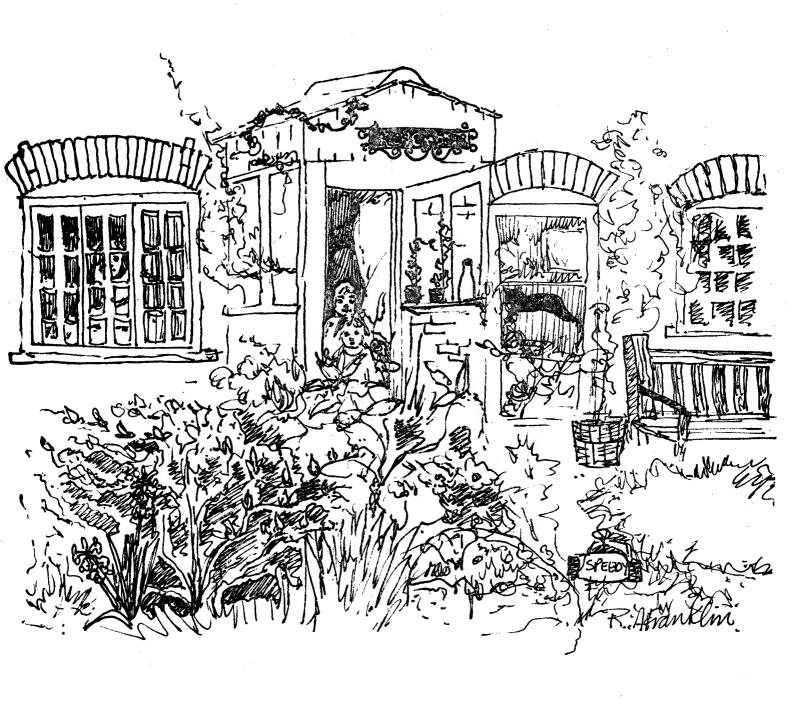
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Parish Magazine for Aston Abbotts



No 101 May 92



# Editorial

We had a good knees-up for the Chronicle's 100th birthday party, with over fifty people who listened politely (well, fairly) to Caroline's speech, laughed at Graham's, and spent enough on the raffle to turn break-even into a very modest profit. Thanks to all who helped.

In this issue is a report of the Annual Parish Meeting - it's here particularly for people to correct, as by the time the minutes are officially presented at the next meeting in a year's time, most people have forgotten all about it. If you have comments please tell Gordon.

The village festival will be on 25th and 26th July this year, and people are badly needed for the committee - see Shirley Ford's article in this issue. It doesn't seem that horrendous... and even if you are away for the actual weekend help would still be welcome beforehand.

Carbine Lave

Gorda full

Please let us have your material for the June issue by Friday, 29th May (Waddesdon School is closed for half term the week before that, so the June issue will be a week late - apologies). Bring, post or telephone to 2 Church Row. 681373.

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Thanks to Rosemary Franklin for the cover illustration (the aforesaid 2 Church Row).



Saturday 2nd: Jumble Sale 10.30am, Church Room

Thursday 7th: Bingo Church Room, 7.30pm

Monday 11th: Toddlers 2.30-4pm, Church Room

Thursday 14th: Ladies Club
Not So Young Tea and Outing

Thursday 14th: Whist Drive 7.30pm, Church Room

Sunday 17th: Litter Blitz 11.30am, The Green

Sunday 17th: Craft Fair /Teas 1-5pm, Church Room

Sunday 17th: Concert by December Festival Choir 6pm, St James's Church Admission by programme £1 from Colin, 681343

Monday 18th: Toddlers 2.30-4pm, Church Room

Saturday 23rd: Rambling Club meet Soulbury Green 6.30pm (experimental evening walk)

Sunday 24th: Coach outing to Hereford Cathedral/City Depart The Green 9.20am Fare £6.50 return, book with Colin 681343

Thursday 28th: Ladies Club 2.45pm, Church Room Janet Collins will talk about India

Thursday 28th: Whist Drive 7.30pm, Church Room

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

## What's On

#### Regulars:

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Tuesdays: Bin Day

Tuesdays: Wingrave Toddlers Community Centre, 2-4pm

Tuesdays: The Trawler mobile fishmonger, The Green, 1.40-2pm

Alternate Wednesdays: mobile library The Green 2.00-2.30pm Longmoor 2.35-2.50pm May dates: 6th, 20th

Wednesdays: free bus to Tesco (Aylesbury) 10.31 Bull & Butcher Returns about 1pm

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

#### CLEAN UP ASTON ABBOTTS

Sunday 17th, 11.30
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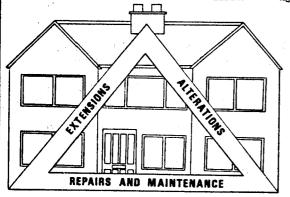
#### TODDLERS JUMBLE SALE

You might just get this Chronicle before it starts at 10.30am on Saturday 2nd May. Support a worthy cause and get some bargains.

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Festival

This year's village festival will be held the weekend of 25th and 26th July.

Or it won't be if four or five more people can't be found for the committee. The festival is the highlight of the summer, and July wouldn't be July without it (even if rain forces it to take place in the bus shelter - yes this has happened) - so if the thought has ever crossed your mind, please lend a hand now! The job is not that difficult or time-consuming, and can be great fun - all you need is some enthusiasm. Shirley Ford, who was on last year's committee, has outlined what's involved:

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- 1. Meet once a month (usually Friday evening but could be changed) 8 9.30pm in the Chapel Schoolroom.
- 2. Decide a Fête opener and M.C. for the afternoon
- 3. Decide the first three raffle prizes and competitions and who to write to for sponsorship
- 4. One or two people to organize sideshows and helpers
- 5. Check that regular stallholders e.g. cake stall, groceries, tombola, garden and bric-à-brac will do the same this year
- 6. On the Monday evening before the festival, collect door to door, and on the morning, set up on the Green.

At the time of writing there are four committee members and a treasurer. The committee works best with about eight people; if more do not come forward there will be no village fête. This would be a great pity as it is the major fundraiser of the year for several village concerns. I have stood down from the committee this year but should someone wish to join it please contact me - Shirley Ford, 681865.

P.S. The Morris Men are booked!



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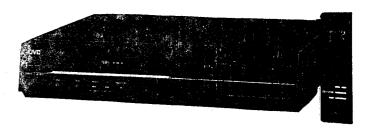


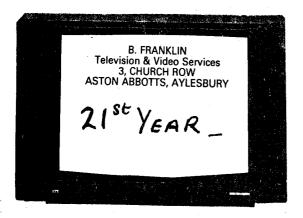
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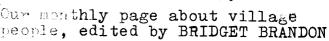
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Hannah Brandon (10) . . 12th May
Tom Manning . . . . 22nd May
Benjamin King . . . . 22nd May
Luke Chesher . . . . 23rd May
Neil Chesher (59) . . . 26th May



#### CONGRATULATIONS

Esther Chesher, on being presented with her Duke of Edinburgh's gold award at Aylesbury's Civic Centre on 5th April.

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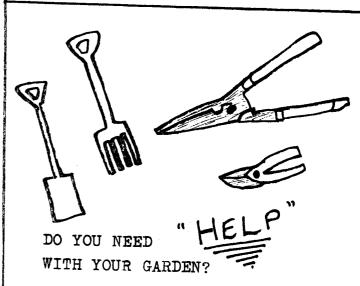
Julia and Mervyn King, on the birth of their son Sam on 20th April - a brother for Ben

Liz and Paul of 1 Abbey Cottages on the birth of their son Robert Paul on 18th April



#### OUR THOUGHTS

go out to the family of Arthur Roff, who passed away on Easter Saturday. A nicer man it was not possible to meet.



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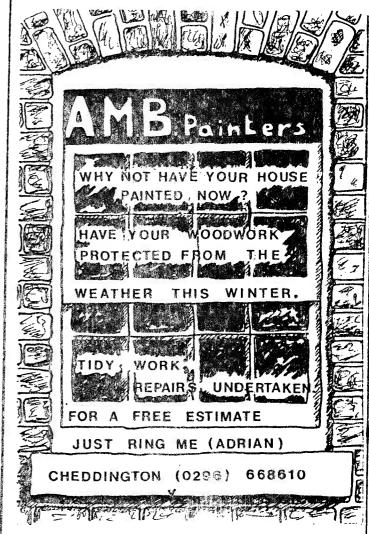
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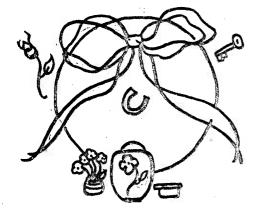
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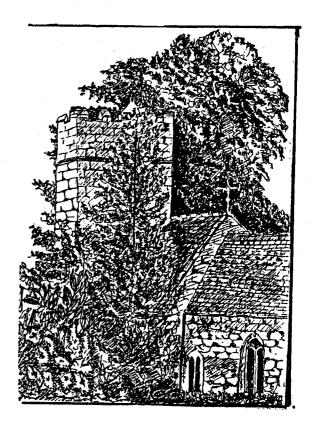
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## Church News

During April we were fortunate enough to get A. J. Brown to carry out the repair work on the clock tower roof, so we need to carry on with fund-raising events to complete

the payment for this work.

Hopefully the Craft Fair and Concert to be held in May will raise this money. There will be crafts such as lace-making, basketry, knitting, pottery, painting and . china, picture framing etc. etc., and these crafts will be depicted in the flower festival in the church. The concert is to be held in church at 6pm and will be given by members of the December Festival Choir. Admission will be by programme at £1.00 and should provide an enjoyable evening and give a different flavoured Evensong.



Seat cushions have now been completed to all the pews in the nave, and work is in progress to complete the choirstalls with cushions.

A combined servic: was held in Wingrave to celebrate Rev and Mrs Willmott's Silver Wedding anniversary with about 120 people from the three villages attending.

At the annual parish meeting it was noted there is a shortage of helpers to man the stalls and sideshows for the annual village festival on 25/26 July, so if you could spare some time John or Shirley Ford will be happy to hear from you.

The churchyard mowing is now in full swing and has already

enhanced the churchyard, so thank you to all the voluntary We have seen several new faces in church over the recent weeks which is encouraging; we look forward to seeing others, and we especially hope you will support our Craft Fair and Concert on Sunday 17th May.

COLIN HIGGS

#### METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES FOR MAY

Sunday 3rd: United service Preacher Mr Edgson 11.15am

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CHURCH SERVICES					
	WINGRAVE	3rd May	10.0	Parish Communion	
SIDESMEN					
		10th		Parish Communion	
		17th	10.0	Parish Communion	
		24th	10.0	Parish Communion	
				RVICE (See Cublington)	
		7th June	10.0	Parish Communion	
	ASTON ABBOTTS	3rd May	11.15	Family Service (Methodust)	
	Alison Ford	10th		Parish Communion	
		17th	6.0	Concert	
	Michael Hasler	24th	11.15	Parish Communion	
		31st	NO SE	RVICE (See Cublington)	
	Colin Higgs	7th June	11.15	Family Service	
<u>.</u>	CUBLINGTON	3rd May	10.0	Eamily Service	
				Evensong	
		10th	8.45	Parish Communion	
		17th	8.45	Parish Communion	
		24th	8.45	Parish Communion	
		31st	10.0	BENEFICE EUCHARIST	
				Family Service	
				Holy Communion (BCP)	

#### SUNDAY READINGS

3rds May	Easter 2	1 Pet 5.1-11; John 10.7-16 (p.611)
10th	Easter 3	Col.3.1-11; John 11.17-27 (p.616)
17th	Easter 4	2 Cor 4.13-5.5: John 14.1-11 (p.620)
24th		Rom 8. 28-end; John 16.12-24 (p.625)
31st	Ascension	Eph 4.1-13: Luke 24.45-end (p.633)
7th June	Pentecost	Acts 2.1-11; John 20.19-23 (p.6363)

#### FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISM 8th March Oliver Reilly at Cublington 8th March Jonathan Russell at Wingrave 5th April James Alexander at Cublington

POEM

Thanks to Fred Poulter for giving us a copy of the poem below. He says: "As one of the 'wrinkleys' of the village who can recall the 'good times' of the past, or so we like to say - frequently - I thought you might be interested in the enclosed poem. I've no idea where I first saw it; neither can I give you the author's name..."

#### THE GOOD OLD DAYS

We met, we married, a long time ago, He worked for long hours and wages were low. No telly, no radio, no bath, times were hard, Just a cold water tap and a walk up the yard.

No holidays abroad, no carpets on floors, We had coal on the fire - we never locked doors. Our children arrived - no Pill in those days, And we brought them up without the State Aids.

No valium, no drugs no LSD, We cured our pains with a good cup of tea. If you were sick, you were treated at once Not "fill in a form and come back next month".

No vandals, no muggings, there was nowt to rob, In fact, you were rich with a couple of bob. People were happier in those far off days, Kinder and caring in so many ways.

Milkmen and paper boys would whistle and sing And a night out at the flicks a wonderful thing. Oh we had our share of troubles and strife, But we had to face it, that was life.

But now I'm alone and look back through the years, I don't think of bad times, the trouble and tears. I remember the blessings, our home and love, We shared them together, and I thank God!

#### RECTOR'S REPORT

I feel that I must begin this month on a personal note and thank all those who so kindly sent cards and presents on our Silver Wedding at the beginning of April.

With the General Election and Easter, April seems to have been a very busy month, and I suspect that I am not alone in feeling somewhat jaded. Yet nevertheless, life goes on - the grass is now growing like fury, and so are the weeds.

I find I garden best in very short doses, so I would really like a garden that looked after itself - especially during those periods when I find it difficult to find time even for short bursts of activity.

The gardening programmes on television make it look so easy. Their soil is always in perfect condition with no stones and no weeds to be seen. They seem to have an endless supply of compost, fertilisers and plants (not to mention know-how), and can transform a garden in next to no time. When I find time to get to the Garden Centre full of high hopes, I discover that a shrub or two is usually all I can afford - so clearly my garden transformation is going to be a long-term project.

Maybe I don't need a garden transformation after all. Maybe what I need is to learn how to manage and enjoy what is already there. To recognise that there will always be problem areas - like the peremial weeds that grow through the roots of the roses. Of course there are bound to be some changes as time passes.

Over our 25 years of marriage there have been some changes, but, the more I think of it, the more marriage seems to be like gardening. There aren't any short-cuts to a perfectly happy marriage. The stony patches are to be lived with. The weeds are a challenge that need constant vigilance to keep them under control. I could go on - but they say you must not push an analogy too far! So I'd best get back to pushing the mower....

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING (short draft)

held at the Church Room on Friday 27th March 1992

Present Chairman of the Parish Council, Roy Malin; Clerk to the Annual Parish Meeting, Gordon Smith; 44 members of the Parish; Fiona Leslie (Bucks Herald); P.C. Gareth Blaken.

- 1. Minutes of previous meeting read, accepted and signed
- 2. 1991 Village Festival Shirley Ford reported that the profit had been £1054, an increase of £100 on 1990. Monies had been distributed to Church, Chapel, Church Room, Clock Fund and Rec as agreed. Chairman offered congratulations to all.
- 3. 1992 Village Festival Fixed for 25/26 July. Volunteers needed for the committee and for the day. Discussion on whether festival should revert to being a Church event (or Church & Chapel). By a large majority the meeting wanted the all-village festival to continue, and an appeal for help was to be published in the Chronicle. Monies to be distributed as follows: Church 30%; Chapel 30%; Rec 20%; Toddlers 10%; Church Room 10%. The view of the Treasurer was that there was enough in the Festival Fund (£312) for all 1992 proceeds to be distributed.
- 4. <u>Village appraisal</u> Caroline Lane reported that funds had been obtained from Bucks CVS, a questionnaire circulated and 132 replies were now to be analysed and published.
- 5. East-West Trunk Road/Wing Bypass

The Clerk summarized the situation with the help of Bryan Round, District Councillor.

In 1991 the Department of Transport agreed to fund the Wing bypass on condition it was built as part of a major trunk road connecting the M40 with the East coast ports. It would be dual carriageway with capacity to be upgraded to a motorway. After intense debate and public consultation Bucks County Council Highways Subcommittee recommended route S2 close to the village of Wing. This caused vigorous opposition from Wing residents. Meanwhile the Secretary of State for the Environment informs the Planning Subcommittee that it may not make a decision until he has studied the plans and decided whether to call it in. Sir Evelyn de Rothschild formally objects to \$2, and puts forward his own outer northern route which comes much closer to Aston The Highways Subcommittee asks the Engineering Abbotts. Department to carry out a full investigation and comparison of Rothschild and S2 routes.

The outer northern route was roundly condemned by the present meeting and an action group formed to coordinate protest from Aston Abbotts. The Clerk to the Annual Parish Meeting was instructed to write to a number of bodies including Bucks County Councib and the M.P. George Walden.

<sup>+++</sup> Comments on these draft minutes to Gordon Smith +++

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The more one talks about this trunk road the worse the prospect gets. A motorway in everything but name, it will have embankments, flyovers, crash barriers in the middle, and limited access points. How on earth can something like this edge its way into concrete plans without people who will live along the route really noticing?

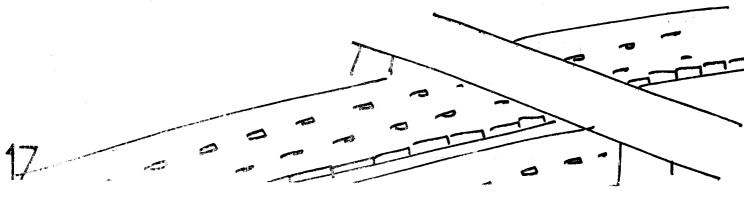
This is exactly what has happened to us. It has happened because it is being done in bits. The "bypasses" are being flone first. The carrot for the villages on the A418 is that because it is a major road the Department of Transport will pay. Because the DoT is paying it will be built far sooner than a simple single-carriageway bypass could be (Bucks CC would have to find the money for this). But there are serious arguments that new roads like this should not be built at all - like the M25, it will soon become congested, and then what do we do?

Back to the Wing bypass - there is very little evidence that any outer route other than the Rothschild one has been properly investigated by Bucks Courty Council. If a route closely following the A418 is ruled out because it is too near Wing (and who can blame the people who live in Wing for protesting?) then surely the County Council, not a private individual, should be standing back and considering not one but several possibilities.

Nothing further is likely to happen before July, when the Engineering Department of BCC should complete their report on the outer northern route. In the meantime, please state your views in writing to Bucks County Council and others (addresses on the handout already distributed by the Action Group).

Aston Abbotts Action Group: Peter Cooper, Caroline Lane, Tom Manning, Phyllis and Andrew Page, Owen McManus, Helen Dowling, Fred Poulter, Gwen Kempster, Margaret Kent, Colin Higgs, John Barnett,

BORED with the A418 already? Yes? Want to hear a joke? The No Trunk Road Here hoardings at Wing have had to be removed because they constituted a blot on the landscape and contravened planning regulations.





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## A lesson in profit-making

IT takes special skills to ensure a manufacturing business makes a profit these days. But three students from Wing School have shown they have got what it takes and have used their knowledge and expertise to win a county wide competition.

Ben Manito, James Dixon and Mark Thorne made up one of four teams from the school in The Hat and Coat Game. They had to buy in stock to make hat and coat hooks and sell them at a profit. Run and moderated by computer the competition lets each team know key information, but leaves fundamental decision making to the members.

The BJM team took first prize by making a combined profit of over £5,500 in 12 periods.

Head of Business and Information Studies at the school, Mr Tony Stephens, said: "We entered the competition because it gave the pupils experience of using industrial compatible computers and an opportunity of entering a real life business simulation after looking at the basic theory in lessons."

All the students are aged 14 or 15 years



and are taking Business and Information Studies as a GCSE examination subject.

The winning team not only share a prize of £50 and an engraved plaque but book tokens each. Wing School received

a £150 cheque and is to spend the money on software for use on new computers.

The other Wing School teams which entered the competition, organised by students on a BTec Computer Studies court at Amersham and Wycombe College, were: No Ideas - James Else, Lee Baldry and Paul Stephens; Don't Knows - Paul Dunn, Richard McCook and Julie Dickens; JAM -Justin Patrick, Angela Jakeman and Mark Pope.

LBO, 7,4.92

#### Fun Run

Because only seven people turned up for the run last year, we decided to shorten the distance in order to encourage more people to take part. Rather than the nine miles we ran last year, we thought four or five would be the order of the day. The problem with having lots of people running, is the crowding that occurs at the start, which can cause havoc with local traffic. This did not put us off, and we carried on regardless. The fact that it was Mother's Day probably meant that most folk were at home doing the washing up and stuff, and therefore not out in their cars.

The start was hitchless(if there is such a word), as was the middle and the end. Sadly, only four people finished, which I suppose is hardly suprising as only four people started. If it wasn't for the two chaps from Tring, it would have been a very quiet, and a lot slower Fun Run. Where were all those runners? We've changed our socks and deodorant, but still they didn't turn up. Oh well, there's always next year.

Wildlife Hospital Trust

The Wildlife Hospital Trust was set up by Les and Sue Stocker over 15 years ago when they found that there were very few facilities in Britain for wildlife care and rehabilitation. As more and more people came to know about the pioneering couple, their garden became full to overflowing with recovering casualties of all species. People brought them to the door in cardboard boxes of all descriptions and a rescue system was set up for the larger, more dangerous native wildlife - foxes, badgers, swans and deer, for instance. Finally, the Stockers applied for charity status for the Hospital, and shortly after set up St Tiggywinkles, the hedgehog unit so beloved by everyone today, nationwide.

A membership scheme helps bring in the funds - and in return the members receive a newsletter and magazine as do members of Tiggy Club, the junior section of the Trust. In fact, Tiggy Club is so popular with people of all ages that there are quite a few adult members!

Support from members, the public and corporate sponsors meant that, at the end of an appeal over several years, it was possible to build Europe's first wildlife teaching hospital - which was opened by Princess Alexandra in Haddenham, Bucks, at the end of last year. There are an estimated five million or more wildlife casualties every year and one Hospital, no matter how big, cannot cope with them all. The teaching hospital will, however, show others how to go out and do the life-saving work in their own areas.

Sadly, because the casualties are both wild and sick or injured, and so easily stressed, the animal side of the Hospital cannot be open to the public, however there is an Information Centre, stocked with leaflets and goods for sale such as sweatshirts and T-shirts, and there are plans for further facilities in the future. In the meantime, the Hospital's adoption scheme helps people get close to the casualties - the 'adopter' receives a photograph, a certificate and a progress report; the adoption lasts approximately 12 weeks - the average length of stay of a casualty.

And of course, if anyone lives locally, The Wildlife Hospital Trust is always in need of volunteer helpers. The patients depend, quite literally, on the loyalty and hardwork of the army of volunteers who turn in regularly to help feed, clean and monitor the animals, or who help in the office.

For further information send a large sae in to Department 6, Wildlife Hospital Trust, St Tiggywinkles, Aston Road, Haddenham, nr Aylesbury, Bucks HP17 8AF. Of course if you have an urgent query, the casualty help line is available - 0844 292 292.



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We have received an information pack about this campaign which aims to help elderly people with home security (door and window locks, what to ask people who want to come into your house etc.), fire and accident prevention. The campaign is being publicized by the Ambassadors organization for retired people over the age of 50. Information leaflets are available from them, and grants and equipment (door locks, spyholes, smoke alarms, hand rails and suchlike) may be available for elderly people living in their own homes or renting privately (i.e. not council tenants who should get help from the Council). If you would like more details, for yourself or for someone else, please contact Roy Ambrose, Ambassadors, ARP Over 50, 20 Victoria Road, Chesham, Bucks HP5 3AJ (tel. 0494 776377). Or if you would just like to look at the leaflets, ask the Chronicle editors.

#### A MONTHLY LOOK AT FACTS YOU NEVER WANTED TO KNOW

#### Edward's Acre

Before the reign of England's Edward I, an acre was the amount of land a yoke of oxen could plough in a day; the word comes from the Latin ager, meaning 'field'. But since the performance of oxen could vary widely, Edward fixed the acre at an area 40 rods long by 4 rods wide - each rod being 16.5ft (5m) long - and the measurement has survived unchanged.

#### The Fungus that Refreshes

Alcoholic drinks would never have been invented without a fungus. The fungus is a family of yeasts called Ascomycetes. These yeasts are solely responsible for fermenting all alcoholic drinks, feeding on sugar and turning it into alcohol and carbon dioxide - the gas that bubbles from fermenting liquid. Members of the same fungus family also cause bread to rise, create the veins in blue cheese, and produce antibiotics such as penicillin and streptomycin.



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## Wingrave CE Combined School School Association



#### MONTHLY REPORT

#### Fashion Show

The Fashion Show which took place in March was a great success, enjoyed by all those attending. Another has been arranged for 15 July.

#### Games Evening

The Games Evening which was due to take place on 21 March unfortunately had to be cancelled due to a late clash with another village event at the Community Centre. But a lot of interest was shown and a Games Evening is planned for later in the year.

#### May Day Walk

The annual Sponsored Walk will take place on Monday 4 May. This year there will be two routes, 6 miles and 16 miles over local footpaths. The walk is always tremendous fun enjoyed by all age groups, as well as raising substantial sums of money for school funds.

After the walk, tea will be available for everyone in the Community Centre. Contributions of cakes, scones or sandwiches would be most welcome. Sponsor forms are available from the school or from Judy Kennedy.

#### Summer Disco

The last <u>Disco</u> in January was well attended and much enjoyed. By popular request there will be another on <u>Saturday 9 May from 8 o'clock until late</u>. <u>Tickets will be £3.50</u> (including light refreshments). The music will span a number of years of popular hits appealing to all ages and tastes. <u>Please come along and join in the fun</u> (as well as raising valuable funds for Wingrave School).

#### Forthcoming Events

13 June Sports Day and Summer Fete.
15 July Fashion Show.



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