

Parish Magazine for Aston Abbotts
The Chronicle

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Editorial

A whole week with two small children on an island three miles by half a mile, no car, no television, not even a radio, not in the Mediterranean but in the Bristol Channel, prone to fog and with its own weather forecast...were we mad? Maybe, but as it worked out we all had a lovely week on Lundy Island, going for walks, pretending to be bird watchers, and sitting about in the Tavern. Lundy is administered by the Landmark Trust, who deserve a plug - they can be contacted on 0628 825925.

We hope everyone else had a good Easter break, at home or away.

Caroline Laus

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Thanks to Rosemary Franklin for the drawing of the Knights' house on the Green



Sunday 2nd: coach trip to Spalding tulip fields. Depart The Green 8.20am. Fare £8; OAP £7; child £5.50

Book with Colin 681343

Monday 3rd: sponsored walk, Wingrave School (see p.16)

Thursday 6th: Ladies Club
Mrs Kathleen Turner,
'I'm going a-milking'
N.B. Methodist Church, 2.45pm

Thursday 6th: county council elections - voting Church Room 8am - 9pm

Saturday 8th: Jumble sale, Wingrave School, 2-4pm (p. 16)

Sunday 9th: coach trip to Windsor Great Park - Saville Gardens Depart The Green 9.20am Fare £5; OAP/child £4 Book with Colin 681343

Monday 10th Toddlers Church Room, 2.30-4pm

Thursday 13th: Whist Drive Church Room, 7.30pm

Sunday 16th: Rambling Club annual Spider Walk Start from either The Green or Cublington Crossroads, 2.30pm Teas in Church Room

Wednesday 19th: Ladies Club
Not So Young tea and outing
Coach leaves 2.05pm

Thursday 20th: Bingo Church Room, 7.30pm

Monday 24th: Toddlers 2.30-4pm, Church Room

Thursday 27th: Whist Drive Church Room, 7.30pm

Friday 28th: Parish Council Church Room, 8pm

What's On: May

REGULARS

Tuesdays: Bin Day

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

Tuesdays: mobile library
Wingrave Road, 11.15-11.30am
The Green, 11.35-12.10
Oxley's Farm, 12.15 alternate
weeks (11th etc.)

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

Wednesdays: Wingrave toddlers 10.00-11.30am, Methodist Hall, Nup End

VILLAGE FÊTE 24th July

Please remember to save your cuttings and seedlings for the PLANT STALL.

THANK YOU to the Anon family for the first very generous sponsorship of the fête.
RUSH NOW to be sure of your opportunity to sponsor one of the afternoon's activities.
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Above all, write the date in your diary, and PLEASE let the following know if you can help in any way:

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Our monthly column about village people, edited by BRIDGET BRANDON

BIRTHDAYS

Arkle O'Sullivan.	•	•		. 4th	May
Perce Rickard	•	•	•	llth	May
Chris Brandon					-
Hannah Brandon	•	•	•	12th	May
Tom Manning		•	•	22nd	May
Benjamin King	•	•	•	22nd	May
Malini Drysdale	•	•	•	23rd	May
Puke Chesher	•	•	•	23rd	May
Neil Chesher (63)		•	٠,	26th	May



VILLAGE FÊTE Sponsor the teas...only £20

GO STEADY

George Brandon, who recently cracked a kneecap and ended up plastered.



THANK YOU

May we through the Chronicle thank everyone who went to so much trouble to buy, plan and plant the daffodils around the village. As we look over the Recreation Ground they are a picture. Thank you again Mr & Mrs Doggett

(Bought by the parish council with a Bucks County Council grant, and planted by parish councillors with help from Christine Scott - Editor)

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





Name your poision

Gustav III of Sweden believed that coffee was To prove his theory, he sentenced a murderer to drink coffee every day until he died. To provide comparison, another murderer was pardoned on condition that he drank tea every Two doctors were appointed to supervise the experiment and see who died first. In the event the doctors were the first to die. Then the king was murdered in 1792. Finally, after many years, the first criminal died, at the age of 83. was the tea drinker.

History suggests that the results of the experiment were disregarded. Coffee prohibition was reintroduced in Sweden in 1794 and again in 1822.

RECTOR'S REPORT

Several times over the last few weeks I have heard a lady singing a song on the car radio. My knowledge of these matters is very limited - so I can't tell you who she is, or the title of the song. But the chorus made me prick up my ears every time I heard it - 'God is watching us... from a distance'. I kept trying to catch the words of the verses - but without success.

What, I wondered, were the circumstances in which God was 'watching us'? And why would he be watching 'from a distance'? Did the song really mean that it is a good thing that God is watching over us - and yet he watches from a distance because it would be rather uncomfortable if he was breathing down our necks!

Is God being like George Orwell's 'Big Brother' - ever vigilant and waiting to pounce the moment we step out of line? Far enough away, yet always within striking distance? I find that a very unhappy viewpoint.

Or perhaps God is more like the Coastguard - watching from a distance and ready to bring help when we are in trouble. But I do not find that view very attractive either. It is a nice thought - but I'm afraid I need help rather too often to allow God to be the long stop in case of emergencies.

There seems to me to be about three things I need God to do. Firstly, I need him close enough to hold my hand when the going gets tough. Then I need him close enough to give me the occasional kick up the backside. But I also need to know that he understands me as I am — and with that understanding will sometimes let me get away with things by turning a blind eye to my failings.

It is not a bad question to try to answer: 'What is the distance from which God is watching your life?' - which reminds me of the poster I saw some time ago. It was a large open space with quite small print in one corner which read -"If God seems far away, guess who's moved"

Bob Willmott.

April has been quite a busy month. Both the Good Friday and Easter Day services were well attended. Plans are going well for a June concert.

If anyone has old photographs of anything connected with ASTON ABBOTTS would they please loan them for the exhibition on Sunday 13th June in conjunction with the flower theme (100 Best Tunes) and the concert by the December Festival Choir at 6pm? Every care will be taken to ensure the photos are returned safe and sound.

We still have a few tickets left on the 100 Club, so if anyone is interested please let myself, Doris or the church-wardens know. As soon as we have the 100 names we can start the ball rolling.

New bins have now been installed at the rear of the church barn for grass cuttings and dead flowers etc. Please use the bins and not the ditch.

COLIN HIGGS

Church services in May

Sidesman

2nd May 11.15am FAMILY SERVICE Gillian Ford Easter 3 (p. 4) 1 Cor 15.1-11; John 21.1-14

9th May 11.15am HOLY COMMUNION Alison Ford Easter 4 (p.618) Rev. 3.14-end; John 21.15-22

16th May 11.15am HOLY COMMUNION Michael Hasler Easter 5 (p.623) 1 Cor 15.21-28; John 16.25-end

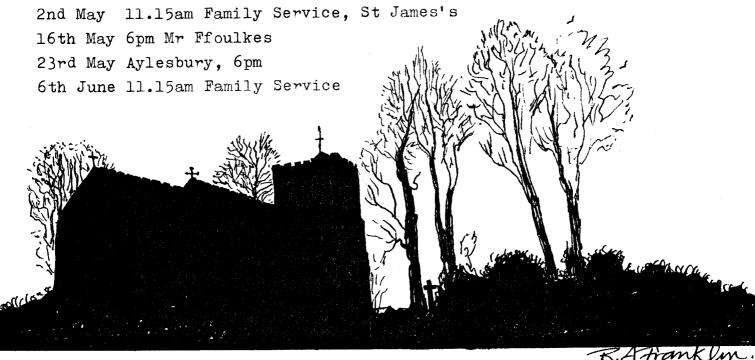
23rd May 6.00pm EVENSONG (note change) Colin Higgs Ascension (p.631) Eph 1.15-end; Luke 24.45-end

30th May 10.00am BENEFICE EUCHARIST Gillian Ford Pentecost (p.636) Acts 2.1-11; John 14.15-26

6th June 11.15am FAMILY SERVICE
Trinity (p.641) Eph 1.3-14; John 14.8-17

Methodist Church

Methodist church services in May



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WINGRAVE GREEN	0911 1211 1531
ASTON ABBOTTS Bull & Butcher	0917 1217 1537
CUBLINGTON Cross Roads	0920 1220 1540
WING Soulbury Turn, Stewkley Road	0928 1018 1228 1548
LINSLADE Church Road	0933 1023 1233 1553
LEIGHTON BUZZARD High Street	0938 1028 1238 1558
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CUBLINGTON Cross Roads	0810 1108 1408 1628
ASTON ABBOTTS Bull & Butcher	0813 1111 1411 1631
WINGRAVE GREEN	1117 1417 1637
WINGRAVE Cross Roads	0816 1120 1420 1640
ROWSHAM	0818 1122 1422 1642
BIERTON Red Lion	0821 1125 1425 1645
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ELMHURST Surgery	0023 1123 1013
AYLESBURY Bus Station	0829 1133 1433 1653

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Please note: the Routemaster 8.13 no longer serves Wingrave. And the service will no longer operate via Bunkers Lane/The Hare in Linslade.

AYLESBURY BUS

There has been a lot of concern about the new timetable published in last month's Chronicle, especially the loss of the 11.15 from Leighton Buzzard. Colin Higgs has received over 30 complaints and is taking the matter up on our behalf.

The road

Peter Cooper, chairman of the Aston Abbotts Action Group, presented our arguments to the Wing bypass inquiry on 15th April. He was able to redress the balance a little by pointing out to the Inspector the value to people here of the footpaths which would be wrecked by the outer northern route. He drew attention to the effective destruction of Oxley's Farm by that route, and finished by urging a return to the single-carriageway bypass idea, which is all that is needed locally. This badly needed saying: so far the inquiry has taken the idea of a DTp trunk road very much as read, which is outrageous. Having impressed the audience with his knowledge of decibels, I understand he retired in good order, unlike some witnesses. So thank you Peter and we now wait several months for the Inspector's report.

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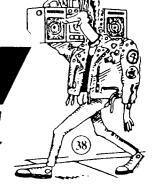
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District Councillor: Bryan Lound 11 Nup End Lane, Vingrave 681621

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Wingrave

LIVE MUSIC



Sat 8th May (By Ever Popular Demand)

MUDFISH overseas

Sat 22nd May (All Girl 60's & 70's Group) (Michelle & Donna from Aston Abbotts, included in

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Parish council

Unofficial notes from the meeting on 22nd April (rescheduled from 16th April):

Matters arising

Church Row pump - it was decided to request £50 from the Village Fund/Christmas Show fund, which together with about £57 (subject to final cost of a plaque) from the parish council would cover the shortfall (total expenses, as expected, amounted to about £330; £225 had been received as a grant from the Shell Better Britain Campaign).

Bucks County Council had written to accept the Parish Council's offer of £500 towards kerbing in Wingrave Road, between the corner and the bus stop (this is less than half what we had originally been asked for). BCC will not however kerb outside the Acorns. The parish council will ask BCC for suggestions for protecting the entrance to the Acorns, which is being badly eroded, but did not feel further work was necessary along the edge of the bank itself.

Planning applications

Stables outside 1 Norduck Cottages: PC concerned that this would be in front of the building line, that it would restrict vision for drivers and pedestrians leaving the premises, and that there was no provision for foul drainage. AVDC will now decide. AVDC had written to tell us that the telecommunications mast proposed in Wingrave Road does not need phanning permission (we did know this) and it was decided to write to our MP expressing our concern - we think visually intrusive objects should need permission.

Bull & Butcher conversion plans have been amended to provide more parking spaces - while the parish council agreed that there should be more, councillors felt that using all the existing garden would be too many and that number of cars would cause problems at the entrance where visibility is poor. AVDC to decide.

Lower Burston Farm - light industrial units granted by AVDC Accounts Electricity £51.44 for two months (slight reduction!); Flymo repairs/maintenance £65.80. The PC's accounts for 1992-3 may be inspected by applying to the Clerk between 3rd and 24th May and will be audited by 1st July. A summary is published in this Chronicle - NB unaudited.

Other business

We are to donate £15 to the Bucks Playing Fields Association. National Tree Week is in November 1993 and we are to consider whether we want to apply for native trees to plant in the village (any suggestions to a councillor or the Clerk please). There is a problem with fixing the new flat seats to the swings - we may need new chains to do the job properly.

NEXT MEETING FRIDAY 28th May 8pm Church Room (Annual Parish Council Meeting) All Welcome

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Balances Brought Forward	£	£				
Current Account	104.66					
Deposit Account	1616.62					
Recreation Current Account	236.62					
Recreation Deposit Account	309.92					
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Receipts						
A.V.D.C. Precept	3000.00					
Grants	467.00					
Interest Deposit Account	122.92	İ				
Interest Recreation Deposit Account	2.18					
V.A.T. Reclaim	383.28					
Insurance Claim (Recreation Ground	613.05	4500 40				
mower)		<u>4588.43</u>				
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Payments						
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Electricity	294.14					
Admin. ,Subs and Audit Commission	524.17					
Insurance	175.48					
Petrol & Mower (insurance claim above	e) 792.23 ←	(incl. VAT which we				
Street Light Repairs	334.49	get back)				
Bank Charges	46.13					
Grants	350.00					
New Street Lights	810.75					
Shed, Bench, Bulbs &						
Swing Seats - Recreation Ground	728.94					
Village Pump	204.45					
Mowing - Recreation Ground	396.00					
Sundries	<u>59.61</u>					
		4716.39				
		2139.86				
Polonia Complet Removed						
Balances Carried Forward						
Current Account	18.73					
Deposit Account	1752.18					
Recreation Current Account	57.18					
Recreation Deposit Account	311.77					
Recreation Deposit Meddane		2139.86				
Any questions, you may inspect the books between						
3rd and 24th May: Margaret Chesher, 20 The Green (681201)						
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Wingrave CE Combined School School Association



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RECENT EVENTS

March was a very successful month for the School Association with over £1100 profit being made. The family disco on 6th March was well attended and enjoyed by young and old alike. An excited group of children led their tired parents home shortly before 10.00pm.

The Db's live band event on 27th March was a complete sell out!! Lots of new faces attended, the music was excellent, the atmosphere electric and everyone enjoyed the evening. This was a really successful event - one which we hope to repeat in the not too distant future.

The ever popular bingo took place on 3rd April making a profit of £85 to help boost our funds.

Some of you may wonder how this money is spent. It all goes directly to benefit the children at the school. Over recent months we have purchased library books, a carpet for the library, new dining tables, home corner play equipment and funded a first aid course for our much appreciated dinner ladies.

FUTURE EVENTS

May Day Walk - Monday 3rd May - starting and finishing at the Community Centre

16 mile walk starts at 10.30am 6 mile walk starts at 2.00pm

All children have now received a sponsor form and will be looking to family, friends and relatives to support them. If you are not walking please sponsor a child or adult you know who will be taking part. We also need donations of cakes and buns for the tea which is provided for all participants. Please send your cakes etc either to the school on Friday 30th April or the Community Centre from 9.30 - 10.30am or from 1.30pm onwards on the Monday 3rd. Remember you don't have to have children at the school to take part in this now traditional village walk - we want to see as many villagers as possible.

JUMBLE SALE - Saturday 8th May 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Please send jumble, toys, books, games, bric a brac etc to the school during the preceding week or on Friday 7th May after 7.30pm. Thank you.

FASHION SHOW - Wednesday 26th May

Just Trading Ladies Fashion return by popular demand. Doors open at 7.30pm for you to shop in style for your Spring/Summer wardrobe.

FINALLY - Any queries about any of the above events please phone John on 681002.

Doris by Eleanor Franklin

Every day Doris went for a walk. She loved the feel of grass wet with dew. When the sky was blue, Doris unfolded her wings and flew.

If the ugly witch saw her, she followed. On her broomstick.

One day the witch saw Doris flying through the sky.
The witch was very angry. So angry,
She could not get her broomstick to fly.
She stamped and shouted, but the broomstick refused to fly.

Then she remembered the magic word, please! "Please buttercup fly! Follow that dog!"
The broomstick rose in the air. The witch laughed and shouted,
"Follow....please follow that dog!"
The broomstick followed.

The witch tried very hard to catch Doris.

Doris flew faster and faster over the rooftops.

At last the witch could bare it no longer.

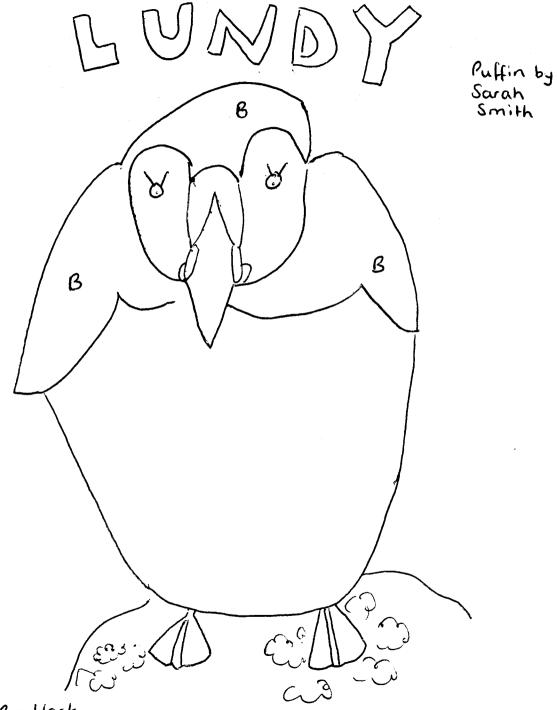
She cast a spell to break Doris's wings.

The spell worked and poor Doris fell from the sky.

After a week the wings were mended and Doris could fly again.
One evening, when the full moon was shining, a great race began. Doris raced across the night sky with the witch close behind.
The wicked witch lost her balance.

She hung on to the handle with all her might. It was no good, the witch was loosing her grip, the broomstick just raced after the dog. The broomstick broke, down came the witch, splash, into the village pond. When the broomstick hit the ground it turned back into Buttercup a very friendly cow.





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