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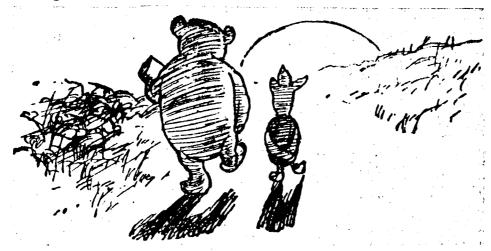
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Editorial

Again apologies for lateness. I realise that this is becoming a habit but I am afraid The Chronicle has to take second place to other work. The situation is unlikely to ease.

The next edition - our 50th. issue - will be distributed on November 3rd. or 4th. and will, I hope, contain reports of a happy and successful fund raising evening by The Friends of the Chronicle that is to take place on Sat.3rd. October. Tickets are available from Rita Robinson (681690) or Margaret Chesher (681201) at £3 each for what promises to be a "classic" evening. The Christmas Show Gang have searched their archives to resurrect some of the most popular sketches and songs from a decade of decadent performances. With a meal and wine included this sounds like the bargain of the year. Buy your tickets now to avoid missing a 'night to remember'.



The sun shines on two revellers returning home after the last Chronicle party.

COMPETITION TIME: What is being said in the above sketch? As last month, free copies of The Chronicle for published captions for the above sketch.

Iraham Parker.

DEADLINE FOR THE NOVEMBER ISSUE: 25th. OCTOBER PLEASE. HOW TO PASS ON ARTICLES/INFORMATION FOR "THE CHRONICLE"

- 1. By telephone to Graham on Aylesbury 681325.
- 2. By dropping a note through his door The ${\tt Cloisters.}$
- 3. Leave a note in the Village Shop or at the Post Office.

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WHAT'S ON IN OCTOBER

THURSDAYS 15th & 29th.: WHIST DRIVE in the Church Room at 7.30p.m.

THURSDAY 22nd. : BINGO in the Church Room at 8.00 p.m.

SATURDAY 24th. : TABLE TOP SALE in the Church Room 2 - 4 p.m. Contact

Colin if you want a stall (Fee £2.00).

SUNDAY 18th. : FOOTPATH WALK. Meet The Green 2.00 p.m. All Welcome.

SUNDAY 25th. : RAMBLING CLUB MEMBERS MEET UPPER WINCHENDON CHURCH 2 p.m.

THE 'NOT THE CHRISTMAS SHOW' SHOW

The thought of Aston Abbotts without a Christmas Show is enough to make you jump up and down with joy and contemplate the prospect of the quietest and most joy-ful Christmas for many a year. So to put a stop to all that, the 'Not the Christmas Show' Show will do its best to get the festive season off to a riotous and noisy start.

In addition to the usual cast, we are also looking for other people with no talent whatsoever to play key character roles, and/or sing, dance, tell jokes, or play their instruments. We are also seeking the loan of a wooden leg and a parrot!

If you want to make a name for yourself (it might be unrepeatable) please

contact Tony Hewitt on 681390.

The 'Not the Christmas Show' Show will be staged at the Church Room on Friday and Saturday, the 4th. and 5th. December.

More details later.

SUNDAY PAPERS

The Sunday paper delivery has now been taken over by Alison and Mark Hewitt. New orders and cancellations advised one week in advance please by informing Alison or Mark or telephoning Tony Hewitt on 681390.

I am sure we would all like to thank Chris, Karen and Mark for their service over the past years. I hope Chris can enjoy his Sunday 'lie in' without too much disturbance from the distinctive rumble of the paper trolley which will continue in service under the new management.

BONFIRE NIGHT

John Ford and Tony Hewitt will be pleased to organism the bonfire and fireworks again this year. The success of the night will as always depend upon you sorting out your burnable rubbish and donations of fireworks. If everyone attending contributed one or two big fireworks rather than a box of small ones, we should be able to provide a good display.

The 'Friends of the Chronicle' will be providing traditional bonfire night refreshments so come along to the Recreation Ground at 6.30p.m. with your fireworks and enjoy a good night out.

If by any chance the weather is too wet to go ahead on November 5th. the lighting up will be postponed until November 6th.

Tony Hewitt

BRITISH GAS

Good old British Gas is still not in a position to give an estimate for a gas supply to the village. I am informed that the matter is still being costed but I was given some reassuring utterances that something should be forthcoming within the next 4-6 weeks.

As soon as I am in a position to give you more information I will let

you know.

Tony Hewitt

ASTON ABBOTTS YOUTH CLUB

The dates for October and November are as follows:

Friday October 16th - Parachute Games

Surday October 18th - Trip to Alton Towers - 14+ only, cost of trip- £11 approx.

Friday October 30th - Enamelling

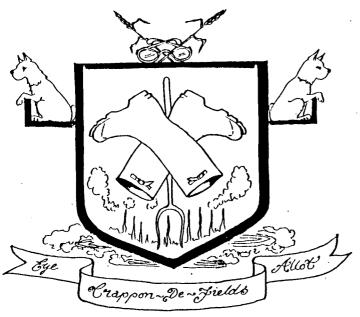
Wednesday November 11th -Swimming

Friday November 27th - Games with soft balls

Youth Club could be held every week instead of only once a fortnight if only four people would commit themselves to helping once a month. Please bear this in mind, especially as Margaret and Rita are only prepared to run the Club until April of next year. If anyone does wish to help, please get in contact with Rita Robinson, Aylesbury 681690.

Whose Arms?

No.3 in our occasional series in which we ask you to guess whose coat of arms they could be.Answers not supplied.



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People

OUR MONTHLY COLUMN ABOUT VILLAGE PEOPLE Edited by Bridget Brandon.

BIRTHDAYS

DENISE ROBINSON 2nd.October.
JULIETTE GUTIERREZ 3rd.October.
TREVOR SEARLE 4th.October.
JUAN GUTIERREZ14th.October.
GRAHAM PARKER19th.October.
RITA ROBINSON26th.October.
HALEY WILKINSON31st.October.

FIREWOOD

Firelighting wood - already split - is always available at £2 a bag from Marc on 681425. Get in quick as demand is great at this time of year.

FOR SALE

Selling for spares a Ford Escort 1100 L Saloon (1977). Two new tyres; new exhaust; alternator; good engine. Contact Julian on 681137 or at 2 Norduck Cottages. Price negotiable.

COMPETITION

WHAT IS LES SMITH SAYING?



COMPETITION RESULTS

A flood of entries, only three are publishable, so in our usual generous manner we will a repeat first prize to each contributor. As promised a free copy of this months Chronicle to those who contributed the following:

"Look pal, you may be 7'4" tall and weigh 23 stone, but I'm telling you, you dont get into this village without a passport."

"Now be sensible VAl and come on down. Threatening to jump off the roof will not stop me going for a few pints with my mates here."

HELP LINE

In an emergency (a prescription needs collecting: hospital visit has to be made: form needs filling: a pipe has burst or whatever) please ring any of the following numbers for help:

Les Smith, 'Gatesgarth', Lines Hill (Tel:681368)
Peter Dines, 87 The Green. (Tel:681459)
Colin Higgs, 6, Wingrave Road. (Tel:681343)
John Whyte, 14 Bricstock. (Tel:681685)
Graham Parker, The Cloisters, Church Row (681325)
David Watts, 'White Wheels' (681376)

Can we add your name to our Help Line list? If so just contact any of the above.

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A FURTHER INFORMATION LEAFLET FROM THE DHSS

EXPECTING A BABY

When you are expecting your first baby it is an exciting time - it is also an expensive time! Any help that is available is always welcome. If it is not your first baby then you will probably already know of some of the financial help that can be given.

The DHSS have some very useful leaflets which tell you all about the benefits and grants which you could be entitled to.

There is a maternity grant which is one payment of £25 for each baby and maternity allowance which is paid for 18 weeks. If the baby is born late you may also be able to get extra maternity allowance.

If you or your husband are already receiving supplementary benefit you can ask for help with buying maternity clothes and nearer the time the baby is due you can get help with buying babies' clothes, nappies, cot and pram and many other things.

If you would like to discuss your particular circumstances with one of our experts why not ring our information and advice service - just dial 100 and ask for Freefone DHSS. They will be able to give you further information and will send you any leaflets.

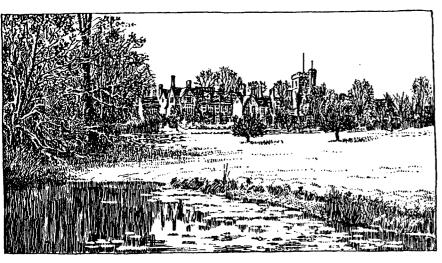
QUIZ PAGE

DO YOU KNOW YOUR RIVERS ? PART ONE by Colin Higgs.

- 1. Sudbury (Suffolk) was the birthplace of Gainsborough; which river is it on ?
- 2. Warwick Castle is perched on a crag, above which river?
- 3. Which river once provided power for the Whitney Blankets factories?
- 4. Which river is the boat race held on ?
- 5. Which river flows through Northampton?
- 6. The port of Liverpool is on which river estuary?
- 7. Which river seperates Devon and Cornwall?
- 8. The Erskine Bridge spans which river?
- 9. What other name is given to the Thames when it flows through Oxford?
- 10. The Cistercian Abbey at Tintern is on which river?

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Portraits of Buckinghamshire

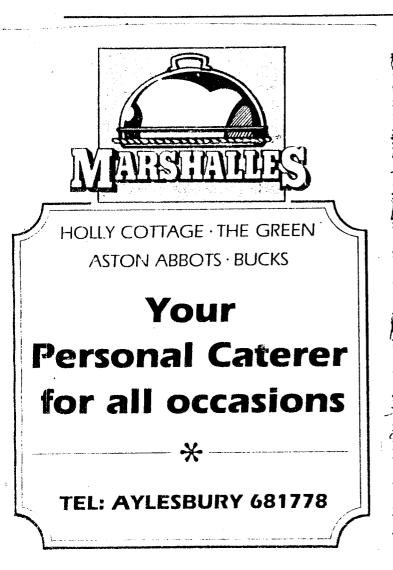


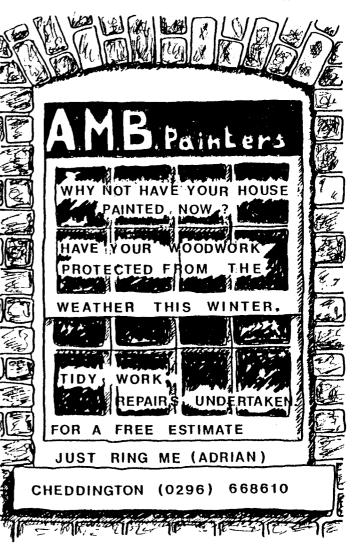
DINTON HALL AND CHURCH

No.23. DINTON HALL & CHURCH

[Sketch & notes from E.S.Roscoe's 'Buckinghamshire' published by Methuen & Co. in 1903]

Dinton (Aylesbury, 4½ m.) lies to S. of the main road from Aylesbury to Thame, it is reached through a picturesque avenue of chestnuts. It is an ideal village shaded by elms, through which the distant Chilterns can be seen to the S. across the meadows. The church (key at Vicarage), the gabled Manor House, which touches the graveyard on the W., the half-timbered house, through an archway of which the passer-by reaches the lower part of the village, make a unique picture. The church, as a building, shows important signs of each of the periods of English mediæval architecture. The S. doorway is the most remarkable piece of N. work in the county, is imaginative in conception, and rich in execution, while it has something of barbaric rudeness in its treatment.







October sees the start of the junior league football programme, with the Under 12's and the Under 14's starting their campaigns on the fourth, while the Under 16's have their first competitive game the following week.

Aston Abbotts will be well represented Christopher Brown, Mark Hewitt and James Dixon in the Under 12's squad; Dean Wiggett, Piers Parker and Dean Sykes in the Under 14's and Andrew Parker in the Under 16's.

Andrew has also been playing well for Aylesbury United Under 15 team and, as a result, has been invited to six weeks of training with Luton Town F.C. on the Kenilworth Road plastic. The Luton squad includes an English under fifteen international and the team recently had a match against the England youth team.

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A LETTER FROM WING

The Summer is now past and we are into a new school year. Part of my letter at this time refers to Examination results. It does not seem a year since I was writing about similar things.

Last year's 5th Year pupils achieved some very good results. There are always individual disappointment because some pupils work very hard to prepare, but then are not able to do themselves fully justice in the exam. The new G.C.S.E. exam will count some of their hard work in school towards the final result and this will ease the concerns of those who are very nervous under examination conditions.

The overall results, once again, improved on those of previous years. Nearly 20% achieved four or more '0' Levels (or equivalent) and 58% at least one '0' Level (or equivalent). These results compare favourably with the results of some comprehensive schools in other parts of the country which I was able to see when I was on holiday. When we remember that over 30% of the pupils from this area go to selective schools it does indicate how hard pupils and staff do work.

At the end of the Summer Term the 2nd and 3rd Year pupils raised some money for Guide Dogs for the Blind. So far they have reached over £700 and we would like to make this £1,000 during "Guide Dog for the Blind Week" in October. If you see pupils attending school in non uniform it will not be that our standards have changed but that we are using this as a way of raising extra money.

This term there are two events that I would like to draw to your attention. On Saturday, 10th October we have our Annual Craft Fair from 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Many of you have visited us in the past and found it very worthwhile. It provides an opportunity to buy unusual gifts for Christmas. Please come this year.

On Tuesday, 20th October we are holding a joint event with Overstone P.I.A. and the entertainment will be given by Aylesbury Music Centre Band. Please ring the school if you wish to buy tickets.

I do hope you have all had a good summer in spite of some poor weather and I look forward to meeting many of you in the future.

IVAN ANDREW

QUIZ ANSWERS

1.Stour. 2.Avon. 3.Windrush. 4.Thames. 5.Nene. 6.Mersey. 7.Tamar. 8.Clyde.

EXHIBITION AT THE COUNTY MUSEUM

To mark the publication of Samplers and Embroidered Pictures in the Buckinghamshire County Museum by Rosemary Ewles, an exhibition of the seventy items described in the catalogue will take place in the County Museum, Church Street, Aylesbury, from 14th. October until 14th.

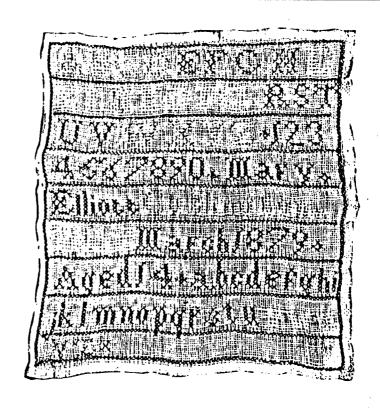
November 1987. The samplers range from a 17th. century cutwork sampler through to minature garments of the early twentieth century. Number 46 (admittedly not one of the best) was made by Mary Elliott of Cublington in 1879.

The embroidered pictures date from the early 17th. century to about 1900. A wide range of motifs and stitches will be seen.

The museum is open every day (except Sundays) from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. It is closed between 12.30 & 1.30 on Saturdays only.

Admission is free.

► 46 SAMPLER, dated 1879. Linen embroidered with coloured cotton and silk threads using cross stitch. All edges hemmed. Alphabets, numerals and inscription in rows divided by lines of cross stitch. Line border. Inscription: 'Mary/Elliott Cublington/ School March 1879/Aged 14'. $7\frac{7}{4} \times 6\frac{1}{2}$ ins. (85 × 65 mm) The 1871 census records a Mary Elliott, aged 6, daughter of Nathan and Sarah Elliott, farmer, of New Farm, Aston Abbots. The donor's mother, Mary Elliott Paine of Wingrave, was related to Mary Elliott. 384.1983 Given by Miss M. Thorpe.



Sample page (excuse the pun) from the Catalogue, showing the Cublington sampler. The catalogue will be on sale during the exhibition.

October 1987

THE RECTOR'S MESSAGE

Aylesbury 681623

A young woman said to me recently: "I'll try and forgive my husband for what he has done to me, but I will never, never forget." And, it's an old story. When we are hurt badly, we may be able to find it in our heart to forgive - more difficult to forget.

Forgiveness, however, is an essential part of living in community; especially as we live in small communities. Villages can be idyllic places, yet they can be very dangerous. In small communities folk have long memories and, sometimes, old scores they think ought to be paid:

The Christian does well to remember our Lord's injunction to S. Peter - to forgive once is comparitively easy, but seventy time seven must always be our aim (Matthew 18(22).

The mark of the Church must be forgiveness. After all, we pray that we may be forgiven (in the Lord's Prayer) only insofar as we are willing to forgive others.

I become extremely unhappy and disturbed when I hear of cases where people are nursing longstanding grievances. Especially do I find it painful when I know that Christians are involved in a desire to retaliate about happenings of long ago.

Fr. Edward Campion was betrayed by one of his own people in the days of severe religious intolerance in our country. He was flung in the Tower and sentenced after terrible tortures to be hanged, drawn and quartered at Tyburn. On the night before his death, his betrayer (no less) came to his cell and pleaded for his forgiveness, and for a letter that he might escape the fury of Campion's friends. The letter and the forgiveness was given and, as Edward Campion was dragged on a hurdle through the filth and garbage of the London gutters, there was no hate or bitterness, no lust for revenge. It was reported that he went to his execution like one going to a wedding. Here was the spirit of Calvary (Luke 23(34).

Is there anyone you have not forgiven? Then pray hard for strength to do so; otherwise, if you are old, your bitterness will increase. If you are young (almost imperceptibly) the bitterness will harden into middle-age and you will grow into a bitter old man or a bitter old woman. It will not only rot your soul but will seriously damage your health.

If, however, you are willing to forgive, thanks be to God! and just go on praying that the memory will fade so that you can forget as well...

Yours sincerely,

SERVICES AND EVENTS

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY (November 8th)

CUBLINGTON: The Parish Communion 8.45 a.m. (includes Wreath Ceremony)
WINGRAVE; The Parish Communion 9.45 a.m. (includes a Meditation of
Remembrance replacing the sermon)

Uniformed organisations are encouraged to attend district Services. The British Legion Service for Cublington will be held at Oving Parish Church. For Wingrave and Aston Abbotts their British Legion Service will be held at Long Marston. Where a Remembrance Service is not taking place wreaths can be layed on the village Memorial at some other convenient time.

CONFIRMATION 1987 Classes in preparation for the Confirmation at Linslade are being held in the Rectory on Sundays at 5 and 5.30 p.m.

SUNDAY LESSONS (Year 2) (ASB)

25th October 9th bf.Christmas (398) Genesis 2(4-9,15-25) John 3(1-8)

1st November All Saints (810) Revel'n 7(2-4,9-17) Matthew 5(1-12)

8th November 7th bf.Christmas (407) James 2(14-24) Luke 20(9-17)

(Remembrance)

15th November 6th bf.Christmas (413) Hebrews 11(17-30) Mark 13(5-13)

FOLY BAPTISM

Aston Abbotts Parish Church Family Service:
6th September: Christopher SEARLE

CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE Wingrave Parish Church, 12th September:
Christopher Philip Anthony NEEDHAM-BENNETT & Zoe Marianne FRANCIS

Cublington Parish Church, 19th September:
Richard William SOUTHWARD & Dorothy Mary CLARKE

Aston Abbotts Parish Church, 19th September: Mervyn George Rayner KING & Julia Elizabeth Joan NEEDS

Wingrave Parish Church, 26th September:
Patrick William HANCOCK & Rosemary Anne BOLTON

WINGRAVE CHURCH OF ENGLAND COMBINED SCHOOL GOVERNORS MEETING is fixed for Tuesday, November 3rd

CHURCH NEWS

No doubt many of you reading this will have noticed that part of the church boundary wall fell down and a considerable number of bricks have been removed. We have hopes that the MSC bricklayers will not only replace them but renovate the whole wall. However this takes time to be approved and by then the cold weather will be on us, so we fear it will be the Spring before it gets done. We hope too that the gate will be replaced by then. Both these items were mentioned, amongst several others, by the Chiuch architect in his regular five yearly report. It is good to have the report but chilling in reckoning up the cost of keeping our fine church building in good repair. Yet a stitch in time does save nine. All we would ask is that those of you who value the church building recognise that it is very expensive to keep in good order. The only way you can really show you do value it is to dip into your pocket and help provide the funds for the repairs. How about it?

CHURCH SERVICES FOR OCTOBER

4th. October : HOLY COMMUNION 11.15 a.m. Tony Hewitt.

James 1(16-27) 717 Luke 17(11-19).

11th. October : HOLY COMMUNION 11.15 a.m. Alison Ford.

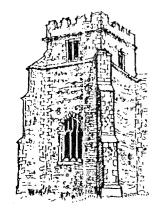
2 Corinthians 8(1-9) 722 Matthew 5(17-26).

18th. October : HOLY COMMUNION 11.15 a.m. Colin Higgs. Philippians 3(7-21) 745 John 17(1-10)

25th. October : HOLY COMMUNION 11.15 a.m. John Ford. Genesis 2(4-9,15-25) 398 John 3(1-8).

1st. November : FAMILY SERVICE 11.15 a.m. Sarah Lovell. Revelations 7(2-4,9-17) 810 Matthew 5(1-12).

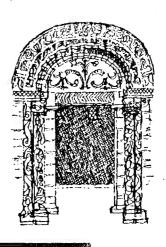
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HAMSEY, Sussex: Medieval church with traces of 15th-c. paintings, probably on the site of the Domesday church.



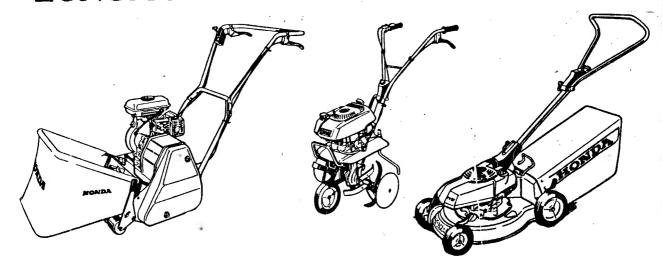
KU.PECK, Herefordshire: Doorway of the church, which contains Saxon remains. The village was held by William FitzNorman who owned its castle, now in ruins.



Bolber Male Boice Group
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the Chapel
in aid of Aylesbury Hospice

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