the League, with Steven winning the player of the match award in the first representative match.

With such success it seemed a good idea to allow the lads to stay together at U.14 level. Fred Meagram and Ron Cook have taken on the task while Carl Sorace and Richard Keightley have agreed to look after the U.12's. Both teams will be on the young side for their age groups, so any support you can give on a Sunday afternoon would be very much appreciated.

Matches for October are:

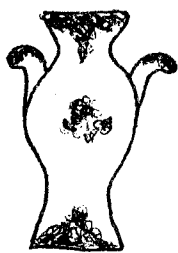
Sunday 6th. : U.12's away to Brookfield; U.14's at home to Brooklands K.O. 2.15 at the Recreation Ground.

Sunday 13th. : U.12's at home to Arrows K.O. 2.15 at the School; U.14's away to Wing.

Sunday 20th. : U.12's away to 999; U.14's to be arranged.

Sunday 27th. : U.12's away to Woodlands; U.14's at home to Oldhill Hawks K.O. 2.15 at the Recreation Ground.

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CHURCH NEWS

At the time of writing we are in the midst of a marvellous spell of Autumn weather, warm and misty which somehow evokes goodwill. I suspect we were all so fed-up with the wretched summer that we are determined to enjoy this fine weather. We hope too that you will enjoy the Hallowe'en Barn Dance, on November 2nd. We have been lucky to



ST. JAMES THE GREAT, ASTON ABBOTTS, BUCKS.

obtain the services of Kelly's Eye, a specialist, if expensive, band from Bedford to provide the music and calling. We are also providing special hot refreshments so that all the ladies can enjoy the fun rather than be worrying whether the food will be cooked at the right time. Tickets are limited to forty for each village (Wingrave, Cublington and Aston) and are £4.50 from Peter Dines or Doris Scutchings.

We have had a surge of young people to bell-ringing so much so that special practice sessions are to be rung on Saturdays from 9.30 - 10.30. It was an especial joy when Tony, Alison and Mark Hewitt, who will be living in Church Farm, had heard of our Tuesday sessions and came along. It is a peculiarly English skill and we are looking forward to the time when we will ring for service every Sunday. Who knows, one day we may make 'Church Bells on Sunday' on Radio 4.

SERVICES

6th. October	: Holy Communion 11.15 a.m. Readings: Hebrews 11(1-2,8-16); Matthew 6(24-34).	<u>Sidesman</u> Mr.C.Spike
13th. October	: Holy Communion 11.15 a.m. Readings: Romans 8(8-25); Luke 9(51-62).	Mr.C.Higgs
20th. October	: Holy Communion 11.15 a.m. Readings: Acts 26(1-8); Luke 18(1-8).	Mr.J.Ford
27th. October	: Family Service followed by Holy Communion 11.15 a.m. Readings: See Rector's notes on the next page.	Miss S.Lovell

Boys marched to service of thanks

HARVEST thanksgiving services were held in Aston Abbots Methodist Chapel, which was beautifully decorated by the ladies with fruit, flowers, vegetables and other produce.

On Sunday morning last week, a service was conducted by Mr Carter of Bierton. Members of the Boys' Brigade who were camping on Mr Roff's farm, attended, marching from their camp to the joyful accompaniment of their band.

In the evening there was a good congregation for the worship, which was conducted by the Rev John Heffer, Vicar of St James' Church.

On Monday evening the gifts were auctioned by Mr A Roff. The sale and Sunday collections raised over £89 for church funds.

16. THE CHURCHES IN WINGRAVE WITH ROWSHAM, ASTON ABBOTTS & CURLINGTON

SCHOOL HARVEST SERVICE on Thursday, 3rd October in Wingrave Parish Church at 9.30 a.m. Parents and friends are welcome to attend.

CURLINGTON HARVEST Sunday October 6th 10 o'clock FAMILY SERVICE
(conducted by the Rector: Mr. Colin Marsh, the Preacher.)

THEATRE ROUNDABOUT This is Christian drama at its best under the title of "Transformation Scenes". This latest production, sponsored by USPG will be performed at Linslade Parish Church, Wednesday 16th October at 8.00 p.m. Tickets will be £1.50. Look out for further details in the local press.

"FESTIVAL OF FAITH" Apart from all the other activities (October 18 - 20) listed elsewhere in this magazine, on SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20TH members of the S. Aldates Team will join our Sunday morning Parish Communion in each of the three churches to give the sermon in their own way, perhaps sing a song as well!

FAMILY SERVICE at Aston Abbots on Sunday, 27th October 11.15 a.m.

HALLOWE'EN BARN DANCE 2nd November for all three parishes in Wingrave School Hall. See elsewhere for important details about tickets.

CONFIRMATION 1986 Preparation classes will begin early next year.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY (November 10th)

CURLINGTON The Parish Communion 8.45 a.m. (includes Wreath Laying)
Parade & Assembly for Whitchurch, 10.40 approx.

WINGRAVE The Parish Communion 9.45 a.m. (includes a Meditation for
Remembrance, replacing the sermon)

ASTON ABBOTTS SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE 11.00 a.m.
(Parade & Assembly 10.45 a.m.)

All uniformed organisations are encouraged to attend the Remembrance Service in their own district. Those who are accustomed to lay wreaths on a Memorial where the Remembrance Service is not taking place should do so before they attend or at some other convenient time.

SUNDAY LESSONS

ASB

20th October	Last after Pentecost (745) Philippians 3(7-21)	"Citizens of Heaven" John 17(1-10)
27th October	9th before Ch'mas (400) Genesis 2(4b-9, 15-25)	"The Creation" John 3(1-8)
3rd November	8th before Ch'mas (404) Genesis 3(1-15)	"The Fall" John 3(13-21)
10th November	7th before Ch'mas (410) Genesis 22(1-18)	"Election of God's People: Abraham" Luke 20(9-17)
17th November	6th before Ch'mas (415) Exodus 6(2-8)	"Promise of Redemption: Moses" Mark 13(5-13)

HOLY BAPTISM Wingrave Parish Church 15th September:

EMILY CLAIRE, daughter of Robert and Janet DOVER

FUNERAL After a Service in Wingrave Parish Church, 4th September,
interment in the Churchyard: Alice Violet CAESAR.

SCHOOL GOVERNORS Provisional date for the meeting of the newly elected
Governors of Wingrave C. of E. Voluntary Controlled Combined School -
29th October at 3.30 p.m.

FESTIVAL OF FAITH, 18 - 20 OCTOBER

A weekend of Christian events for people of all denominations (and none), led by members of St. Aldate's church, Oxford.

PROGRAMME

Friday 18 October

9.45 a.m. Coffee and biscuits for playgroup mums (and dads), and an opportunity to hear more about the weekend's activities (Wingrave Comm. Centre).

Various times (mostly evening)

Informal meetings at homes around the villages as an introduction to the weekend's activities. These will provide an opportunity to meet a member of the St. Aldate's team, over tea or coffee and biscuits. If you would like to come to a meeting please contact one of the following hostesses (in Wingrave, unless otherwise stated):

Mrs. K. Darvill
40 Winslow Road

Tel: 681145

Mrs. J. Garland
5 Knolls Close

Tel: 681254

Mrs. P. Kirby
97 Winslow Road

Tel: 681452

Mrs. P. Johnson
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Mrs. A. Marsh
28 Twelve Leys

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Mrs. J. Rickard
The Garage

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Mrs. A. Cooper
The Old Mission Hall
Bawhouse Lane
Rowsham

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Mrs. D. Liddell
1 Rose Cottage
Cublington

Tel: 681591

Programme continued overleaf

FESTIVAL OF FAITH (cont'd)Saturday 19 October, Wingrave Community Centre10.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. "FESTIVAL CHALLENGE"

A youth event at the Centre beginning with:

Wingrave Trivia ChallengeColouring CompetitionFive-a-side Football Knockout Competition

(see entry form below)

followed by:

The Challenge of Faith7.00 p.m."FESTIVAL FEAST"Including "The Silent Witness", (a film on the Turin Shroud),
food, and drama. All are welcome.Sunday 20 OctoberMorning (usual times):Sunday School: Wingrave URC, Methodist - led by St. Aldate's
team members.Parish Communion (Aston Abbots, Cublington & Wingrave)
with participation from St. Aldate's.3.00 p.m."FESTIVAL PRAISE"United Festival service in Wingrave Parish Church (including
presentation of prizes for the "Challenge" events).ENQUIRIES:COLIN MARSH, 28 Twelve Leys, Tel: 681751REV. J. HEPPER, The Rectory, Tel: 681623REV. D. FERGUSON, St. Mark's U.R.C. Aylesbury, Tel: 86681OFFERS OF FOOD (SATURDAY EVENTS): PAT HAYWARD, 4 Little Mollards, Tel: 681752Five-a-side FootballTeam CaptainName of TeamAge range (please tick)

Under 12

13-16

Over 16

Other(!)

Please return to Colin Marsh, 28 Twelve Leys, Wingrave.

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All finishers qualify for one of our "Certificates of Athletic Competence" and an information pack on sport and health. Prizes are also awarded to the outright winner; the winning team, and the first family team to finish. In addition you could win one of our much prized "Special Awards for Gallantry".

Please complete the form below for your Individual or Team entry and either post to us now or hand in on the day.

NAME. _____

ADDRESS _____

OTHER TEAM MEMBERS (Names Only)

TEAM NAME _____

The land is now almost entirely under the plough producing a dull monotony of brown stripped fields and low cut hedges whose days must surely be numbered. On past Mentmore crossroads and then a long stand of trees that blocked what westerly breeze there was and gave a sheltering warmth to the sun. Another short climb breaks the rhythm and makes you wonder if you will make the ten. Into Wingrave, down to the infamous death-trap of the Wingrave crossroads, avoiding the path doubtless to the annoyance of the motorist, but the uncertain surface makes it uncomfortable to run on, especially when tiredness is rapidly overcoming legs that are by now shuffling rather than running. No problems at the crossroads as a lull in traffic means no delay. The long, or so it seems, haul up into Aston is eventually made, an attempt at running through the village and home with the knees close to seizure.

Once inside I stagger upstairs to run the bath and find I'm hardly out of breath - it's just the legs that suffer. I even have enough calmness and control to shave while the bath runs. The vest, shorts and socks are soaked with sweat and make an unpleasant heap outside the bathroom door. Then the bliss of the bath and recollections of the run. If only one could capture those thoughts on paper, when the immediacy of the experience lends flow to the descriptive powers. One day I'll do it.

Abbotsbury.



PLAYGROUP PARENTS

A series of meetings is planned for playgroup parents and helpers starting on Monday 30th September. A different guest speaker will be invited each week and the first three sessions will be:-

- Monday 30th. Sept : Enjoying boisterous noisy children and making the most of the large apparatus.
- Monday 7th. Oct : The development of children's paintings and "Fun with Junk".
- Monday 14th. Oct : Language and story telling.

Other sessions will include "Starting School", "Working together running the playgroup session", imaginative play and dressing up and a speech therapist will be invited to talk about common worries and problems.

The meetings will be held at the Community Centre, Wingrave, starting at 8 p.m. Everyone, whether or not associated with Wingrave Playgroup, is welcome.

Further details from Joan Powell (Ay.681241) or Janet Arnold (Ay.681568).

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This glorious mist laden Indian summer reminded me of something I wrote sometime ago but could not summon the cheek to print. But what the heck, age permits you to make a fool of yourself now and again, so here goes:

An October Day

ASTON ABBOTTS 22nd. OCTOBER 1982

Up late, well nine thirty, which is probably absurdly early for some and hedonistically late for others. Corn flakes, a pot of tea and a leisurely browse through the Guardian; news of the first match of the Australian tour, the usual lackadaisical opening from Botham - a wide to third slip - fire from big Bob Willis with his new 'smooth' run up and a first ball duck for poor Geoff Cook, and Engles apologising for continuing to mention the energy sapping heat of a Queensland spring. Even then I did not become conscious of the day outside.

The monthly, well twice monthly really, round up of the papers that lie scattered about the house then begins. A glance through each, tearing out the Liverpool results for Andrew's scrapbook (not that Andrew takes a great deal of interest) and carefully cutting out all those other articles I meant to read. Eventually I'm left with an impressive pile of redundant papers (dread to think of the cost) to carry over to the shed at the back of the church. Once outside a picture of the day begins to dawn; bedraggled, cellophane wrapped flowers cover a grave, the turf roughly laid in a raised mound with the headstone lying flat beside it; the written notes of condolence now smeared by the dampness. The ground is wet, the mist envelopes the tall copper beeches, the close cropped graveyard is littered with fallen leaves.

The church is open and Colin, with brisk efficiency, is changing the flowers. He is always there, or so it seems. You could not find a more reliable person than Colin if you searched the earth and his contribution to the care and maintainance of that building must be formidable. We have a languid chat about this and that; the four days of continuous rain being the principal topic. It was then that I reflected on the day for the first time. The sun was now identifiable through the lifting mist - 'A season of mists and mellow fruitfulness' - Keats had that gift for creating in a few words a sensation we can all feel and understand. What a really wonderful day - a run would be as good a way as any to appreciate its beauty.

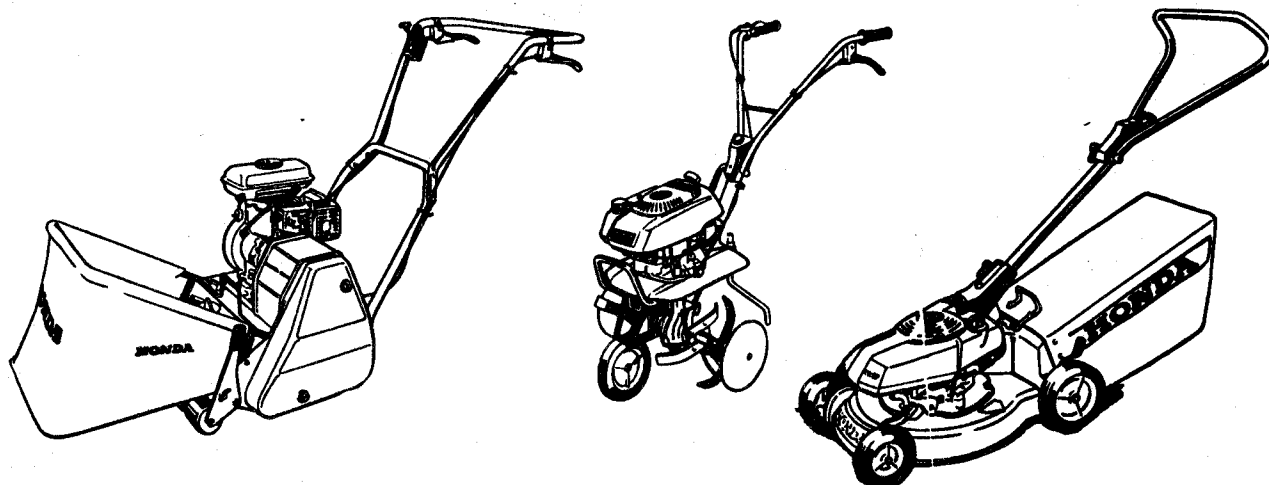
By the time I had changed and got outside it must have been just gone midday. The sun was now with all the diluted power of autumn, the sky was blue as skies should be, with wispy cirrus clouds making delicate brush strokes here and there. A gentle, appreciative pace seemed the order of the day and once up the hill past Longmoor Farm and on to the gentle run to Cublington one had time to take in the day. The hedges had been cut low with modern machine minded neatness and you could see across to Waddesdon - the lower ground between being still shrouded by mist. A host of crows cackled like hens in the two willows that guarded the ponds in the middle of Ricketts's field. To think that the water from those ponds finds its way to the Ouse and eventually to the Wash. The crows stood out starkly against the trees, oddly out of place it seemed.

On through Cublington at a gentle pace; yes, I'll try for five certainly, perhaps onto the Wing road and back for eight miles; I'll see how it goes. Out of Cublington the line of the Chilterns formed the horizon, the towers of Mentmore were clearly visible, everything seemed etched sharply on what was now the clearest of days.

By the time the Wing - Stewkley road was reached I felt so good that ten seemed feasible. So on up the short sharp climb into Wing, out to Ascott House and down the twisting shaded lane to Lower Ascott. Here the road was still wet with twin streams draining the hillside. The coolness of the shade and the dampness of the road sent an involuntary shudder through my body, but it was soon into the sun again and the long haul to Wingrave.

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