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Editorial

A Very happy New Year to you all.

Well, it looks as if, at long last, the village conservation proposals will be discussed by the Aylesbury Vale District Council. Perhaps it's appropriate that the picture on the front of the Council's Rural Areas Housing and Green Belt Plan should be Aston Abbots. Many thanks to the planning department at Aylesbury Vale for making available copies of the Consultative Document. You should have a copy as an inset to this issue, if for some reason your copy does not contain the document then further copies are available from the Council offices in Aylesbury. The full document, which contains an aerial photograph of Cublington on its cover, is also available from the Council at a cost of £3. If you would like to find out more about the Plan or ask questions then why not go along to the public meeting in Wing on the 10th of January. Any comments you may wish to make should, in any case, reach the District Council by 27th January.

Graham Parker

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THE SUNDAY CLUB

The Sunday Club has now started.

Sunday Club is held at the Methodist Chapel at 10 a.m. Sunday mornings. We are also involved in a Family Service in the Church once a month.

The Sunday Club is for children aged 3 upwards, all are welcome from either Church or Chapel.



INFO

WHAT'S ON IN JANUARY

LADIES CLUB

SUNDAY 15th : RAMBLING CLUB MEMBERS MEET AT WADDESDON AT 2 P.M.

THURSDAY 5th & 19th : WHIST DRIVE 7.30 P.M. IN THE CHURCH ROOM.

THURSDAY 12th & 26th : BINGO AT 7.30 P.M. IN THE CHURCH ROOM.

The Ladies Club met on December 1st to hear a talk on the art of Quilting given by Brenda Rhodes. It was a very interesting talk.

The Ladies Club Carol Service was held in St James's Church on 15th December with the Rev Creber from Stewkley taking the service. Mr Doggett played the organ and readings were read by Mrs Brandon, Mrs Turner, Mrs Newell and Mrs Williams. A collection raised £23.75 which is to go to Aid Armenia. A delicious Christmas tea was served to forty members and friends in the Church Room afterwards.

NOTICE

Bucks County Council (Education Department) are involved with a return exchange with Independence in America and a youth from this village is taking part. If anyone or any business would like to sponsor the youth in any way please contact Sue Payne (youth Worker) on Winslow 2885, who is in charge of the visit.

Ladies Club dates for January:

12th Miss Cuthbert 'Aylesbury in the 20's'
26th Mr Dorrance 'Walking in the Rockies'

NOTICE

ALLOTMENT RENTS ARE NOW DUE AT £2.00 PER PLOT FOR THE YEAR 1989. WOULD YOU PLEASE DROP INTO THE POST OFFICE AND PAY AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE. THANKS.

LEN SCUTCHINGS

Farewell gifts from three parishes

PARISHIONERS from the combined benefice of Wingrave and Rowsham, Aston Abbots and Cublington gathered at Wingrave Parish Church to say farewell to Father John Heffer and family at an Advent carol service.



Father John Heffer

The service included readers from all three parishes, singing, handbell ringing by the junior church choir, and items by the Wingrave Singers.

A presentation was made at the end of the service by Mr. Peter Dines, church warden at Aston Abbots.

Father Heffer was given a hide president's swivel chair, for the study at his new rectory, a gift from all the parishioners.

Wingrave parochial church council gave Mrs. Sheila Heffer a silk scarf, hand painted with butterflies, leaves and berries, and for the rector a watercolour of Wingrave church.

Both of these were painted by local artist Pip Watkins.

The Heffers' son, Tom, was given a Bible and book token, presented by Tom Masters from the junior church.

Also on display was a set

of white china crib figures and a praying hands plaque, a gift from the United Benefice Prayer Chain.

Father Heffer has been rector of Wingrave for seven years, and has now moved to Bedfordshire, where he will once again be in charge of three parishes.

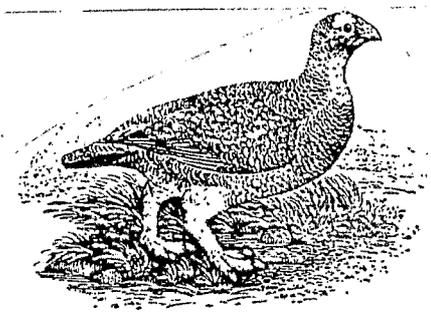
The induction to his new parishes will take place at Colmworth, Bedfordshire, on December 14, and a large number of his former parishioners are expected to travel there for the event.

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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)
- Rosemary Franklin, 3 Church Row. (681319).

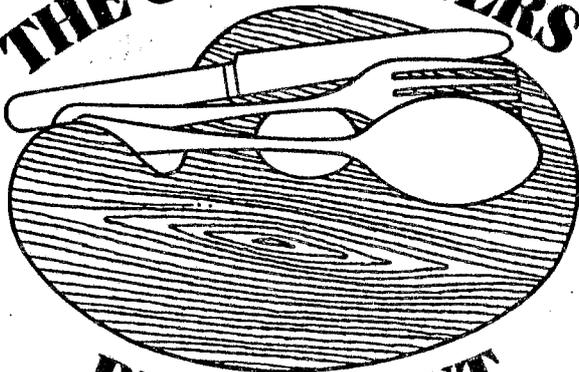
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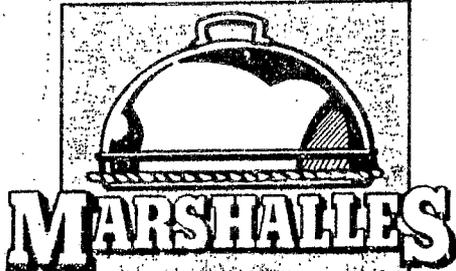
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BIRTHDAYS

JANE PLESTED 7th JANUARY
SARAH PLESTED 7th JANUARY
JAMES CLARKE 10th JANUARY
TONY HINDS 13th JANUARY
FRED POULTER Snr 18th JANUARY
ZOE JUDD 25th JANUARY
CLIFFORD PRICE 28th JANUARY
RICHARD PLESTED 29th JANUARY

RELATED CONGRATULATIONS to VAL SMITH
who celebrated a 'very special' birthday on Christmas Day.

MANY THANKS

NICK and CAROLINE, who are 'caring' for the stage for the time being.

THE CHRISTMAS SHOW 1988

<u>INCOME</u> :	Donation	£100.00
	Raffle	£120.80
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		<u>£541.53</u>

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	Drinks	£ 78.81
	Electricity	£ 2.00
	Room Hire	£ 15.00
		<u>£173.19</u>

<u>BALANCE</u>		<u>£365.34</u>
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THE CHRISTMAS SHOW 1988 by your DRAMA CRITIC.

Once again the time of year has rolled around when your Drama critic was bribed to view the offerings of what has now become known as the Christmas Show Gang. The first surprise was as you walked in the door to find that you had to climb onto a stage. What a difference that made to the evening. For the first time the Audience could see what went on below waist level and that turned out to be a shock. A deeply sombre Ray Wilkins (on) opened the proceedings and the whole thing went down from there. Alison Ford made two stalwart appearances trying to contain the wayward parts of brother Andy, who was appearing again after a gap of 3 years. The Ying Tong song will never be the same... Andy was his usual spectacular self and it was great to see the return of Wobert and Helen.

Then to the pantomime which was loosely based on Alladin, very loosely. Newcomer Alison Hewitt managed not to trip over Chris Brandon's feet as they marmalised the opening song. Then on came the perpetual hero of Les Smith who charmed everyone with the immortal line of 'My kingdom for a rehearsal'. Margaret Kent seemed to be type cast as LiLo Lil the scheming princess. Gwyneth Price and Esther Chesher as the Emperor and Empress seemed to have trouble with the football pools.

As a heavy, John Whyte seems to have had much practice and the convincing cackles must have brought shudders to the VAT non payers of the audience.

Karen Brandon played Puff the Magic Genie with alarming conviction and how come she has got such a low singing voice?

In amongst it all Andy Ford played the ghost whilst Tony Hewitt played Dame with his usual sense of mischief and missed timing.

Neil Chesher did his usual apology for music and claims to have rewritten some of the words. In all a spirited night of entertainment which was relatively clean and for once failed to take the mickey out of anybody in the village.

I have been asked to pass on some thanks.

To Chris Brandon, for the stage. A fantastic achievement which will stand us in good stead in future years. To Owen Macmannus for a generous donation to help to pay for the materials.

To Tony Hewitt for the organisation, Ray Wilkinson for doing the bar, Dave the Bull for the bar licence, John Whyte for the sale of tickets.

Margaret Chesher and Rita Robinson for the Raffle and a very special thanks to Andy Bystra for the scenery.

The whole show was videoed by Jon Chesher and copies are on sale from Ray Wilkins.

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I have been informed by British Gas that they are at the point of notifying interested parties that a gas service will not be laid to the village because of lack of interest.

The latest position is that only twenty four households have replied positively regarding connection, a number which falls short of the twenty five per cent required to make the exercise a viable proposition for British Gas.

The original quotation included conflicting figures for the number of households required for a gas supply to be brought to the village. When I initially checked which of the two figures (25 or 29) was correct, I was informed that the lower number was the one needed. However, British Gas are now insisting that the higher number is the one corresponding to twenty five per cent of the dwellings falling within their survey, and they require that number as a demonstration of the villages real interest in a gas service.

There seems to have been a rumour around that British Gas would lay a supply to the village irrespective of the number of interested households, but British Gas have stated categorically that they will not provide a supply unless the twenty five per cent requirement is met.

It is obviously up to each household to determine their own requirements, but it seems that the village is in danger of losing a very good opportunity to bring a valuable service to the village. British Gas have agreed to hold this matter open for another SEVEN DAYS AFTER THE PUBLICATION OF THIS ISSUE OF THE CHRONICLE (UNTIL THE 14th JANUARY) to allow for further applications; but after that date it will be too late.

Therefore, if you have been undecided about applying for a gas supply now is the time to reconsider your requirements, as it is likely to be a considerable period of time before the village is able to muster sufficient support for another application.

TONY HEWITT.

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TWINNING NEWS



Our twinning calendar is already planned for 1989. We invite all those already involved, and all those considering taking the plunge into twinning, to join us this year in one or all of our various trips to France, and especially to come along to our OPEN MEETING on Thursday 12 January at 8 pm in the Community Centre. This gives us an opportunity to discuss, over a glass of wine, such matters as frequency of visits, finances, how to entertain our French visitors etc. Here are the 1989 dates for your diaries:



French visitors in Wingrave: Thurs 4 May to Sun 7 May

Our weekend in La Bouëxière: Thurs 26 Oct to Sun 29 Oct

Junior Football teams visit to La Bouëxière: Fri 31 Mar to Mon 3 Apl

Youngsters' Exchange: our kids in La Bouëxière Sun 26 Mar to Mon 3 Apl

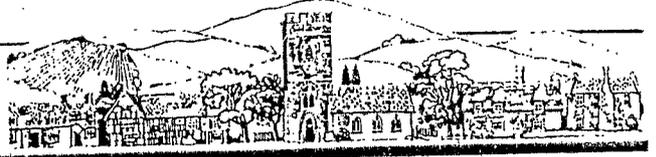
French kids over here Sat 22 July to Sun 30 July.

Subscriptions for 1989 membership of the Twinning Association (£2 per person or £5 for a family) can be paid at the January meeting or by contacting any committee member; they are Julian Humphrey (681341), Bryan Round (681621), David Morgan (681101), Pip Watkins (681747), Jennifer Armstrong (681302), and Jean Keighley (681235).

YOUNGSTERS' EXCHANGE This is an annual exchange for kids from 12 years. The cost is very low if compared with a school-organised exchange, just the fare, insurance and a small administrative fee. The parents take it in turn to drive the youngsters to Portsmouth and back. The French parents collect them at Cherbourg. The hidden costs therefore are a run to Portsmouth, entertaining a French child for a week in July, and a small amount of pocket money while in France. The benefits are considerable. The youngsters get used to the French lifestyle and their confidence in speaking French improves beyond belief.

Names of those wishing to go on the exchange this year should be given to Jean Keighley (681235) by the end of January. Exchange partners can be found for those who have not been before.

UPDATE



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

A meeting of Aston Abbots Parish Council was held on Friday 16th December at 8p.m in the Church Room. Cllr C.Higgs took the Chair with all members present, plus six members of the public. Apologies were received from C/Cllr Reg Keen.

Matters Arising

It was noted a considerable amount of long overdue work had been carried out regarding road repairs including re-cut storm grips and renewed drains; but there was still a large footpath pot hole opposite the Post Office.

The latest update on the gas supply was given by the Chairman and Cllr John Whyte, and although it was NOT confirmed it was understood the percentage required for the gas supply to be installed viably had been reached, and it was highly likely the supply would be laid into the village in the spring of 1989. [SEE SPECIAL ARTICLE BY TONY HEWITT FOR LATEST ON THE GAS SUPPLY]

Planning

Application for a dwelling at Wingrave Road for Mr & Mrs Page (Oxley Farm) was discussed and it was agreed a bungalow would be better owing to the height of the land and that the existing farmland access be incorporated into the new access on the grounds of highway safety.

Accounts

The Clerk presented the following for payment: Easter Electricity £30.17; Value Electrics £292.01 and a request for a precept of £1750. It was agreed the accounts be paid and the precept for 1989/90 be £1750.

Correspondance

The village Conservation Plan would go before the AVDC's Development and Recreation Committee on 23rd January 1989.

A resident had written to complain about the position (open to the elements) of the new kiosk and asked if anything could be done. It was agreed to request British Telecom to reposition the kiosk by ninety degrees which, it was felt, would alleviate the problem as far as was possible.

Aylesbury Vale DC had circulated to all Parish Councils the new structure plan on Conversions of Agricultural Buildings and

the Rural Areas Housing and Green Belt Plan. It was noted that a sugery for questions would be held at WING on 10th January. [AN ARTICLE ON THE RURAL AREAS PLAN taken from the Bucks Herald appears elsewhere in this issue and it is hoped that copies of the short CONSULTATION DRAFT will be included as a pull out section with this issue].

YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS

Colin Higgs, [Chairman & Acting Clerk]
6 Wingrave Road. Tel:681343.

John Whyte, 14 Bricstock. Tel:681685.

John Ford, 2 Ross Road. Tel:681865.

Richard Speakman, 79 The Green. Tel:681042.

Bryan Round, 11 Nup End Lane, Wingrave,
Tel: 681621.

Other Matters

Cllr Speakman reported his concern at the length of time Value Electrics took to repair street lights (ie 7-10 days). The Chairman agreed to have a word with them.

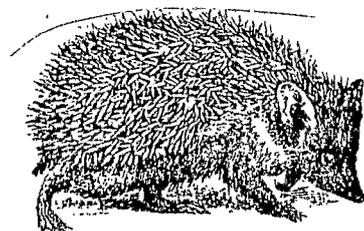
Cllr Bryan Round reported some trouble had been caused to neighbours from persons renting garages, and pointed out that businesses (eg car repairs/spraying) MUST NOT be carried out from council rented garages.

A member of the public commented on the speed of traffic through the village, and was also concerned about cars parked on the footpath, making it difficult to use. The Clerk was asked to contact the Thames Valley Police on these matters.

A request for an additional street light opposite the post office was made by a member of the public. This was to be considered in the next years budget, by either installing an additional lamp, or replacing lamp No 4 (at the junction of The Green and Ross Road) with a new type of lamp.

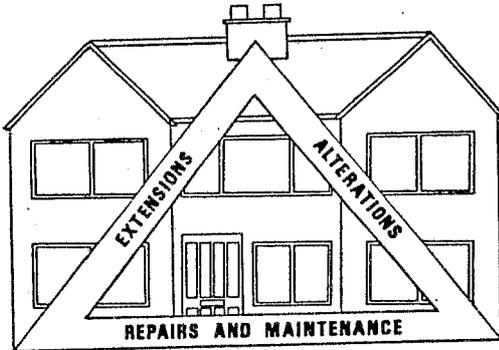
There being no other business the meeting closed at 9 p.m.

C.H.HIGGS Clerk.



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THE draft Rural Housing and Green Belt plan for the area first saw the light in the district council chamber back in September.

Soon the people of Aylesbury Vale are to have the chance to air their views on the plan which redefines green belt boundaries and makes provision for housing needs until 1996.

All public comment will be read and considered, so find out what it could mean for you.

Rural plan

is going

public

Meeting housing needs

by Cath Mersh

A HUGE response is expected when the public consultation period begins for the district council's draft Rural Housing and Green Belt plan.

Surgeries will be held around the district in January, giving people a chance to examine copies of the document and have their questions answered by council officers.

Public comments will then be considered by the council before it selects proposed sites for housing development and adopts a final non-statutory version of the plan by mid 1989.

The draft plan is the result of a study of Aylesbury Vale's villages and small towns to plan for housing development and the defined green belt boundary up to 1996.

Feelings are already running high, particularly in Wendover, where many fear the loss of scenic green belt country under tons of bricks and mortar.

But the public should not let their emotions get the better of them. The council can only give serious consideration to comments made on a co-ordinated planning basis.

Plans officer Michael White is confident the public will be well-equipped to make valid observations on the plan.

"We talk frequently to parish councils and village societies, explaining what is a valid planning consideration," he said. "We do help local people to respond positively."

"We are expecting a lot of interest from the public."

The district council is relatively new to holding surgeries for public consultation purposes.

But it was encouraged by the local response to the draft Aylesbury Local Plan which was opened to consultation earlier this year.

Mr. White guaranteed every comment would be read and taken into account.

It is intended the public will gain another chance to air their views in 1990 before the rural policy becomes a statutory document.

In the meantime, said Mr. White, the council is

keen to publish an initial plan to show the district has enough land to cater for housing needs.

Otherwise, inspectors for the Secretary of the State for the Environment, less well-versed in district matters, may step in and determine policy themselves.

The surgeries will be held between 3pm and 9pm on the following dates:

● January 4 — Committee Room, Memorial Hall, Wharf Road, Wendover.

● January 6 — Committee Room, Village Hall, Had-denham.

● January 9 — Small Hall, Buckingham Community Centre, Cornwalls Meadow, Buckingham.

● January 10 — Small Hall, Leighton Road, Wing.

● January 13 — Council Chamber, Council Offices, High Street, Winslow.

There will also be public meetings at 7.30pm as follows:

● January 11 — Sir Henry Floyd Grammar School, Oxford Road, Aylesbury.

TWENTY-one possible housing development sites have been identified in the plan to meet the district's need for 400 more homes by 1996.

That does not account for infilling or developments already granted permission.

But the effect of the recent announcement of RAF Halton's closure in the early 1990s, which could leave many service homes empty, has yet to be assessed.

Government requirements mean local authorities must ensure five years' supply of land is available at any one time.

But this does not mean all of the 21 suggested sites, which represent around 700 dwellings, will be taken up.

In the light of public comment, adjustments may well be made.

Councillor Mrs. Jackie Phipps, chairman of the development control sub-committee, said: "Our aim



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Changes to the Green Belt

is to ensure enough land is available to meet the district's housing needs, whilst at the same time protecting the special character of our rural areas.

The suggested sites for development include:

- Ninety dwellings at Castle Park Farm, Wendover.
- 170 dwellings at St. John's Hospital, Stone, planned for closure in the 1990s.
- Ten dwellings off Cromhamstone, Stone.
- Ten at Townsend, Had-denham.
- Twenty-one at Crispin Field, Pitstone, behind Cheddington Road.
- Fifteen off Marsworth Road, Pitstone.
- Eighteen between Cautley Close and Station Road, Quainton.
- Forty-five at Eskdale Road, Stoke Mandeville.
- Twenty-four at Moorlands, Wing.
- Eleven at Chiltern Road, Wingrave.
- Seven at Abbotts Way, Wingrave.

GREEN Belt must be maintained and protected. This is what the Government is telling local authorities.

But whereas some parts of the Green Belt boundary will be extended in Aylesbury Vale, others will be severely cut back by hundreds of acres.

Designated Green Belt aims to prevent towns merging and keep the advancing growth of London at bay.

In September, Wendover district councillor, Jack Marsh, angrily attacked the proposal to cut 300 acres back from the boundary around the village.

This would mean withdrawing the Green Belt to the south-east bank of the Wendover arm of the Grand Union Canal for almost its entire length between Halton Village and

Stablebridge Road, Aston Clinton.

Unconvinced by assurances from planning sub-committee chairman, Jackie Phipps, that no building would be allowed on the land until after 1996, Mr. Marsh called for the proposal to be abandoned.

He feared developers would waste no time in gaining a foothold.

Nevertheless, the council voted by a large majority to put the plan out for public consultation.

And next month members of the public will be able to make their own views known.

The plan also proposes that a small piece of Green Belt in the most densely developed part of Halton RAF camp, adjoining the Wendover developed area, be removed.

But the less densely de-

veloped remainder of the camp and Halton village east of the canal should be included.

In the Ivinghoe Beacon area, alterations have been suggested as the boundary does not follow recognisable physical features.

At the expense of two chunks of Green Belt near Ivinghoe Aston and Pitstone, the new proposed boundary lies to the south-east of the Upper Icknield Way and the Icknield Way.

Pending the adoption of the statutory local plan in 1990, it is intended that part of Aylesbury Vale, south-east of the Green Belt boundary, will be part of London's Metropolitan Green Belt.

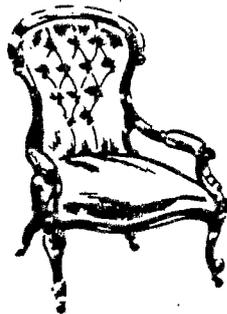
Until then, development plans for areas of approved Green Belt will be considered in the light of both the current and proposed status of the site.

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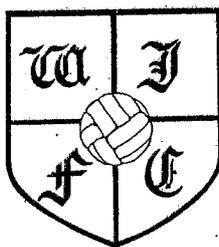


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DECEMBER RESULTS

December 4th : No games for any of our teams ;at the Under 16 it was a cup weekend with no game for us, and the Leighton League had representative matches. Lee Bracey Wright played in the 2-2 draw described opposite and Darren Springett was a squad member. At Under 14 level Anthony Bishop and Simeon Banks gained rep honours.

December 11th: Under 12's

Wingrave 4 Corinthians 3
A.Duncan; L.Bracey-Wright and two goals from Darren Springett including a spectacular 35 yarder.

Under 14's

Wingrave 3 Woodside 0
A.Bishop; C.Arnold; J.Perrett.

Under 16's

Tring Tornadoes 3 Wingrave U16 3

Wingrave woke up after going 2-0 down in a dismal first half performance. They levelled through Simon Megram from a Richard Hickson corner and Andy Parker, only to go 3-2 down, Megram saving the point with a late goal. Adrian Cheshire saved a twice-taken penalty.

December 18th: Under 12's

Wingrave 6 Arrows 3
L.Bracey-Wright 3; A.Duncan 2; K.Pretty.

Under 14's - No game.

Under 16's

Wingrave 4 Tring Colts 5
M.Brown 2; A.Parker; M.Neave.

Tough tests for boys rep teams

THE boys of the Mita Copiers Leighton Junior League met teams from Bedford at U12 and U14 level on Sunday at Pages Park in atrocious conditions.

In the Under-14 game Leighton were without key players through illness and injury and did well against an opposition line-up big enough to look like a men's team. Although going down 8-0 they never gave up and were always trying to play football on a quagmire pitch where strength and power proved the decisive factors. Outstanding for Leighton was Simeon Banks who kept the score down with some magnificent goalkeeping. Although Leighton were well beaten there were signs that there are better things to come.

The Under-12s fared much better in their game and drew 2-2 again against bigger and stronger opposition. Leighton played some delightful football with Brendan Kavanagh of 999 and Mike Churchill of Pitstone outstanding.



BY POPULAR DEMAND [AND TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE FRENCH TRIP] WE ARE

PROUD TO PRESENT ANOTHER

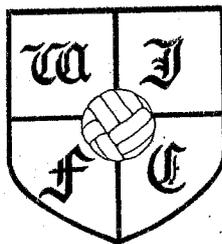
FAMILY QUIZ EVENING

AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE ON

SATURDAY 28th JANUARY 1989

7.30 FOR 8.00 START OF THE QUIZ : TICKETS £2.50 FOR ALL AGES.

HOT SUPPER ... LICENSED BAR ... RAFFLES ... MANY QUIZ PRIZES.



DAD'S v. LAD'S NEW YEAR CLASSIC

The fact that New Years Day fell on a Sunday gave the Dad's a day to recover from the New Year festivities before facing their Lad's on Monday 2nd January in the traditional fixture. The pitch at the school was in ideal condition after the mildest December on record although there was a distinct chill in the January air as players gathered for the annual ritual. The cold was quickly forgotten following a few nips from Fred's flask.

The Under 12's match was a close affair from the start and goals for the Dad's by Richard Pretty being countered by goals from Mark Hewitt and Darren Springett. Perhaps it would be fair to say that there was a certain amount of goalkeeper error in the equaliser! Many thanks to David Roberts for ref'ing and to Tony White and Peter Arnold for running the line.

In the Under 14's match the Dad's got off to a slow start and were soon two down to goals from Piers Parker, but panic in the Lad's defence following a Maurice Banks shot saw Ellis Kitchener's deft pass back bounce beyond the reach of Simeon Banks for the Dad's first goal. Superior fitness and relentless pace saw the Dad's level soon after half time with a goal in the Wimbledon style. A huge clearance from goalkeeper Ian Bundoock was headed on by Peter Arnold and volleyed into the net by the token 'Dad of the Day' Danny Scott. The elation was short lived as Anthony Bishop restored the lead for the Lad's but defiant to the end, the Dad's pressed forward and Danny Scott again equalised with a well taken goal. Thanks to Ron Cook for ref'ing and to Tony White and Fred Megram for running the line; but a special vote of thanks to all who provided refreshments and the warming drinks that helped make the matches an ideal way of greeting the New Year.

NEW YEAR RAFFLE

In a further effort to raise money to send nearly forty young footballers to France at Easter the Club will be holding a raffle in which each player will be asked to try and sell numbered squares (rather than tickets). The hope is that each player will sell £5 of squares so if you are asked please be generous! We would also be grateful for raffle prizes as well!

FAMILY QUIZ EVENING

TICKETS FROM: FRED MEGRAM, 6 NUP END LANE (681464); RON COOK, 50 NUP END LANE (681303); CARL SORACE, 58 WINSLOW ROAD (681129); RICHARD KEIGHLEY, THE OLD VICARAGE (681235); GRAHAM PARKER, THE CLOISTERS, ASTON ABBOTTS (681325); JOHN SCOTT, MEADOW VIEW, CUBLINGTON (681600); DAVID NEAVE, THE OLD BREWHOUSE, ROWSHAM (681551).

CHURCH NEWS

It was good to have the church absolutely packed on Christmas Day. One hundred and forty two of us in fact, ranging I guess from under two to over eighty - a wonderful congregation on a wonderful day. I wonder if there have ever been more at a service in Aston Abbotts? I doubt it, and what an inspiring service it was, with concern for others, humour, laughter, applause and a contribution from the Sunday Club; all intermingled with the eternal message of God with us in all our human situations.

The Sunday before, too, we had ninety in church for our Carol Service. This year we learnt some new carols and heard some new readings, one of which 'Che Jesus' is reproduced on the next page. The Sunday Club who, so quickly, have become an important part of our Family Service once again contributed much.

Now we look forward to 1989 with no doubt the installation of a new Rector. he will find a church in good heart, playing an important role in the life of the village. Let us all resolve to be even better neighbours, remembering that Christ's answer to the question 'And who is my neighbour?' has been an inspiration ever since.

PETER DINES.

SONGS & WORDS FOR CHRISTMAS

There were almost fifty people at the Chapel on Monday the 19th December for a beautifully simple, and often moving, celebration of the Christmas message. Many thanks to all who took part and all who attended.

CHURCH SERVICES FOR JANUARY

All services will be conducted by the
Rev. Peter Binns.

Sidesman.

JANUARY 8th.	: HOLY COMMUNION	11.15 a.m.	John Ford.
	Acts 10(34-38a)	464	Matthew 3(13-end)
JANUARY 15th.	: HOLY COMMUNION	11.15 a.m.	Tony Hewitt.
	Acts 26(1,9-20)	467	Mark 1(14-20)
JANUARY 22nd.	: HOLY COMMUNION	11.15 a.m.	Colin Higgs.
	1 Cor 4(8-13)	486	Matthew 5(1-12)
JANUARY 29th.	: HOLY COMMUNION	11.15 a.m.	Alison Ford.
	James 5(13-16a)	491	Mark 2(1-12)
FEBRUARY 5th.	: FAMILY SERVICE	11.15 a.m.	Alison Hewitt.

METHODIST SERVICES (All 6.00p.m. unless stated)

JAN 8th : Mr H.J.Prior. JAN 15th : At Weedon 3p.m. JAN 22nd : Mr.W. McCully. JAN 29th : Rev. Peter Lemmon. FEB 5th : Family Service at the Parish Church 11.15 a.m.

CHE JESUS

Che Jesus,
They told me that you come back to be born every Christmas.
Man, you're crazy!
Two thousand years ago you came and we nailed you to a tree . . .
but you insist . . .
Don't you realize that every day we continue to crucify you?
After all, weren't you the one who said, "Whatever you do to any of
those poor ones you do it to me?"
And can't you see what we are doing to you?

Every time a businessman exploits or deceives a worker,
Every time that a labor leader deceives or sells his companions,
Every time that a professional profits from the misfortune of another
human being,
Every time a merchant robs or a husband is unfaithful to his wife,
When an employee looks down on his fellow workers and draws a line
separating those who wear ties from those who don't,
When a worker wishes to become bourgeois, seeking his own gain and
his own promotion, not thinking of others and not feeling
responsible for the liberation of all people.

And that's not all, Che Jesus. And when do we together kill you?

When one people enslaves another,
When we wage war on other nations because we have to sustain this
rotten consumer society which we ourselves invented,
When we let the wise guys fill our houses with the trash from a
television set which has our children hypnotized,
When we do not denounce injustice nor relate to the struggle against
the exploitation, the backwardness
The causes which so neatly impede the progress of the people.

And yet, you want to come anyway?
I don't know but what with this stubborn gesture of coming back
every Christmas you are trying to tell us something.
That the revolution that all proclaim begins first of all in each one's
heart,
That it doesn't mean only changing structures but changing selfishness
for love,
That we have to stop being wolves and return to being brothers and
sisters,
That we stop losing time in criticizing and begin to work seriously for
individual conversion and social change that will give to all the
possibility of having bread, education, freedom and dignity.
That you have a message that's called the Gospel,
And a Church, and that's us . . .
A Church that wants to be servant of all.
A Church that knows that because God became man one Christmas
that there is no other way to love God but to love all people.

If that's the way it is, Jesus, come to my house this Christmas.
Come to my country,
Come to the world of men and women.
And first of all, come to my heart.

Note: This prayer appeared as an anonymous flyer in an industrial neighborhood in Córdoba, Argentina during the Christmas season in 1970.



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TO THE PARISHIONERS OF WINGRAVE WITH ROWSHAM, ASTON ABBOTTS & CUBLINGTON

Wilden Rectory

December 1988

Dear Friends,

Sheila and I have been absolutely overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity of so many cards and presents received on our leaving you. We are very grateful for all your gifts and good wishes and would like to sincerely thank all those who have kindly contributed in any way. It is impossible to list everything but I must mention a few.

The wonderful Advent Carol Service at Wingrave when all the parishes came together, and for the presentation afterwards. I was thrilled to receive the magnificent President's Chair which now graces my study here at Wilden, and the Water-Colour Painting of Wingrave church. Sheila was delighted with the Painted Silk Scarf and the two books of poems, good wishes and happy memories compiled by so many friends - highly complimentary, a real classic! And, how kind of you to remember son, Tom, with a presentation Bible and book token.

The Bayer Chain's gift of the "Praying Hands" and a lovely Crib Set for the 'Stable' made by Jack Tompkins was much appreciated by us.

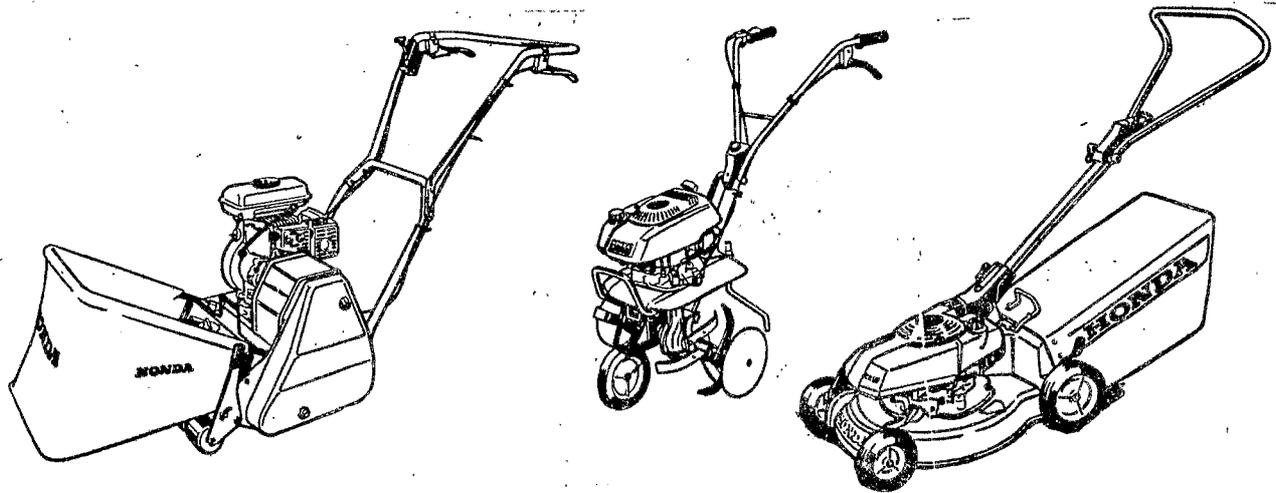
The School Governors presented me with a picture of the church, and the whole School, at a special assembly, presented Sheila with a gorgeous bouquet of flowers. I was quite overcome to be presented with a super Desk Blotter and even more surprised to be read extracts from a booklet compiled by some of the children entitled "Goodbye to Father John", and every pupil and member of the School had signed a mammoth farewell card.

The individual cheques and gifts have been gratefully received and the money will be well-used as we try once more to build up a new home. All the presents will be a tangible reminder of so many good and kind friends who we shall miss deeply.

Again many thanks to you all. We send our love and prayers to you for the future.

Fr. John and Sheila Heffer

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RURAL AREAS HOUSING AND GREEN BELT PLAN CONSULTATION DRAFT

The Council is preparing a Local Plan which will deal with housing development throughout the whole of Aylesbury Vale except Aylesbury itself and also define the outer boundary of the Green Belt around London. A draft of the Plan has been published specifically to allow anyone affected by the proposals or with an interest in them to express their views.

The Plan published for public comment has not been adopted as the policy of the Council. It is in a draft form, and any views submitted will be considered fully before decisions are taken regarding its final form.

It is intended that the final form of the Plan should be adopted by mid-1989. This Local Plan will represent an important step in the Council's work towards a statutory Local Plan for the Rural Areas of the District. The Aylesbury town area will be the subject of a separate statutory Local Plan which is more advanced.

The Draft Plan has been prepared to accord with the proposed Alterations No.3 to the County Structure Plan proposed by Buckinghamshire County Council.

HOUSING PROPOSALS

The Draft Plan reaffirms the general presumption against new housing development in the open countryside generally and within the Green Belt. Apart from specific sites to be proposed for housing development, the Draft Plan allows for development at settlements outside the Green Belt in the form of:

- * infilling within built up frontages;
- * the development or re-development of other small sites within built up areas;
- * small scale rounding off at the edge of such settlements.

All proposals for housing development should, however, also respect the character, appearance, and environment of the countryside and settlements.

HOUSING SITES

The proposed Alterations to the County Structure Plan propose 3,500 dwellings in the Rural Areas of Aylesbury Vale in the period 1986-96. Allowing for houses built since 1986 and commitments in the form of planning permissions and the like, only 1,000 dwellings are required to make up the balance of the Structure Plan figure to 1996. An adequate supply of land available for housing to satisfy Central Government advice would also be achieved by such provision.

Some proposals are anticipated for housing within settlements on sites not identified in advance for development. Where they accord with policy it would be unreasonable to refuse planning permission. In the past such "windfall" permissions have resulted in a significant number of dwellings. An allowance of 600 dwellings has been made for the contribution to housing provision from this source in the remainder of the period to 1996. It is therefore necessary for the adopted Plan to include a proposal for the development of specific sites with a potential capacity of some 400 dwellings.

The suggestions include details of 21 possible housing sites that have been identified for consideration. These sites are listed on the reverse of this sheet, and the settlements where they are located are indicated on the map. Although their potential capacity is estimated at about 750 dwellings, sites for the 400 homes proposed will be selected following public consultation.

GREEN BELT PROPOSALS

The currently approved Green Belt dates in part from 1954 and in part from 1972. An area in the vicinity of Wendover the subject of a Town Map submitted to the then Minister of Housing and Local Government in 1961 was excluded from the approved Green Belt. The Town Map included proposals to extend the Green Belt in that area, but it has never been approved.

The Draft Plan proposes revisions to the outer boundary of the Green Belt around London:

- * to take account of the present pattern of development and current government advice;
- * so that the boundary would be defensible in the long term;
- * so as to use recognisable physical features on the ground where this is not currently the case;
- * to eliminate inconsistencies with the boundary of the Green Belt in Hertfordshire.

In the vicinity of Wendover the boundary needs to respect the role of the settlement proposed in the Structure Plan Alterations as one where housing development is not restricted to the existing built up area. It is also necessary to allow scope for any development that might be needed after 1996 to be accommodated without taking land out of the Green Belt and compromising its long-term nature. The fact that land is not included in the Green Belt does not therefore mean that it is proposed for development, nor even that it is considered suitable for development. Policies would protect from development the areas around Wendover that are not within the Green Belt or expressly proposed for development.

YOUR VIEWS ARE REQUESTED

The Council has published the Draft Plan and details of possible housing sites to give you the opportunity to comment before decisions are taken regarding the final form of these proposals.

The document may be inspected at any of the Council's offices, the Central Library, or public libraries outside Aylesbury. A copy may be purchased at a price of £3.00 at any of the Council's offices.

In the New Year there will be a series of "surgeries" where Officers of the Council will be present to explain and discuss the document with individuals between 3pm and 9pm as follows:-

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| 4th January | Committee Room, Memorial Hall, Wharf Road, Wendover. |
| 6th January | Committee Room, Village Hall, Haddenham. |
| 9th January | Small Hall, Buckingham Community Centre, Cornwalls Meadow, Buckingham. |
| 10th January | Small Hall, Leighton Road, Wing. |
| 13th January | Council Chamber, Council Offices, High Street, Winslow. |

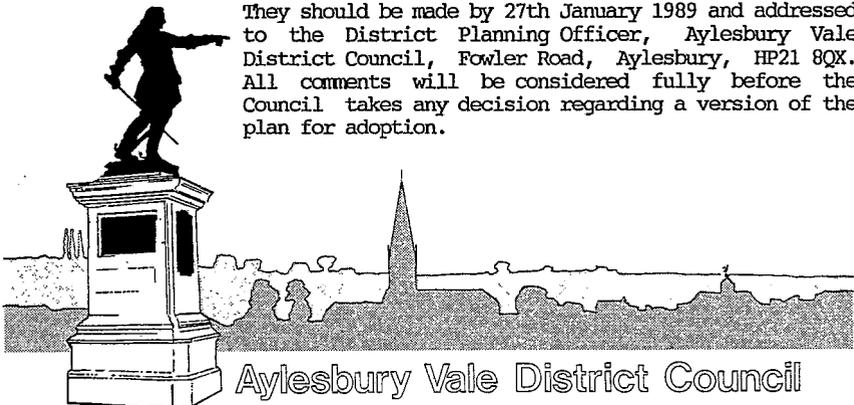
There will also be public meetings at 7.30 pm as follows:-

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| 11th January | Sir Henry Floyd Grammar School, Oxford Road, Aylesbury. (Parking in school grounds). |
| 18th January | The Royal Latin School, Brookfield Lane, (off London Road), Buckingham. (Parking off Brookfield Lane in grounds of the Buckingham School). |

This consultation exercise represents the opportunity for everybody to express their views regarding proposals that will affect the future development of the whole of Aylesbury Vale except Aylesbury, itself, and to participate in their formulation.

Your comments would be appreciated.

They should be made by 27th January 1989 and addressed to the District Planning Officer, Aylesbury Vale District Council, Fowler Road, Aylesbury, HP21 8QX. All comments will be considered fully before the Council takes any decision regarding a version of the plan for adoption.



Aylesbury Vale District Council

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..... District Boundary



Aylesbury Local Plan Area



Settlements with sites identified
for consideration



Proposed Green Belt

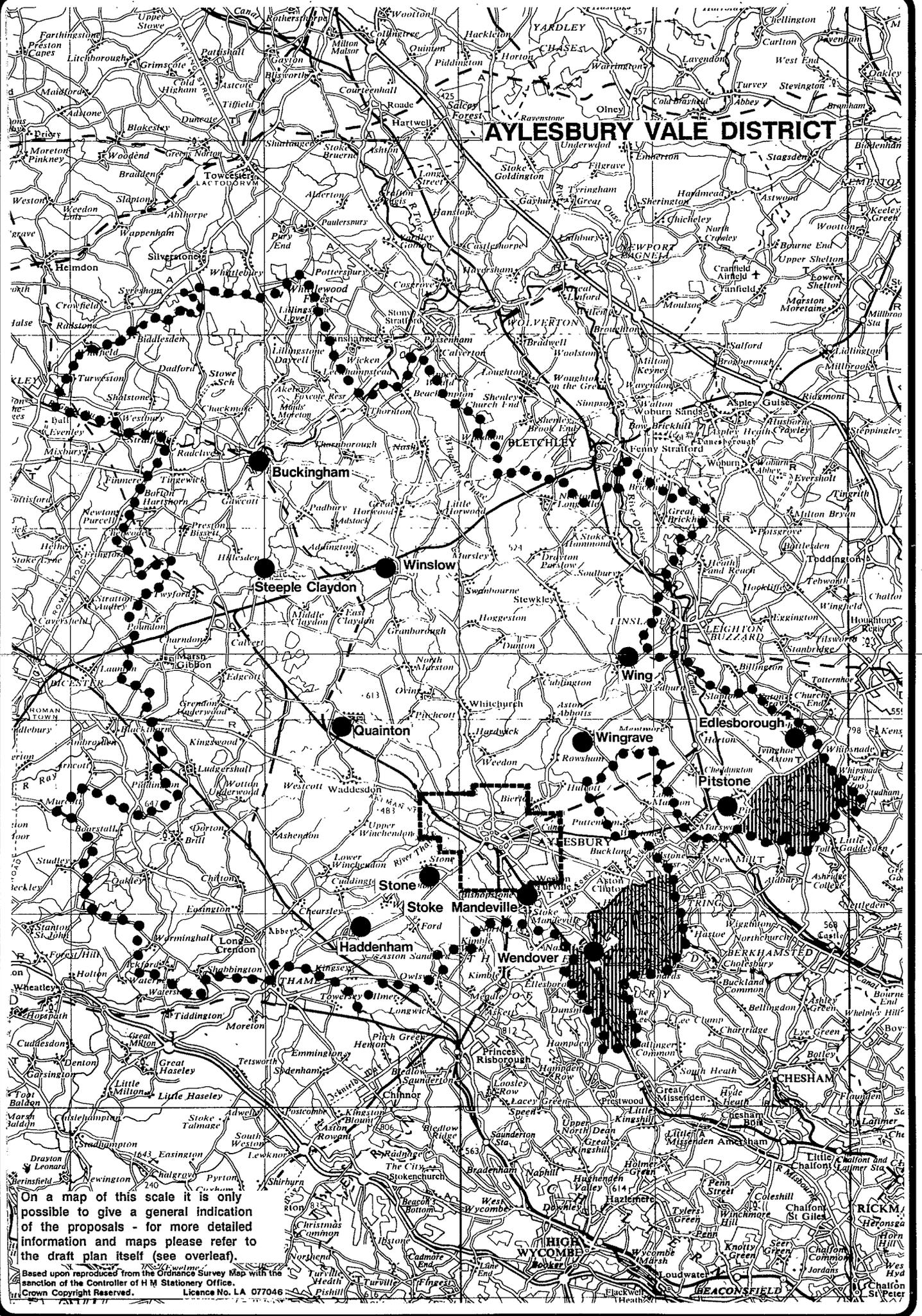
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Possible Housing Sites - For Consideration

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| A Station Road/Chandos Road,
Buckingham | L Townsend, Haddenham |
| B Overn Avenue/Western Avenue,
Buckingham | M Crispin Field, Pitstone |
| C Rear of Western Avenue &
Grenville Road, Buckingham | N Off Marsworth Road,
Pitstone |
| D Land off Bourton Road,
Buckingham | O Station Road, Quainton |
| E Castle Park Farm, Wendover | P North Hill, Steeple Claydon |
| F Avenue Road, Winslow | Q Queen Catherine Road,
Steeple Claydon |
| G) | R Eskdale Road, Stoke Mandeville |
| H) St. John's Hospital, Stone | S Moorlands, Wing |
| I) | T Chiltern Road, Wingrave |
| J Off Cromhamstone, Stone | U Abbots Way, Wingrave |
| K Taskers Row, Edlesborough | |

AYLESBURY VALE DISTRICT



On a map of this scale it is only possible to give a general indication of the proposals - for more detailed information and maps please refer to the draft plan itself (see overleaf).

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