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TEPTEMBER



Editorial

The summer has been so busy that it's easier to do this Chronicle myself than to start twisting arms. Many thanks to Barbara and David for volunteering for October's issue - the last before Andy Bystra takes over as editor.

We were delighted to hear on our return from holiday that the fete had been such a success this year. After initial doubts over whether it could go ahead, Don and Ruth Bellingham stepped in and carried it along to achieve record takings. We did say we would stop thanking them, so this is positively the last time! It sounds as though it was a day with something for everyone with lots of willing helpers. The financial breakdown is in this issue.

On our way back from visiting Ted "The Pump" Briden in Chalfont St Peter, we stopped at John Milton's cottage in Chalfont St Giles (see front cover). It is well worth a visit. There can't be many <u>small</u> houses of that age around, and the garden is a delight as well. Gordon tells me he once memorized the first 300 lines of <u>Paradise Lost</u>; I personally hope they are never regained, but such things have a habit of turning up unexpectedly in the Christmas Show. You have been warned.



Please let me have material for the October issue by <u>Wednesday</u> 20th <u>September</u>: 2 Church Row, Aston Abbotts, tel. 681373.

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SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 6th: Aylesbury Vale Transport meeting. Train/bus complaints to Colin, 681343

Thursday 7th: Bucks County Show, Weedon Park

Sunday 10th: Rambling Club members meet North Marston Church for tour of North Bucks churches, 2pm

Sunday 10th: Harvest supper, Bull & Butcher

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

OCTOBER

Sunday 1st: Rambling Club members meet Mursley, 2pm

Tuesday 3rd: Floral class, Church Room, 7pm

Sunday 8th: Trevor Howard in concert, St James's Church, 7.30pm. Check ticket availability, Christine Fox, 682024

REGULARS

<u>Tuesdays</u>: mobile library Wingrave Road, 9.30-9.45am The Green, 9.50-10.20am Tuesdays & Thurs: butcher's van, about 3-4pm, will deliver to door, 0296 75220 Wednesdays: Toddlers, Church Room, 2-4pm Wednesdays: fish & chip van outside Bull & Butcher, about 8pm; rings bell first, can be up to 30 mins later Thursdays: BIN DAY. Fridays: free bus to Tesco (Aylesbury), depart The Green 10.06am, arrives Tesco 11.01am, back to AA about 1.40pm

GIRL GUIDES

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A big vote of thanks to all the very willing helpers, who gave so much time and spared no effort to make the Village Fete such a successful and enjoyable event.

Thank you also to all of you who gave donations and a wide variety of gifts. The gross receipts were £2010, and nett £1702. This has been distributed as follows: St James's Church £595.87; Church Room £425.68; Recreation Ground £340.55; Chronicle £255.42; Toddlers Group £85.13.

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FRIDAY 15 8PM

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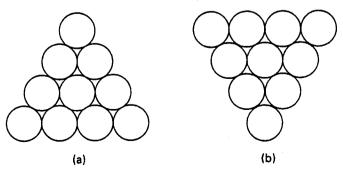
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88 Invert the triangle

A triangle of pennies is made as in (a). What is the smallest number of pennies which have to be moved to turn the triangle pattern upside down as in (b)?



Answer on p.12

CHURCH SERVICES

WINGRAVE	3rd Sep 10.0 Parish Communion
	10th 10.0 Parish Communion
	17th 10.0 Parish Communion
	24th 8.0 Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.0 Family Service
	1st Oct 10.0 HARVEST FESTIVAL
ASTON ABBOTTS	3rd Sep 11.15 Mattins
	10th 11.15 HARVEST FESTIVAL
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	17th 8.45 Parish Communion
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3rd Sep Pentecost	: 13 (p.699) Acts 7.54-8.1; John 16.1-11
	14 (p.705) Eph 5.25-6.4; Mk 10.2-16
	15 (p.710) Rom 13.1-7; Matt 22.15-22
	16 (p.714) Rom 12.9-end; Luke 10.25-37
1st Oct Pentecost	t 17 (p.718) James 1.16-end; Luke 17.11-19
FROM THE REGISTER	
	Ross Thomson at Wingrave
2 July	Leah Hodgson at Wingrave
30 July	/ Andrew Lambourne at Wingrave
6 Aug	Olivia Cordice at Wingrave
	Poppy Boughton at Wingrave
13 Aug	John Phillips at Cublington
	Lucy Radwell at Wingrave
MARRIAGE 24 June	e Julian Daniels & Sarah Barrowclough (Cub)
15 July	y Simon Wallis & Lynda Branham (Wingrave)
22 July	y Steven Taylor & Ruth Willmott (Wingrave)
	y Mark Brown & Samantha Russell (Wingrave)
	g Carl Bowden & Alison Ford (Aston)
	g Michael Wells & Paivi Pennanen (Wingrave)
FUNERAL 6 June	Arthur Mandry at Amersham
	e Rita Christopher at Cublington & Amersham
7 July	
	y Sabina Smith at Wingrave & Aylesbury Cem.
	Lily Platt at Cublington & Crownhill
15 Aug	LITY FIALL AL CUDITHISCON & COMMITTE



THE FIVE ELMS

As from the 21st September, those responsible for bringing you Curry Night, Mussel Night, Weedon Scratchings, Sunday Roasts on Sundays, Carribean Evening, Cheap Beer Nights?, Italian Nights, Steak and Kidney Pudding Nights, The board of Governors and a proliferation of adverts that plague your Parish Magazines, as well as damn good food and beer will be vacating the position at the (H)elm of "The Finest Pub in Weedon".

So its like this:

BUCKS SHOW WEEK SEPTEMBER 4th - 9th (inclusive) lunches and evening meals daily

LAST FOUR SUPPERS SEPTEMBER 13th - 16th (inclusive) please book to avoid disappointment.

LUNCHES AS NORMAL SEPTEMBER 1st - 19th (inclusive)

AND FINALLY: Last Night, Last Post, Last Pint and Last Orders September, 18th, 19th and 20th

Our thanks to everyone who has supported us (and no thanks to those who haven't) through what has been a very enjoyable time at the Five Elms. The following should also be mentioned in despatches:

Wingrave International Lemonade Orinking Society The South Weedon Excellent Antique Temperance Society

Campaign Against Late Milk

Cublington Liver Enlargement
Group

Mhitchurch Old Girls Society

Winslow International Marston Pedigree Society

The Oving Escape Syndrome

Some Unanswered questions:

WHERE ARE THE FIVE ELMS? WHO IS SLIMEPALL? WHAT DOES ROSS DO IN CANADA? WHERE DOES DEREK BUT HIS CLOTHES? IS THIS THE END OF THE FIVE ELMS AS WE KNOW IT? WHY IS THE PEER SO CHEAP? (OR SHOULD THAT PE WHY IS THE LANDLORD SO CHEAP?) DOES PRIAN EVER SMILE?

And so its Goodbye from Him and Goodbye from Her.

WHY DOES THE CHURCH ALWAYS SEEM TO BE ASKING FOR MONEY?

That is a question that is often asked, and one to which it is not very easy to find an answer that people will understand.

Aston Abbotts is quite a small village with a population of just over 300 people. Of these about twenty come to church on a regular basis.

Aston Abbotts has a fine Victorian Church, in good order, with a medieval tower and peal of bells. These are part of our local heritage, and have to be maintained.

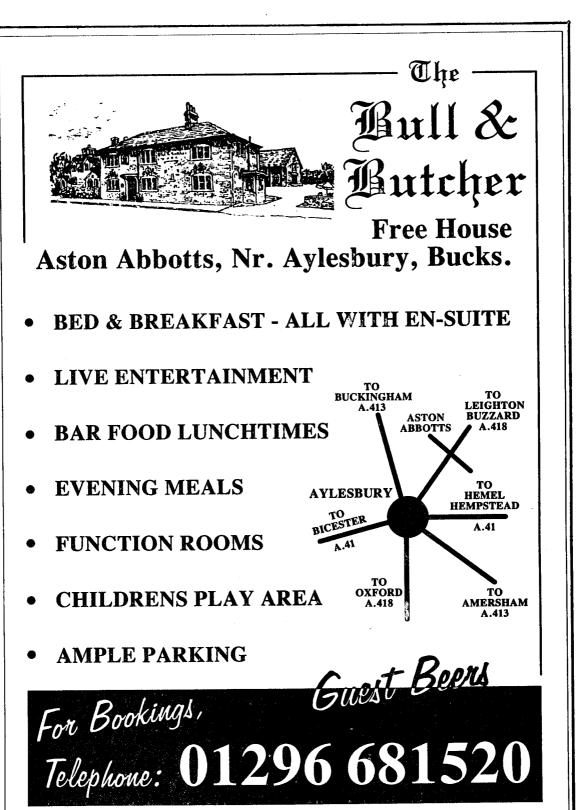
Aston Abbotts also has a share in a priest who also looks after Wingrave and Cublington. It is the cost of the clergy that people often find difficulty with. For generations the clergy have been provided and paid for with money that has been given in the past and invested. That income from investments still produces a very large sum of money - although nothing like enough to provide for the clergy costs.

There are more costs than meet the eye. Because not only do the clergy need enough money to live on, they also require to be adequately housed, and provided with pensions. It is estimated that the cost of a priest is now well over twenty thousand pounds a year - far more than Aston Abbotts could afford by itself.

At present we are asked to pay just over three thousand pounds a year to the Diocese, the majority of which goes towards paying for the clergy. The three parishes together contribute less than fourteen thousand pounds a year, so we are actually being very heavily subsidised.

It has been estimated that the running cost of our Church this year is about one hundred pounds a week - which is way beyond the means of our regular congregation. SO that is why we have to ask for money!

P.S. In addition to the three thousand we need to send to the Diocese, we are currently trying to raise a further two thousand to provide an electric winding system for the clock.



RECTOR'S REPORT

It seemed rather strange ending up in Calais without even seeing the English Channel. It seemed even stranger to be shopping in Tesco in Calais - even though I had forgotten my Club Card!

The purpose of the trip, which was organised by a friend who was able to use the Channel Tunnel at very advantageous rates, was to buy some drinks in preparation for Ruth's Wedding. It is a sad reflection that, had I had to pay the full fare, the wine would probably have cost more than if I had bought it locally.

But I quite enjoyed my trip through the Chunnel - although I think I still prefer crossing the Channel by ferry.

Needless to say the wine has now been drunk, and Ruth's Wedding was a very happy and enjoyable time.

It has been a very strange summer, and I am beginning to wonder when life will return to normal. No doubt (maybe evn before this appears in print) the weather will change back to the more normal cool and damp. No doubt the autumn will bring its usual crop of Harvest Festivals. No doubt there will be mornings when I shall wake up with a fair idea of what is going to happen during the day.

But then again, things have a habit of being unpredictable. At the end of August there is yet another meeting which will be looking at the future needs of the Church in this Deanery. Every time we are asked to do this, there is an underlying question - can we reduce even further the number of full-time clergy? It is an almost impossible question because ideas that work on paper will often never work in practice.

Maybe our discussions will be like the Channel Tunnel - not very exciting (apart from its novelty value) - but another means of getting from where we are to where we want to be. The trouble is that it is a fixed link - it does not allow us to have the feeling of uncertainty of being 'at sea'.

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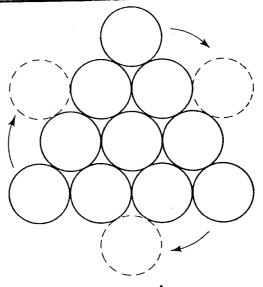
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BIRTHDAYS

Minnie Doggett....3rd Sept Piers Parker.....4th Sept Christopher Fox...6th Sept Fiona Whyte.....6th Sept Sarah Smith.....8th Sept Alf Parker.....9th Sept Halisi Drysdale...22nd Sept Anna Picking....24th Sept Lyn Manning.....26th Sept Adrian Dixon....30th Sept

CONGRATULATIONS

Alison and Carl Bowden on their marriage on 5th August

Michael and Rena Coleman on their Golden Wedding, 4th Sept

GET WELL SOON

Owen McManus, who at the time of writing was in hospital

Hayley Wilkinson, who has broken her elbow (& is very good at riding a bike onehanded)

WELL DONE

Richard and Ben Hallam, Leon Hargreaves and Martin Pryzembel whose (Pony Club) team came third overall in the National Tetrathlon at Moreton Morrell College, Warwickshire. It involved riding, running, swimming and shooting. Congratulations to all.

Good luck

to all those starting new schoolsespecially Clain Barnett and Sarah Taylor (Wingrave) and Halisi Drysdale, Daniel Wheaton and Anthony Palmer (Cotteslot).

WELCOME

Ed and Angela, who have moved into Horseshoe Cottage

STILL WANTED: PARISH COUNCIL CLERK

If you missed the note delivered to houses last month, or you are thinking about taking on the job of parish council clerk, please contact Caroline (681373), Tom (688547) or any councillor. You need a telephone and a typewriter, some spare time and a wish to become more involved in village matters; the parish council will pay you £365 per year, plus expenses. Do ring us for more details.

RECREATION GROUND

Anyone interested in joining the recreation ground committee, please let one of us know: Caroline, Tom (as above), Margaret Kent, John Whyte, Vic Scott, John Ford, Lol Hinds, Bridget Brandon.

THE COTTESLOE SCHOOL

The Theatre Arts Department took five pupils to audition at the National Youth Theatre recently, and Tom Georgeson from Year 10 was selected from 4000 hopefuls to take part in a two-week summer course. He was funded on this by the school's John Mason Raven Gift Trust.

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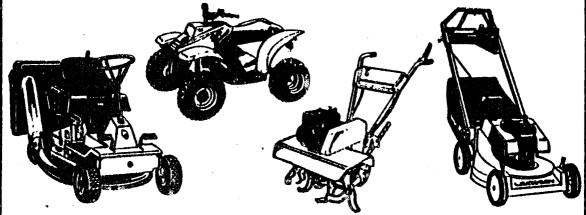
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THE PEMBROKESHIRE COASTAL PATH WALK

This year I was invited to take part in the Ridgeway and Vale Diabetic expedition from July 22nd-29th organised by the Stoke Mandeville Diabetic centre in collaboration with Novo/Nordisk UK. This was the 9th annual expedition, but the first I had been on. Our route this year was to walk approx. 70 miles of the Pembrokeshire coastal path from Strumble Head to St Anne's. Our party consisted of thirteen diabetics who came from all parts of the country with ages ranging from eighteen to sixty-seven and six medical staff led by Dr Tony Knight. Some people made their own way to Wales and the rest of us travelled by minibus to our base at Treleddyd two miles north of St Davids. Our accommodation was a stone-built house, a converted barn and granary. We soon settled in and after a brief stroll went for an excellent meal at Solva where we soon got acquainted with each other.

Our journey started the next day and we walked approx. 12 miles a day, the minibus picking us up at the end of each day and taking us back to base. The path was up or down between cliff top and beach and the scenery was magnificent with some cliffs reaching 300ft above the sea. The path follows the cliff edge (and in some places very near the edge) or the shoreline along golden sands and passing small villages, coves and creeks. One day we saw seals playing in the water below us. The weather was really hot and although we carried our food and drink, John the driver of our minibus met us several times a day with extra drinks and snacks. At the end of most days after reaching a sandy beach several of our party had a welcome swim. At nights we either ate out, had a barbeque or each house prepared part of a meal and then we all met up to eat, have a laugh and usually Penny the chiropodist having to treat blistered feet!

Wednesday was a day off, some hired bikes, went surfing, horse riding or explored St Davids, the smallest city in Britain with its lovely cathedral. We then continued our walk on Thursday and finished Friday tea time. We were very lucky with the weather not having any rain and in fact got quite sunburnt.

I think we all enjoyed it and made many new friends and as well as the enjoyment of being outdoors in such lovely scenery I certainly learnt more how others coped with diabetes and we all helped each other. Also thanks to the generosity of many friends who sponsored me, I raised £105 for diabetic funds.

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Orphan babies crying
A tramp out on the streets
Begging to all he meets
Murders with guns and knives
Killing and taking wasting innocent lives

Is this the promise that was promised in time before long This is the modern world tody what went wrong?

Politicians shouting and promising, promises they will not keep While starving people start to weep Hunger, drought, misery and starvation Drugs, drink and frustration Teenagers raving late at night When some become silly and start to fight Ambulances and hospitals fighting to save a life that was once Wrong now put right.

Is this the promise that was promised in time before long This is the modern world today what went wrong?

Animals shot and slayed

Now nearly extinct they could have stayed

Hunted for bones and tusks, piled into a heap

And when you put the ivory box on the shelf don't you hear an animal cry deep

Tiger tiger burning bright

It's coat flashes in the night

But it is destined for someone to wear

They do not see the suffering and pain

And all it is worth is a coat that's gained.

Trees chopped down

Green land turned to brown

Think about the things I've said

For soon our world might be dead.

Is this the promise that was promised in time before long This is the modern world today what went wrong?

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' I've read somewhere about different treatments for varicose veins and would like to know what the options are.'

'Do you know how long I'll have to wait for my hip operation?'

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We are information specialists, not doctors, and do not give diagnoses or advice, but are here to help with all health related matters. If you have been told what is wrong with you and want to know more about it but don't want to trouble the doctor, or want to know if there is a group for people with your condition, then we are the ones to ask!

Don't forget our number (01296) 397647 - If you think we may be able to help, give us a ring or drop in to see us!

Grants for rural training and employment opportunities

CountryWork is a new three year national scheme, sponsored by the Post Office and BT, which can help rural communities to provide employment and economic opportunities for local people. The scheme provides grants and is very much about local people themselves suggesting the projects and being in control. CountryWork is organised nationally by the rural communities charity ACRE, but grants will be administered and agreed by a small local panel with as little bureaucracy as possible. Bucks CVS is taking the lead role in Buckinghamshire.

Grants can be awarded to community groups and not-for-profit organisations. Money can be made (and hopefully will be!), but clear profit should go back into the project or community. The criteria are wide and interpreted flexibly. They are that the project should:

- * improve the availability of jobs, training, or income-generating opportunities in one or more rural communities;
- * actively encourage the involvement of local people and community groups;
- * be established within 12 months of a grant application;
- * be of a sustainable nature;
- * should not involve direct support for profit distributing businesses and enerprises. However, this doesn't rule out employing staff or making money that can go back into the project.

CountryWork grants can vary from £100s to £1000s. To give you some ideas, some grants that have already been awarded across the country include;

- establishment of a community post office which needed furniture and equipment;
- * conversion of a former chapel to provide meeting rooms and community facilities;
- * setting-up an after-school childcare project;
- * organising a mobile playgroup team;
- * setting up a training group of disabled people;
- * initiating a bureau providing clerical and office services and run by local women on a co-operative basis;
- * the opening of a coffee shop run by people with disabilites;
- * training and equipment to set up telecottages in two villages, one in the local shop and one in the school;
- * equipment for a training resource in a local community;
- * marketing and follow-up work for telecottages.

So if you have a project which you think might be eligible, or you would like to chat through your ideas, contact Catherine Hinton at Bucks CVS, Walton House, Walton Street, Aylesbury, Bucks HP21 7QQ, telephone (01296) 21036 or fax (01296) 330721.

Grants for Village Projects

Bucks CVS, the Rural Community Council for Buckinghamshire, has money to give new village schemes. The Village Projects Fund can give small grants (of up to £150) to new rural community or voluntary projects which benefit local people. This might include playgroups, luncheon clubs for the elderly, village newsletters and village appraisals, community transport schemes, local history projects, conservation schemes, youth clubs and village or parish celebrations - the scope is endless. To be eligible for a grant, the scheme must be new (ie not long-established, although existing groups can apply for money for new initiatives), in a rural area and run by local people for the benefit of local people. Running costs and the maintenance of buildings are not eligible for grant aid.

If you are looking for finances to set up a new project contact Catherine Hinton at Bucks CVS, Walton House, Walton Street, Aylesbury HP21 7QQ. Telephone (01296) 21036 or fax (01296) 330721.

Rural Action for the Environment

Could your village voluntary or community organisation benefit from a grant of up to £2000 to help local people improve their environment? Or are you thinking about an environmental or nature conservation project but unsure where to go for advice? If the answer is yes to either of these questions, then Buckinghamshire Rural Action may be able to help!

Rural Action has been operating in Bucks since February 1993 and since then has awarded forty grants totalling £28000 to a wide variety of projects, and given training and specialist advice to the local people involved. Organisations such as WIs, Parish Councils, youth groups, resident associations, churches and amenity groups have all benefited. The projects funded have included producing parish walks leaflets, surveying and drawing-up a management plan for woodlands, hedgelaying and chainsaw training for volunteers, an apple day celebration, a dormouse survey undertaken by a specialist, a pond clearance and planting project, landscaping a play area, preservation of features of the village including a bridge ... and many others. If you are involved in a local environmental or conservation scheme you can get details about Rural Action from Catherine Hinton, Rural Action Grants Administrator, at Bucks CVS, Walton House, Walton Street, Aylesbury, Bucks HP217QQ. Telephone (01296) 21036 or fax (01296) 330721.



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