The Chronicle

Parish Magazine for Aston Abbotts



December No. 95



Editorial

It's nice to have good news to report at the end of the year. We've just heard that Hales Waste have run out of time to appeal against the decision not to allow a waste tip at Bierton. That sentence has become complicated, but it means there won't be a tip. Good.

Second bit of good news is the <u>reduction</u> in return bus fares to both Aylesbury and <u>Leighton</u> Buzzard. Thank you Colin, who is no doubt responsible for getting the bus company to sort out their fares structure. More details elsewhere in this Chronicle.

Third bit of good news is for our advertisers: although we have been forced to increase rates for 1992, advertising in the Chronicle still costs you a ludicrously small amount of money. How do we do it?

Have a very happy Christmas, everyone.

Caperin Lane

Please let us have items for the January issue by Friday 3rd January. Bring, post, telephone to 2 Church Row (681373).

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What's On - December

Wednesday 4th: Transport Users meeting, Walton St, 7.30pm Comments on buses to Colin 681343

Thursday 5th: Bingo Church Room, 7.30pm

Friday 6th: Parish Council Church Room, 8pm All welcome

Sunday 8th: Rambling Club meet (Chackmore) Stowe 2pm

Monday 9th: Toddlers Church Room, 2.30-4pm

Thursday 12th: Ladies Club Carol Service, 2.45pm Cublington Church Tea afterwards

Thursday 12th: Whist Drive Church Room, 7.30pm

Friday 13th & Saturday 14th Christmas Show, Church Room, 8pm

Monday 16th: Toddlers
Christmas Party
Church Room, 12 - 2.30pm

Thursday 19th: Bingo Church Room, 7.30pm

Saturday 21st: Christmas Whist Drive Church Room, 7.30pm

Sunday 29th: Rambling Club meet Bierton 2pm

Thursday 9th January: Thist Drive Church Room, 7.30pm

REGULARS

Tuesdays: Bin Day

Tuesdays: Wingrave Toddlers Community Centre, 2-4pm

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

Alternate Wednesdays: mobile library
The Green 2.00-2.30pm
Longmoor 2.35-2.50pm
December dates: 4th, 18th

Wednesdays: free bus to Tesco
(Aylesbury) 10.31 Bull & Butcher
Arrives back in Aston about 1pm
(At time of writing Tesco don't
know if this will run on 27th ring Tesco on 435345 or the bus
company on 23445 nearer the
time)

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

BCC Walks and Events

The County Council is running a series of events on the theme 'Discovering Buckinghamshire's Countryside'. Local events in Dec:

Tuesday 3rd: "oodlands and Birds to manage or not to manage? Talk at Aylesbury Methodist Centre, Buckingham St, Aylesbury, 7.45pm

Tuesday 29th: Kingsbridge in Winter - 2½ mile, 2 hour walk to look at conservation projects. Meet 1.30pm at Kingsbridge car park (picnic site between Cublington and Dunton).

More details and full programme from Assistant Countryside Officer, 0296 383426.



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METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

1st December: Family Service 11.15am Parish Church

8th December: No service

15th December: Mrs Pape 6.00pm

24th December: Carol Festival 7.00pm (Refreshments)

ST. JAMES'S CHURCH SERVICES

Sidesman

lst December: FAMILY SERVICE 11.15am Michael Hasler Advent Isa. 51.4-11; Matt 25.31-end (p.424)

8th December: HOLY COMMUNION 11.15am Gillian Ford Advent 2 Isaiah 64.1-7; Luke 4.14-21 (p.430)

15th December: CAPOLS AND READINGS 3.00pm Alison Ford Advent 3 Mal. 3.1-5; Matt 11.2-15 (p.434) (Refreshments)

22nd December: HOLY COMMUNION 11.15am Colin Higgs Advent 4 Zech. 2.10-end; Matt 1.18-23 (p.439)

Christmas Day: FAMILY SERVICE & COMMUNION Churchwardens 1 John 4.7-14; John 1.1-14 (p.446)

29th December: No service

Rom. 12.1-8; Luke 2.22-40 (p.452)

5th January: FAMILY SERVICE 11.15am Methodist Church



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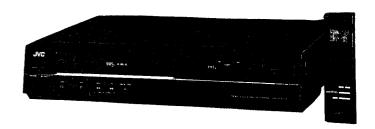


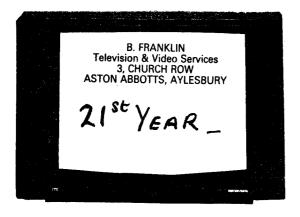
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Unofficial notes from the meeting on 25th October

The meeting began with a talk by Anne Smith, District Emergency Planning Officer for Aylesbury Vale District Council. If there should be a local emergency - a major traffic accident, a flood, an aeroplane crash - her unit is set up to work with the emergency services. The last time they had a big problem was when the petrol tanker overturned in Aylesbury and people had to be evacuated. Anne Smith would like to make contact with someone from the village who could help her draw up an emergency plan - noting down useful things like who's got a tractor, a chainsaw, a key to the Church Room... If you would be willing to have a walk round the village with her, please let Margaret Chesher know and she will put you in touch.

Matters arising (1) no agreement reached on extending the pavement by the shop. (2) negotiations continuing with various departments of BCC/AVDC on lighting and repairing the footway along the bungalows at Bricstock (3) Bucks County Council have refused permission for a No Parking sign on the grass outside the Church Room, as this would obstruct the highway (as do parked cars - they recommend calling the police). The matter was to be referred to the Parochial Church Council.

Recreation Ground It was agreed to buy a new seat and this has been ordered. The litter bin will also be replaced.

Street lights It appears that the Parish Council had been misinformed, and what I said in the Chronicle (that automatic photocell units can only be fitted to orange lights) was wrong. It may be possible to adapt existing lights to make them more efficient, and the Clerk was to investigate various possibilities.

Housing needs survey Aylesbury Vale District Council are planning their own housing needs survey in all the villages in the District. As we are already planning one as part of the village appraisal, it was decided to try to combine them to save everyone filling in two forms.

Trees & hedges It was decided to ask people to cut back overhanging trees/hedgerows where they were getting in the way of passers-by and traffic. A member of the public was worried about the rough treatment the young chestnut on the Green gets each autumn from children after the conkers. The Parish Council, while understanding the concern, did not think it realistic to try to prevent it.

Highways

There is to be public consultation on the future of the A418 early next year, we are told.

Lorries from the site on Win grave Road (the tip, that is) are causing problems - churning up the verge, spreading mud, and



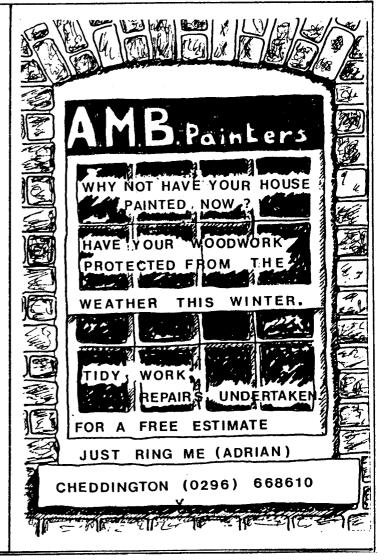
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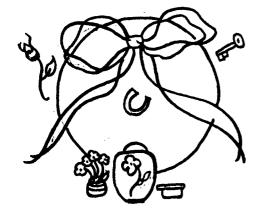
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PARISH COUNCIL cont.

possibly subsidence as well. The Parish Council is monitoring this closely and pressing the Highways department to intervene. Please bear with us and take extra care on that corner in the meantime.

Planning applications: the following are to go to AVDC. (1) conversion of hut to

(1) conversion of hut to stable behind Abbey Cottages

(2) extension to rear of Gatesgarth, Lines Hill

(3) Terracing, conservatory, new porch and interior alterations at Lower Burston Farm (listed building).

The Clerk has copies of these plans if anyone wishes to see them.

List of councillors on p.10.

Finally, I have been asked to say
HAPPY CHRISTMAS

to everyone from the Parish Council

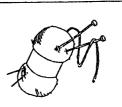
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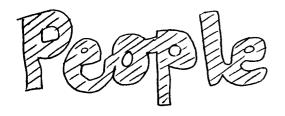
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Victor Scott, 11 The Green 681488

Clerk: Margaret Chesher

20 The Green 681201

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



Our monthly column about village people, edited by BRIDGET BRANDON

BIRTHDAYS

Alison Hewitt	•	•	•	llth	Dec
Eleanor Franklin .	•	•	•	12th	Dec
Dennis (Shaky) Judd	•	•	•	14th	Dec
Jack Turner	•	•	•	15th	Dec
Pauline Dixon	•	•	•	16th	Dec
Claire Barnett	•	•	•	18th	Dec
Margaret Chesher .	•	•	•	18th	Dec
Andrew Lovell	•	•	•	25th	Dec
Nicholas Osborne .	•	•	•	25th	Dec
Val Smith	•	•	•	25th	Dec
Paul Turnham	•	•	•	31st	Dec



to Lol for taking charge of the fireworks and bonfire this year, and special thanks to Peter Knight for coming to the rescue and changing the fire from a molehill into a mini mountain.

Well done fellas.

BEST WISHES

and get well soon to Arthur Roff, who has again been in hospital having major surgery.

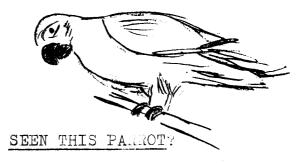
BABY SITTING

Rachel Gadsby would be happy to babysit for you - telephone 681585.

CHRISTMAS SHOW

There are still a few tickets left for the Friday night (13th). Saturday is well sold out. Please ring John Whyte on 681685 - soon - if you want a ticket for Friday.

Raffle prizes much appreciated - please give to Margaret Chesher or Rita Robinson.



A green parrot with a large red beak is missing. It has been spotted around the Green, but has now disappeared. If you see it, please tell Karen or Barry White (681335). It's quite a big bird, about 18" long, so there's no excuse for thinking it's a sparrow...

GUIDEBOOK FOR DISABLED

Bucks Council for Voluntary Service have just published a new edition of their Mobility Guide, with details of parking, access to train and bus stations, lavatories, taxi ranks etc.

Free copies are available from libraries, doctors' surgeries and the CVS office in Walton Street, Aylesbury.



RECTOR'S REPORT

"Escape to the Sun at Christmas".....

The travel writers turn of phrase says something about that 'gut-feeling' that many people experience at Christmas: - It has become something from which to 'escape'!

Actually I can imagine few things worse than spending Christmas being 'packaged' in the sun. For much of the Englishness of Christmas revolves around its Winter setting. Whilst we don't often have to cope with snow drifts, a good crisp frost helps us to sing the familiar Carols, and some of those other seasonable 'spirits' can be very warming. There is something about the cosiness of being in our own homes, surrounded by our family and close friends that seems to matter at Christmas time - even if we can't explain why!

Of course Mary and Joseph did go away that first Christmas - but it certainly wasn't on a package tour to sunnier parts. They were commanded to go to Bethlehem to take part in the Roman Census, and their subsequent flight to Egypt was not a trip on Concorde, but to escape the cruelty of King Herod.

So, what is it at Christmas that we are really trying to escape?

Can it be that we find the Christmas story itself too uncomfortable? The thought that God himself should take upon himself our human nature - becoming one like us in the Baby in the Manger - experiencing all the trials and tribulations that we experience - being knocked about by the force of circumstance (probably to a greater extent than we can even imagine)?

No matter by how much the flight is delayed; no matter if the hotel and the food are awful; no matter what other problems we encounter, the simple fact is that Christmas is not something from which we can escape. And if we have got any sense it is not something that we should try to escape.

So, wherever you are this Christmas, please don't forget what it is all about.

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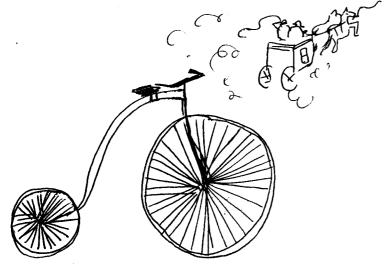
Bus fares on our routes have been reduced. New fares are:

Aston Abbotts - Aylesbury £2.00 return £1 OAP/child

Aston Abbotts - Leighton £1.75 return 88p OAP/child

Aston Abbotts - Cublington 75p single £1.25 return 40p OAP/child

PLEASE USE YOUR BUSES



POPPY APPEAL

The Royal British Legion
Wingrave and District Branch
wish to thank everyone who
helped in any way with this
year's Poppy Appeal.
The sum of £1,001.97

The sum of £1,001.97 was raised. Once again, many thanks.

D. E. Waite Organizer







ANY OLD SHOES?

Millwards shoe shop in the Bossard Centre, Leighton Buzzard, are once again collecting old shoes for people in Eastern Europe. Both adults' and children's shoes are wanted, as long as they are still wearable. (If you're not often in town leave them with me and I will take them in - Caroline, 2 Church Row.)

A MONTHLY LOOK AT FACTS YOU NEVER...

Bikers beware

Mockers hurled insults at the early riders of penny-farthings. In 1876 a British coachman on the London-St Albans road was fined for whipping a cyclist who was overtaking him. The guard on the coach was also fined...for hurling an iron ball on the end of a rope into the bicycles's spokes, felling the rider.

Flash

At any given moment, there are about 1800 thunderstorms raging around the world, generating between them about 6000 flashes of lightning every minute.

"WISE OLD GOAT"

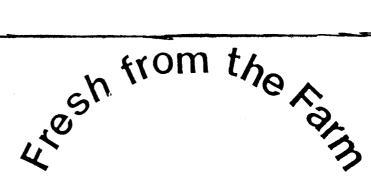
In England we take down our
Christmas decorations on Twelfth
Night, but the French have one
last Christmas celebration on
that day. It is called the Feast
of the Kings, La Fête des Rois,
and is, of course, traditionally the
day on which the three kings arrived
in Bethlehem. You will not be surprised
to hear that it is celebrated gastronomically
(what else?) by the eating of a special cake called the
Galette des Rois, a delicious almond-filled pastry.
In the cake is a butter bean, and whoever gets the bean
in his or her portion becomes king or queen of the evening;
a man would choose his queen, a woman her king. In France
the bakers give you two crowns with your galette.

In addition to our usual January Open meeting, the Twinning Association is going to celebrate the Fête des Rois. This then is our invitation to anyone interested in twinning to join us on Monday 6 January at 8pm to celebrate.

The business part of the evening, our nearest thing to an AGM, will be first, and quite brief. It will give you a chance to find out about the association and our 1992 programme, and to meet people involved in the twinning. And to eat cake, of course!

Jean Keighley

(Ring 681235 to find out where we are meeting)



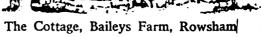
Christmas Poultry

Turkeys, Cockerels, Geese.

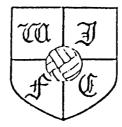
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WINGRAVE JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB





KLARGESTER JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE

NOVEMBER RESULTS

Under 10s: - Wingrave v Bucks C.C. - lost 2-1 Luke White

Under 12s: - Wingrave v Woodside - lost 12-0

Wingrave v Corinthians - lost 5-1 Paul Djuric,

Wingrave v Arrows - Won 3-0 Greg Pretty 3, Jon Roberts

Robert Jeffery.

Under 14s: - Wingrave v Aston Clinton - lost 8-0

-- Wingrave v Grendon Underwood - lost 8-1 James Marsh,

DECEMBER FIXTURES

December 1st - U12s - home Wingrave school v Aston Clinton

----- U14s - away Pages Park. v Brooklands

December 8th - U12s - away Pages Park v Woodside ----- U14s - home Wingrave Rec. v Arrows

December 14th - U10s - away Marsworth v Cheddington [KO 10.30]

December 15th - U12s - home Wingrave school v Pitstone & Ivinghoe ----- . U14s - away Wing v Wing

Wingrave U12 3 Arrows 0

Wingrave bounced back from the previous week's disappointment, but found Arrows at their best so far, absorbing a lot of the pressure and with keeper Nicky Ryan in splendid form. Arrows broke well with Makinin and Toms showing well. It was midway through the second half when Greg Pretty powered his way through from the halfway line to score a brilliant goal. Moments later a Johnny Roberts cross was forced home by Chris Dawson and Robert Jeffery wrapped up the points in the dying minutes.

Wingrave U14 1 Grendon 8 Grendon kept up the pace at the top of the league with another powerful performance. Wingrave never got going with their young forward line being easily controlled. Ross Taylor, controlling the game, hit four, Jay Houghton three and Mark Willingham one. Wingrave keeper Mark Davis was M-o-M and their consolation goal was a James Marsh penalty.

LEAGUE TABLES [18 Nov.]

UNDER 12s	P	V	D	L	F	A	Pts
Woodside	5	5	0	0	53	1	10
Corinthians	5	3	0	2	14	14	6
Wingrave	·5	2	0	3	10	21	4
Aston Clinton	5	2	0	3	8	. 19	4
Arrows	4	0	0	4	1	31	.0
UNDER 14s	P	٧	D	L	F	A	Pts
Aston Clinton	6	6	0	0	57	7	12
Grendon Underw'd	5	4	0	1	52	11	8
Brooklands	5	4	0	1	24	19	8
Wingrave	5	2	0	3	14	23	4
Ving	5	2	0	3	26	21	4
Pitstone	6	1	0	5	18	29	2
Arrows	6	0	0	6	3	84	0

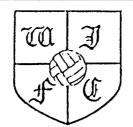
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WINGRAVE JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

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Arrows U14 1 Wingrave 8 Arrows continued to show marked improvemend after a Arrows continued to show marked improvemend after a closely fought first half they were only 2-0 down. They half, but Wingrave stepped up a gear and ran in six simon for Andy Morley. Arrows joint M-o-M were Simon Falcon and Michael Maher.

KLARGESTER JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE

OCTOBER RESULTS

Under 12s: - v Corinthians [L] - - - Lost 4-1, Robert Smith

v Ivinghoe & Pitstone - Won 9-0, Greg Pretty 4, Jon Roberts 2

Bill Powell 2, Robert Smith

v Arrows [L] - - - - Won 5-0, Greg Pretty 3, Paul Djuric

Robert Jeffrey

Under 14s:- v Pitstone [L] - Won 2-1, James Marsh, Stuart Lucas

v Brooklands [L] - Lost 5-3, Nick Kuh, James Marsh,

Stuart Lucas

v Arrows [L] - - - Won 8-1, Joel Stevens 4, James Marsh 3

Andy Morley.

NOVEMBER FIXTURES

November 3rd - U12s - home Wingrave School v Woodside

----- - U14s - home Wingrave Rec.

November 9th - U10s - away Bucks County Council, 11am

November 10th - U12s - away Pages Park v Corinthians

----- v14s - home Wingrave Rec. v Aston Clinton

November 17th - U12s - home Wingrave School v Arrows

----- - U14s - home Wingrave Rec. v Grendon Underwood

November 24th - U12s. - away Pitstone v Pitstone & Ivinghoe [U14s spare]

November 30th - U10s - home Wingrave School v Bucks County Council

LAST SEASONS CLUB AWARDS

Each year the club present a number of trophies to team members. The 90-91 awards were as follows:-

Under 10s

Player of the Year :- Martin Kennedy and Jon Roberts

Most improved Player: - Greg Pretty

Under 12s

Player of the Year :- Andrew Morley

Most improved Player: - Richard Godfrey

Under 14s

Player of the Year :- James Marsh

Clubman of the Year :- James Perkins



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