



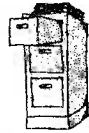
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Editorial-----



According to 'Encarta' Saint Valentine's Day is a 'holiday' honouring lovers. We celebrate it on February 14th by the custom of sending greeting cards or gifts to express affection. *(Just my way of providing a hint to those who might have forgotten)*. The holiday probably derives from the ancient Roman feast of Lupercalis (February 15). The festival gradually became associated with the feast day (February 14) of two Roman martyrs, both named St. Valentine, who lived in the 3rd century. St. Valentine has traditionally been regarded as the patron saint of lovers. *(So now you know)*

One rather less romantic friend of mine always associates the date with , Al Capone (1899-1947), the Italian-American gangster. He was born Alphonse Capone in Naples, Italy, and raised in Brooklyn, New York. In the 1920s he took over a Chicago organisation dealing in illegal liquor, gambling, and prostitution from the gangster Johnny Torrio. In the following years he eliminated his competitors in a series of gang wars, culminating in the Saint Valentine's Day massacre of 1929, that won him control of Chicago's underworld. *(Well my informant does drive a large yellow mobster's car!!!)*

On a more interesting tack, Shirley Ford has loaned me a vast amount of documentation resulting from her research into the history of Aston Abbotts. As a first step Anne Branker has filed the information in chronological order with a view to helping me to 'serialise' it in the Chronicle. However, having just borrowed a book on the history of Bierton produced by the villagers, I feel there is scope to create a similar permanent record of 'Aston's' history.

The purpose of mentioning this in this editorial is to see if there is any one out there who might have other information and in particular pictures we might borrow to help bring the text to life. Finally, do we have anyone in the village who has experience in 'historic research and compilation of information'? If so we would welcome advice on how best to go about this project.

And finally!! Many thanks to all of you who provided items for this months Chronicle on 'disc'. They have been a tremendous help in that they reduced the amount of time I have to spend in typing and therefore more effort can go into the presentation etc. Just got to persuade the vicar to replace his 'stone age P/C with one which will take 3-1/2 discs and my index finger can grow back to it's full length!!

Andy Bystra.



PS. If there is a Ms. H Mallalieu in the village, would she please contact me as I have some mail for her. (Ed.)

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Please note that copy date for the March issue will be Fri. the 21st of Feb. All items for publication will need to reach me :-

(Andy Bystra. 31 The Green, Tel 681 690) by this date.

RITA'S PEOPLE PAGE



On Monday the 22nd January, the family, friends and neighbours of Tony Hewitt came together to say their final affectionate good-bye to him. St James Church was full to capacity to listen to a lovely service by Rev. Bob Wilmott and hear a poem written by Tony's children expressing their thoughts on what he as a father had meant to each of them.

His daughter Allison also played his favourite piece of music on her keyboard, which we all felt was a brave and very loving thing to do.

We shall miss Tony and our sympathy is extended to Pam and all her family.

At the time of writing, we are pleased to see Jack Rennie is out of hospital after falling and giving his head a nasty 'crack'. We are happy to report that he is now on the road to recovery and we all wish him well.

A very happy birthday to all our readers who are celebrating a birthday during February. In particular ;-

We were sorry to learn of the death of Mrs Winifred Rumens who died on Dec. the 27th. Mrs Rumens was born in Aston Abbotts and lived here until her marriage in 1945 when she then moved to Crendon Underwood with her husband who was a master baker. They moved back to the village in 1959 and lived in the house where Pauline and Cliff Price now live. In 1987 they moved to Aylesbury.

A staunch Methodist all her life, she attended the Chapel in the village where her husband played the organ as well as at the church in Granville St. Aylesbury.

A kindly lady, always ready to give a helping hand. and was often seen tending the small chapel garden keeping it bright with flowers throughout the year.

Our sympathy to family and friends at this time.

Michael Coleman	on the	4th Feb
Ivy Brandon	on the	5th Feb
Pablo Gutierrez	on the	7th Feb
Vika Drysdale	on the	7th Feb
Barry White	on the	9th Feb
Haidee Mogford	on the	13th Feb
Richard Clarke	on the	13th Feb.
Paul Hewitt	on the	14th Feb.
Tracy Lovell	on the	23rd Feb.
Linda Wheaton	on the	25th Feb.
Daniel White	on the	25th Feb.
Anita Parker	<i>(We still haven't got the date out of her!!!!)</i>	??th Feb.



CHURCH SERVICES

WINGRAVE

4th Feb. 10.0 Parish Communion
 11th 10.0 Parish Communion
 18th 10.0 Parish Communion
 21st (Ash Wednesday)
 10.0 Holy Communion
 & ashes
 25th 10.0 Parish Communion
 3rd Mar 10.0 Parish Communion
 3.00 Annual Church Meeting

ASTON ABBOTTS

4th Feb 11.15 Morning Service
 11th 11.15 Parish Communion
 18th 11.15 Parish Communion
 25th 11.15 Parish Communion
 3rd Mar 11.15 Parish Communion

CUBLINGTON

4th Feb 10.0 Family Service
 6.0 Evensong
 11th 8.45 Parish Communion
 18th 8.45 Parish Communion
 25th 8.45 Parish Communion
 3rd Mar 10.0 Family Service
 6.0 Evensong

SUNDAY READINGS

4th Feb.
 Septuagesima (p.488) Cor.2.1-10.
 Lk. 8.4 - 15

11th Feb.
 Sexagesima (p.493) Cor.12.1 - 10;
 Mark 7.24-end

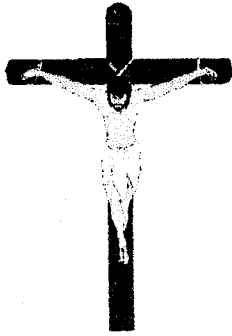
18th Feb.
 Quinquagesima (p.497) Col.1.18 - 23;
 John 8.2.-11

25th Mar.
 Lent 1 (p.506) Heb 4.12-end;
 Luke 4.1-13

3rd Mar.
 Lent 2 (p.511) 1 John 3.1-10;
 Matt 12.22- 32

FROM THE REGISTERS

Marriage
 6th Jan. Christopher Delafield & Elizabeth
 Benkel at Aston Abbots.



RECTOR'S REPORT

I find it very
worrying that
almost half of

those aged between fifteen and thirty five have difficulty with knowing the difference between right and wrong. Much is blamed on the permissiveness of the society in which we now live, and suggestions have been made that more emphasis should be placed on the Ten Commandments. I did think that perhaps this month my report should be simply the Ten Commandments.

- 1. Thou shalt have none other Gods but me.**
- 2. Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image.**
- 3. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.**
- 4. Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day.**
- 5. Honour thy father and mother.**
- 6. Thou shalt do no murder.**
- 7. Thou shalt not commit adultery.**
- 8. Thou shalt not steal.**
- 9. Thou shalt not bear false witness.**
- 10. Thou shalt not covet.**

But I am not sure many of those who urge a return to those commandments have really thought about what that means. As I was typing the first commandment, I wondered about the capital letters: should

'gods' have a capital G. But there is only one God with a capital G. and that is not the god that is ME. Big G is the God worshipped exclusively by the Christian Church and by the Jewish community. ME seems to be the god worshipped by almost everyone these days - because I know best!

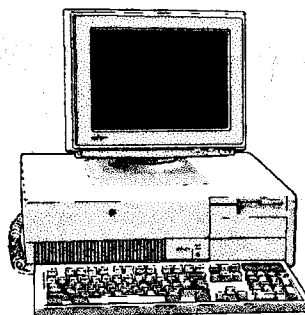
If we know best then we have no need for God's guidance, and all the Commandments need to have "unless I decide otherwise" added to them. We can justify anger and jealousy and hate. Nothing need be wrong - if that is what we decide. It seems as though that is where our society has failed. We have allowed our conscience to be our guide - and then overruled our conscience so many times that we no longer know the difference between right and wrong.

Perhaps the only solution is to bring back the big G. Until we recognise as humans we are not capable of living good lives by ourselves, that we need help and guidance, we shall get nowhere. Morality on it's own will not make things better. We need to have God with us too. The God with us who is Immanuel - the baby born in Bethlehem. The Crucified, Risen and Ascended God who said "Lo I am with you always - even to the end of the Age".

Bob Willmott.

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BROWNIES IN AYLESBURY

Having run a Brownie Group in Sussex, I had hardly unpacked my toothbrush on moving to Aston Abbots before I was begged by the local organiser to help run a Brownie group in Aylesbury. This is how desperate the Guiding movement, and nearly every other youth organisation is for leaders!! Anyway, I agreed to Lend-a-Hand, as the Brownie motto goes.

Our Unit has a busy year in which girls worked hard to gain a number of badges including the Craft badge which Hillary Hasler kindly agreed to test. We ended the year with a Christmas concert which gave the girls a chance to show off their talents with singing, dancing, playing instruments and acting. We also enjoyed a trip to the Limelight Theatre to see a Panto which was performed by a young amateur cast.

If any one is interested in working with a Group (no previous experience necessary) please contact Annette Jones tel.395961.

If anyone in the village has any skills or interests that they feel might interest the Brownies please contact Sally, tel. 681152.



SCOUTS

A belated thank you for those people who gave things for the Wingrave Scout Bazaar in November. The Group made £400 profit which is being used now to pay for urgent repairs to the Scout hut.

Last year the Scouts went camping, swimming, dry skiing and climbing on an artificial wall. They also took their fire fighter badge, cleared the Wingrave pond and helped build the Wingrave V.E Day bonfire. Recently a team from the Group won the District hike. One Scout from the group was selected to attend the International Jamboree in Holland last summer.

The younger boys cubs (aged 8-11) and Beavers (aged 6-8) have also been active and many went on an excellent camp in Wales.

Any boys interested in joining the Group should contact;

**Christine Goode
(Beavers) 01525 384604**



Ian Biggs (Cubs) 681644

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Apologies for

having not published
the results of the

Poppy collection
which took place in

November 1995. I

should have included

this in last months
issue of the Chronicle

but the original copy

seems to have been
mislaid.

I think I am correct in
saying that the sum raised (£1208.37) was an
all time record. This magnificent amount of
money was raised by 'poppy' collections and a
bingo evening organised by Len and Doris
Scutchings. Their thanks go out to all those
who very generously donated prizes and
helped with raising money for this worthy
cause. In particular they would like to express
their appreciation to Mr & Mrs O. Loader.
Mrs D Waite and Mrs P Dixon.

'Tony'

*It was not that he could sing - although he tried
and missed by a mile - or that he could act - it was just
that when asked to do either for the Christmas Show or
the Cabaret, Tony would do it with a tremendous sense
of fun and commitment.*

*Tony was our 'resident dame'; him of the high
voice, the preposterous wig and exploding balloons. He
had the ability to communicate happiness to all sections
of an audience and they loved him for it. His songs and
sketches never failed to amuse leaving the audience
convulsed with laughter.*

*He should have been in the show this year and we
were saddened when at the last moment, due to being
taken poorly, he was unable to appear.*

*We know he will be greatly missed and mourned by
his family and friends but in addition the cast and
people who have enjoyed our village theatrical efforts
feel an intense sadness at the gap left in our troupe by
the passing of Tony Hewitt.*

The 'lads and lasses' of the Village Show.

A TRAVELLERS TALE

On a recent Friday night having arrived back at Heathrow at 5.30 pm, and for a change the M25 working as intended, I found myself 2 hours later with my fellow geriatrics Tony Hinds and John Whyte, pumping iron I believe the expression is, in the reflex gym in Waddeson.

I have to confess that evening I was feeling below par, a point not missed by our instructor, Leo, to whom clearly I was giving concern by my rather distressed state on the rowing machine.

John Whyte being his normal self, explained that I was just getting old, but, Tony being of a more charitable disposition, explained that I had just returned from Munich 2 hours previously and therefore allowances should be made.

Inevitably the conversation got around to what one did for a living, and when one has travelled, and indeed worked in countries all over the world from Japan to Egypt, the United States, France and Germany to name but a few, travelling holds very little glamour. The conversation with Leo provoked some reminiscences of 27 years of travelling with a recent life style of one of commuting to Munich and back on a weekly basis.

This has provoked one or two observations, and indeed a reflection on how air travel has changed.

The first point to be made is that travelling is most certainly not glamorous. Anybody who has to get up at 4 o'clock on a January morning to catch the 7.20 to Munich will have some sympathy with my views. And given that most of the continental travel is during the week of the business fraternity, who else could afford the exorbitant rates for airline tickets. I feel a few observations on my fellow travellers and indeed the airlines would not be amiss.

In the war of hearts and lions, I think it used to be called advertising, Virgin Atlantic and British Airways changed all that, they offer the business traveller bigger and better seats, executive lounges, for the Gold Card carriers, is there any other colour! but the basic format of air travel of 20 years ago when I started, has not changed. The basic theory is simple. You are crammed into an aluminium tube, I now know how a cigar feels, strapped in and then as a result of some complex mathematical formula and brute force over weight over energy you are airborne. But it has to be said despite the fancy menu cards and designer presentation of the food, the term loosely used of course, you are still eating something that has been super-chilled for god knows how many hours or super steamed, the only thing that distinguishes the potatoes from the meat is the colour.

Despite my many years of travel and countless hundreds of flights, I have been able to contain what used to be "terror" with now studied indifference, and if you believe that you believe anything. The cabin stewards, actually they are now called "Flight Directors", encourage you to take note of the safety drill and only a fool wouldn't, CA Regulations state that an aircraft should be vacated in an emergency in 90 seconds. Can't be done!

The he next time you travel have a look at the Safety Card. Written in a multitude of languages and pictures, they take you through the brace position, life jacket drill, and ditching at sea procedure. But somebody in the airlines must have a warped sense of humour, if you look at the pictures you will notice the faces of those depicting the drill smiling. Somebody has a very sick sense of humour.

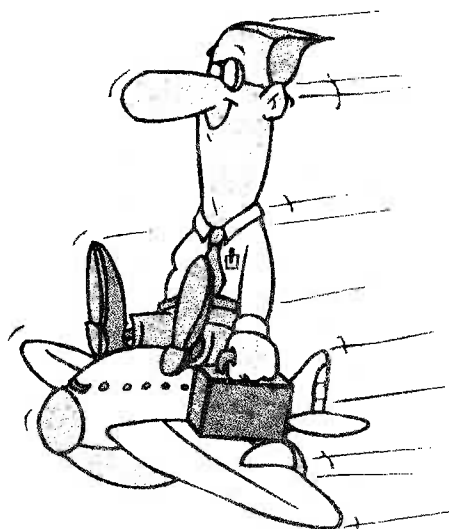
With the introduction of the blind landing systems, the old adage of travelling in December, January and February, add a day, usually because airports would be shut, is relatively a thing of the past and British Airways have been pioneers in this technology. But to show how fragile the infrastructure of an airport actually is, on a recent weekend this month

when the country was blanketed in freezing fog I had the misfortune to, yes! again be waiting for my 7.25am flight to Munich. Knowing the weather conditions, I contacted the airport the evening before and somebody with an extremely perverse sense of humour suggested that given the bad weather conditions we should arrive 3 hours before the flight, in plain speech that is 5.25 am on a Monday morning.

Tony Hinds, who had foolishly volunteered to drive me to the airport, was on time but despite the rigours of a very difficult weekend, deposited me at the airport, I waved him off to see him vanishing in the fog. It must have been bad, he wanted to go to Oxford and ended up in Kensington, London. That's a story all on its own for another time.

An airport in chaos is a great leveller. The Gold Card counts for nothing if the Executive Lounge isn't open because staff have been unable to get to work due to the bad weather, and so with the many other thousands, many of whom have actually slept on the floor of the airport over night due to the cancelled flights of Sunday afternoon. You stand in line for the tepid cup of coffee at 1.20 and are grateful to get it. Not to worry you think once you get into Business Class they will take care of us. And so you board the aircraft, some 3 hours later than departure is anticipated, to be told that to be able to get as many passengers away as possible Business and First Class has been suspended and its coffee and peanuts service all the way, and one newspaper between two.

**Ray
Wilkinson**



If Ray thinks air travel in bad weather is problematical, he ought to bear in mind Anita Parker's experience in the bad winter of 87. She was driving her car in Chester when she noted people waving at her and was struck by how friendly they seemed to be in that part of the country.

Suddenly it dawned on her that something might be wrong. It was!! She was driving along the frozen Shropshire canal and only just managed to get out before the car sank!

AYLESBURY VALE EVENTS LISTING

Anyone wishing to have of an event published in the **Aylesbury Vale Events Listing** (free of charge) should contact the Parish Clerk for the necessary form.

MILLENNIUM

Anyone with any particular ideas to celebrate the Millennium should contact any Parish Councillor or the Parish Clerk. (*More about this in next months Chronicle*)

CUBLINGTON VARIETY CLUB

This years production is to be held on Wed. 21st Feb to Sat. 24Feb and they will be presenting:-

'Babes in the Wood'

Tickets are £3.50 - £200. and will be on sale from the 1st Feb.

If you are interested contact Stephen Walton on 681385



Looking two ways to see Kent ...

(or a mysterious case of Double Vision !)

The problem was that the lens kept dropping out. The only solution was to get a new set of frames . So the deed was done and the cash passed over to a shifty looking optician. Our heroine could now see where she was going, could read the labels on bottles and know exactly what time Sunday lunch would be.

On duty in the Charity shop she had finished reading a most important document (Hello! magazine) , and then with a casual sweep of the new specs took them off, put them in a case and left them safely on a shelf.

Then suddenly she was struck by the urgent need to read the review of her performance as Claws the cat , in the village Christmas show..... she looked around for these newly framed glasses.

However, un-beknown to our damsel , a new assistant to the shop had sold the glasses on to a punter for the grand sum of 60p ! (Don't laugh.... please ! Yes 60p.)

Here we cut to the 'chase' to avoid all the bad , foul language and the gnashing of teeth (her own !). To recover the situation, our heroine advertised on Mix 96 for the lost goggles but then also had a stroke of genius.... Hazells were holding a Tarts and Vicars party (you know , the sort that Bob organises) Could the specs have been bought by the punter for this ? A notice was duly pinned to the club

board which to her surprise soon brought results with some kind person getting in touch and returning the specs . They didn't even want their 60p back.

But to late.... our feline friend had already bought a new expensive pair costing enough to keep Tony in beer for almost a week But, being positive, if ever they get lost again, now there's a spare pair!!!!!!

Ifor Chic



WINGRAVE TWINNING ASSOCIATION

The Wingrave Twinning Association is making plans for the year ahead. There will be more news about this in future issues.

If anyone is interested in Hosting a French family on their annual visit here we would be delighted to hear from you. It really is great fun! If you would like further information, please contact me on 681621, or any other member of the committee.

The next French family visit here is from Thursday May the 16th to Sunday May the 19th.

Joyce Round.

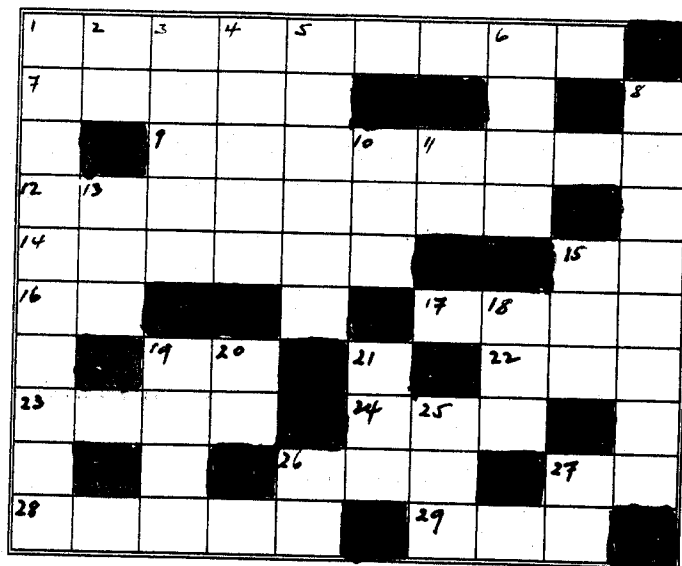
CHINESE FISH WAGON HITS ASTON ABBOTTS



Ever resourceful, Frank has arranged for the 'Chinese Fish Wagon' to be at The Bull & Butcher on Monday evenings between 6.00 and 9.30pm. Most of you will have received copies of their menu which considering the fact that it is a mobile facility appears quite comprehensive. Some of the youngsters will no doubt be pleased to see that a fair range of typical and popular fast food is also available.

The young couple who run this venture have apparently had considerable success with other regular stops and hope to do the same in Aston Abbots. We fully intend to try this service (make a change to have a 'Chinky' on a Monday) although I will probably accept their offer of phoning our order before hand.

If you use this service, please let me know how you get on. (Ed.)



Across

1. County town
7. Prepared
9. Remoteness
12. Ice in vat (An.)
14. Secure
15. Arno Domini
16. Within
17. Forbid
19. Perform
22. A short vicar?
23. Press
24. Scrap of cloth
26. E.g. The Bull & Butcher
27. ...With the Royal signature
28. Admired
29. Beer cask

Down

1. Not natural
2. Archaic form of you
3. Russian Cars
4. Proclamation
5. Method
6. Character in ancient alphabet
8. Local town
10. A metal
11. Avenue (Abr.)
13. A grandmother?
15. Tea (An.)
18. Unit of work
19. Harbour
20. Attached to
21. Large vessel
25. Insect
26. Short for "I had"
27. Printers measure

Answers to last months on page 20

ANSWER TO DON'S FINANCIAL PROBLEM!

		£	s.	d
1. Bicycle	Penny farthing			1-1/4
2. Male voice choir	Tenor	10		
3. Pig	Guinea	1	1	
4. Crash helmet	Crown		5	
5. Man's name	Bob		1	
6. One legged lady	Half a knicker		10	
7. Leather worker	Tanner			6
8. Sun, moon & stars	3 far things			3/4
9. Margarine without the A	Flor in		2	

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Where does he get them from? (Ed.) Thanks Don

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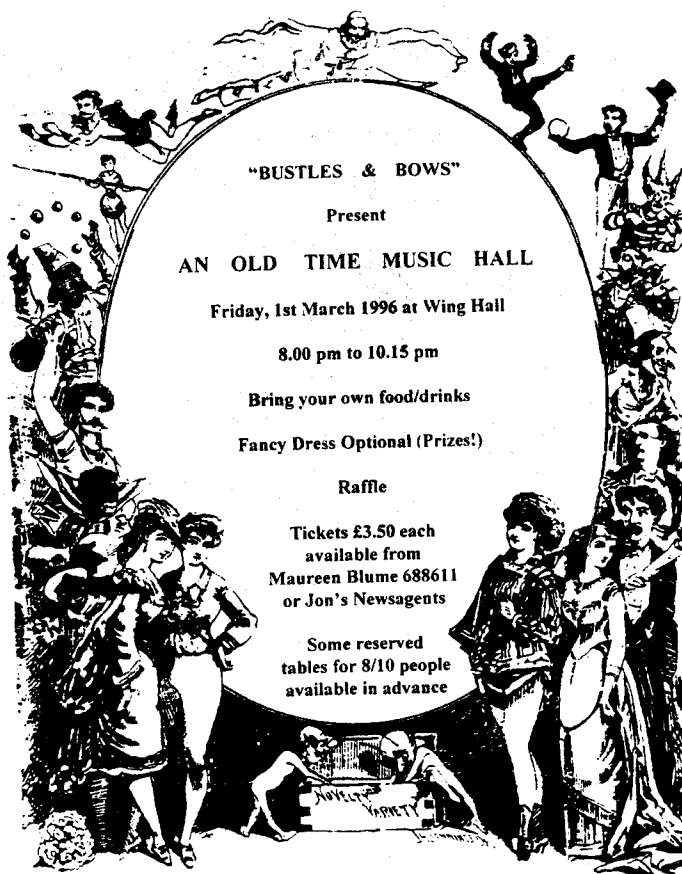
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WHAT'S ON IN FEBRUARY

Thurs. 1st, 15th, & 29th

Whist drives Church Room 7.30

Tues. 6th Bucks Road Safety Mtg.

(Any Items to Caroline or Colin please.)

Thurs. 8th & 22nd Bingo in the

Church Room 7.30

Sunday 11th

Village footpath walk; meet at

The Green 2.00pm

(Oxley Farm - Wing Red Barn - Aston Abbotts)

Mon. 12th Rambling Club Member's AGM

13 Moorlands, Wing 8.00pm

Tues. 13th Floral Class (note change of date)

Church Room 7.00pm

Fri. 16th Quiz evening, in the

Church Room 7.30pm.

Sun. 18th Rambling Club Member's meet

Halton Village 2.00pm.

Wed. 21st Ash Wednesday (Give something up
for Lent)

Fri. 23rd Parish Council Mtg.

Church Room 8.00pm.

LADIES CLUB

Thurs. 8th Talk about a
holiday in New Zealand by
Margaret Kent.

2.45 in the Church Room.



Thurs. 22nd Talk by Mrs Kathleen Turner "I
met a traveller from an antique land"

2.45pm in the Church Room.

FUTURE HAPPENINGS

Aston Abbotts PCC are pleased to announce the return of **Doctors Orders** (the Barber Shop Singers). They will be performing in St James Church on **Sat. the 16th of March starting at 8.00pm**. The cost is £3.00 and this includes a 'plate' buffet supper. Tickets will be available 2 weeks before the event from Shirley and John Ford 681865. It is recommended you book early for this very popular event.

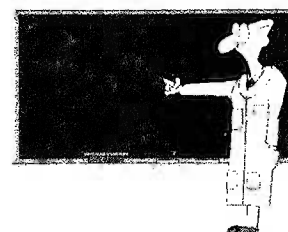
Arrangements are proceeding to hold a **Country and Western** type barn dance on the **25th May** with Trevor Howard & his band, providing the music. He was great singing by himself so this promises to be a good night. Further detail in the March issue of the Chronicle.

The ever popular **Cabaret** will be held towards the end of April; final **date to be announced**.

A coach trip to see the Flower Festival at Norwich Cathedral is to be arranged for **Saturday the 13th July**. Watch this space for further details!

Our Village Festival (Fete) will be held during the weekend of the **20th - 21st of July**.

Aston Abbotts 50 year anniversary School reunion is to be held in The Old Masters Restaurant on **Sat. the 20th of July**.



George Walden

*Member of Parliament
for Buckingham*



SURGERY DATES FOR 1996

(All Fridays)

January 26	Haddenham Middle School Church House, Long Crendon	4.30 pm - 5.30 pm 6 pm - 7 pm
February 16	Conservative Office, Winslow	4.30 pm - 6 pm
March 22	Ivinghoe Town Hall Bierton C of E Combined School	4.30 pm - 5.30 pm 6 pm - 7 pm
April 19	Buckingham Community Centre	4.30 pm - 6 pm
May 17	Conservative Office, Winslow Allan Shaw School, Steeple Claydon	4.30 pm - 5.30 pm 6 pm - 7 pm
June 14	Haddenham Middle School Church House, Long Crendon	4.30 pm - 5.30 pm 6 pm - 7 pm
July 12	Conservative Office, Winslow	4.30 pm - 6 pm
September 13	Ivinghoe Town Hall Wing Village Hall	4.30 pm - 5.30 pm 6 pm - 7 pm
October 11	Buckingham Community Centre	4.30 pm - 6 pm
November 22	Waddesdon Village Hall	5 pm - 6 pm
December 13	Conservative Office, Winslow	4.30 pm - 6 pm

No appointment is necessary

**If you wish to consult Mr Walden on any problem do write to him at:
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**or contact his office at:
34 Buckingham Road, Winslow, Buckingham MK18 3DY
Telephone: 01296 714240**

PARISH COUNCIL

Unofficial notes of the meeting held on Friday 12 January 1996

The meeting was attended by County Councillor Brenda Jennings and District Councillor Bryan Round.

Matters arising:

Land fill site Wingrave Road: There had been complaints from various residents regarding the state of Wingrave Road and the verges. C/Cllr Jennings said she would speak to Bucks CC to arrange a site meeting with a Highways representative and to ask about a wheel cleaner for the site. C/Cllr Jennings would also raise the question of who would be responsible for the damage to the road surface, grass verges and footpath.

Licensing of Public Entertainment - Bull and Butcher: The License would be considered on 12 February 1996 by AVDC.

County and District Council matters:

C/Cllr Jennings reported that traffic calming measures were being introduced into the County. A booklet was available from Bucks CC. The Kill Your Speed signs were effective. Bucks CC was concerned about the cuts in expenditure needed due to the reorganisation of the County. C/Cllr Jennings assured the Cllrs that they were doing their best to ensure good services for Bucks. D/Cllr Round reported that AVDC was committed to becoming a three tier working County i.e. County, AVDC and Parishes. This was to ensure that the views of Parish Councils were taken seriously.

Parish Precept:

It was agreed to set the precept at £3500 for the year Apr 1996/7.

Changes to Village Conservation Area:

Cllr Kempster suggested some amendments to the Conservation Area. Possible inclusion of Abbey Cottages, Windmill Hill Farm and Nash's Farm. It was suggested that a site meeting take place with an AVDC representative to consider these changes.

Dustbins: Cllr Kempster stated that she thought that the bin liners were of a smaller size than previously. D/Cllr Round said he would look into this.

Accounts:

Payments would be made to E Sharp (Electricity), Reyven (Sports fields) Ltd, Lambourne Tree and Garden Services, Eastern Electricity and Clerks salary. Actual figures for these accounts available from the Clerk.

Correspondence:

A letter of confirmation had been received concerning the Salting of Wingrave Road.

Various other papers were circulated among Parish Councillors.

Any Other Business:

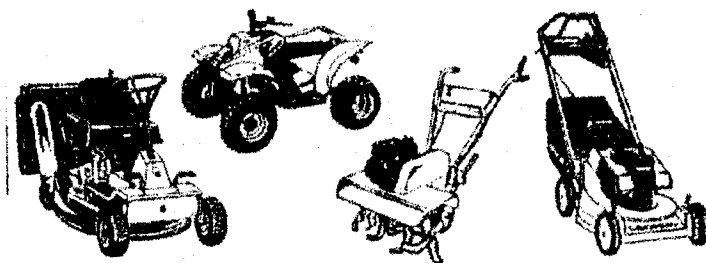
The drain cover in Brickstock had been repaired. The gate at the top of Lines Hill had been flattened on New Years Eve it would require replacing.

Mr Higgs asked if there were any ideas/plans to celebrate the Millennium under consideration.

The next meeting will be held on 23 February 1996 at 8pm in the Church Room. Members of the Public will be most welcome.

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INGREDIENTS

Pancakes

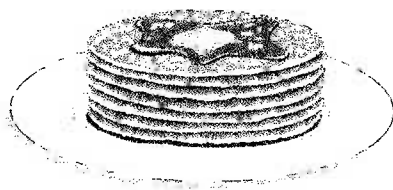
4oz plain flour
A pinch of salt
4oz chopped unsalted cashews
1 large egg and 1 egg yolk
1/4 teaspoon ground cardamom
10 fl oz milk
1 tablespoon melted butter
3-4 tablespoons oil

Filling

6oz grated fresh coconut
8 tablespoons muscovade sugar
1/4 teaspoon ground cardamom
2 tablespoons sultanas
1 juicy lemon

Here is a recipe for you to try which is a different way to have your pancakes on 20th February, Shrove Tuesday.

Having just returned from a fabulous holiday in Goa, I thought you might like to try the only pudding on offer in any of the bars or restaurants, pancakes! Yes! you could have pancakes filled with coconut or bananas or pineapple or honey or even the old favourite way with lemon and sugar but only pancakes nothing else. They were always freshly made, very light and quite simple, which after the spicy and fiery curries that we usually had as a main courses, came as a lovely way to finish a meal. So I hope you enjoy this recipe for Goan Coconut Pancakes as much as we did, when eating them on the beach while on holiday in India.



Start by chopping and roasting the cashews until golden brown. Then as freshly grated coconut is a problem in this country, you can use desiccated coconut preferably the unsweetened kind soaked in 1/2 pint of hot water until it puffs up and is juicy and tender. Then weigh the correct amount of coconut and use in the same way as fresh coconut. Next beat together, all but the oil, of the pancake ingredients either by hand or with an electric blender, until you have a very smooth batter. Set aside for at least 30 minutes. Now in a bowl combine all the dry ingredients for the filling and put that to one side.

Now make your pancakes, heat a little of your oil in a frying pan set over a medium heat. When hot pour in 4-5 tablespoons of the batter, tilting the pan so that the batter is evenly and thinly spread out. Cook the pancake for a few minutes and when it starts to go brown, toss it over (if you are very brave) or if you are like me then very carefully turn it over with a spatula and cook for another minute.

Remove and put on to plate. Then make the second pancake in the same way, while the next one is cooking, put 2-3 tablespoons of the filling onto the first pancake and a squeeze lemon juice over it then roll up and place in a covered dish. Make all the pancakes in this way, keeping them in a single layer. When you have finished making your pancakes place them in a warm oven to heat through before serving. Finishing off with a generous squeeze of lemon over each pancake.

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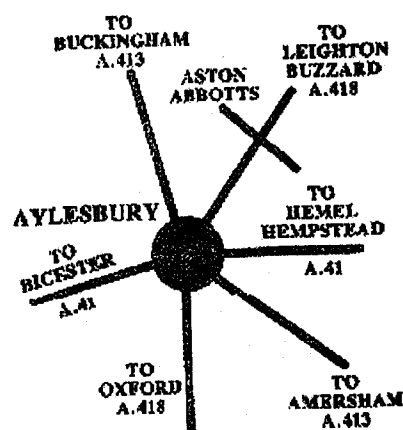
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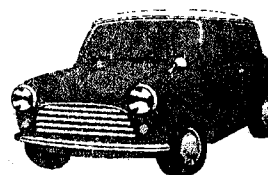
Answers to January crossword

Across;

1.Happy. 5.New. 8.Ash. 9.Year.
11.Act. 12.Arno. 13.Pin. 15.Aside
16.Eft. 17.Mac. 18.Ohm. 20.At.
22.Dame. 23.Range. 24.Satan. 25. En.
26.No. 28.CDS. 30.Fast.
31 Tie.

Down;

1.Harpenden. 2.As. 3.Phantoms.
4.Yet. 5.Nyasaland. 6.Eerie. 7.Wand.
10.Roe. 14.If. 15. Am. 19.Heads.



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Amahl.
Amahl who?
Amahl shook up...

Knock, knock.
Who's there?
Igloo.
Igloo who?
Igloo knew Suzie,
like I know Suzie...

Knock, knock
Who's there?
Aardwark
Aardwark who?
Aardwark a
million miles for one
of your smiles, my
Mammy...

Knock, knock
Who's there?
Iguana
Iguana who?
Iguana hold
your hand...

Knock, knock
Who's there?
Sam and Janet
Sam and Janet who?
Sam and Janet
evening, you will
meet a stranger...

Knock, knock.
Who's there?
Wendy. Wendy
who?
Wendy red, red
robin comes bob,
bob, bobbin'

Knock, knock.
Who's there?
Noah Noah who?

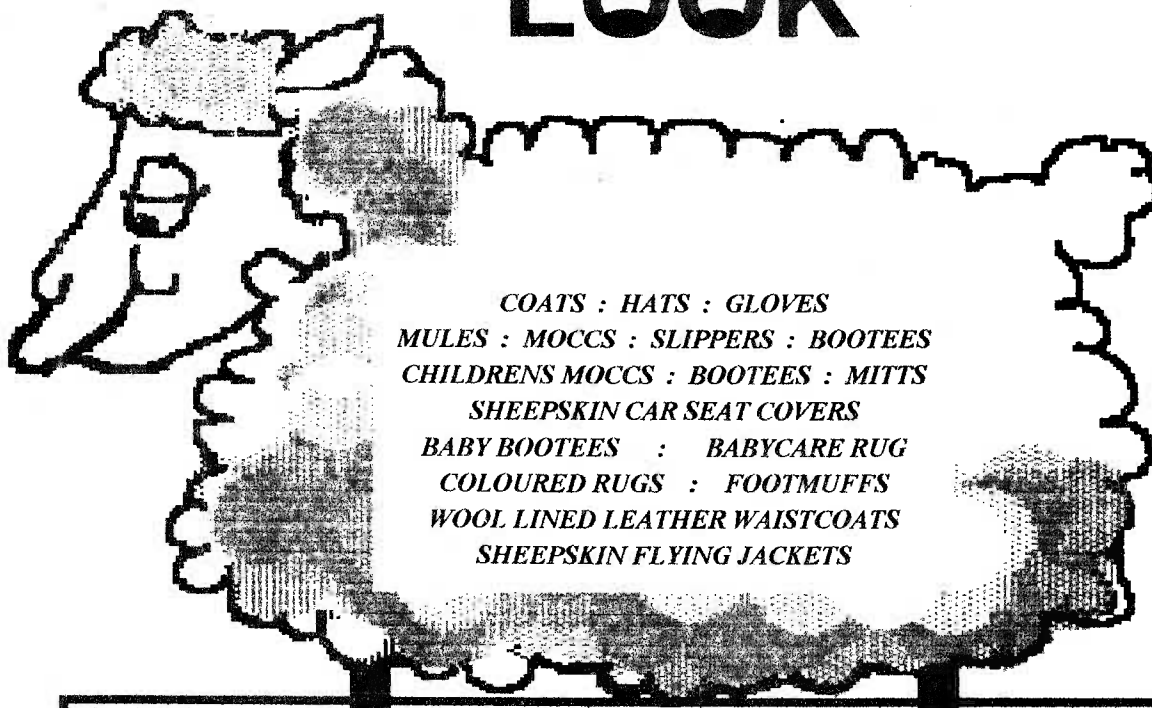
Noah Body knows
the trouble I've seen...

Knock, knock Who's
there?
Mayonnaise.
Mayonnaise who?
Mayonnaise have
seen the glory of the
coming of the Lord...



The Joker!

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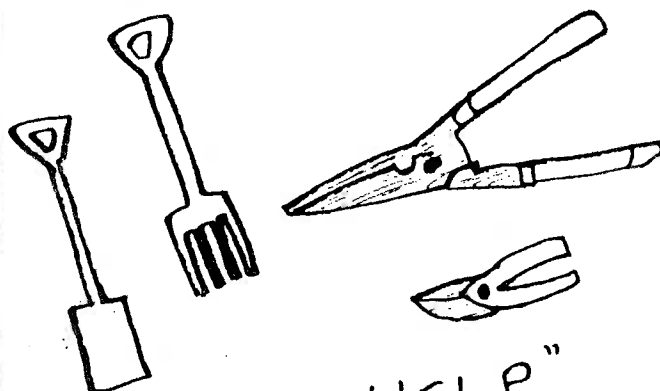
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