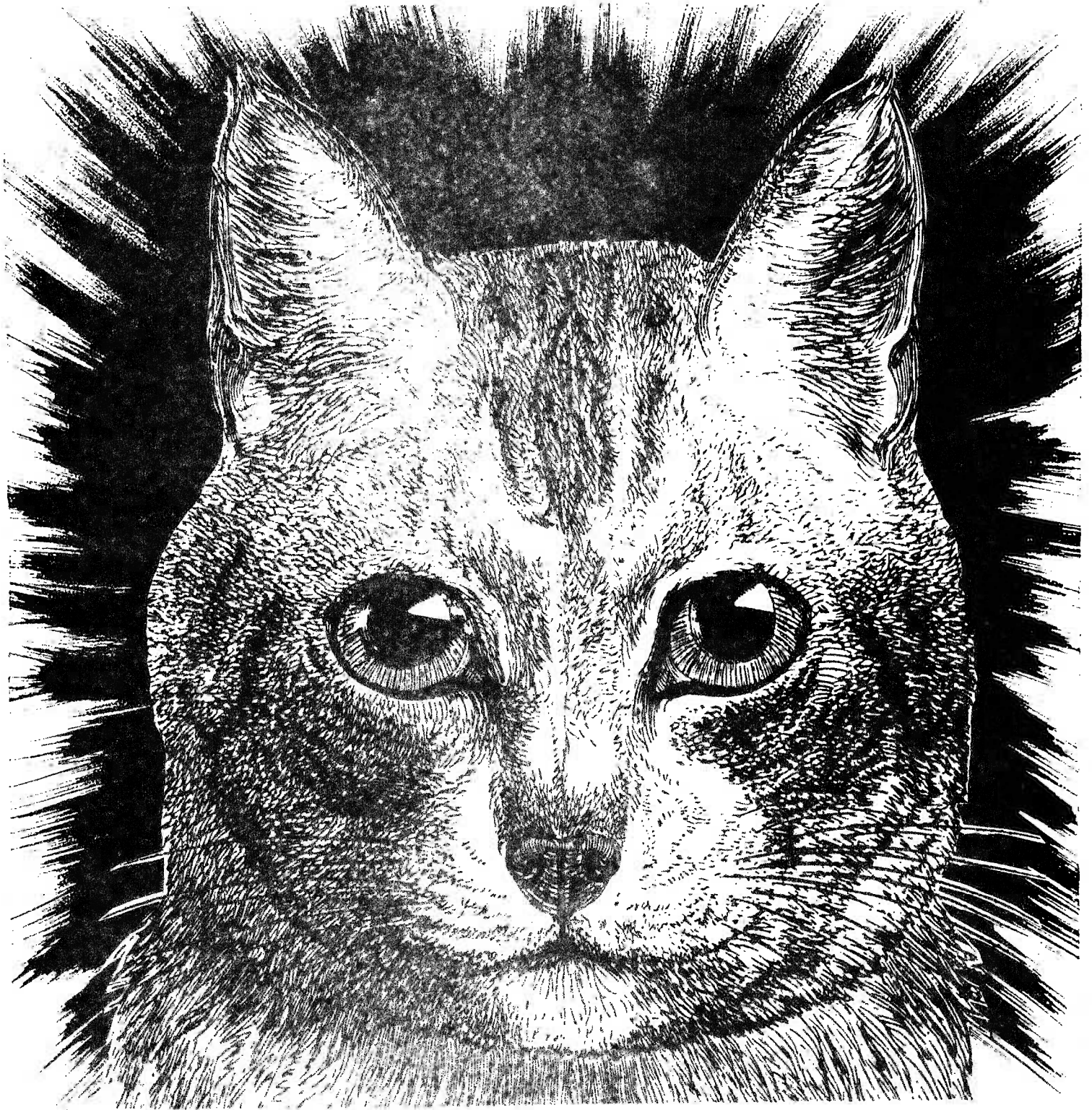


The Chronicle

Parish Magazine for Aston Abbotts



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OCTOBER

Editorial

Have you noticed the increase in jargon type phrases, used extensively on the radio and television, to replace perfectly good simple words, which already exist in our language?

For example "for this moment in time". When an employer is offering new pay conditions it is always a "package", and this is naturally "placed on the table".

Well, I am happy to report that such a "package" was offered to Andy Bystra to take over the editing of our Chronicle. He did not put it "on the back burner", but took it off "the table", and "at this moment in time" he is the new Editor. I am sure that "by the end of the day", all those who have been editing the magazine month by month, will be relieved, and he will be "the flavour of the month" for "taking it on board".

But enough of this UGSPEAK.

We all want to thank Andy for taking this on, and we know it is in a safe pair of hands. A big vote of thanks to all those who have prepared it in the past

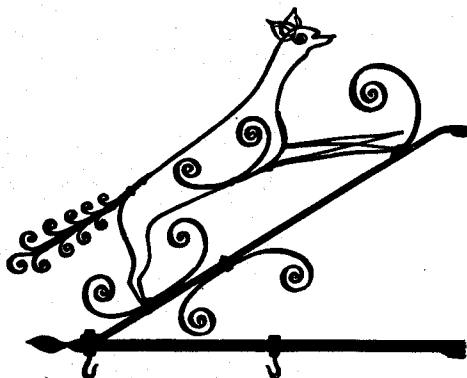
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WHAT'S ON

OCTOBER

SUNDAY 1 Rambling Club Members meet Mursley 2pm
SUNDAY 22 Rambling Club Members meet Caldecote M/K 2pm

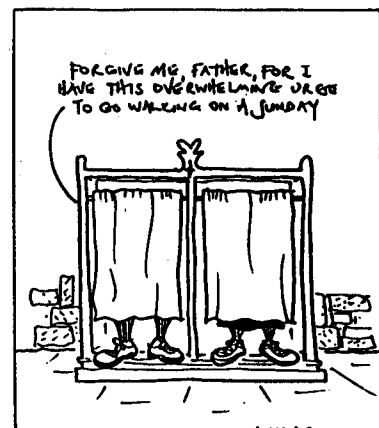
MONDAY 16 Ramblers Planning Meeting and Cheese + Wine
Church Room
Anyone welcome Tickets 1.00 from Colin

TUESDAY 3 Floral Class Church Room 7pm
Anyone welcome to join

WEDNESDAY 4 Leighton/Linslade Transport Meeting
Bus/Train queries to Colin

TUESDAY 10 Bucks County Council Road Safety Meeting
Any matters to Caroline/Colin

THURSDAYS 12/26 Whist Drive Church Room 7.30pm
THURSDAY 19 Bingo Church Room 7.30pm



BOOK THIS DATE

SATURDAY 2 DEC Shopping Trip to Peterborough - more details in November issue

REGULARS

TUESDAYS Mobile Library
Wingrave Road 9.30-9.45am
The Green 9.50-10.20am

TUESDAYS + Butchers Van
THURSDAYS About 3-4pm - will deliver to door 01296 75220

WEDNESDAYS Toddlers Group
Church Room 2-4pm

Fish + Chip Van
Outside Bull & Butcher about 8pm
Rings bell first and can be up to 30 mins later

THURSDAYS Bin Day

FRIDAYS Free Bus to Tesco Aylesbury
Leaves Green 10.06am - arrives Tesco 11.01am
Back to Aston Abbotts about 1.40pm

BONFIRE NIGHT

There will be a bonfire and fireworks at the Rec as usual on Sunday 5th November. Please give fireworks or money to Lol Hinds at 69 The Green (if buying fireworks, one big one is better for the display than several small ones).

Please take burnable rubbish (but not tyres) to the usual corner of the Rec.

On the night: bonfire 6.30pm
Fireworks 7pm

DOG OWNERS

Do you use the dog mess bin on the Rec? It's emptied twice a week in summer, once in winter. If you think it is not being emptied regularly please ring Aylesbury Vale District Council on 555154 and also let the village parish council know.

WINGRAVE SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

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CHILD/OAP	1.00	1.00
FAMILY	6.00	7.00

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BEST GUY COMPETITION [ENTRIES TO SCHOOL BY 3PM FRIDAY 3 NOVEMBER]

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE ALL EVENING

LADIES' CLUB NOTES FOR OCTOBER

The Ladies Club begins its new season on 5 October at 2.45pm in the Church Room. We begin with a very entertaining speaker, Mrs Elizabeth Page, who recites monologues both humorous and sad and is well worth hearing. This meeting is open to anyone.

Our next meeting after that will be on 19 October, when Mrs Joan Kell will talk about an Indian journey.

Our new season goes through to July next year. We have a selection of travel talks, slide shows, local and far away subjects. We shall be having a carol concert at Cublington in December, a possible theatre trip to see Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat at Oxford and, in early January, our usual Spring lunch and summer outing. All in all, a very interesting programme.

Members are mainly of the older generation, but, if you are young or middle-aged, it makes no difference - you will be very welcome.

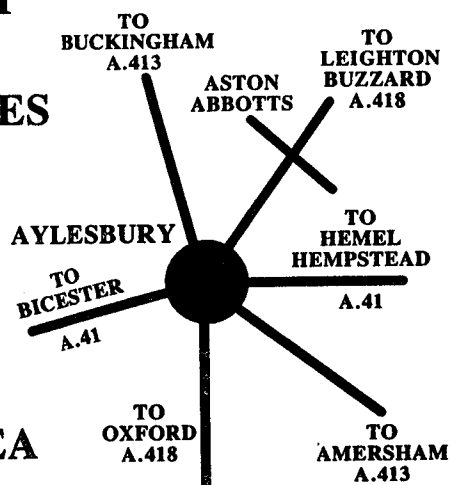
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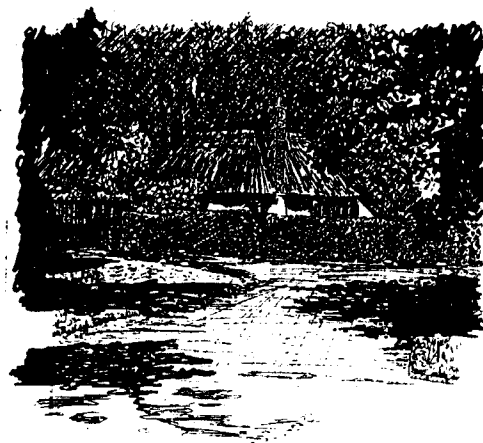
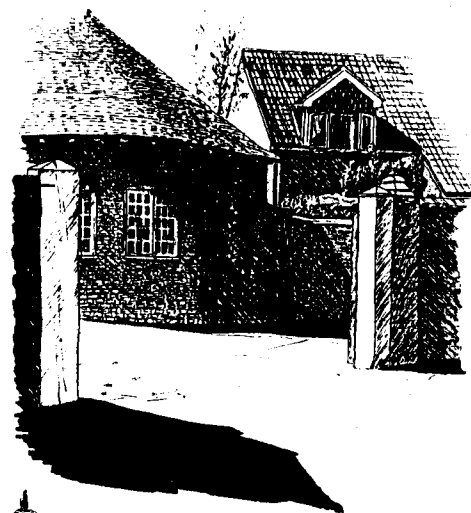
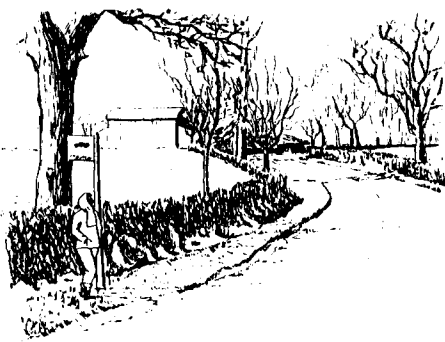
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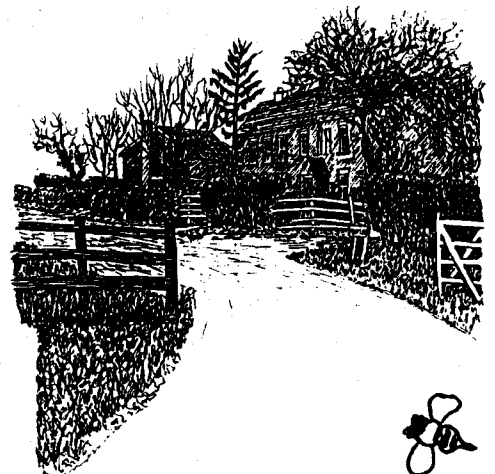
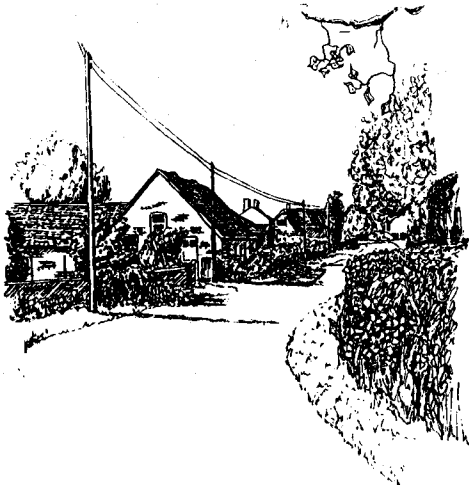
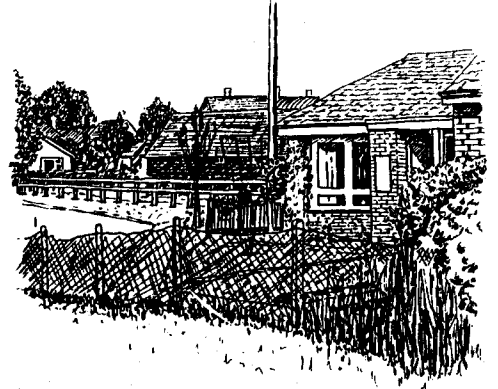
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BRICHSTOCH - BRYDESTHORNE - BIRSTON

Have you guessed it? Yes these are the former names of the Hamlet of Burston, which came to a tragic end. It was situated just east of Lower Burston Farm, and the map above shows the outline of tracks road and paths. These outlines have been particularly visible this summer during the drought, and could be seen from the top of Lines Hill.

The name Brydesthorne means Briddel's thornbush, and it was common to mark parish boundaries with such bushes, in olden days. The 20 acre settlement was listed in the Domesday Book as "Brichstoch", having seven "divisions" of land capable of maintaining that number of ploughs. It also records the origins of the settlement go back to the time of Edward the Confessor (d. 1066)

There is no doubt that the gradual enclosure of lands, beginning in the 14th century, and widespread in the 15th and 16th century, caused the depopulation of the village.

In 1516 a branch of the Lee family came into possession, and early in the 17th century Sir Henry Lee almost completely rebuilt his manor house and made a park around it. (The present house was completely rebuilt in the 18th and 19th centuries).

A commission of Enquiry set up in 1517 states that in the case of Burston, the estate gained possession of 400 acres of arable land, which was then turned into pasture for the grazing of sheep. Furthermore a royal licence was granted in 1526 to impark lands into the manor.

It was said by the Commission as a consequence "eight ploughs were put down, and 60 people were evicted. From that time on tears of wretchedness caused them to remove from that place, from the whole aforesaid hamlet of Byrdeston 'en masse', so that only sheep graze there now".

It is fitting, thanks to Colin Higgs research at the time of the road and bungalows being built in Aston Abbotts, that the name is commemorated there.

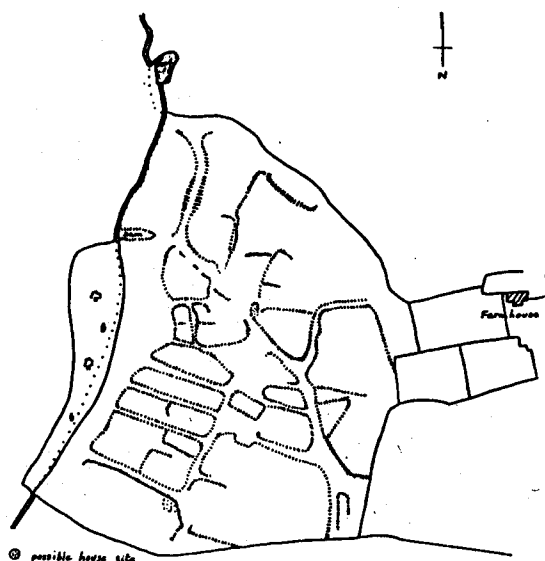


Fig.2 Burston, the earthworks.

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BUSES

There have been some minor changes since the latest timetables came out. You need the Aylesbury Area Travel Guide dated 23rd July, plus the Update sheet of 3rd Sept. (available from libraries, Aylesbury Tourist Info. Centre or Kingdom Tours).

A new Guide will be out at the end of October. In particular:

* The 08.35 from Wingrave Crossroads to Leighton is now a schools only service

Buses leave Aston Abbotts as follows (more from crossroads)

To Leighton:

Mondays-Fridays 7.38, 9.23, 11.23, 13.23, 16.28

Saturdays 7.36, 8.23, 9.23, 11.23, 12.24, 13.23, 15.39, 16.38, 17.52

To Aylesbury:

Mondays-Fridays 7.39, 8.05, 9.32, 11.42, 13.42, 15.08, 18.26

Sats 7.44, 9.32, 10.56, 11.42, 13.42, 13.56, 15.42, 16.32, 18.12

For timetable info ring 0345 382000

What's special about your area? Map it and see!

**Come and find out about parish and community maps
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on Saturday 18 November 1995, 10 am - 12.30 pm

Parish and community maps are all about what local people value in their own area, what makes their village, parish or community special to them. A parish map project brings together people of all ages and interests to do something positive and to identify the local features that they care about - and so at the same time to give those features some protection. This Parish Maps Event will provide ideas about how to start an initiative which could involve your whole community and bring local people together. Come and see maps not only from Buckinghamshire but from neighbouring counties and hear from local people who have been involved in creating parish maps of different types. The timed programme of speakers (to be finalised) will run from approximately 10am - 12.30pm and will include speakers who can tell you about how they did their maps and others who can give advice on how to include rights of way, environmental and nature aspects. There will also be information about available grants. The exhibition will continue until 3 pm so you will have the chance to browse around after the informal programme of speakers. If you are interested in attending, please tear off and return the slip below and you will receive a programme. If you or someone else from your organisation can't attend, then please pass this flyer on to someone else: your local WI, school, local history society, church, youth group or any one else who might be interested. The event is free to participants.

This event is organised by Bucks CVS, the Rural Community Council for Buckinghamshire,



and supported by Buckinghamshire County Council Chiltern Countryside Management Project,
the Countryside Commission, English Nature and Wycombe District Council

Please return this form by 8 November 1995 to: Bucks CVS, Walton House, Walton Street,
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I would like to attend the Parish Maps Exhibition and Event at Lacey Green Village Hall at 10 am on Saturday 18 November 1995. Please send me a programme and a map to the venue.

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The Business Side of Voluntary Groups

which includes the workshops

Managing the money
Applying for funds
Administrative procedures

People Working Together

which includes the workshops

Effective committees
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They will be running on consecutive Monday afternoons from 1.00 - 3.30 pm,
and units will begin on 2 October 1995, 13 November 1995 and 29 January 1996 respectively.

**More details are available from
Anne Partridge on (01494) 784881**

HELP

We still have no parish council clerk. This is an interesting job for which you need a few hours spare a week, access to a telephone and (preferably) a typewriter. It pays a modest fee of £365 per year, plus expenses. If you are at all interested, please speak to Caroline Lane (681373) or Tom Manning (688547). There would be plenty of help to get you started, and we might even buy you a drink!

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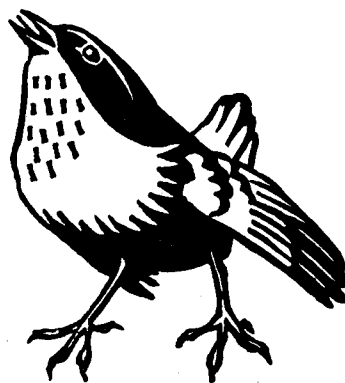
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Stuart Biddle.....5th Oct
Edward Picking.....11th Oct
Juan Gutierrez.....14th Oct
Rita Robinson.....26th Oct
Hayley Wilkinson.....31st Oct

CONGRATULATIONS

To Jackie Kempster and Neil
Gravestock who were married
at St James's church on
Saturday 16 September

TENNIS

Cublington Ladies have won the
Aylesbury League this winter
(bottom division) - for which
the prize is... promotion to
the next division up. Well
done to captain Jean Barnett
and her team.



Can you make four new words from each following group
by adding a common ending, for example:-

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CASE) BOOK
SCRAP)
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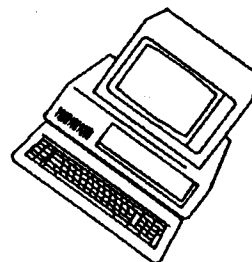
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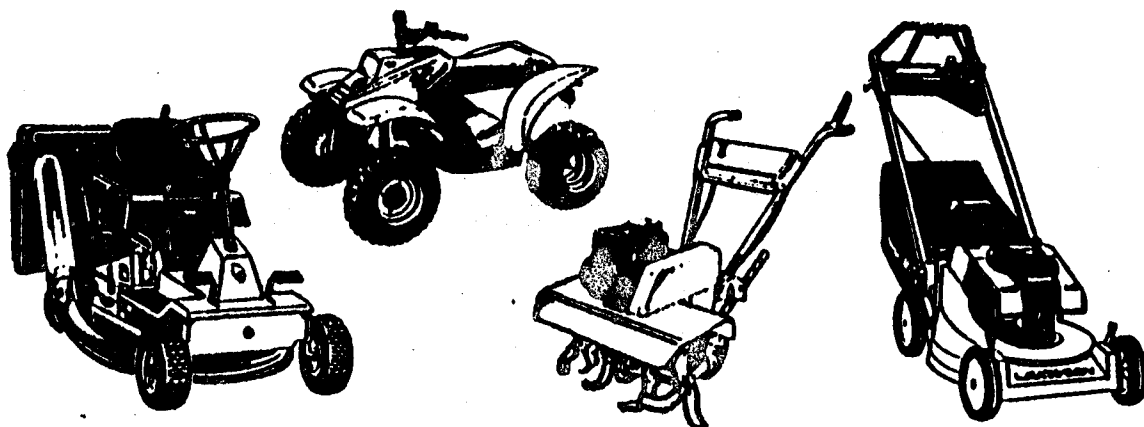
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CAMP 268

This was a Prisoner of War camp in our village, half way up the Norduck lane. Some of the huts are still there.

Arthur Streich [above in the white shirt] has a special reason for remembering it, since he was incarcerated there for nearly three years, with several hundred others. He recently visited the village and talked of his experiences.

He was 15 years old when war broke out, and lived in Germany near the Swiss border. He joined the Navy in 1942, and after training in Kiel and Holland, was stationed at St. Malo, and operated on a small supply ship to and from Jersey.

He was captured in August 1944 by the Americans and arrived at Portland Bill a few days later. It was here that he was suprised to see that many of the guns were precisely the same as they were using. After various transit camps, he came to Liscombe Park, and then Aston Abbotts, as he preferred to work.

The POWs were mostly housed in tents (8-9 to a tent). They were sent out to work on farms, and Arthur worked for a Mr. Kimble at Linslade, then with a threshing gang, and in the Calvert brickyard. They grew vegetables in the camp, and he particularly remembers the Nissen Huts being festooned with runner beans. At breakfast time a favourite trick was to be early in the queue, eat the porridge quickly, and rejoin the queue for a seconds.

They earned one shilling per day, and when he was finally released in 1948 he had saved 28 pounds.

He met an English girl whilst living in the camp, but she would not give him her name. However he had heard where she worked, and slipped out of camp through the wire one day to find her. He was wearing his best shoes. He was successful in finding her, but on returning to camp that night, and slipping through the wire was confronted by a guard, and received 10 days confined to barracks for breaking out, and for not wearing his regulation boots!

In 1948 he was released from POW status provided he worked in agriculture, and they were married. They could not find anywhere to live, so as a temporary measure they squatted in a disused RAF hut in Cublington

A happy ending however, they have three daughters, a son and 12 grandchildren, and he still grows masses of runner beans and vegetables!

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RECTOR'S REPORT

In the last few weeks we have seen something of the problems that can exist when a group of people in the Church try to find new and exciting ways of worship.

By contrast there are those who find the regular diet of Church Services very boring. Until about thirty years ago there was the Book of Common Prayer, which provided all the services used in the Church of England. It had been in use since 1662. In fact it contained much material that was even older, dating from the earlier English Prayer Books of 1549 and 1552. There was an attempt to bring it more up to date in the 1920s, but this was never legalised.

A series of experimental services followed during the 1960s and 70s which became the foundation of the Alternative Services Book of 1980. As the years have passed, many of these services have become more familiar, and those of the Book of Common Prayer have been allowed to lapse.

There were those who hoped that things would not change - and that we could keep the old, the tried and the familiar. But life is not like that, and even some of the services of the Alternative Service Book are beginning to show their age.

But it is not just the words that we are finding restrictive. Some of the newer forms of service seem to demand a more flexible space in which to happen. In some churches the pews (which often date from the middle of the last century) are being removed, and the furniture shifted, to allow more movement- like liturgical dance.

There is a danger in all experimentation. It is the possibility of discarding the positive and the helpful in favour of that which is of doubtful merit. Nationally we have a great heritage of Church Buildings. Many of them have been adapted down the ages to suit different styles of worship.

But the current objections do not seem to have been about the buildings or about the forms of words used, but more about the peripherals - the disco lighting and smoke machines; and the inappropriate behaviour.

The trouble is that you cannot have it both ways. It is either old and boring or it is new-fangled and suspect. Some new things are worth trying - even if we decide that they are not for us.

Bob Willmott

CHURCH SERVICES

WINGRAVE	1st Oct	10.0	HARVEST FESTIVAL
	8th	10.0	Parish Communion
	15th	10.0	Parish Communion
	22nd	8.0	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.0	Family Service
	29th	Benefice	Service At Aston 10.0
	5th Nov	10.0	Parish Communion

ASTON ABBOTTS	1st Oct	11.15	Mattins
	8th	11.15	Parish Communion
		7.30	Country & Western
	15th	11.15	Parish Communion
	22nd	11.15	Parish Communion
	29th	10.0	Benefice Eucharist
	5th Nov	11.15	Mattins
		5.0	Iona Service

CUBLINGTON	1st Oct	8.45	Parish Communion
	8th	10.0	Harvest Service
		6.0	Evensong
	15th	8.45	Parish Communion
	22nd	8.45	Parish Communion
	29th	Benefice	Service at Aston 10.0
	5th Nov	10.0	Family Service

SUNDAY READINGS

1st Oct	Pentecost 17 (p.718)	James 1.16-end; Lk 17.11-19
8th	Pentecost 18 (p.723)	2 Cor 8.1-9; Matt 5.17-26
15th	Pentecost 19 (p.729)	Heb 11.1-2,8-16; Matt 6.24-end
22nd	Last Pentecost (p.746)	Phil 3.7-end; Jn 17.1-10
29th	9 b. Christmas (p.401)	Gen 2.4-9,15-end; Jn 3 1-8
5th Nov	8 b. Christmas (p.405)	Gen 3.1-15; John 3.13-21

FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISM	27th Aug	Louise Lightfoot at Cublington
MARRIAGE	16th Sep	Neil Gravestock & Jackie Kempster at Aston
FUNERALS	25th Aug	Ron Bodkin at Wingrave & Amersham
	15th Sep	Fred Humphrey at Wingrave
	15th Sep	Edith Chandler at Cublington & Amersham

COMING SHORTLY

On Sunday 5th November, in Aston Abbots, an EVENING IN THE IONA TRADITION.

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He lives in the cottage and sleeps in the bed
where his Dad and his Grandad were born.
He's not one for thinking; he can't read or write,
though he's happy and gives of his best.
But lately he's taken to waking at night
with a problem that won't let him rest.
"Dear Lord", he will say as he tosses and turns
"Can it be that I'm suffering from greed?
I 'ear on the wireless 'bout folks being poor,
while I've got much more than I need.
There's folks turned to exiles 'cos they can't afford
to live in this country no more;
though I pay me taxes, they ain't very high,
and I certainly ain't very poor.
There's folks that travel for 'hundreds of miles
'cos they need a break every year
while I'm quite contented to stay where I am,
wi' me pipe and me baccy and beer.
And some folks do need them them infernal machines
to get all their laundering done
While I've got the stream where the water runs clear
and me washing can dry in the sun.
And folks spending money on freezers and things,
to keep all their food at its best
while I gets me milk from old Daisy the cow
and eggs every day from the nest.
And what of them poor folk who 'as to buy cars,
if they'm need to go anywhere.
While me and old Dobbin can jog down the lane,
and breath in the fresh country air.
Dear Lord, it ain't my fault you blessed me so much
and made me so happy and free,
but please 'elp them poor folks so weighed down wi' care
and make 'em all rich like me"

Barbara Charles (from "This England")



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PARISH COUNCIL

Unofficial notes from the meeting held on 8th September

* The Clerk, Robert Lee, had resigned on 18 August. No applications had been received for the post.

* Minutes & matters arising

The July meeting had been cancelled, so June's minutes were approved.

A parishioner would be asked to make a wooden surround to the existing liner for the litter bin on The Green.

Discussions were continuing about village footpaths.

AVDC would be asked to reseed green area at Bricstock (dug up for drains work)

*Traffic diversions Sgt Savage from Thames Valley Police traffic division had not had an opportunity to study the situation here, and suggested meeting councillors in October. This would be arranged. *If members of the public have any suggestions about how traffic can be moved through the village more easily when there is a diversion (due to accidents on A418 or A413) please speak to a councillor asap.

*Councillors' training/information day: all three new councillors to be booked onto this at a cost of £12 each

*Recreation Ground: estimate to be sought for fence and gate repairs

*Planning applications

Change of use from agricultural to public house curtilage, Bull & Butcher: parish council had no further comments to make (previous comments already responded to by AVDC planning officers)

Extension and sun lounge at 51 The Green: concerns about light for neighbours. NB Cllr Kempster declared an interest, allowed access to view site but took no part in subsequent discussions.

Extension to farmhouse, Bridge Farm (Rowsham) no comment

*Accounts

Clerk, £71.79; E. Sharp (street light repair) £44.27; electricity, £50.38; Rec. grass cutting, £63.45 (June & July); photocopying, £9.87; Wingrave playscheme, £55

*AOB

We expressed interest in AVDC's Theatre in Villages project (possibility of a touring company visiting early next year).

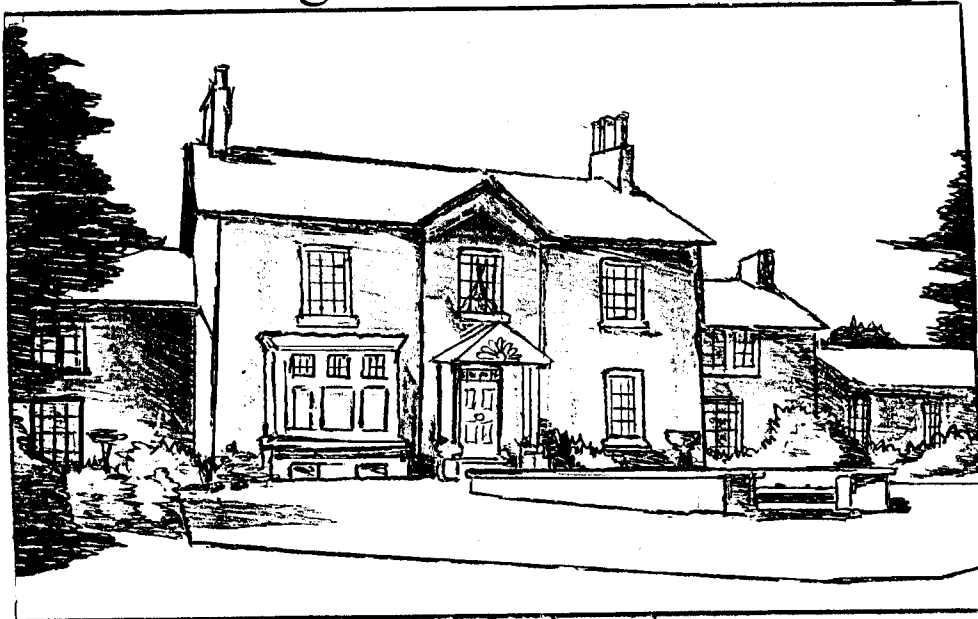
Ditto visit of AVDC mobile office/info displays

A letter supporting parish council's efforts to have safety at Wingrave crossroads improved was received. *Please continue to let us know of near misses or actual accidents to strengthen our case!

The recent Police Liaison Committee (for parish councils in the Vale) had had a meeting at which we were represented by Tom Manning. The next will be in Wing in February.

*Next meeting Friday 20 October, 8pm, Church Room - all welcome

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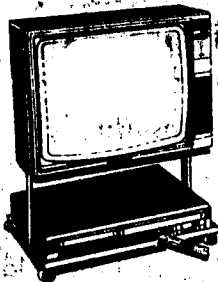
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