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Editorial

Bonfire time again, though it will have come and gone by the time most of you read this. Apologies for late delivery of this issue - half term fell in the last week of October and it was not possible to print the magazine until school reopened on 1st November. We hope you all had a good evening and there were plenty of fireworks to be seen all across the Vale from the Rec.

There weren't many fireworks at the parish meeting about the A418, but it was probably a better meeting for that. Lots of people put different points of view. The Dtp have now finished their consultation period and will do nothing further until the spring when "draft orders" (i.e. compulsory purchase orders and full details of junctions, footpaths, lighting etc.) will be published. The Aston Abbotts Action Group, formed to oppose the Rothschild route for the Wing bypass, has decided to disband for the moment. This part of the route will almost certainly go to a public inquiry, and that will be the time for the village to form another group if wanted. We are only at the beginning of a long process.

We neglected to credit the cover artists last month: the drawing of the crossroads was done by Frank Watkins and Peter Cooper. Thanks.

Cardine Lave

Please let us have material for the December issue by Friday 19th November. Bring, send or telephone to 2 Church Row (681373).

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Cover recycled from last year, and the year before (I like it...CL - pinched from a woodcut by Gwenda Morgan).

what's On: November

Routemaster (Colin's bus) is sadly stopping because it was running at too much of a loss. It is being taken over by Aylesbury bus, so the service will continue at the same times, although fares will rise as from 6th Nov. Colin and Pete will continue to work on the service for the next five weeks. Many thanks to them both for the excellent service they have run over the last 4 years.

Sunday 7th: London-Brighton Old Crocks Race, coach depart Bull & Butcher 7.50am. Adult £9, OAP £8, child £7. Book on 681343

Tuesday 9th: PCC meeting, 8pm, Hilary and Michael's

Friday 12th: Parish Council, 8pm, Church Room

Sunday 14th: Rambling Club meet The Green, 2pm (all welcome)

Saturday 20th: Wingrave School Charity Rock Night (see p. 13)

Thursday 4th: Ladies Club AGM and Bring & Buy 2.45pm, Church Room

Thursday 4th: Bingo, Church Room, 7.30pm

Mondays 8th, 22nd: Toddlers, Church Room, 2.30-4pm

Thursdays 11th, 25th: Whist Drive, Church Room, 7.30pm

Thursday 18th: Ladies Club talk and slides on hot air ballooning by Mr David Body 2.45pm, Church Room

BOOK THESE DATES

Wednesday 1st Dec: Neighbourhood Watch meeting, Church Room, 8pm (see p. 5) Friday 3rd Dec: Cheese and wine with Christmas floral decorations, Church Room 7.30pm

Saturday 4th Dec: Wingrave JFC Quiz Night (see p. 18)

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

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 (10th etc.) 12.15am

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

Wednesdays: fish & chip van outside Bull & Butcher, <u>about</u> 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 opening meetings were well attended and the talks about British Alpines and African Traidcraft much enjoyed. See opposite for November 4th and 18th.

BRITISH SAILORS SOCIETY

Daphne Evans collected £23.23 for the British Sailors Society. Many thanks.

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A LETTER FROM OUR COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER

Dear Readers

Over the past few weeks it has been a busy time for me, what with the cold weather and torrential rain. As you can imagine there were several accidents to be dealt with as well as the problem of flooding in several areas. At one time I thought my patrol car was going to submerge as water gushed towards me from fields both sides of the lane I was in. I escaped with a very wet engine and the use of lots of WD40.

On the matter of crime in the area, a concern to us all, especially when you see so much in the news and in the papers: I am pleased to tell you all is quiet at present and the only crime I have had to deal with of late was in another village. However, please keep your eyes and ears open and as before please contact me if you have any information, or any problems or concerns which you feel I could help with.

My regards to you all

MICK GRIGGS, PC 3194 Tel. 0296 668218

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

As many of you will know, a Neighbourhood Watch scheme was set up here a few years (7?) ago and is still officially in operation. However, many people feel it could do with a shot in the arm - or simply don't know much about it and would like to know more. This is your chance. Put Wednesday 1st December in your diary and come along to the Church Room at 8pm (time to be confirmed - please look out for posters). PC Mick Griggs will be there to introduce his colleague from Neighbourhood Watch liaison, who will give us a talk and lots of ideas and literature. We have a list of people who are willing to be NW coordinators in different areas of the village, but the more people we have simply signing up the more effective it will be. (There's a lot more to it than getting a discount on your household insurance...)

HEALTH INFORMATION SERVICE

This new service operates from the offices of the Community Health Council to offer residents of the Vale information about all aspects of health care - how to find GPs, dentists, opticians; how to find information about specific illnesses (though it does not itself provide medical advice); waiting lists, special clinics, alternative therapies... and it is a local access point for the Oxford Region Health Information Line, a database which holds national and regional info on hospitals, treatment centres and clinics. Call in or telephone: 8 Temple Square, Aylesbury, Bucks HP20 2QH (0296 397647) for free advice Mon-Fri 9.00am-12.30.

TOP howlers

Boorsh (Portsmouth) 8-48
Malone (Lymington) 8-50
Turner (Hembledon) 5-28
Pryce (Winchester) 5-17
Boths (US Portsmouth) 4-42
Porter (Gosport) 4-59
Wood (O Tsuntonians) 4-60
Whitting (River Militon) 4-61

NEXT week

Royal Navy under-25e v Southern League YC (Burnaby Road) TUESDAY Echo Trophy semi-final: Basingstoke & N Hents v O Tauntonians (May's Bounty) WEDNESDAY CCC Inter-League Cup: Woohrich Kent League v Southern League FRIDAY Echo Trophy semi-final: Hursley Park v Liphook & Ripsley (The Quarters) SATURDAY Gosport v Sparsholf (Privett Park) Hambledon v Bournemouth (Ridge Meedow) Havani v Winchasi (Hevent Park) Hungerford v New Milton (Hungerford Common) Hursley Park v Longparish Lymington v South Wilts O Tauntoniene v Trojane (Redbridge Lane) Portemouth v Andrews (Drayton Park)

CRICKET | British Gas Southern League week eight

*Student Parker's top marks at Portsmouth

Maiden century helps the city club open up a gap at the top of the table.

By SIMON PARKER
Sports Mail

Student Andy Parker has been dishing out lessons of his own in batting this sum-

The season may be only reaching halfway but Parker has aiready given ample evidence that he is fast becoming a master of his trade.

And the runs pouring off his bat have been a major factor in Portsmouth's amazing assult on the British Gas Southern League championship.

Skipper Barry Boorah admitted: "He's an exceptional talent and he's coming along in leaps and bounds.

"His powers of concentration are such that nothing seems to disturb him. For someone so young Andy has a great head on his shoulders he has been quite outstanding."

Parker and Boorah turned deadly double act to destroy Havant at Drayton Park this week and cement Portsmouth's position at the top.

Boorah's six-wicket haul has taken him within two of smashing the 600 barrier in an exceptional 20-year career. But it was Parker's maiden league ton which stole the limelight.

Boorah said: "It was a superb innings and just shows how far Andy has come in such a short time."

Parker put on 79 for the first wicket with Geoff Pike before

Paul Ancell stepped in with a lightning-quick half century from only 31 balls – only three more than Ian Chaplen's season's best last summer.

But while Ancell crash, bang, walloped the ball to all parts at one end. Parker remained like a rock at the other and moved to three figures in chanceless fashion.

Parker, who hails from Aylesbury, joined the city club last year when he started university but spent the bulk of the season in the seconds.

Promoted from the outset this year, he has seized his chance with both hands and has added a formidable weapon to Portsmouth's increasing armoury.

He was planning to return home to Buckinghamshire at the end of the summer term but had a last-minute change of heart. And on Saturday's evidence it was no surprise that Portsmouth were mightily pleased he did.

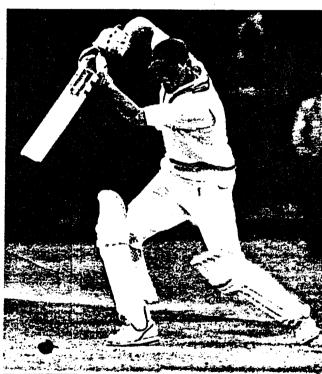
While Parker has been a revelation, the Drayton Park men go from strength to strength.

Suddenly nobody is laughing at Portsmouth anymore or scoffing at their bid to bring the title to the city.

Boorah added: "We have an inner belief in ourselves that we will go out and win each game.

"The victory over Havant has made a lot of people sit up and take notice. It was our best performance so far and our best win.

"But we weren't surprised by our success, we have almost come to expect it. The team spirit is such that everybody believes in themselves and believes we can do it."



HANDY ANDY Andy Parker has already topped 500 for Portsmouth

Parker leads race to be top gun



Village sportemen in the news: above, Andy Pancer batting for Portemanth this season; and Mr chapman (the late Mr chapman) at Home Farm 25 year ago (LBO Back View, Oct 93)



BIRTHDAYS

Tom Brown......3rd Nov John Brancker....7th Nov Anna Mogford....8th Nov Bridget Brandon...8th Nov Ray Wilkinson....10th Nov John Whyte.....23rd Nov Esther Chesher...26th Nov

** See your birthday in the Chronicle. Just let me know when it is, and I will see to the rest. Phone me on 681425.

PUT YOUR FEET UP
Margaret Kent, and enjoy
your retirement. As she now
has nothing to do all day,
Margaret has jetted off to
New Zealand to see her
sister for the first time in
20 years. Have no fear
though, she will be in the
Christmas Show as always.

17th Annual Christmas Show The Show is on 10th and 11th December. The tickets are £2.50 for adults and £1.50 for children and OAPs from Chris Brandon (money with order please) at 12 Bricstock (681425). At the time of writing there are only five left for Saturday. There are more for Friday, but there won't be for long. Order soon and we look forward to seeing you on the night. Raffle prizes for both nights would be very gratefully received by Margaret Chesher (20 The Green, 681201).

THE RAMBLING CLUB
We are a small group of
people who formed Aston
Abbotts and District
Ramblers 21 years ago. We
usually walk every 3rd
Sunday choosing a different
yenue each time, led by
someone different, who
points out interesting

SPONSORED WALK

A group of nearly 20 from the village descended on Little Brickhill on 10th October to begin the sponsored walk for funds for the play area at the Rec. It was a lovely autumn morning and a beautifully winding trail up and down through the woods to Aspley Guise, where the juniors stopped keener walkers went on to do another six miles or so! Many thanks to Vic Scott for planning the route (and to John for rounding us up when we fell too far behind!). Grand total raised to be announced next month. you walked, please give your sponsorship money to Margaret Chesher.

Caroline Lane

landmarks and ensures that no one gets lost. We also have coach trips to flower festivals, museums, gardens and the seaside. Everyone is welcome; you need strong shoes or boots and your dog must be on a lead. Why not join us on the coach to Brighton (7th Nov) or on the walk from The Green on 14th at 2pm? We look forward to seeing you.

Colin

BUCKS COUNTY COUNCIL WALKS AND EVENTS

Hedgerow management day:
Saturday 20th November at
Kingsbridge Picnic Site,
Cublington (straight over
the crossroads) 9.30am. A
day of hedgelaying
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Church News

The Harvest Festival celebrations went very well with good attendance at the service, followed by harvest lunch in the Church Room.

The auction of fruit, flowers and vegetables was as popular as ever and raised a good sum of money toward St James's church funds. Our next fund raising event will be a cheese and wine evening with Christmas floral arrangements on Friday 3rd December in the Church Room, followed on Sunday 5th December by a concert in church by the Leighton Buzzard Salvation Army. Teas will be served in the Church Room afterwards, so do come along to one or both of the events. Tickets will be available from Doris, Shirley or myself.

Winners in the 100 Club draw (September) were Mr A. Ford, Mr P. Legg and Mr R. Scutchings; (October) Mr L. Scutchings; (October) Mr L. Scutchings; (OCLIN HIGGS)

St James's Church Services in November

<u>Sidesman</u>

7th Nov: 11.15 FAMILY SERVICE
Alison Ford
7 before Christmas (p.410) Gen 22.1-18; Luke 20.9-17
14th Nov: 11.15am HOLY COMMUNION Michael Hasler

(REMEMBRANCE SERVICE Cublington, 3pm)

6 before Christmas (p.415) Ex 6.2-8; Mark 13.5-13 21st Nov: 11.15am HOLY COMMUNION Colin Higgs

5 before Christmas (p.420) Isa 10.20-23; Mark 13.14-23 28th Nov: 11.15am HOLY COMMUNION Gillian Wyer

Advent 1 (p.424) Isa 51.4-11; Matt 25.31-end

5th Dec: 11.15am FAMILY SERVICE Methodist Church

3.00pm CONCERT

Advent 2 (p.430) Isa 64.1-7; Luke 4.14-21

Methodist Church Services in November

7th Nov: Family Service, St James's, 11.15am

21st Nov: Rev Ireland, 6pm

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BUCKS AGE CONCERN

We are <u>urgently</u> seeking volunteers to help us run a club for older people with special needs. It will meet every Thursday in Wing Lodge Bungalows and some older people from Aston Abbotts will be coming to the club.

If you can spare a few hours some Thursdays to help us provide a "good day out" for the members and give respite to carers, please contact us: Margot Hill at Bucks Age Concern on 0296 431127. Guidance and support are available for volunteers and expenses will be reimbursed.

RECTOR'S REPORT

Whenever people feel that there is something that they are not very sure about, they demand a return to 'Traditional' values. We hear the cry for traditional values in Education, in Policing, in Business, and even in Religion.

I have to admit that I am never very clear quite what the so-called 'traditional' values are. Maybe what people are saying is that we need to turn the clock back to a more polite period in history. But, was there ever such a period? Was not the age of 'traditional' values also the time when there were great injustices in society? There have always been, I suspect, rich and poor. There have always been good and bad people.

Our problem is that we have forgotten the distinctions. Poor people get money and pretend they are rich. Good people are corrupted by greed and jealousy. Badness begins to look attractive. Morality!, who needs morality! Let's get back to 'Traditional' values!

Children do not get into mischief because there is no 'policeman' on the corner to give them a 'clip round the ear'. They do need to learn to respect other people. They do need to develop a sense of self-discipline.

As a schoolboy, one of my indiscretions was punished by having to write the word'discipline' out five thousand times. The punishment came from a teacher whom I have always greatly respected - probably because everybody knew that he was always fair!

Officially he taught Maths. but he taught me very much more!

'Tradition' usually means digging up some of the good bits from the past and quietly forgetting the things that don't quite fit in with our present understanding. It is sometimes useful to delve back into the past to try to discover where things have gone wrong. But we have to live in the present, uncomfortable though that sometimes is; and we have to discern where God is leading us into the future.

Of one thing I am sure, God never says: "But we've always done it this way!"



Unofficial notes from the meeting on 8th October.

A418

About 30 people from Aston Abbotts had attended the public meeting in Wingrave on 6th October. People had differing views, but the main consensus was that the idea of a junction of any sort onto the trunk road at the Wingrave crossroads was deeply unpopular. Given that residents of Bierton had presented the Department of Transport with a petition asking for ours to be a <u>full</u> junction (instead of the half suggested at present), the parish council decided to organize an Aston Abbotts petition against a junction. The parish council discussed its response to the Dtp's leaflet and questionnaire and decided to write with the following main points:

- * There was not enough detail about the crossroads and farm accesses in the exhibition.
- * There is no local need for a road of this size (we did not feel able to discuss national needs) and local traffic problems such as the need for a bypass for Rowsham would be better addressed by smaller scale projects.
- * If the road is built we do not wish for any access onto it at the Wingrave crossroads because it might lead to increased traffic through the village, unwanted development, extra loss of farmland, and extra noise and light pollution.
- * Access arrangements for Oxley's Farm not satisfactory; suggest either routing the new road the other side of the existing A418 by Oxley's or building an underpass for use by them and West Park.
- * Protect the environment as much as possible; build badger tunnels; crossing points for footpaths where convenient for users.
- * If the bus shelter ends up in the wrong place, rebuild it at the new bus stop - a replacement is not acceptable as this is a commemorative shelter.
- (this document, in a longer form, was delivered to the Dtp on 27th October together with a petition signed by 114 people, all but two from the parish)

Recreation Ground: the old hedgerow was to be cleared and the stumps put on the bonfire; when hedging plants arrive the hedgerow can be replanted. A hornbeam had been offered to the parish by a resident and this was gratefully accepted; to be planted on the Rec. when the rest of the planting is done.

Street lights: councillors to look at the light on the Green and apply for permission to trim trees around it if necessary (the Green is in conservation area so trees cannot be trimmed without Bucks County Council approval).

Next meeting: Friday 12th November, 8pm, Church Room; all welcome.

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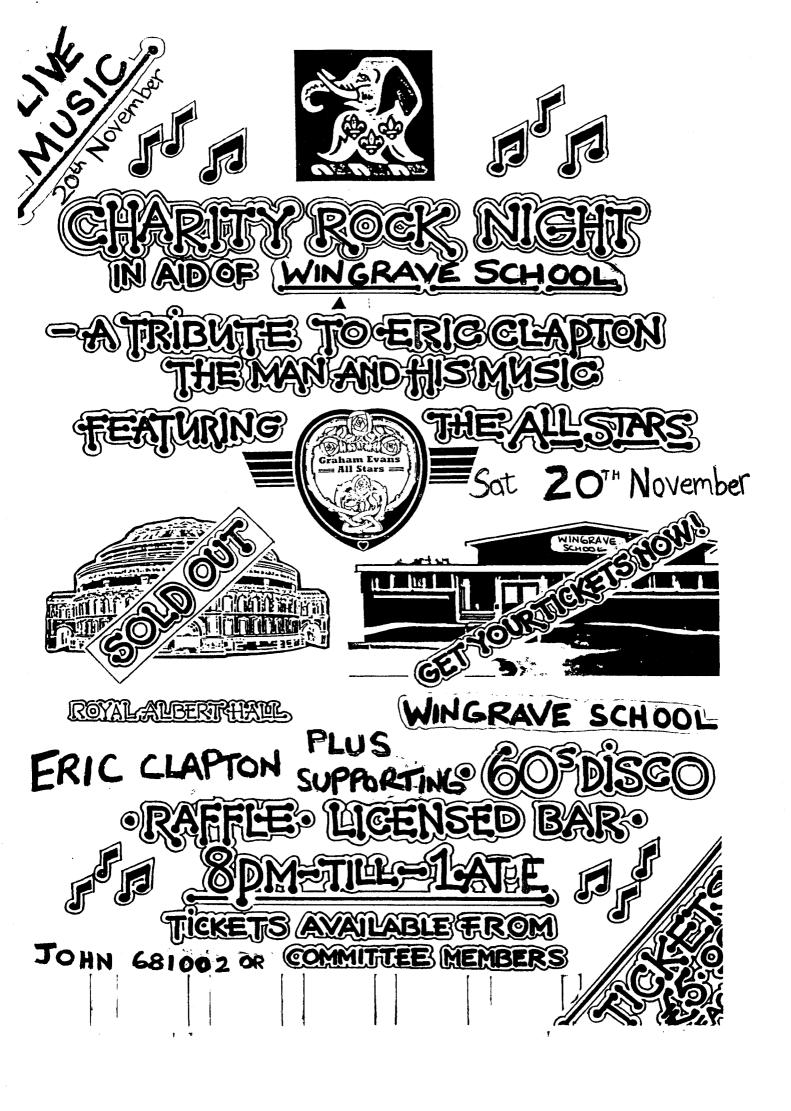


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John Ford, 2 Ross Road, 681865

Roy Malin, 3 Ross Road, 681358

John Whyte, 14 Bricstock, 681865

George Fox, 1 Church Row, 682024

YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

Roger Biddle, 1 Firs Cottage, Wingrave Road, 681102

John Ford, 2 Ross Road, 681865

Caroline Lane (Chairman), 2 Church Row, 681373

Roy Malin, 3 Ross Road, 681358

Victor Scott, 11 The Green, 681488

Clerk: Margaret Chesher, 20, The Green, 681201

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

SPICED BANANAS WITH WHISKY OR BRANDY

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- *4 large bananas *juice of 1 lemon *40g (1 oz butter)
- *4 tablespoons soft light brown sugar * teaspoon mixed spice
- *5 tablespoons whisky or brandy * teaspoon cornflour
- *finely pared and shredded rind and juice of 1 orange
- *orange slices to decorate *whipped cream or ice cream
- 1. Cut the bananas diagonally into 5cm (2in) lengths. Toss them in the lemon juice to prevent discoloration, then drain well.
- 2. Heat the butter in a large frying pan. Add the bananas, sugar and spice and stir fry gently for about 2 minutes until beginning to soften. Stir in the spirit and cook for a further minute until the bananas are hot and tender.
- 3. Carefully transfer the bananas to a warmed serving plate using a slotted spoon, leaving the juices in the pan.
- 4. Mix the cornflour to a paste with the orange juice. Add to the pan with the shredded orange rind and cook, stirring, for 1 minute until thickened. Pour over the bananas and serve immediately, decorated with orange slices, with whipped cream or ice cream.

(Thanks to Colin)

A MONTHLY LOOK AT FACTS YOU NEVER WANTED TO KNOW

Ayers Rock at sunset glows like a burning coal. Australian Aborigines, who call the rock Uluru, revere it as sacred. One blood-streaked cave was used until earlier this century for initiation rites: Pitjandjara Aborigines opened veins in their arms there as a sign of approaching manhood. The rock was given its European name in 1873 by the explorer William Gosse. He named it after Sir Henry Ayers, premier of South Australia.

BOX ON, AND ON AND ON.

The longest gloved fight - between two American fighters, Andy Bowen and Jack Burke - lasted for more than seven hours. After 110 rounds, the fight, in New Orleans in 1893, was declared a draw because the contestants were too exhausted to continue.

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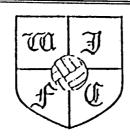


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A TOUGH SEASON AHEAD FOR WINGRAVE JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

For the first time in the club's history, last season's three teams have been able to stay together for the new season, simply moving up into the next age group. For the two older teams playing in league football, the opposition is tough!

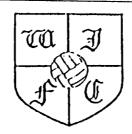
The under 13s are entered once more in the successful Westcott League. There is no doubt the standard of football is higher than that found in the old Leighton League but I am sure we can look forward to some wins and a repeat of their mid-table finish [with 8 wins] as under 12s. For the under 18s it is a different story. Last year, as U17s we played in division 2 of the Chiltern League, finishing 5th in the table with 14 wins. [missing 4th place by one point to our old local rivals Leighton Foxes]. This year there is only one division, resulting in some very tough opposition from some of last year's division one teams. The results opposite give an indication of the high level of opposition both teams face. The under 18s played the first couple of games with only 10 men, but now with a new influx of players look a lot stronger and more determined. To complete an excellent 92-93 season the club organised a six-a-side competition on Wingrave Park. This was followed by the annual presentation of the club awards. Jonathon Collins and Paul Rickard walked off with the new 'Wingrave Garage Trophy' sharing the honours for Under 10s Player of the Year. Ben Ashton took the Club's Under 10s Improved player award. The under 12s also had a joint Player of the Year. Greg Pretty and Bill Powell sharing the 'Neil Gurney Cup'. The 'Mrs Page Award' for the most Improved under 12 player went to Chris Dawson. An outstanding year for Mark Pope ended with the 'Graham Parker Trophy' for the Under 17s Player of the Year. resting on his mantlepiece. Dave Arnold confirmed his 'Most Valuable Player' status with the Under 17s by receiving the 'JFC Shield'. Thanks to Dave Parker for making the presentations in a fetching pair of Bermuda shorts and Roy Bradbury for the loan of his equally fetching marquee. There are still a few Souvenir Booklets available, covering last season's Junior Football exploits in detail. If you would like one contact TBW.

TEAM OFFICIALS

Under 11s:-Manager - Stephen Rickard [681754] Coach - Dave Wheaton [688103] Training at the School, 9 to 10.30am every Saturday. [Friendly matches to be arranged]

Under 13s:-Manager - Tony White [681548] Coach - Richard Pretty [94-368825] with help from Ian Blood [681555] and Anthony Bishop Training at the School, 9 to 11am every Saturday. [Playing in the Westcott League]

Under 18s: -Manager/Coach - Andy Adams [681367]
assistant coach Peter Lucas [688047]
match day help from Carl Sorace and Terry Bracey-Wright
Match day teas [home games only] Pauline Springett
Training in the Rec. 6.00pm to 7.30pm every Thursday
[Playing in the Bovis Homes Chiltern League]
Club secretary - Carl Sorace 681129



SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER RESULTS

U13s: - v Syresham [League] Lost 11-1 Martin Kennedy

v Brackley

Lost 5-3 Luke White, Bill Powell, James Sutherland v Steeple Claydon Lost 6-2 Jon Roberts, Reme Williams.

v Vale Wasps Lost 4-1 Greg Pretty.

U18s: - v Wingrave Sunday FC [friendly] Lost 1-0.

v Hillborough Htrs. Lost 12-5 Lee Bracey Wright 3, Darren Springett Peter Campbell.

v Park Town Youth Lost 10-0

v St. Joseph Youth Lost 4-2 Lee Bracey-Wright, James Perrett.

v Sundon Park [cup] Won 5-1 Lee Bracey Wright, Alan O'Leary,

James Perrett, Mark Parsonage

[+ own Goal]

v Ampthill Draw 3-3 Lee Bracey-Wright 2, Alan O'Leary[pen]

OCTOBER/MOVEMBER FIXTURES [U13s 10.30am KO, U18s 2.30pm KO]

October 17th

U13s - away Aylesbury v Vale Wasps

October 24th

U13s - home Wingrave Park v KEA

U18s - home Wingrave Rec. v St. Joseph

Youth

October 31st

U18s - away Luton v Icknield Athletic.

November 7th

U13s - away v Thornborough

U18s - Berks and Bucks FA County Youth

Cup

November 14th

U13s - away v Thornborough [cup]

U18s - home Wingrave Rec. v Ampthill

November 21st

U13s - away v Brackley

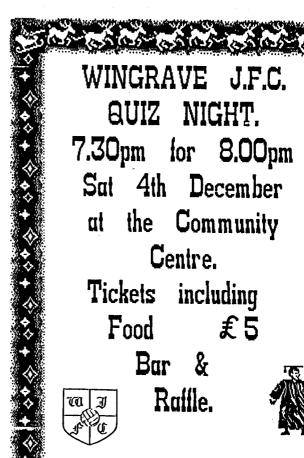
U18s - away v Park Town Youth, Leagrave Park.

November 28th

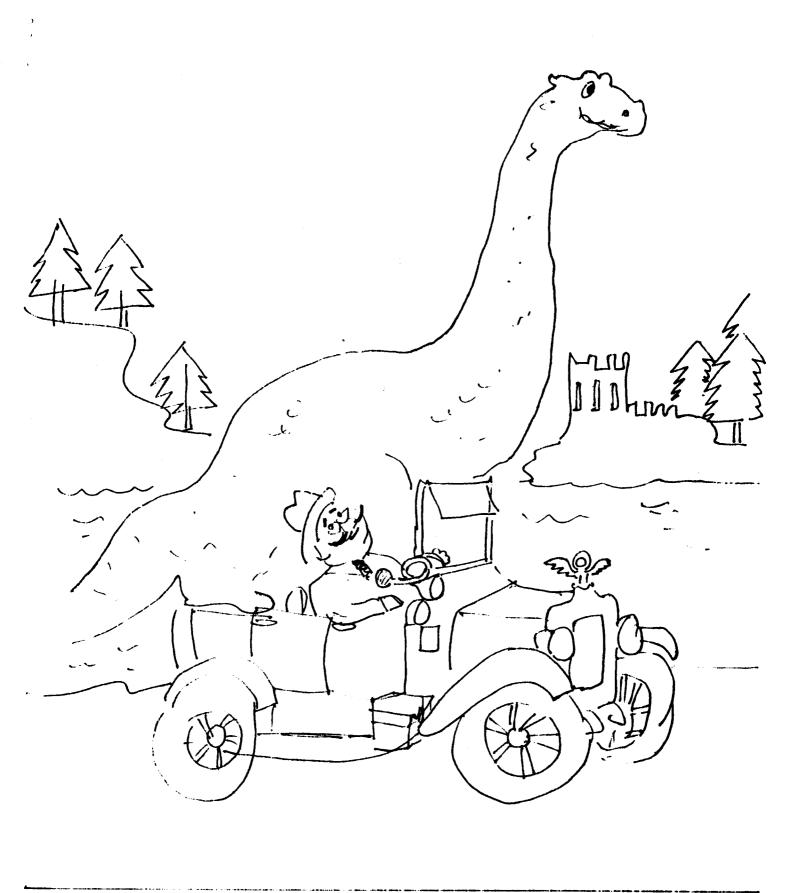
U13s - away v Thame

U18s - home Wingrave Rec. v Icknield

Note:-some V13 away games may be PN KO



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