# The Chronicle

Julye.



August.



Aston Abbotts Parish Magazine



# Editorial

Festival time again - twice over in fact, as the village festival on 20/21st July is followed by a flower festival over the August bank holiday weekend. A good excuse to stay at home - let's make both events a success.

Thank you to John Ream, who has agreed to deliver the Chronicle to the people on Richard Speakman's old round.

No more Chronicles until September, so wishing everyone a good summer.

Conduire Laure

Gorda Juill

Please let us have items for the September issue by Friday 30th August. Bring, send or telephone to 2 Church Row, Aston Abbotts, Aylesbury, Bucks (telephone 0296 681373).

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What's On



Monday 1st: Toddlers
Church Room, 2.30-4pm

Wednesday 10th: Leighton/Linslade Public Transport meeting; any queries on bus service to Colin (tel. 681343)

Thursday 11th Whist Drive Church Room, 7.30pm

Sunday 14th: Rambling Club meet Stoke Bruene 2pm

Monday 15th: Toddlers Church Room, 2.30-4pm

Saturday 20th: FESTIVAL starts
The Green, 2pm

Sunday 21st: FESTIVAL floral displays St James's Church 2-5pm; Festival Songs of Praise 6pm

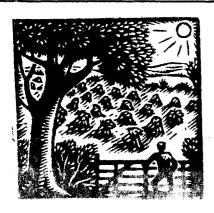
Thursday 25th: Whist Drive Church Room, 7.30pm

Sunday 28th: Footpath walk The Green, 2pm

Monday 29th: Toddlers Church Room, 2.30-4pm

Tuesday 30th: 5 & 10 km fun run, Silverstone Circuit 7pm (AVDC/British Wheelchair Sports Foundation)

Wednesday 7th August: FREE CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT at llam in the Church Room



Friday 2nd: Parish Council Church Room, 8pm

Sunday 4th: Rambling Club meet Oving 2pm

Tuesday 6th: Aylesbury Vale Holiday Walk, all welcome The Green, 7.15pm

Thursday 8th: Whist Drive Church Room, 7.30pm

Monday 12th: Toddlers Church Room, 2.30-4pm

Thursday 22nd: Whist Drive Church Room, 7.30pm

Saturday 24th-Monday 26th (bank holiday): Flower Festival St James's Church

Saturday: 11-5 (teas 2-4pm) Sunday: 11-5 (teas 2-4pm)

Evensong 6pm

Monday: 11-5 (ploughman's

lunches 12-2pm)

# September

Monday 2nd: Toddlers, as above

## REGULARS

Tuesdays: Bin Day

Tuesdays: Wingrave Toddlers Community Centre, 2-4pm

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

Alternate Wednesdays: mobile library The Green, 2 - 2.30pm Longmoor, 2.35-2.50pm

July: 3rd, 17th, 31st August: 14th, 28th

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

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# **Festival**

# VILLAGE FETE - 20 JULY 1991

Opening: 2 p.m. by Mr. David von Simson

2.15 p.m. Judging of fancy-dress pram competition

2.30 p.m. to 3 p.m.: Silver band playing

3 p.m . to 3.30 p.m: Morris Men

3.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Silver band playing

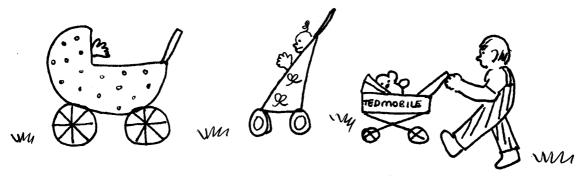
4 p.m.: Tug-of-War

4.30 p.m.: Raffle prizes to be drawn by Mrs. von Simson

STALLHOLDERS AND STAL	TELEPHONE:	
Mrs. Brandon:	Home-made produce	681486
Brigitte:	Groceries	681432
Mr. & Mrs. Hewitt:	Bric-a-brac	681390
Ann & Gordon:	Tombola	681763
Biddle Family:	Plants	681102
Janet Biddle:	Toys	681102
Anita Parker:	Bran tub	681325

Date of village collection for items for any of the above will be Monday 15 July from 7.30 p.m. when a representative from the fete committee will call. If you have any items which you wish to donate before that date, please contact the relevant stallholder. Volunteers are badly needed for helping with the stalls, particularly to relieve stallholders during the afternoon. If you are able to help, please meet on The Green on Saturday 20th July at 10 a.m.

We hope there will be lots of entries in the fancy-dress pram competition which will be judged at 2.15 p.m. All types of prams, i.e. dolls' prams, pushchairs, large prams etc. welcome!



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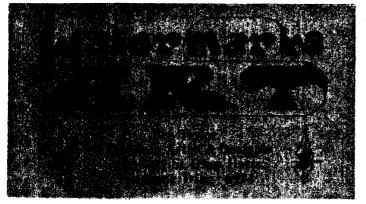
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#### STREET LIGHTING

Helen Dowling's previous letter (Chronicle, February 1990) explained that she had no objection to new lights in the village but felt that they should be white not orange — and she also pointed out that white lights had been installed in nearby villages, and that suppliers of our lights stated that white tubes/bulbs are available at no extra cost. She has now written to us again, as follows:

5 The Green Aston Abbotts Bucks HP22 4LX

17th June 1991

Dear Caroline,

With reference to my previous letter dated 8th January 1990 I would like to bring to the attention of the village and the Parish Council extracts from a letter published in this Summer's National Trust Magazine No.63.

".... For years amateur astronomers have been seeing less and less of the night sky as what is called 'light pollution' spreads. We find that there are now few parts of the country where the sky is not tinted orange or pink because of badly shielded lighting. But we are concerned not just because we now have to travel to remote parts of the country to observe, but because we believe that the sight of a clear, dark night sky is as much a part of our heritage as the countryside itself. Most young people today never get the chance tosee the Milky Way and appreciate the wonders of the universe beyond the earth ...."

".... Individual members can help, too, particularly if they are on local or Parish Councils, by making sure that any new outdoor lighting does not shine above the horizontal."

I understand that more lighting is planned so I hope that the villagers and, in particular the Parish Council, share the environmental concerns expressed above.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Dowling.

c.c. John Ford, Parish Council.

The Parish Council will be discussing this letter at its next meeting on Friday, 2nd August. (Editor)



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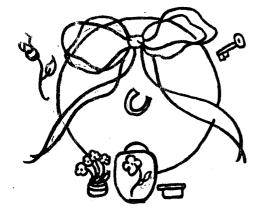
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#### BIRTHDAYS

John Chesher . . 1st July . . 2nd July George Fox . . Brenda Malin . . . 6th July Margaret Kent . 6th July . 7th July Len Scutchings . Nicola Lovell . 9th July .13th July Vic Scott . . Gordon Smith (74) . 15th July Diane Lovell . . 17th July Andrew Plested . 19th July Daniel Smith (2). 24th July . 27th July Dee Whyte . . . Lawrence Hinds . . . 29th July

If you would like your birthday recorded in the Chronicle, simply phone 681425.

Paul Fletcher				. 4th	August
Christine Fox	•	•	•	10  th	August
Mark Hewitt .	•	•	•	llth	August
Andrew Parker	•	•	•	21st	August

#### GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK

to Peter and Kay Dines, who are at last moving to North Yorkshire. We shall miss you. And congratulations to Peter on being awarded a CBE for his work as secretary of the Schools Examinations and Assessment Council.



FORGET serobics — the way to get fit is to go on a 450-mile

the Winged Fellowship.
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d the was not the only one ie a few pounds. Her horse

Robble shed a spare tyre.

When Tina found out about the ride from Horse and Hound magazine she embarked on a training routine to lick herself and Robbie into shape. That was at Christmas.

Six months later the duo completed the ride from Aberystwto Southampton with vth nothing more than the odd sore patch.

Tina said: "I began by hack-

Tine linds their long leyer hearty appetite

ing him around on the bridle-ways. Sometimes he got off lightly when I had to work and sometimes I took him out for five hours.

"And I started sylmming and lost a bit of weight to make the ride easier on Robbie." And the training paid off, be-

cause while other lister suf-fered swellen legs and sore backs, 15-year-old Robbie has never looked fitter.

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Chris Brandon, 12 Bricstock, 681425

Margaret Chesher, 20 The Green, 681201

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## YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

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Roy Malin, 3 Ross Road 681358 (Chairman)

Victor Scott, 11 The Green 681488

Clerk: Margaret Chesher 20 The Green 681201

District Councillor: Bryan Round 11 Nup End Lane, Wingrave 681621

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# METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES IN JULY AND AUGUST

7th July	C. Pape (united)	11.15am
14th July	No service	*
21st July	Parish Church	6.00pm
28th July	No service	
4th August	Parish Church	11.15am
llth August	Weedon	3.00pm
18th August	Mr Cross	6.00pm
25th August	No service	

# ANY OLD SHOES?

Milwards, in the Bossard Centre, Leighton Buzzard, are collecting outgrown children's shoes to send to orphanages in Romania. They also want adults' shoes if they are still in reasonable condition. Just take them along to the shop (or leave them with me if you don't often go to Leighton Buzzard). - Caroline Lane

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Abbotts Rambling Club tembers met at Wing for their Sun-ay afternoon walk, led by Colin ties.

The source commenced at the library based in the Village Hall, to Wing Mill, then upfield to Westpark and te Equestrian Centre, returning via Mr C Higgs was caller for Thurs-

day evening's Good Samaritan Bingo held in the Church Room.

Prize winners were (lines) Mrs T Hayward, Mrs Kempster (2), Mrs Brandon, Mrs Angoyk, Mrs E Higgs; (houses) Mr C Higgs, Mrs G Fox, Mrs M Luxemburg, Mrs E Allan, Mr D Waite; (special) Mrs G Brandon (2), Mr S Hayward.

The snowball remained frozen.

Mrs Fex and Mrs Ford had prepared tea.

In Cublington a meeting was planned in St Nicholas Church to discuss forms of worship " and services available in the 1990s.

LBO, 4,6,91

# RECTOR'S REPORT

One of the subjects which seems to be croppging up fairly frequently in Church discussions these days is the question about whether women should be ordained as priests.

Both those who are in favour and those who reject the idea seem to have good arguments to support their case. So, in the end, everyone has to come to their own conclusions about the issue.

You can argue that since Christianity springs from the Jewish religion of the Old Testament - a religion which was very 'Male dominated' - women should not occupy positions of prominence in the Church. St Paul's Epistles would clearly seem to confirm that view.

Or you can argue, without going overboard on the other extreme and insisting that 'Sexism' must be removed from Religion, that as there are roughly the same number of men and women on the planet, it is illagacal that only men may become ordained.

We are living in a society which had changed very considerably. The role of the sexes has, and is, whether we like it or not, changing. Women are now increasingly taking important and significant positions in society, and are bringing to those positions their feminine perceptions and understandings - which are usually very valuable.

For several years the Church of England has acknowledged the role of women. It has given them the same training as the male candidates for the Ministry. It allows them to enter the Order of Deacons (the bottom rung on the ladder, as it were). But there, it insists, they must stop! In this it out of step with virtually every other denomination.

The Roman Catholic Church, with a celibate (unmarried) clergy, can fund no place for women in positions of authority. The Methodists, the United Reformed Church, the Baptists and many of the other similar Churches, have long had women Ministers. In some parts of the Anglican Communion there are now Women Priests - in America there is even a Woman Bishop!

A few years ago, when the subject was being hotly discussed, it seemed that the main objectors were the existing (Male) priests. It seemed to me that this may have been because they felt threatened. There may have been some feeling that, if a 'Woman' could do the job, then somehow the job was less 'valuable'. But, as someone said: The Church has ordained Old Women for years':

## LEARNING THE ROPES

This year marks a significant milestone in the Office of Reader in the Church of England. I cannot quite remember whether it is 75, 100 or 125 years they have been in existence - but there will be a special event for them at the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham shortly. (It is 125 - I've discovered.)

So far as is known, there has not previously been a Reader - they used to be called Lay Readers - in Wingrave, Aston Abbotts or Cublington.

But now Siv Tunnicliffe is well on with her training, and hopefully will be licensed next year. The course of Training takes three years and involves a considerable amount of work, studying Doctrine, Church History, the Bible, and so on. Part of the training involves practical work - learning to do the things that Readers are permitted to do.

Whilst a Reader may not celebrate the Holy Communion, they are permitted to assist with the Preaching and the Chalice. They may not conduct Marriages, in an emergency they can conduct Baptisms, but they are permitted to take Funeral Services (with the consent of the Family involved). They may also conduct Mattins and Evensong and Family Services.

Among their chief roles are offering general assistance in the pastoral work of the parish: Helping with Baptism and Confirmation preparation, visiting the elderly and sick, Working with Home Groups, and many similar tasks.

So you may see Siv about - learning the ropes.

Bob Willmott

#### ST JAMES'S CHURCH SERVICES IN JULY AND AUGUST Sidesman FAMILY SERVICE Methodist 11.15am 7th July 1 Cor 12.27-13 end; Matt 18.21-end (p.669) Pentecost 7 Alison Ford HOLY COMMUNION 14th July 11.15am Gal 5.16-25; John 15.16-end (p.674) Pentecost 8 FESTIVAL EVENSONG Colin Higgs 21st July 6.00pm Pentecost 9 Eph 6.10-20; John 17.11-19 (p.679) (St. James's) Jeremiah 45; Mark 10.35-45 (p.790) Michael Hasler HOLY COMMUNION 28th July 11.15am Phil 2.1-11; John 13.1-15 (p.684) Pentecost 10 Gillian Ford FAMILY SERVICE 4th August 11.15am Cor 4.1-10; John 13.31-35 (p.689) Pentecost 11 HOLY COMMUNION Alison Ford 11.15am Pentecost 12 2 Cor 5.14-6.2; John 17.20-end (p.694) HOLY COMMUNION Colin Higgs 11.15am 18th Aug Acts 7.54-8.1; John 16.1-11 (p.699) Pentecost 13 Michael Hasler EVENSONG (FLOWER FESTIVAL) 6.00pm 25th Aug Eph 5.25-6.4; Mark 10.2-16 (p.705) Pentecost 14 FAMILY SERVICE Methodist 1st Sept 11.15am Rom 13.1-7; Matthew 22.15-22 (p.710) Pentecost 15



# Parish Council

# Notes from the meeting of 21st June (not official minutes)

Catherine Hinton of Bucks Council for Voluntary Service came to the well-attended meeting to talk about village appraisals and housing needs surveys. Twelve villages in the county have done them — the results are made into a little booklet — and 14 more are underway. The point is to provide facts and figures, to get people involved, and to find out what everyone thinks is important. They can be useful in negotiating with outside bodies such as district council, water authorities and so on. More details are in the leaflet reproduced in this Chronicle (p./5).

Some time was spent talking about housing - especially the lack of low-cost housing - and Catherine stressed that a Housing Needs Survey, using a tried and tested form that local authorities find acceptable, is essential for getting a scheme started. There was some discussion about difficulties faced by existing schemes here. Catherine explained that charitable housing associations can help with buying land and running a project so that houses stay available

for local people and are not sold on at market prices.

It was agreed that the parish council would go ahead with the idea of an appraisal and housing needs survey (this would probably be in the form of a questionnaire). The more people involved in this the better, so if you would like to help in any way, please contact me before the next meeting on 2nd August.

Church Row pump: Arthur Roff is going to try to get a contact of his to look at it and give us a quote for repairs; we can apply for a Village projects grant.

Accounts: bills for electricity, including £243 for new street light in Ross Rd, paid; also RGC Machinery, for maintenance of mowers, and £285 for new Flymo for doing the Green. The accounts are to be audited and can be inspected at the Clerk's house (20 The Green) from 5th to 24th August between 2 and 8pm. Bank charges seem excessive and the Clerk is to look into alternative banks.

The Clerk has spare copies of the Guide to Social Services (BCC).

Grants: it was decided to give £50 to Wingrave Summer Playscheme.

Highways: road improvements near the Acorns finished but some tidying up remains. Verges now cut by BCC. New footpath opposite the allotments not altogether satisfactory; £250 of total £500 paid by us. Verge here to be cut.

Rubbish: please do not put garden rubbish into black bags, as bin people do not have to take it (and have been opening bags to check!). They will take it if you first buy an official green bag from AVDC to put it in. Similarly, broken glass must be properly wrapped or they will leave that behind too. Litter bins not always emptied and complaints have been made to AVDC.

Please do not smoke in the bus shelter - it is untidy and a fire risk. Please do not park on the grass outside the Church Room.

I have run out of space, so turn to p. 18 for planning notes List of councillors on p.10

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# VILLAGE APPRAISALS

#### WHAT IS A VILLAGE APPRAISAL?

A Village Appraisal is a study carried out by local people which takes stock of all aspects of the village: its assets and deficiencies, its problems and needs.

It gathers together facts and opinions on a number of topics of interest to local people, and of relevance to wider issues affecting the village. This can help the residents and the authorities to see the village as a whole.

It can look back on developments and policies which have affected the village over recent years, and the reactions of local people to them.

It can create a basis for looking forward to the future of the village in the next 5, 10 or 15 years.

Note that an appraisal is not a Statutory Local Plan. Formal plans for villages are the responsibility of District Planning Authorities. Nevertheless an appraisal is an important complement to the planning process and is of undoubted use and influence. It can look at all local needs whereas Statutory Plans have to be prepared from a land use perspective.



#### WHY PRODUCE A VILLAGE APPRAISAL?

Some reasons for undertaking an appraisal are:-

1. To identify problems, available resources and potential solutions

Issues affecting the parish might be:

- \* The need for more housing or employment.
- \* The urgent need for a bypass, or traffic control.
- \* The threat of closure or cuts to local services such as the school, shop, post office, doctor's surgery or bus services.
- \* Excessive pressure on the environment (ponds, footpaths, hedges, woodlands etc) by developers, landowners or public use.

These issues are the kind which are often dealt with through a Parish Meeting, and indeed during the appraisal process such a meeting may be held. However the appraisal is a means to canvass all village opinion: not just those with strong views who speak out at meetings.

2. To collect evidence to influence the decision making.

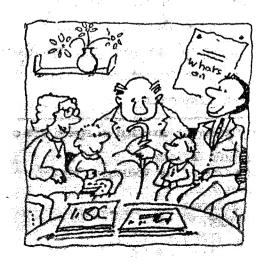
Local authorities and public bodies plus some private organisations and individuals are making policies and deciding on schemes which will affect your area. Your representations made to them will carry more weight if supported by facts and figures and evidence of local opinion.

An appraisal is a means to find out information on current issues and a way of being prepared to react quickly and authoritatively when new proposals arise.

- 3. To collect information as a basis for local action
  An appraisal could:
  - \* Identify areas for self help activities which could be carried out by individuals or organisations in the village eg clearing the pond, starting a playgroup, organising a good neighbour or car sharing scheme.
  - \* Identify areas for Parish Council action apart from expressing parish views to other bodies, the Parish Council can act on recommendations within its own statutory powers eg erecting a new noticeboard, purchasing land for a nature reserve, car parks, allotments etc.

Inform people of village affairs - through their participation in the appraisal process, local residents will have an opportunity to learn more about their parish.

\* <u>Fhocurage community spirit</u> - people from all walks of life will be given a chance to express their views and contribute their expertise.



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Leighton

11.15 1.35 2.35

Thame

9.30 or 11.30 to Aylesbury

10.00 Aylesbury - Thame 12.35

11.43 3.05 Thame - Aylesbury

Wednesday: Oxford

9.30 11.30 to Aylesbury

10.35 12.35 Aylesbury - Oxford

2.05 or 4.15 Oxford - Aylesbury

Friday: Tring (also visit

Tring Museum)

9.30 or 11.30 to Aylesbury

9.58 10.19 12.19 Aylesbury - Tring

11.55 2.55 3.15 Tring - Aylesbury

Saturday: High Wycombe

7.48 8.25 9.30 11.30 to Aylesbury

8.45 9.45 10.15 12.15 Ayls - HWycombe

11.15 2.15 2.45 HWyc to Aylesbury

Reading

8.40 Aylesbury - Reading 2.44 Reading - Aylesbury or continue

to Wingrave Crossroads

Watford

8.25 9.30 11.30 to Aylesbury

10.19 12.19 Aylesbury - Watford 8.53

1.00 2.00 4.00 Watford - Aylesbury

Luton

8.35 9.22 12.22 to Leighton Buzzard

10.05 1.05 Leighton - Luton 9.05

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# TRANSPORT LIFELINES

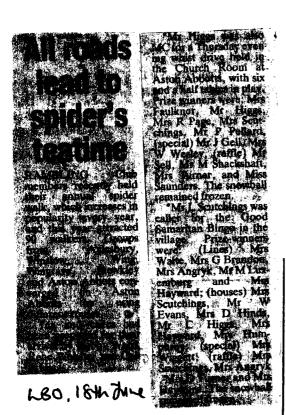
Bucks Council for Voluntary Service is producing an update of the Bucks Alternative Transport Guide. It lists voluntary transport projects and they want to hear of any in this area. If you know of such a scheme - might be people using their own cars, or a minibus or ambulance - please contact Catherine Hinton, BCVS, Walton House, Walton St, Aylesbury HP21 7QQ (telephone 21036).

# A MONTHLY LOOK AT FACTS YOU NEVER WANTED TO KNOW

Mushrooms are far bigger than they look. The fruiting body—the part that is picked and eaten—represents only about 10 per cent of the fungus. The rest, hidden underground, is a network of tiny strands called hyphae, which spread through the earth to feed on plant debris. Some species of mushroom derive nutrition from the roots of trees, and help the tree in return to soak up vital minerals from the soil. The truffle, for example, often grows along—side the roots of hazel and beech trees. It is so well adapted to its underground life that even the fruiting body—which is collected as a prize delicacy—remains below the surface of the soil and can only be found by its smell.

#### FOOL'S GOLD

Many early prospectors mistook iron pyrites-a gold coloured iron ore-for gold. The ore became known as fool's gold and was considered worthless. Today how-ever, it does have a real value. It is used in the large scale production of sulphuric acid.



# PLANNING NOTES from the Parish Council

- Improvements to the front of the Abbey (including rendering) passed by AVDC
- Applications for bungalow next to the shop and stable block at 2 Norduck Cottages to AVDC on Thursday 27 June
- PC had no comments on plans to turn buildings at Windmill Hill into house (beyond making sure materials correct)
- Chairman reminds public they have the right to comment on any plans before AVDC decides; copies held by the Clerk

# Oh Dear, What Can the Matter Be ...?

What was going on in the Brandon's (jr.) bathroom on Friday 7th June? Chris was summoned from the pub by a desperate telephone call... We think we should be told.



3 Church Cowley Road, Rose Hill, Oxford OX4 3IR. Tel: Oxford (0865) 775476

#### THE BUCKS WILDLIFE SAFARI

Why not get to know more about local wildlife in July? The Berks, Bucks and Oxon Naturalists Trust has organized a series of events this month to help you see native flowers, birds and butterflies.

Wednesday 3rd July: SUMMER HAY MEADOW WALK at Rushbeds Wood and Lapland Farm. 6.30pm. Meet at Lapland Farm car park. From Aylesbury take the A41 towards Bicester. At Kingswood turn left along the unclassified road south-westwards to a T-junction. Drive straight over and up the track in front, cross the railway bridge and park on the hardstanding. Grid ref SP 666 161

Saturday 6th July: TEDDY BEARS PICNIC 11.30am - 3pm Outdoor family picnic at Little Linford Wood with scavenger hunt and other activities. Entry only permitted if you bring a teddy bear or other cuddly friend. Bring a picnic too. From Newport Pagnell take the B526 north; turn left towards Haversham; after half a mile take rough track under motorway to reserve. Grid ref SP 850 458

Sunday 7th July: WILDLIFE SAFARI AND COUNTRY FAYRE 10am - 5pm Country crafts and entertainments at College Lake Wildlife Centre (with Julian Pettifer). Entry £1, children and OAPs 50p. From the roundabout on the A41 west of Tring, take the B488 NE past Tring to 200 yards past canal bridge at Bulbourne. Grid SP 935 139

Friday 12th July: PILCH FIELD EVENING WALK 7pm 30 acres of mixed wildlife habitat. From Buckingham take the A421 towards MK for 3 miles then take unclassified road on right to Great Horwood. Park on verge along access road. Reserve is through gate on right. Grid SP 747 322

Sunday 14th July: WILDLIFE SAFARI AT ASTON CLINTON RAGPITS 10.30am Easy walk to look at flowers & butterflies in old chalk pit. From Wendover take A4011 towards Tring. After 2 miles turn right onto road towards St Leonards. After 70 yds park on left and enter kissing gate. Grid SP 887 108 Sunday 14th July: WILDLIFE SAFARI AT DANCERSEND 2pm Butterflies and flowers. From Wendover take A4011 towards Tring and turn sharp right just before the A41 onto the road to St Leonards. Continue for one and a half miles and park behind the water works. Grid SP 905 088 Sunday 14th July WILDLIFE SAFARI AT PITSTONE HILL 7pm two-hour stroll to look at wildlife and earthworks. Turn right off the B488 NE of Tring towards Aldbury. Car park on brow on hill. Grid SP 955 149

Wednesday 17th July WILDLIFE SAFARI AT GRANGELANDS 7.15pm Gentle walk to look at chalk grassland. From A4010 NE of Princes Risborough take road to Gt Missenden. After one mile, car park on left. Grid SP 833 046 Friday 19th July WILDLIFE SAFARI AT WESTON TURVILLE RESERVOIR 7.15pm Take wellies and binoculars. From Wendover take A413 N. Turn right after one mile opposite the Marquis of Granby pub. Park in layby after half a mile. Grid SP 862 096 Sunday 21st July WILDLIFE SAFARI TO BUTTLERS HANGINGS 2.30pm Ancient woodlands and grassland reserve. Meet West Wycombe car park at the Garden Centre in Chorley Rd for this two and a half mile walk (two and a half hours). Grid SU 827 947 Wednesday 24th July EVENING WALK TO GOMM VALLEY NATURE RESERVE 7.30pm Hedgerows walk to grassland reserve. Take A40 E from High Wycombe towards Beaconsfield for one and a half miles. Turn left up Gomm Road and park before or after bridge. Grid SU 898 922 Sunday 28th July DISCOVER BERNWOOD FOREST AND ADJOINING BBONT NATURE RESERVES 2pm Guided walk, esp butterflies. Park at Oakley Wood car park for this 3 mile, 3 hour walk. Grid SP 613 117

## FAMOUS PEOPLE

- 1. Who designed Houghton House (Ampthill)?
- 2. Which famous lady was a frequent visitor to Claydon House?
- 3. Who wrote Pilgrims Progress?
- 4. Who was Emily Bronte?
- 5. Who lived at Chartwell?
- 6. Who was G. E. Street?
- 7. Who was Thomas Telford?
- 8. Which Bucks MP refused to pay Ship Money?
- 9. Whose ancestral home was Sulgrave Manor?
- 10. Who, as a girl, lived at Hever Castle?
- 11. Which scientist was educated at Grantham?
- 12. Which poet and hymn writer was born at Berkhamsted?
- 13. Who wrote Nicholas Nickleby?
- 14. Whose ballet shoes would you find in Northampton Central Museum?
- 15. Who wrote Under Milk Wood?
- 16. Who introduced the carbolic spray?
- 17. Who invented the chronometer?
- 18. Who was England's favourite admiral?
- 19. Which playwright lived at Ayott St Lawrence?
- 20. Which bishop was murdered in his cathedral?

Thanks to Colin

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Answers

BURNHAM - Crow Piece Lane; open daily 8am - 7pm (Summer) 8am - dusk (Winter)

Recycling: scrap metal, card/paper, used engine oil, gas cylinders, hardcore, clothing/textiles, bric a brac, garden waste

ET CHESHAM - Latimer Road (B485); open daily 8am - 7pm (Summer) 8am - dusk (Winter)

Recycling: scrap metal, card/paper, used engine oil, glass bottles, gas cylinders, hardcore, textiles/clothing, bric a brac, garden waste

■ HIGH WYCOMBE - Clay Lane, Booker ♦; open daily 8am - 8pm (Summer) 8am - dusk (Winter)

Recycling: scrap metal, card/paper, used engine oil, glass bottles, gas cylinders, bric a brac

■ LANGLEY - Langley Park Road ○; open daily 8am - 7pm (Summer) 8am - dusk (Winter)

Recycling: scrap metal, card/paper, used engine oil, glass bottles, gas cylinders, textiles/clothing, bric a brac, garden waste

MILTON KEYNES - Bleak Hall; open daily 8am - 7pm (Summer) 8am - dusk (Winter)

Recycling: scrap metal, cardboard, used engine oil, glass bottles, gas cylinders, clothing, bric a brac, plastic bottles (Milton Keynes Borough Council)

MILTON KEYNES - New Bradwell ⋄ ○ open daily 8am - 6pm (Sunday 10am - 6pm)

Recycling: scrap metal, cardboard, used engine oil, 'glass bottles, gas cylinders, bric a brac, garden waste

MILTON KEYNES - Newport Pagnell; open daily 8am - 7pm (Summer), 8am - dusk (Winter)

Recycling: scrap metal, cardboard, used engine oil, gas cylinders, clothing, bric a brac

The sites are open all year except on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day.

- ♦ Small quantities of chemical waste accepted
- Trade waste accepted (a charge is made)

## **¥GARDEN WASTE**

Garden waste which is brought into one of the seven sites shown will be shredded. Bring a bag and you can take some of the chippings away for use on your compost heap or as a mulch to keep down weeds.

#### **≭CFC RECOVERY**

A free CFC recovery service is operated by the County and the District Councils. Bring your old fridge/freezer along to any of the Household Waste and Recycling Centres (or phone your District Council to arrange for it to be collected) and we'll take out the CFC's for reuse in new fridges. This free service is also available to retail outlets.

For a free information pack on recycling and for advice on all aspects of waste management, phone the County Engineer's Dept. on (0296) 382412.

BCC has sent us a lot of interesting information on recycling in the area - ask if you would like to see it, as there is too much to print!



# YOUR GUIDE TO WASTE AND RECYCLING IN BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

Waste Management and Environment Section County Engineers Department, County Hall Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, HP20 1UY

#### WASTE - WHO DOES WHAT?

Your dustbin/wheelie bin is emptied by the local Waste Collection Authority. If you live in Buckinghamshire it will be one of the following:

Aylesbury Vale District Council: 2 395900

Chiltern District Council: 

Amersham 729000

Milton Keynes Borough Council: 2 682588

South Bucks District Council: # Slough 33333

Wycombe District Council: # 461000

The District Councils will also collect bulky items of household waste on request, although there may be a charge for this service.

Buckinghamshire County Council, as the Waste Disposal Authority, arranges for the disposal of domestic waste and is responsible for regulating waste management facilities throughout the County.

The County Council provides 12 Household Waste and Recycling Centres where you can take large items which won't fit into the dustbin, such as garden waste, furniture, DIY materials. This service is provided free for householders.

If you have chemicals to dispose of (such as old weedkiller or paint stripper), don't pour them down the drain. Give us a ring and you can either bring it to one of the Household Waste and Recycling Centres or we'll try and collect it.

#### RECYCLING

In putting out a dustbin or bag for collection each week, your household is creating about one tonne of rubbish every year.

You can cut down on this waste:

Think about what you are buying - is it over packaged?

Look at what you throw away - can it be reused in the home or at school?

Can someone else make use of your waste? Charity shops and jumble sales can often make money from items you no longer want

Recycle it - but try not to make a special journey

Phone your District Council to find out where your nearest bottle and can banks are.

Use your local Household Waste and Recycling Centre.

At the moment we recycle about one tenth of the waste that is brought into the Centres.

With your help - by separating your recyclable waste and putting it into the right container - we think we can double this figure.

We can only collect materials for which there is a market and very occasionally you may find that we have had to stop taking paper and cardboard. This is because there is sometimes more available than the paper mills can cope with.

The list overleaf tells you what you can recycle at your local Household Waste and Recycling Centre.

# HOUSEHOLD WASTE AND RECYCLING CENTRES

■ AMERSHAM - London Road (A413) ♦ ○ open daily 8am - 6pm

Recycling: scrap metal, card/paper, used engine oil, glass bottles, gas cylinders, hardcore, textiles/clothing, bric a brac, garden waste

■ AYLESBURY - Rabans Close (off the A41) ◇ ○ open daily 8am - 6pm (Sunday 10am - 6pm)

Recycling: scrap metal, card/paper, used engine oil, glass bottles, gas cylinders, bric a brac, garden waste

■ BEACONSFIELD - Candlemas Lane; open Mon - Fri 8am - 4.30pm, Sat 8am - 12pm, Sun closed

Recycling: scrap metal, card/paper, used engine oil, glass bottles, gas cylinders, textiles/clothing, bric a brac

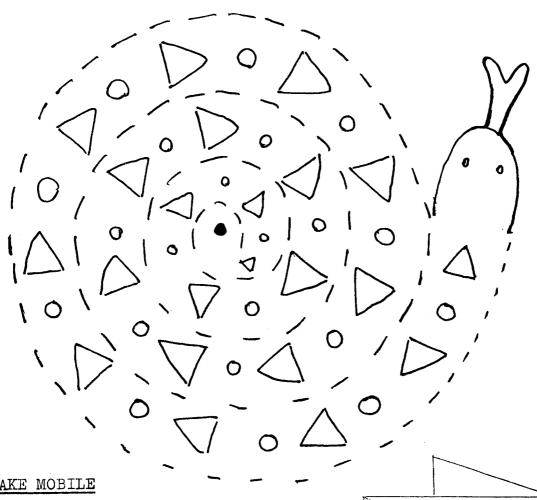
BLEDLOW RIDGE - Wiggans Lane; open daily 8am - 7pm (Summer); 8am - dusk (Winter)

Recycling: scrap metal, card/paper, used engine oil, glass bottles, gas cylinders, textiles/clothing, bric a brac, garden waste

■ BUCKINGHAM - Ring Road Industrial Estate ○ open 10am - 6pm (Summer) 9am - 5pm (Winter)

Recycling: scrap metal, cardboard, used engine oil, gas cylinders, clothing, bric a brac

# U page of things to do



A SNAKE MOBILE

Colour the snake. 2. Cut round the head and along dotted lines. 1.

Make a hole at the black dot in the middle. 4. Put some thread through the hole and hang the snake up, preferably over your mum's bed.

# SAILOR GIRLS

- 1. Get a rectangular piece of paper (e.g. 12" x 4") and fold as shown.
- 2. Draw sailor girl.3. Cut around, keeping hands joined.
- 4. Unfold and draw the rest.

## PLAYDOUGH

You need:

- 2 cups plain white flour
- 1 cup (yes, one cup) salt
- 2 cups water
- 2 tablespoons cooking oil
- 2 teaspoons cream of tartar
- Colouring

Put everything in a saucepan and stir over moderate heat until no longer sticky and like dough.



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