The Chronicle

Parish Magazine for Aston Abbotts





Editorial

This month sees the publication of the village appraisal, but although we on the group are heaving sighs of relief this should only be the beginning. Read it through, and if there's anything you want to take further, from restarting the youth club to drawing a map of the footpaths, then think about it, by yourself or in a group. Any comments or responses (as long as they are printable) will be welcome in the Chronicle. But whatever you do - please read it!

The inquiry into the route of the Wing bypass is fixed for the end of March - starting on Tuesday 30th at 10am in Wing Hall. The inspector is Mr M Law. At the time of writing we think it is only about route S2, the County Council's preferred route, in which case it may be superfluous to object to the northern route. However it may be possible to argue about whether it should be dualled - more details in the January Chronicle we hope.

It still seems a long way off, but Happy Christmas!

Carolin Laur

Please let us have your items for the first issue of 1993 by Friday 1st January (earlier if possible). Please bring, send or telephone to 2 Church Row (681373).

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What's On - December

Thursday 3rd: Ladies Club
Mrs Anne Vincent demonstrates
making Christmas decorations
2.45pm, Church Room

Thursday 3rd: Bingo 7.30pm, Church Room

Friday 4th: Parish Council 8pm, Church Room

Saturday 5th: Wingrave School Christmas Fair & Disco (p. 13)

Sunday 6th: Rambling Club meet Cublington Crossroads 2pm

Thursday 10th: Whist Drive 7.30pm, Church Room

Monday 14th: Toddlers 2.30-4pm, Church Room

Thursday 17th: Ladies Club Carol Service, St James's Church, 2.45pm, followed by tea in the Church Room

Thursday 17th: Bingo Church Room, 7.30pm

Friday 18th: Whist Drive Church Room, 7.30pm

Sunday 20th: Carol Service, St James's Church, 3pm

Monday 21st: Toddlers Christmas Party

Saturday 26th: Rambling Club meet Wing Church, llam to join with Wing Footpath Club

Christmas Eve: Methodist Carol Service, 7pm Wednesday 2nd, Lakeside Xmas shopping, coach departs Bull & Butcher 9.20am; book with Colin on 681343

Christmas Show: almost sold out, just a few tickets left for Friday 11th. John Whyte 681685

REGULARS

Tuesdays: Bin Day

Tuesdays: The Trawler mobile fish

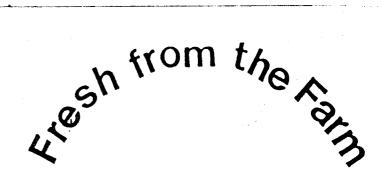
shop, The Green, 1.40-2pm

Wednesdays: fish & chip van outside Bull & Butcher, about 8pm (rings bell around The Green first)

Alternate Wednesdays: mobile library The Green 2.00-2.30pm Longmoor 2.35-2.50pm December dates: 2nd, 16th

Wednesdays: toddler group in Wingrave, 10.00-11.30am Methodist Hall, Nup End

Fridays: Tesco bus, depart 10.06, return arriving Aston 13.40



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At the November parochial church council meeting it was noted several allotment plots had not been kept very tidy, and some Wingrave Road residents had complained about the nettle and thistle growth, which when seeded causes a nuisance with the flying seed heads. It was agreed however to remind tenants that if they are unable to cultivate all of their plot(s) they should at least cut heads off weeds.

There are $2\frac{1}{2}$ acres of grazing land available at the back of the allotment plots, suitable for horses, with permission for a small field shelter

at a rent of £150 per year; anyone interested should apply to the vicar.

As most of you know the village has earned good marks for the appearance of the churchyard which is maintained by voluntary helpers, but we do ask for a small fee for upkeep of graves (but this again is a voluntary contribution). If you have not already donated and would like to, Hilary (Mrs Hasler) would be pleased to hear from you.

We shall look forward to welcoming you to our Christmas Carol service on Sunday 20th December at 3pm and tea and mince pies will be served afterwards. We also look forward to seeing you at Christmas Day Communion and Family Service at 10am. I am sure the church will again be beautifully decorated by our helpers and that the churchwardens will see we have our usual Christmas tree.

On behalf of the members of the Church Council may I wish you all a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas and New Year, and hope 1993 will be as happy a time with fund-raising, concerts etc. as 1992 has been.

COLIN HIGGS

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES IN DECEMBER

Sunday 6th Family service 11.15am (St James's Church)

Thursday 24th, Christmas Eve, Carol Service 7pm Mr Lemmon

CAN YOU PLAY THE ORGAN?

Wingrave Church is looking for someone to accompany the 10.00am Parish Communion Service each week.

Please contact Bob Willmott (681623) if you can help.

STOLEN TREE

If the person who took the young mountain ash just planted near the bus shelter would like to return it - if necessary at dead of night - many people would be grateful. This is a serious matter and it has been reported to the police.

	CHURCH :	SERVICES	5
WINGRAVE	6th Dec	10.0	Parish Communion
		6.0	Advent Carols (Wingrave Singers)
	13th	10.0	Parish Communion
		6.0	Christingle
	20th	10.0	Parish Communion
Christmas Eve	24th	6.0	Blessing the Crib
		11.0	Midgnight Eucharist
	27th	10.0	Benefice Eucharist
	3rd Jan	10.0	Parish Communion Sidesmen
ASTON ABBOTTS	6th Dec	11.15	Family Service Alison Ford
	13th	11.15	Parish Communion Michael Hasler
Same years of	20th	3.0	Carol Service) Chwchwardens
Christmas Day	25 t h	10.0	Family Service & Communion)
	27th	Service	e at Wingrave
	3rd Jan	11.15	Family Service (Methodist)
CUBLINGTON	2nd Dec	10.0	Holy Communion (Wednesday)
	6th	10.0	Family Service
		6.0	Evensong
	13th	8.45	Parish Communion
and the second	·	3.0	Carol Service
	20th	8.45	Parish Communion
Christmas Day	25th	8.45	Parish Communion
	27th	Service	e at Wingrave
	3rd Jan	10.0	Christingle
		6.0	Evensong

SUNDAY READINGS

6th Dec Advent 2 (p.427) Isa 55.1-11; John 5.36-end 13th Advent 3 (p.432) Isa 40. 1-11; John 1.19-28 20th Advent 4 (p.437) Isa 11.1-9; Luke 1. 26-38 25th Christmas (p.446) Heb 1.1-5; John 1.1-14 27th Christmas 1(p.451) Gal 4.1-7; John 1.14-18 3rd Jan C.2 (p.456) Rom 8.11-17; Luke 2.41-end

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptism 18th Oct Victoria Buysman at Wingrave
1st Nov Oliver Gibbons at Wingrave

Marriage 18th Nov Brian Barton Smith & Pauline Dixon
at Aston Abbotts.

RECTOR'S REPORT

The recent vote by the General Synod in favour of the ordination of women to the priesthood has met with a very mixed repsonse.

Some have insisted that this is a break from the Apostolic Ministry passed on for two whousand years - since the first Apostles were all men. Others have argued that St. Paul in his Epistles indicates that 'Wives should be subject to their husbands' and that they should not speak in Church. Yet others rejct the idea on the basis of an old advert for Guinness - 'I've never tried it, so I know I won't like it'

At the other extreme are the feminists who want 'frocks with everything' - and, while we are about making changes, let's change all the words to get rid of any indication of gender. Hurray for Humankind! Don't get me wrong, I can see that they have a point. And I have sympathy with all those who have qualms about the subject.

But the present crisis is nothing new for the Church. There have been arguments and bitter conflict within the Church for as long as the Church has existed. Arguments over ceremonial and ritual - arguments over whether the services should be in English or Latin - Arguments between Eastern and Western Christians (Rome and Constinople) about the wording of the Creed - to name but a few. Even St Paul was at the centre of controversy when he came to the conclusion that the Good News of Jesus should be shared with the Good News of Jesus should be

Even earlier there were two far more controversial events - and both hinge on the active involvement of women. In the Easter Garden, it is to Mary Magdalene that Christ appears forst. She is told to go and tell the disciples that she has seen and had a conversation with the Risan Christ.

But pride of place in the Ministry of Women must ge, of course, to the other Mary, who in the stable in Bethlehem gave birth to the Son of God.

As we celebrate Christmas let us remember the very important roles that God gave to women in the story of our Salvation

A MONTHLY LOOK AT FACTS YOU NEVER WANTED TO KNOW

COVER GIRL

A Dutch model named Wilhelminia still holds the record for appearances on the covers of the world's top fashion magazines - 250 covers between 1960 and 1967, when she retired. That is nearly twice the combined total amassed by the runners up, British models Jean Shrimpton and Twiggy. Despite the exposure, Wilhelminia's name remained almost unknown to the general public.

The USS Nautilus, the first nuclear powered submarine was built in 1955.

"Wise Old Goat"



People

our monthly page about village people, edited by BRIDGET BRANDON



Jack Chandler and Herbert Goldney, who have both been ill recently.

BIRTHDAYS

Alison Hewitt							
Eleanor Frank	lin	•	•	•	•	12th	Dec
Jack Turner .			•	•	•	15th	Dec
Claire Barnet	t .		•	•	•	18th	Dec
Margaret Ches	her	•	•	•	•. ••	18 th	Dec
Andrew Lovell		• •	•	•	•	25th	Dec
Nicholas Osbo	rne	•	•	•	•	25th	Dec
Val Smith	• •	•	•	•	٠	25th	Dec
Paul Turnham	• •	. •	•	•	•	31st	Dec
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CONGRATULATIONS

Pauline Dixon and 'hubby', who were married in November. Good luck for the future.

GOLD FOR ESTHER

On 1st December Esther Chesher will be going to St James's Palace (in Puke, we hope) to be awarded her Duke of Edinburgh's Gold.
Esther is following in her grandfather's footsteps, who helped start the scheme. To gain her award she worked with underprivileged children for Aylesbury Youth Action; learnt cake decorating; went on a 3-day expedition to the Brecon Beacons; learnt trampolining; and did conservation work at the National Trust Acorn Camp.

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Village Appraisal

With this month's Chronicle you should have received a copy of the village appraisal booklet - at last! The survey took place in February/March and threw up a lot of important issues for the village. Here is a brief summary.

Who answered? 134 adults (about half the population) and 14 young people aged between 10 and 17. This is normal to good for a village survey.

The main findings

Rubbish: we would support the sorting of rubbish for recycling.

Post office: the sub-post office is still badly missed.

Shop: valued as one of the few village amenities left and for its friendliness, but more stock wanted

Church and chapel: both seen as important to the village by most people. More involvement in the community wanted, and divisions deplored. Methodist services more popular than attendance suggests. Appropriate uses other than services acceptable to most people in St James's.

Church Room: badly in need of further modernization

The Rec: all-weather surface/tennis court would be very popular

Traffic: we hate it and there were many suggestions for traffic calming such as sleeping policemen. Dualling the A418 not popular except as a way to improve safety at the Wingrave crossroads. The Lines Hill gate is another dangerous part of the village.

Development: generally unpopular, especially infilling, backlanding and beyond the village boundaries (everywhere, in fact!). Support, though, for low-cost housing for locals to compensate for lack of council housing, if materials and style 'fit in'. Only small-scale rural craft industries likely to win approval from residents.

Housing: Over half those who answered have lived here more than 10 years; 10 people known to have left recently due to housing difficulties. Young people/families and the elderly seen as priority goups for any help with low-cost housing.

Likes and dislikes: There were many comments, but generally, we like the peace and quiet, the friendliness, and the rural situation, yet easy to get to local towns. Main dislikes were traffic and steadily disappearing village amenities such as post office.

Young people: less positive on the whole, because they lack things to do and/or transport of their own to get to larger villages and towns.

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MONTHLY REPORT

The Christmas Bazaar may well be taking place as this month's Chronicle drops though your front door. If today is Saturday 5th December then come and join us at the School Hall between 10 am and 2pm.

While the children enjoy visiting Father Christmas or watching the jugglers, mums and dads can browse around our many craft a nd gift stalls buying Christmas presents, real Christmas trees (orders can be taken), trying your luck on the tombola and raffle or simply soaking up the atmosphere over a cup of tea with friends.

Posters advertising the evening disco for parents are dotted around the villages - light supper, lively music and well laden bar are waiting to raise your pre-Christmas spirits. Saturday 5th December, 8pm until midnight.

AMNESTY The Committee, namely John Maguire, Nick Gardner, Lesley Major, Eunice Creed, Gill Bateman, Helen Underwood, Jackie Crook, Bob Austin, John Whyte and Richard Lawton, dream up and organize many interesting events to raise money for extra materials for our children to use. Unfortunately some of these materials 'disappear' from school, borrowed and forgotten - and we have to work extra hard to replace them.

The cookery area suffers most with bowls, trays, containers etc. dwindling in number faster than we can replace them. Please check your cupboards to see if your child either this week or last year borrowed and forgot to return something. Anonymously filled carrier bags will be greatly received - you can even fill some with your own surplus cooking utensils: every little helps!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS A new idea - a family Barn Dance (live band and caller) on Saturday 23rd January, 6.30pm to 10.30pm. More details in next month's editorial.

Merry Christmas to you all.

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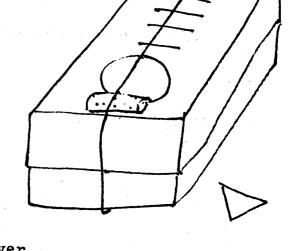
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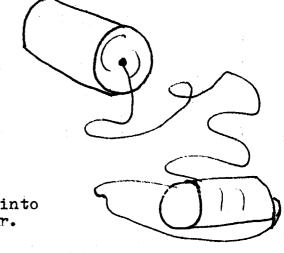


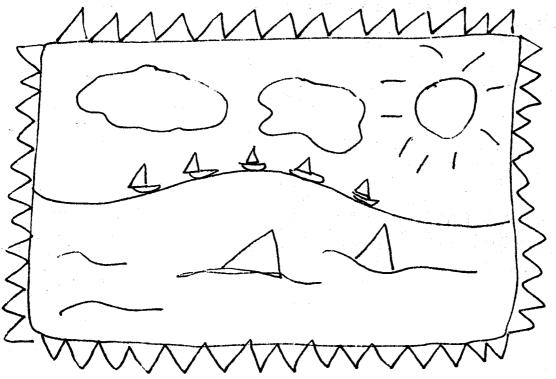
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You will need:

- two empty golden syrup or cocoa tins (no sharp edges!)
- a long piece of string
- a hammer and a nail

Make a hole in the bottom of each tin using the hammer and nail. Thread one end of the string through each and tie a knot inside the tins. Give one tin to a friend, pull the string tight, and you will find that one of you can speak into the tin as the other listens in the other.





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