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Editorial

Welcome (a bit belated) to the new managers of the Royal Oak: Bob and Julie Moult, and their children Ben, Clare, and Danny. They are from Bierton and so are no strangers to the area. They are planning a barbecue on 6th May, when the pub will be open from lunchtime all through the afternoon. Good luck at the Royal Oak.

Good luck too to the new Parish Council (including me! - Caroline). Names and telephone numbers elsewhere in this issue. Thank you to those who have been on the council for the last term, and especially to Colin who has probably clocked up something of a record.

Since the last Chronicle came out, the Wing Bypass exhibition in Wing has been and gone. The three routes (two south and one north of Wing, all dual carriageway) all looked fairly disastrous to us. We see that many people in Wing are now concerned primarily about the impact such a major road so close to the village will have. This concerns us in Aston Abbotts too. The question is not just about routes but about the wisdom of building new roads and encouraging yet more traffic to overload them. Let us know what you think.

We have just come back from a memorable week on Lundy Island, which has provided us with a picture for colouring this month - see inside back cover.

Jarda fluth

Carbine Lamer

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Wednesday 1st: Whist Drive Church Room, 7.30 pm

Friday 10th: Parish Council Church Room, 8 pm

Monday 13th: Toddlers Church Room, 2.30-4 pm

Saturday 18th: Litter Blitz The Green, 10.30 am

Sunday 19th: Rambling Club meet Wing Hall, 2.30 pm

Monday 20th: Toddlers Church Room, 2.30-4 pm

Thursday 23rd: Bingo Church Room, 7.30 pm

Sunday 26th: (Bank Holiday) Dorneywood Gardens & Henley-on-Thames. Coach departs The Green 1.30 pm Book with Colin 681343

(Dorneywood Gardens: a 6-acre garden with shrubs, roses, mixed borders; teas. Adms. 80p)

Thursday 30th: Whist Drive Sunday 2nd June: annual village spider walk Start 2 pm from Aston, Cublington or Wing

Monday 3rd June: Toddlers Church Room, 2.30-4 pm

COMING UP

Sunday 23rd June: Kings Lynn Flower Festival & Norfolk lavender at Heacham. Coach The Green, 9.15 am. Book with Colin, 681343

LADIES CLUB

Thursday 2nd: Easy Recipe Meeting Church Room, 2.45 pm

Thursday 16th: Not So Young Tea & Outing. Coach will pick up OAPs of Aston Abbotts The Green, 2 pm

Thursday 30th: Speaker Mrs Terry Dufton, Paraplegics: Progress to Pentathlon. Church Room, 2.45 pm

REGULARS

Tuesdays: Bin Day (note change)

Tuesdays: Wingrave Toddlers Community Centre, 2-4 pm

Tuesdays: The Trawler mobile fish shop, The Green, 1.40-2 pm

Alternate Wednesdays: mobile library The Green 2.00 - 2.30 pm Longmoor 2.35 - 2.50 pm Longmoor May dates: 8th, 22nd

Wednesdays: free bus to Tesco 10.31 outside Bull & Butcher Returns from Tesco 12.45

Wednesdays: fish & chip van outside Bull & Butcher, about 8 pm



Yes it's the ... LITTER BLITZ

Normans, Sherriffs, Litter Queens, and all the rest, please come and clean up the village at 10.30 am on Saturday 18th May, starting at the Green. Stay as long as you like, every little helps.

CLOCK FUND BOOSTED

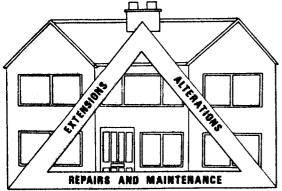
ASTON Abbotts' Church clock fund received a welcome boost to their funds when a jumble sale held in the church raised £100.52.

The Good Samaritan Easter Bingo was called by Mr L.Scutchings. Prize-winners were: Mrs Fox, Mrs

Mr L. Scutchings. Prize-winners were: Mrs Fox, Mrs Waite, Mrs D Hinds, Mr D Waite, Mr S Hayward, Mrs Wiggett, Mr M Luxenburgh, Mrs Brandon, Mrs E Allen and Mrs Scutchings.

The Thursday whist evening held in the Church Room was won by Mrs Adams, Mrs Hayward, Mrs Jackman, Mr Waite, Mr Gell, Mr Nayler and Mrs Brackley. Mr C Higgs was MC.

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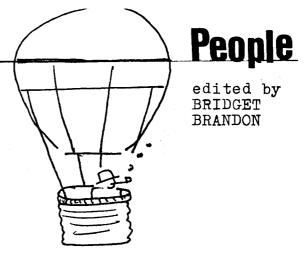
Chris Brandon . . .1lth May

Hannah Brandon . . .12th May

Tom Manning22nd May

Benjamin King22nd May

Neil Chesher . . .26th May



The 23rd May is also the first birthday of Fuke Chesher. Anyone who is not familiar with Fuke is very welcome to pop round to 20 The Green on the 23rd to help celebrate his/her?? big occasion. Please note that you should not attend if you don't have a sense of humour (you'll see why if you go). Happy birthday Puke.

Congratulations

George Brandon, who on his 80th birthday at the end of March, went for a trip in a hot air balloon. The nice thing was, he didn't know anything about it until he was driven into the field where the flight was to take place, Nice one George.

On a sadder note, we were very sorry to hear of the death of Richard Manning recently. Richard was a well known character and a gentleman. Our thoughts go out to his family.

Fun Run

The Fun Run went off without a hitch. Seven runners arrived. The press arrived. The press took their 'statements' and photographs and left. We got down to the business of running the nine miles, wondering if when we got to the Whitchurch brook (if we got to the Whitchurch brook) we would have to leap across it. We needn't have worried, as the bridge was still intact (it isn't now), and I am glad to report that four of the seven made it all the way, two hitched a lift home for the last couple of miles, and the seventh was whisked off to Heathrow at six or so miles. He did make up for it though, by running the nine miles the following Sunday. We must say well done to James Perkins and James Dixon, who not only ran the nine miles, but then went on to play a football match in the afternoon.

Raebok

P.S. I understand that Andrew Ford should be having the plaster removed from his leg in early May. Having lived with it for the past five months I sure he will be glad to see it go. Have a speedy recovery Andy.

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First we lost our school, then we lost our Post Office. Do we want to lose our chapel? Two of our younger families have moved away from the village in the last few months, leaving us with effectively eight members. Due to domestic calls, this can be halved some Sundays. We have an excellent and varied group of preachers, mainly lay, who give up their time to prepare and then conduct worship services and who travel from Aylesbury, Princes Risborough, and Tring to help us. Surely Aston Abbotts can provide a congregation to receive them and be helped by what they offer. We are grateful for organists from other churches who accompany the hymns; maybe there are pianists or other organists who could join the rota. We are experimenting with a change of service time to 11.15am, which we have found to be best for well-attended united family services, alternately in the Parish Church and in the Chapel. We intend to have services fortnightly, posting the dates in this magazine and on the Chapel noticeboard.

The Annual Carol Service, Harvest Festival, baptisms and concerts for charity usually find the little chapel full. It is a warm, comfortable and attractive building for fellowship and worship. We have over recent years raised money for Asthma Research, National Children's Home, Aylesbury Hospice, etc., and we support the village fête. Our rooms are available for village meetings, clubs and societies; and we feel we are an integral part of the village community and a good resource, which it would be a pity to lose. But we need more regular support in attendance and in worship. If you do not attend another place of worship, be assured of a warm welcome at the

chapel. It's over to you.

Ivy Brandon, Arthur and Brenda Roff, Vic Scott, Vika and Paul Tyldesley, Alf and Wilf Parker, Rev. Peter Lemmon

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES IN MAY

May 5th	Family Service	Rev Willmott	11.15 am	
May 12th	Rev Peter Lemmon	Christening of Gillian and Ray	Rowswell's son	11.15 am
May 19th	Mrs Wadsworth	11.15 am		
May 26th	WEEDON	3.00 pm		

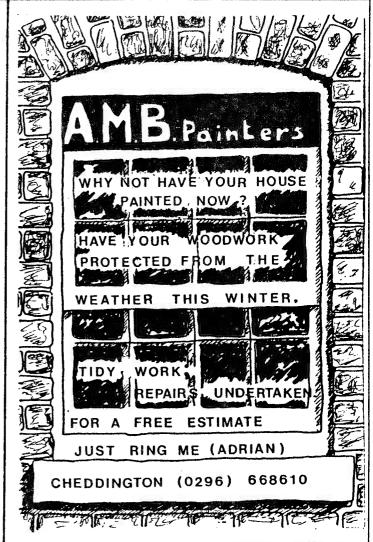


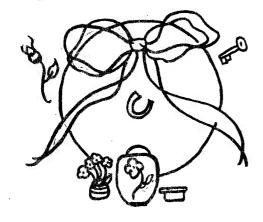
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681621

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ST. JAMES'S CHURCH SERVICES IN MAY

Sidesman

8.00am HOLY COMMUNION (BCP rite) 5th May Gillian Ford

> 11.15am FAMILY SERVICE Methodist Church

6.00pm EVENSONG Gillian Ford

Easter 5 1 Cor 15.21-28; John 16.25 - end (p. 623)

12th May 11.15am HOLY COMMUNION Alison Ford Ascension Eph 1.15 - end; Luke 24.45 - end (p. 631)

11.15am HOLY COMMUNION 19th May

Colin Higgs Pentecost Acts 2.1 - 11; John 14.15 - 26 (p. 636)

11.15am HOLY COMMUNION 26th May Michael Hasler Trinity Eph 1.3 - 14; John 14.8 - 17 (p. 641)

Also

Ascension Day United Act of Worship in Wingrave 9th May Church

Aston Abbotts Village Fete - SATURDAY 20 JULY 1991 at 2 p.m.

Please mark this date in your diaries.

We are hoping to run the following stalls:-

Toy stall Bric-a-brac Tombola Plants & produce Cakes Bowling Face-painting Bran tub.

If you can help on the day with any of these stalls, we would be very pleased to hear from you.

Please would you also start looking through the loft etc. for any items for the raffle, tombola and bric-a-brac stalls.

If you can help, please contact Shirley Ford (681865).

RECTOR'S REPORT

Earlier attempts at writing this month's report have dealt with topics ranging from the enthronement of the New Archbishop of Canterbury with its very discreet introduction of allegedly 'trendy' music to the persistent problem of whitefly which affects the fuschia on my study windowsill.

In between came concerns shared with the Prince of Wales that children are no longer reading the classics. Although it bothered me that has list did not include any writers of the tentieth century: names such as Philip Larkin, William Golding, Dylan Thomas. Nor did he even mention the author that amuses my children at the moment:- 'Oh, Dad's in the armchair with his Trollope again!'

I attempted to write something printable about the Census and the Council Tax but failed. Nor could I wax eloquent about the Local Elections. Even the 'Faith in the Countryside' report - which has about 50 'principal recommendations' relating to rural matters from land use; the importance of local schools, shops, pubs; the need for affordable housing and accessible transport; to the place within the village of the rural Church and the shortage of clergy - didn't seem to make much of a readable report. Or at least I found it extremely difficult to produce an article about the actual Report.

More words will not help to bring aid and comfort to those who are suffering the tragic aftermath of the Gulf War, nor ease the other sad and sore places in our world.

In an effort to produce part of my monthly contribution, I decided that perhaps I should type the list of Services, Readings and extracts from the Registers first. As I neared the bottom of that page, it suddenly struck me that I had not mentioned anything about a Service for Ascension Day.

After appearing to his disciples after his Resurrection, Jesus ascended into heaven to take his place at the right hand of God the Father. Not at all an easy idea for us to grapple with, let alone try to explain. But it does remind us that there is another dimension. We need to see the events that surround us, however important or insignificant they may seem to us, as having their place within an eternal context. Or, to put it more simply, we, like those first disciples, need to lift our eyes from our earthly problems to the glory of God.

Bob Willmott

The following people have been elected unopposed to the Parish Council - so no voting needed on 2nd May!

John Ford, Roy Malin, Victor Scott, and Caroline Lane

Bryan Round continues as District Councillor, and Margaret Chesher as Parish Council Clerk. Telephone numbers and addresses are on p.10.

Notes from Parish Council meeting of 12th April

- 1. Helpline: John Whyte, Chris Brandon, John Ford, Roy Malin and Margaret Chesher have all said they are willing to have their names on the Helpline. The new Helpline is on p.10.
- 2. Speeding: please observe 30mph when you drive through the village. Cars (driven by local people) are speeding, especially on the Weedon Road.
- 3. <u>Illegal parking</u>: cars parked on the pavements in the middle of the village are a nuisance, and this practice is illegal culprits can be fined up to £400 on the spot. The police need to know at the time and can be contacted on Aylesbury 396000.
- 4. Housing Needs Survey: Catherine Hinton from Bucks Council for Voluntary Service will be coming to a parish council meeting soon (probably the one after 10th May) to help get us started.
- 5. Local police: PC Nicol is no longer our community police officer. PC Trendell is our temporary replacement (for 3 months) and he and/or his sergeant Dave Owen hope to attend the next parish council meeting.
- 6. Church Row Pump: An estimate is being obtained for boxing in the pump to restore it to its original appearance (but not to working order). We shall then apply for an environmental grant.

CORRECTION to the Annual Parish Meeting unofficial minutes published last month. Minute 3, 1991 Village Festival: distribution of monies: Methodist Church and St James's Church 30% each, not 10%.



An extravaganza of local talent was witnessed at the annual cabaret held in the village hall.

The mood was set following a generous glass of wine on the way in. The audience gathered in intimate groups around candlelit tables and the entertainment, 1950s style began.

Aston Abbotts' answer to the Crystals bounced on stage. The Bristols were outstanding and gave an overwhelming performance.

The local male idol Dennis 'Shakey' Judd gave authentic

50s renditions of popular tunes.

From an earlier period a beautiful unaccompanied (no disrespect to Neil) folk song performed by one of our illustrious editors - Gordon.

Our own village minstrel, the versatile Neil Chesher accompanied most acts and sang two original ditties. The themes for his songs were drawn from local features and characters and were well received.

Slight trepidation followed as Tony Hewitt made his The worry being that he might do a ventriloquist entrance. act and throw his voice - nobody wanted to catch that. However relief was followed by laughter as he gave a unique

combination of juggling, magic and jokes.

The two new village megastars, John and Ann Brancker gave a superb version of the Sellers and Loren hit Bangers

and Mash, performed with real passion.

The highlight of the evening came as Aston Abbotts was occupied. Herr Hitler took the stage in full Gestapo uniform, he sang a charming ballad detailing some mihor physical deficiency. He was gaining sympathy with the crowd and involved Gillian Ford and Rita in audience participation.

The Reverend Bystra made one hell of an impact. visitors to the village are known to have taken him for real and commented that 'services must be quite enlightening'. We look forward to meeting the Reverend at other social events, where he might be so kind as to explain the meaning of some obscure terminology used in his address.

A mystery naturalist made an unexpected visit. He enthralled his listeners with insights into the world of wildlife surrounding

us - particularly sheep.

The meal was a delicious beef stew (or vegi), apparently a popular meal a few decades previously. Thanks to Rita, Margaret, Caroline, Shona, Ann and Bridget. As the water from the spotted dicks was drained off, uproar was heard from the kitchen, the helpers were playing spot the spot as they were escaping out the draining tap. The creative forms were then presented, each one a masterpiece in its own way. The custard flowed (or in one case did not) and everyone had their fill.

The raffle had a number of mystery booby prizes, unfortunately some participants had linked these rather too literally to the theme of the dessert. Sincere apologies to the winners of the

moist wipes and Germolene.

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Cabaret Review (cont.)

With the local skiffle group (including by popular demand John 'Sinatra' Whyte) playing the night out it was the end of a very entertaining and enjoyable evening, thanks to all involved.

The Floater

Note: The 1991 Cabaret made £190. This has been paid into the Christmas Show Fund, which now stands at about £500. This fund can be applied to to fund any village group or need. If you have any ideas about village projects or pressing needs, please talk to Chris Brandon or John Whyte.

A MONTHLY LOOK AT FACTS YOU NEVER WANTED TO KNOW

Walk tall.

You grow by about 8mm (0.3in.) every night when you are asleep, but shrink to your former height the following day. During the day, the cartilage discs in the spine are squeezed like sponges by gravity while you stand or sit. But at night, when you lie down to sleep, the pressure is relieved and the discs swell again. For the same reason, astronauts can be temporarily 50mm (2in.) taller after a long spaceflight.

Because steel expands when it gets hot the Eiffel Tower is 15cm (6 inches) taller in summer than in winter.

The world record for running 100metres is below 10 seconds. A burrowing mole would take 7 hours 50 minutes to cover the same distance while a snail would take 2 hours 4 minutes.

The boomerang-the V-shaped, hardwood weapon and missile-is not exclusive to Australian Aborigines, who can kill game up to 150m(500ft) away with it. Forms of boomerang were also used by the Hopi Indians of Arizona, by various northeast African tribes and by hunters in ancient Agypt.

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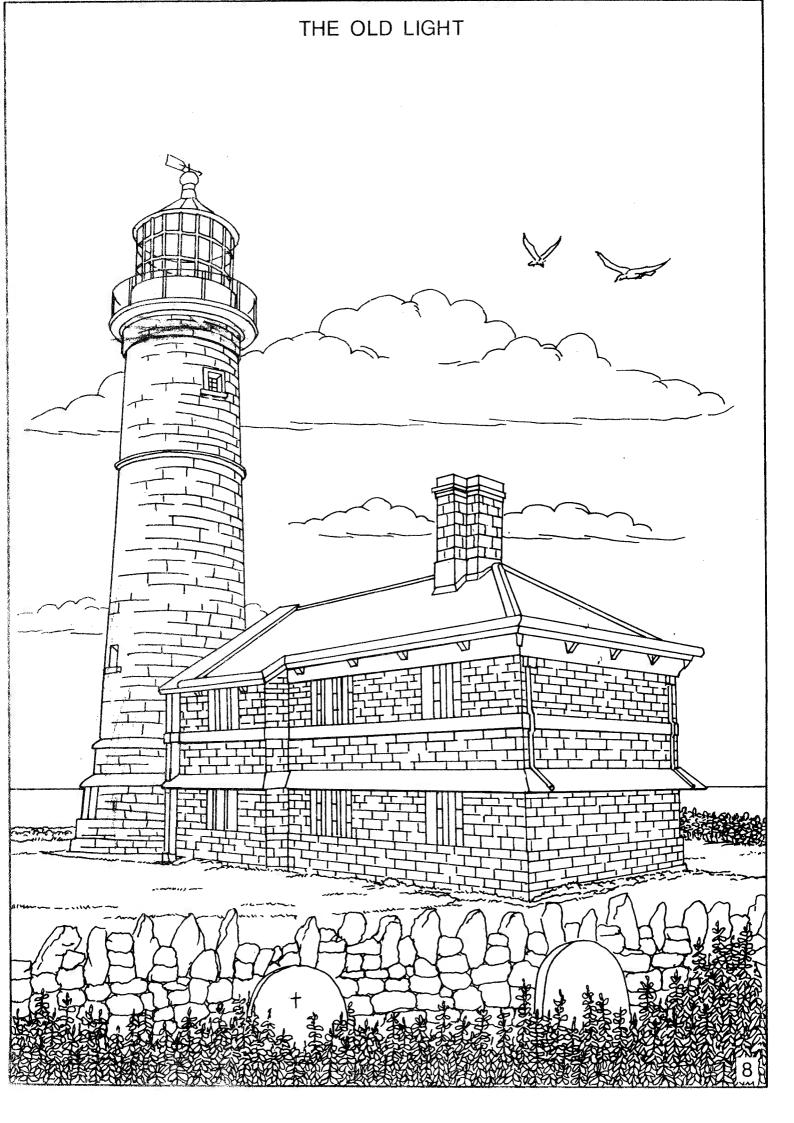


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