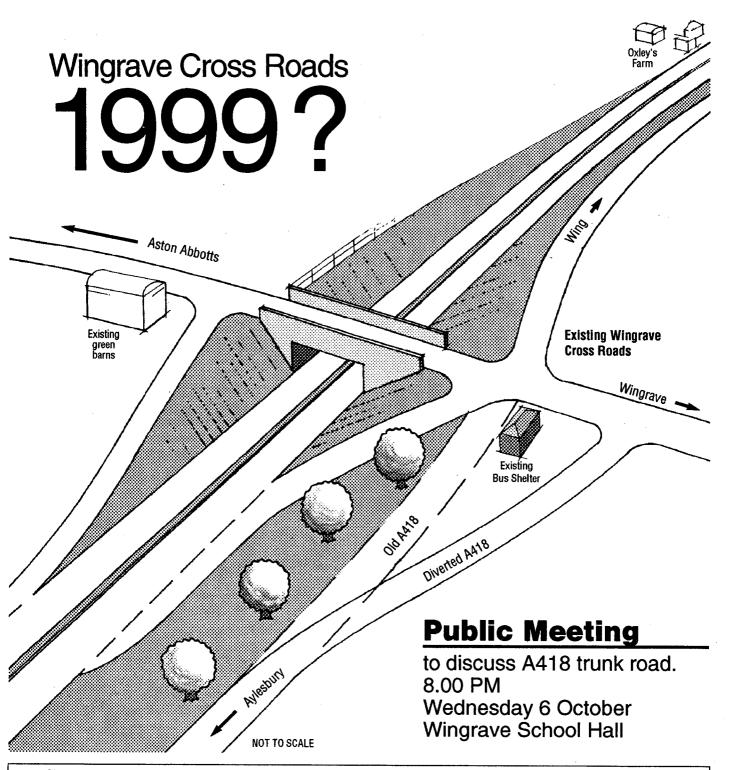
The Chronicle

Parish Magazine for Aston Abbotts





Editorial

Shopping! Being faithful Leighton Buzzard shoppers we haven't been to Aylesbury to see the new department store, Beatties, opened in Friars Square, but it all sounds excellent. There have been a lot of small shops closing in Leighton recently and much anguished correspondence in the local paper, all of which underlines the need for traditional market towns to find something to lure customers away from the out of town supermarkets - or away from Milton Keynes. If you usually grit your teeth and struggle around Tesco's once a fortnight, give yourself a treat. Get on Colin's bus on a Saturday and look around a real market town, either Leighton or Aylesbury!

As you will see from the front cover, the parish meeting on the A418 is very much in our minds. Please do go on 6th October (7pm exhibition, 8pm talking) to the meeting at Wingrave School. Our own parish council meets on the following Friday (8th) and will be writing the parish council's own response, and residents are of course very welcome to that meeting too. The closing date for comments on the Department of Transport's questionnaire is at the end of this month, and we still have copies if you want one.

Remember the two housing surveys? Aylesbury Vale has just sent the parish council the results of their survey in the village. We are printing them in this issue. It shows that there really are people in need of affordable housing in this village and we hope it will be useful to anyone with ideas.

Cardenie Lano

Gorda Leull

Please let us have material for the November issue by Friday 29th October. Bring, send or telephone to 2 Church Row (681373).

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Monday 4th: Rambling Club autumn/winter programme meeting Church Room 8pm

Wednesday 6th: Parish meeting with Wingrave to discuss A418 trunk road plans, 7pm (exhibition), 8pm (meeting), Wingrave School. Ring Caroline (681373) if you need a lift

Thursday 7th: Ladies Club, Church Room, 2.45pm

Thursday 7th: Bingo, Church Room, 7.30pm

Friday 8th: Parish Council 8pm, Church Room

Sunday 10th: sponsored walk for Rec., see p. 7

Mondays 11th, 25th: Toddlers, Church Room, 2.30-4pm

Thursdays 14th, 28th: Whist Drive, Church Room, 7.30pm

Saturday 16th: Table Top sale, Wingrave School, 10am

Sunday 17th: Rambling Club meet Burnham Beeches 2pm

BOOK THESE DATES

Sunday 7th Nov: London-Brighton Old Crocks Race. Coach departs The Green 8.10am, fare £9, OAP £8, child £7, book with Colin 681343

Friday 3rd Dec: Cheese and wine with Christmas floral decorations, Church Room (more details next time)

Sunday 5th Dec: Sal. Army concert, St James's, 3pm, teas afterwards

Regulars

Tuesdays: Bin Day

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

Tuesdays: mobile library
Wingrave Road, 11.15-30am
The Green, 11.35-12.10
Oxley's Farm, alternate
weeks (12th etc.) 12.15am

Tuesdays: NEW mobile butchers, about 3-4pm, will deliver to door, ring 0296 75220

Wednesdays: fish & chip van outside Bull & Butcher, about 8pm; rings bell first, can be up to 30 mins later

Thursdays: butcher as above

Fridays: free bus to Tesco Aylesbury; depart The Green 10.06am, gets back 1.40pm

LADIES CLUB

Aston Abbotts and Cublington Ladies Club will be starting their new season on 7th Oct. with a talk and slides about British alpines given by Mr Atkins. From October to July next year we shall be having a wide variety of talks and slides on subjects such as Hot Air Ballooning, Thimbles and Sewing Implements, Tasmania, Furniture, Hidden Bucks, Origins of Manners, garden talks and many others. If you would like to come to a Club meeting and have never been before give me a ring - Shirley Ford, 681865. We meet in the Church Room at 2.45pm.

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FAX Number (0296) 682151 At our September parochial church council meeting it was agreed we should fit bird wire to the tower louvres and replace the downpipe and sealing gaskets to help eliminate damp on the walls from leaking guttering.

We are holding a cheese and wine evening with Christmas Floral demonstrations to raise money for the upkeep of the church; and on Sunday 5th December the Leighton Buzzard Salvation Army will be giving an afternoon concert. Teas will be served afterwards in the Church Room.

The 100 Club is now going well and membership continues September's winners were Mr A Ford, Mr P Legg and Mr to grow. R Scutchings.

We still have approximately 2 acres of grazing land (bottom of allotments) for letting, if anyone is interested; please ring me (681343) or the Rector (681623).

COLIN HIGGS

St James's Church Services in October

Sidesman

3rd Oct: 11.15 HARVEST FESTIVAL Churchwardens

Pentecost 18 (p.723) 2 Cor 8.1-9; Matt 5.17-26 10th Oct: 11.15am PARISH COMMUNION Alison Ford

Pentecost 19 (p.729) Heb. 1.1, 2.8-16; Matt 6.24-end

17th Oct: 11.15am PARISH COMMUNION Michael Hasler

Last Pent. (p.746) Phil 3.7-end; Jn 17.1-10

24th Oct: 11.15am PARISH COMMUNION Colin Higgs

9 Before Christmas (p.401) Rev 4; John 3.1-8

6.00pm: IONA WORSHIP Gillian Wyer

31st Oct: At Cublington, 10am BENEFICE COMMUNION 8 Before Christmas (p.406) Rom 7.7-13; John 3.13-21

7th Nov: 11.15am FAMILY SERVICE, Methodist Church

EVENING WORSHIP in the style of the IONA COMMUNITY - a special service in St James's Church at 6pm on Sunday 24th October. ALL WELCOME

COTTESLOE CHRISTIAN TRAINING PROGRAMME "So, what's special about the village church"? Winslow Combined School, 7.30pm, Wednesday 6th October. Speaker Bishop John Yates (Lambeth Palace). Discussion for all concerned with the rural church.

HARVEST FESTIVAL church service at 11.15am on Sunday 3rd October. Children can bring gifts of produce. Harvest lunch in the Church Room at 1pm, tickets £3 for a three-course lunch. Sale of produce afterwards. Tickets from Colin or Doris (681343 and 681243).

BUCKS AGE CONCERN

We are seeking volunteers to help us run a small, friendly club for older people with special needs. The club will meet every Thursday in Wing Lodge Bungalows and some older people from Aston Abbotts will be coming to this club.

Can you spare a few hours some Thursdays to help us provide a "good day out" for the club members and give respite to carers? Please contact Margot Hill at Bucks Age Concern on 0296 431127. Guidance, support and expenses for volunteers.

RECTOR'S REPORT

At this time of the year there are frequently meetings arranged which clash. And there has to be some decision made as to which meeting has the priority - for we cannot be in two places at the same time.

I have that problem on October 6th. I have already committed myself to a meeting in Winslow entitled "So what's special about the Village Church?" Then I find that there is a public meeting arranged in Wingrave about the proposed A418 Aylesbury bypass.

I am not trying to guess how either meeting will turn out. The 'specialness' of the Church in a Village Community is almost certainly linked with the sense of intimacy that exists in a village but not in a town. Part of that includes the elements of peace and quiet that are valued. Then there is the sense of history which comes from living in, or among, ancient cottages and other public buildings. I suppose tranquillity could be the word I am looking for. So that would seem to suggest that those in favour of 'Villages' must be opposed to all that threatens their tranquillity - especially new roads.

It makes no sense to me to complain about the volume of heavy traffic using village roads unless we are prepared to support an alternative route. Different transport systems have been tried at various times in our history. We enjoy walking beside the old canals. Some of the railway system closed by Dr Beeching have been converted into walking and cycling paths. They are rich with wildlife. They help us to appreciate the goodness of God's Creation. One day those who come after us may feel the same about the road system that we have left for them.

But all the time we have this conflict. Village Churches - liability or asset? Fast, integrated road system - or dangerous network of country lanes? Corridors of pollution or areas of environmental protection?

There are no simple answers. There is not even any right or wrong. We live in a world where change is endemic - there is no way that we can escape from it. That change threatens our tranquillity and forces us to face up to the conflict that we try to avoid.

SIR LES INVITES YOU TO.....

The Alice Abbotts Christmas Show

10 & 11 December in the Church Room

There will be a slight Australian theme, so start warming up your Rolf Harris impressions

<u>Tickets</u> are available now from Chris Brandon on 681425 for £2.50 each, or £1.50 for Senior Citizens. <u>Cash with</u> <u>orders please</u>. All proceeds to the Christmas Show Fund.

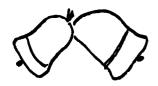
Anyone wishing to take part or help in any way please contact Chris on 681425, John Whyte on 681865, or Gordon Smith on 681373. New faces are always welcome, and taking part is very nearly as enjoyable as paying to get in.

Start getting those raffle prizes ready! Lay in the plastic gladdies!

<u>WELCOME</u> to our new neighbours at no.8 Bricstock.

CONGRATULATIONS to Jon and Katie Chesher, who were married on 11th Sept.

and to Gwen and Paul Kempster, who celebrate their Ruby Wedding on 10th Oct. Love from all the family.



BIRTHDAYS

Denise Robinson....2nd Oct Juliette Gutierrez...3rd Oct Stuart Biddle (2)....5th Oct Edward Picking.....11th Oct Juan Gutierrez.....14th Oct Rita Robinson.....26th Oct Haley Wilkinson....31st Oct





...and SORRY for giving Christine Fox two birthdays this year and Christopher none at all! Put on yer tengallon hat and fringed shirt and shoot the typist, Chris.

LOST YOUR UMBRELLA? A large striped umbrella was left behind after the fete. If it's yours apply to 2 Church Row (618373).

SPONSORED WALK for Recreation Ground: Sunday 10th October. There will be two walks, one of 5 miles and one of 10, along the Greensand Ridge Walk. Meet here on The Green at 9.30am, or at the church in Little Brickhill for the start at It is safer to park on the main road here than in the woodland. The route is well signposted; finishing point for 5-milers is Wood Lane at Aspley Guise where there will be lifts back to your own car from the junction of Wood Lane and Mentmore Avenue; the short walk should take 1 -2 hours. The 10-milers finish back at Little Brickhill. Parents: bring a drink for children as there is nothing available on the route! Sponsorship forms from John Whyte, 14 Bricstock, 681685.

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TYPE OF ACCOMMODATION PREFERRED

house	5
flat	0
bungalow	0
sheltered	0

TYPE OF TENURE PREFERRED

rent	1
buy	1
shared ownership*	3

HOUSEHOLDS REQUIRING ACCOMMODATION ADAPTED FOR A DISABILITY

0

PREFERRED LOCATION

same village/town	3
nearby village/town	2
elsewhere	0

TIME LIVED IN VILLAGE/TOWN (ALL adults in households)

under 3 years	1
3 - 5 years	. 0
6 -10 years	3
over 10 years	3

* PART RENT/PART BUY

RURAL HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY



AYLESBURY VALE DISTRICT COUNCIL

RURAL HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY REPORT FOR

ASTON ABBOTTS

Households who completed the survey form

1. Number of returned forms:	62
2. Number of overcrowded households:	2
3. Number of households who lack a bathroom, inside toilet and hot water:	0
4. Number of households who share bathroom, kitchen or living room with another household:	0
5. Number of potential households unable to find their own accommodation:	3
6. Number of potential households who will need their own house in the next 2 years:	5
7. Number of potential households who will need accommodation over the next 2-5 years:	14
8. Number of households who have moved out of the Parish in the last 5 years because they	
could not afford to reside there:	10
9. Number of households who object to affordable housing being built on the edge of the village:	24

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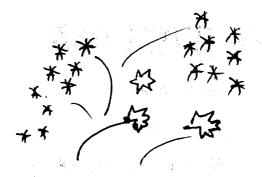
HARDWICK PLAYGROUP

Coffee Morning

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ASTON ABBOTTS BONFIRE

The bonfire will be on Friday 5th November at the Recreation Ground. Fire to be lit at 6.30pm, and fireworks begin at 7pm. Contributions of fireworks most welcome; please give to Lawrence Hinds at 5 Ross Road or bring them on the night. It is better to buy one big firework than several small ones, as the big ones will make a better display!

Please bring your burnable rubbish to the site on the Rec a week or so before the event. (No tyres this year please - fire service advice.)

SUNDAY sees the start of a new era for Aylesbury's Methodists as the Rev Fred Ireland takes over as superintendent minister of the Aylesbury circuit.

He takes the helm from Peter Lemmon who has moved to a church in Harlesden, north west London.

The 35-year-old former manager of a Moss Bros hire shop and butcher who has also worked in a bookshop will be formerly inducted into the church at a service in Buckingham Street on Sunday.

The Aylesbury church and 11 other village chapels which Mr Ireland will oversee are a far cry from his previous position in Sudbury Suffolk, where he ran one church in a market town with a population of just 16,000.

A keen golfer, he is married with three children aged two, six and eight, who could play a large part in his style of worship at the church.

"There are many things I can bring to the church," he said. "And I want to look at all age worship in the church with children playing a bigger part in the service."



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 Ireland
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 children
 Rebecca,
 Rachel
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It is not an occasion on which it would be appropriate to enquire about your child's progress or to ask to see items of course work.

Refreshments will be available during the course of the evening.

At the School Association AGM some of the resources purchased for the school will be on display. If you would like to join the helpful and friendly members of the School Association this is your chance. Cheese and wine will be provided.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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A MONTHLY LOOK AT FACTS YOU NEVER WANTED TO KNOW

Why is it easier to drive in a screw with a long screwdriver than it is with a short one?

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The superiority of a long screwdriver rests simply on two facts: 1/ You can generally get a better grip of a long screwdriver than a short one, and can bring the whole weight of your body and strength of your arms to bear on it, and 2/ the torsion of the iron in a long screwdriver comes in to supplement the force employed. The only way in which leverage can come in is in connection with the breadth of the point of the screwdriver; and even this counts for nothing beyond the breadth of the head of the screw.

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SERVES 3-4

Quick fried pieces of cod with broccoli, red onion and pepper in black bean sauce. Use canned rather than dried beans and rinse well as they are salty.

- 1 egg white
- 4 teaspoons cornflour
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 500 g (1 lb) cod fillet, skinned and cubed
- 150 ml (1/4 pint) groundnut oil
- 1 clove garlic, crushed
- 2.5 cm (1 inch) piece fresh root ginger, grated
- 1 small red onion, cut into wedges
- 175 g (6 oz) broccoli florets
- 1 red pepper, cored, seeded and cut into strips
- 3 tablespoons sherry
- 2 tablespoons oyster sauce
- 2 tablespoons canned black beans, rinsed

pepper to taste

- Whisk the egg white until frothy and stir in 3 teaspoons cornflour and 1 tablespoon soy sauce. Add the fish and mix well.
- Heat the oil in a wok. Fry the fish, in batches, for about 2 minutes until cooked through. Drain on kitchen paper; set aside.
- Pour off all but 3 tablespoons oil from the wok. Add the garlic, ginger, onion, broccoli and red pepper and stir fry for 3 minutes.
- Mix together the remaining cornflour, soy sauce, sherry, oyster sauce and 2 tablespoons water. Add to the wok with the black beans and pepper; stir until thickened.
- Return the fish to the wok and heat through, stirring gently. Serve at once.

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