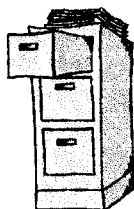


# The Chronicle

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**Editorial-----Thurs. 29th. August.**



**D**uring April this year, many of the bus services in Buckinghamshire were changed and the passenger Transport section published a Northern Edition of the Public transport map and a guide to inform people living in our area, which routes operate. In addition it contains details of the operators and how to obtain more information. I have undertaken to distribute this information with this month's issue of the Chronicle and therefore you should all now have copies. There are a few spares, so if for some reason you did not get yours or you would like an additional copy, please let me know.

**I** know there are quite a few people in the village who use the buses but there are far more who do not. As you may have seen from the time tables published in recent copies of the Chronicle we are served quite well at present by these services. However, they will be reduced or cut altogether if deemed un-economic.

**L**ike our village shop, the maxim which applies is "Use it or lose it!" You may be pleasantly surprised to find that travel by bus is both economic and fun. Try it some time.

**W**ell! That's it; the Fete and summer hols are a thing of the past for most of us. I have to say I particularly enjoyed this year's fete. Gordon has written his impressions further on in this issue so I won't elaborate on that other than to say that the entire day was well rounded off with an excellent open air evening of popular music and barbecue at the Bull. It was nice to see villagers of all ages enjoying this closing event of the day.

**B**ack to school for the youngsters, sighs of relief from the mums as we start towards autumn. Gardens are starting to look tired, and most of the crops are starting to be gathered in. However, looking on the bright side there is still the County Show, Harvest Festival at the Oak, Vic's talk, Bonfire night and of course, the Christmas Show to look forward to. See you all there!!

*Andy Bystra*



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*Please note that copy date for the October issue will be Fri. the 20th of September. All items for publication will need to reach me (Andy Bystra. 31 The Green, (Tel 681 690 or 688 125) by this date please.*

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## WHAT'S ON IN SEPT.

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**Sunday 1st** Rambling Club Member's meet at Hambledon 11.00am

**Wednesday 4th** Aylesbury Vale Transport Meeting - (Any bus/train queries to Colin please).

**Thursday 5th** Bucks County Show at Weedon Park.

**Thursday. 12th & 26th** Whist drive Church Room 7.30

**Sunday 22nd** Rambling Club Member's meet at Dunstable Downs 2.00pm

**Monday 30th** Rambling Club Member's Autumn/Winter programme planning meeting at 35 Rotton Row, Great Brickhill 8.00pm.

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## WHAT'S ON IN OCT.

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**Tuesday 1st October** Floral class - anyone welcome - Church Room 7.00pm.

**Saturday 5th October** 'Nat & Nibble' in aid of Church Room Extension Fund- Church Room 10.30 - 12 noon.

## FUTURE HAPPENINGS

**Friday 18th October 1996** - Vic Scott is organising another Slide and quiz show at the Church Room at 7.30 pm. Tickets £2.50 to include light refreshments obtainable from Shirley Ford (681865) or Hilary & Michael Hasler (681877). This was an excellent evening last year so book your tickets early to make sure of a place.

**Friday 1st of November** - fifty-fifty auction to be held in the Church Room at 7.30pm. Sell all those unwanted items you no longer need - 50% of the price goes to the church and 50% to the vendor.

## Church Flowers

W/E 7/8th & 14/15th  
Mrs G. Wier.

W/E 21/22nd Mrs Bean.

W/E 28th/29th  
Harvest Festival

W/E 5/6th Oct



## JUMBLE SALE

**Saturday October 12th**  
**Whitchurch Methodist**  
**Church Hall**

**10am - 12noon**

**Please save your jumble for us**  
**which can be delivered to any**  
**playgroup 'MUM'**

**or**

**phone 641221 for collection.**

## SPONSORED BICYCLE RIDE

The annual sponsored bicycle ride in aid of the Bucks Historic Churches' fund will be held this year on Saturday 14th September 1996

Sponsor forms can be obtained from  
Hilary Hasler, Burston Cottage - Tel; 681877

# RITA'S PEOPLE PAGE



## TED BRIDEN

I am very sad to report the death of Ted "The Pump" Briden of Chalfont St Peter. As many of you know, Ted was a regular visitor to Aston Abbots over the past four years, repairing first the Church Row pump and then several others. He was a traditional plumber skilled in lead work, including windows and church roofs; his tools, and some of his work, can be seen at the Chiltern Open Air Museum. Ted had become very fond of Aston Abbots and we shall miss him.

*Caroline Lane*

We all extend a very warm welcome to:-

Tim, Tina, Jonathan and William Houlbrooke who have recently moved into Norduck Farm.

We wish you all well and hope you will be happy in Aston Abbots.

## ELSIE DOES IT AGAIN?



Some of you may recall that back in March this year, Elsie Clark was given a voucher for a flying lesson as one of her birthday presents. She couldn't take advantage of this opportunity to fly straight away owing to the weather. However, in July she flew a Cessna 172 four seater aircraft. The flying Club presented her with a certificate recording the fact that she had successfully flown the '172'. In addition she received her own personal flight log book which has recorded in it the fact that she has 'clocked-up' 1/2 an hour of flying.

She took off from Booker near High Wycombe; flying into airspace above Aylesbury where she turned and returned to Booker. Elsie shared airspace for a short while with King Hussien's wife who had taken off in her helicopter about the same time as Elsie.

About a dozen of Elsie's family had gone along to see this momentous event and when Elsie was safely back on the ground they all enjoyed a picnic in Marlow.

Elsie is already looking forward to next year's birthday and is apparently throwing out broad hints to the family that she would like to fly a hot air balloon next year!!!!



## BIRTHDAYS

Many happy returns to all of you having birthdays during September, especially:-

Minnie Doggett 3rd Sept

Peirs Parker 4th

Christopher Fox 6th

Fiona Whyte 6th

Sarah Smith 8th

Alf Parker 9th

Sally Palmer 18th

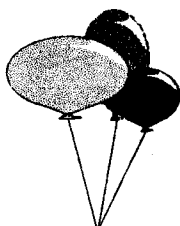
Louise Palmer 20th

Halisi Drysdale 22nd

Anna Picking 24th

Lyn Manning 26th

Adrian Dixon 30th

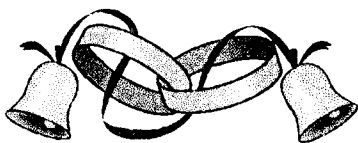


Congrats to Ray Wilkinson for managing to be in the country for more than four consecutive days during August.

We all enjoyed your company Ray and Frank says could you do it again to assist with his pension fund!!!!!!!!!!

Many thanks to Elsie's daughter Pat for keeping the Chronicle up to date with Elsie's exploits and we look forward to next years 'adventure'.

## RITA'S PEOPLE PAGE (Continued)



**O**n the 27th July, the wedding of Michelle Hinds and Barry White took place at St James Church. The service was conducted by Rev. Bob Willmott and the organist was Mrs Doris Scutchings.

**M**ichelle looked absolutely stunning in her beautiful wedding dress, she was 'given away' by her brother Lawrence and attended by two smart young page boys and 3 pretty bridesmaids; not to forget the bridegroom, Barry, who looked very handsome too. A mention must be made of the floral arrangements which filled the church and were all of lemon and white flowers setting a dainty background to the wedding.

**T**he reception was held in a marquee in the grounds of the Bull and Butcher, and the celebrations extended into the evening for a buffet supper and dancing.

**I**t was a lovely day for everyone and we wish Michelle and Barry Good Luck, Health and Happiness in their future life together.



**C**ongratulations to Piers Parker who achieved a Degree in Biology with Geography at Brighton university.

**T**here have been a few people from the village who have, unfortunately, had to spend some time in hospital during the past few weeks. We would like to welcome home;-

Ruth Bellingham  
George Fox  
Bob Higgs  
Tony Hinds  
and Mrs Loader.

**O**ur good wishes for their continuing good health, will, we are sure, be echoed by all.

**W**ell, all you younger people, holidays are over.



If there are any children just starting school, we hope you will enjoy learning lots of new things. To those going on to Senior schools, well done in your exams, and good luck for the future.

## BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

**M**arking for this competition has just been received informing us that 'we' scored 82 out of a possible 100.

However, no indication has been given as to our position in relations to other villages. Judges comments were as follows;-

**Church;-** Excellent, very tidy.

**Rec;-** Verges around playing field encroaching on main area.

**Pubs;-** Royal Oak looks shabby compared to the Bull & Butcher

**Notice boards Bus shelters etc.;**- Board next to shop almost obscured with vegetation. Bus shelter shabby and nettles at rear

**General;-** No litter but appearance of former Chapel lets village down.

# TUNA AND VEGETABLE STANDBY



Here is a good recipe for late summer days, when we are all so busy with other things. Store cupboard basics combined with fresh dairy products can make very acceptable and delicious meals. This meal can also be made in advance and then frozen. Serves 4 people.

## INGREDIENTS

1 Onion  
1/2 oz butter  
2 1/2 oz packet cheese sauce mix  
1 pint milk  
12 oz frozen mixed vegetables  
14 oz can of Tuna in brine, drained and flaked  
1/2 fish stock cube  
2 tsp tomato puree cooked mashed potato  
2 oz grated cheese

Fry onion in the butter until soft. Make up the cheese sauce with the milk according to the pack instructions. Stir in the vegetables, tuna, stock cube and tomato puree. Cook, stirring for 3 minutes. Place in an ovenproof dish and keep warm. Stir half the cheese into your mashed potato. Pipe or spoon the potato around the edge of the dish, sprinkle with the remaining cheese and grill until browned.

An other way to use this standby, would be to use cooked pasta shapes instead of the mashed potato. Just stir cooked pasta into the tuna mixture and place into an ovenproof dish. Sprinkle the cheese on top and place under a hot grill.

# WADDES DON DAY CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY

The Voluntary Day Centres in the village exist to give stimulation and companionship to the elderly, housebound, disabled, lonely or depressed, that might otherwise not get a chance to have a meal in a social setting or have a day out.

Around twenty people meet on Wednesdays at the Village Hall in Waddesdon and half from the surrounding villages of Whitchurch, Oving, Westcott, Wootton Underwood, Quainton, Grendon Underwood and Edgecott. In the morning members chat over coffee, play dominoes or cards and have shopping bought for them. After a hot lunch members enjoy a sing-song, demonstration, slide show or bongo games. Several outings and pub lunches have been enjoyed this year.

The Centre provides a good check on the elderly person health as any difficulties can be reported to the Nurse. The Vicar, District Nurse, Senior School Pupils and the Community Policeman are all visitors to the Centre, which makes a welcome change from sitting at home all day where one day can become the same as the next.

If you have any spare time, whether because you have recently retired or because the children have gone back to school, perhaps you would like to pop along and see us between 10.00a.m. - 3.15p.m. any time on a Wednesday. New volunteers are always needed to help with board games, wash-up, show slides or give talks and we pay a generous petrol allowance to car drivers to help transport from the surrounding villages. We particularly could use some more drivers from the Grendon Underwood, Steeple Claydon area. If you can offer any help or ideas to the day centre please contact:

Mrs. Pat Wright Glebe Farm Waddesdon Aylesbury  
Bucks Tele 651230  
Support local day care as it is a valuable facility.

*Tastefully Yours  
From Annie's Kitchen*





# PARISH COUNCIL

Unofficial notes of the meeting held on Wednesday 7th August 1996

Mr. Headon had met with councillors regarding various Highways matters in the Village. The response to these were:

- a) The A418 would be patched now and looked at again following the completion of the landfill site.
- b) The sweeping of the road was the responsibility of AVDC. The hedge opposite The Royal Oak had been cut back but the footway still required sweeping.
- c) There was no obvious remedy to the inclined pavement outside 87 The Green.
- d) Banner Homes requested to move the security fence from the Highway.

Fence Recreation Ground: This has been repaired.

Nettles Recreation Ground.: These have now been dealt with.

## **2) Planning Matters**

### **a) Applications**

A/96/1360/APP Saddlers farm, Cublington Road, Use of barn for sale of equestrian requisites and storage. The Parish Council commented that there was no obvious means of waste disposal for the site.

### **b) Decisions**

1) A/96/0808/APP Conversion of church to dwelling The above applications has been approved.

2) A/95/1945/APP Bridge Farm, Rowsham, Extension The above application has been refused.

### **c) Other**

1) Nash's Farm It was noted the name Nash's Farm was to kept for the site unless there was any opposition.

It was agreed that the site was of local concern and an extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council would be held on 12 August 1996 to discuss various aspects of the development and application A/96/1431/APP - erection of 5 dwellings.

(3) Footway light - Bricstock : AVDC had offered to contribute £306 towards the cost of the above light. It was agreed to go ahead with this project.

(4) National Tree Week: It was agreed to apply for some trees to replace those that had not survived the dry year.

## **NASH'S FARM**

*At the meeting referred to at 2-c above, copies of the proposed additional development (application A/96/1431) were viewed by those present. Concern was expressed regarding the following.*

*The site appeared to be being deliberately developed by stealth, a piece at a time, whereas a development as large as this, in such a small village should be being considered the village and Aylesbury Vale in it's entirety.*

*The two barns which Aylesbury Vale and our P.C. had all understood were to be 'converted' were deliberately removed in the early one morning by Banner Homes. These barns were a dominant feature of this corner of the village and should now be reproduced in some form as part of this latest application.*

*The additional 5 houses requested under this application should be reduced to two.*

*The plan appears to encroach on the previously existing highway.*

*There will be insufficient 'on-site' parking for all the new properties and therefore 'over-spill' parking of residents and their visitors will congest the adjacent roads creating an eyesore for existing residents, and causing difficulties for them to park.*

*Assurances need to be sought from Banner homes regarding their intentions for the 'paddock' area at the rear of this site.*

*The PC undertook to write to the Planning Office outlining these objections and will seek a meeting with Banner Homes and AVDC planners.*

*Ed.*

# ***What's On at Your Local Cinema?***

**Tuesday 4th September, 8pm  
SENSE & SENSIBILITY (U)**

**Saturday 7th September, 8pm  
TRAINSPOTTING (18)**

**Wednesday 11th September, 8pm  
SECRETS & LIES (15)**

**Thursday 12th September, 8pm  
MR HOLLAND'S OPUS (PG)**

**Friday 13th September, 8pm  
TWELVE MONKEYS (15)**

**Wednesday 18th September, 8pm  
THE BIRDCAGE (15)**

**Thursday 19th September, 8pm  
DEAD MAN WALKING (15)**

**Demand for some films is very high and many sell out in advance. We therefore  
recommend that you book as early as possible to avoid disappointment!**

**To book or for your free brochure  
call our friendly Box Office on (01525) 378310**



**Leighton Buzzard Theatre  
Lake Street, Leighton Buzzard**





## Aston Abbotts Fete

The band played, the sun shone (again), 400 ice cream cones disappeared, the Bull & Butcher triumphed over the Unicorn, and villagers and many welcome visitors enjoyed another grand fete day.

I think the comments I have heard most since the fete have been about how superb the church looked, how excellent the teas were and how nice it was to see so many children involved and enjoying themselves. It certainly was great to have so much help from the many children, who worked tirelessly through Saturday morning, organised and ran games and generally kept offering to help.

Other highlights included the dramatic appearance of a hot air balloon, a curious bicycle that threatened life and limb, and the Leighton Buzzard Lions train, which roared round the Grove to the terror and delight of its passengers. So many people contributed to the success of the fete that I cannot mention them all: I therefore shan't mention any! But profound thanks to all of those who helped with all the tasks, small and large, that are involved.

I am pleased to say that the net profit from the fete was £1500. This has been distributed as follows;

St James Church £525;  
Church Room £450;  
The Chronicle £225;  
Recreation Ground £225;  
Toddlers £75.

*Gordon Smith.*

## ASTON ABBOTTS SONGS OF PRAISE

The Festival Service in St James Church was well attended and the readings were good old Bible stories well remembered by those celebrating thier days at Aston Abbotts School. My mother, upon being informed that I was reading David & Goliath, recited the following verse reputedly made up by my great grandfather.

*Goliath of Gath, he made him a path  
On which to meander alone.  
But David the lad, the mean little cad,  
Knocked him end over end with a stone.*

Does anyone remember any Aston Abbotts versions of these Bible stories?  
*Caroline Lane*

## I love kittens

We have been looking after kittens for the RSPCA because the new RSPCA Animal Center at Blackberry Farm (near Quainton) isn't open yet.

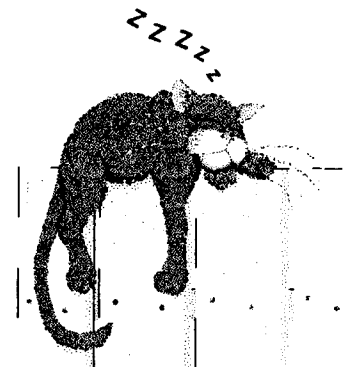
We had five kittens in July and now they have all gone to new homes. Two more kittens came at the start of the school holidays, they are black with some white bits and they need new homes.

When the kittens are in the garden they climb the trees and run around fighting with each other. They are brother and sister, perhaps that is why they fight all the time.

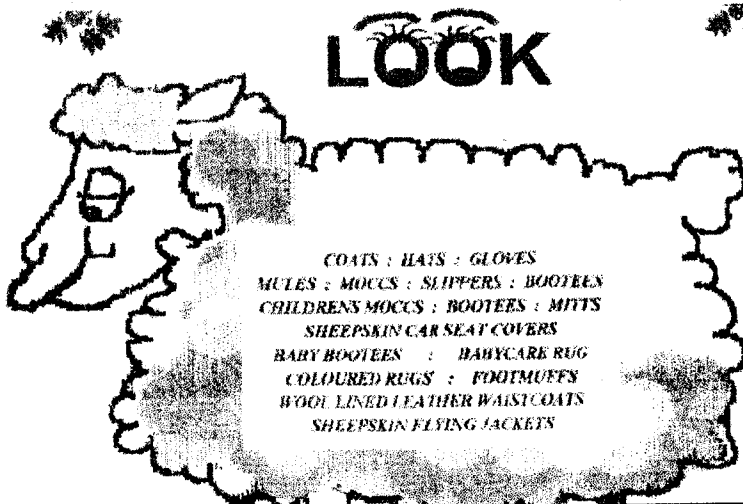
If you want a kitten from the RSPCA you could contact the Mid-Bucks branch or contact my mum.

I'm hoping these two kittens can stay together as they love each other and haven't had a mum.

*From Zoe Hinds*



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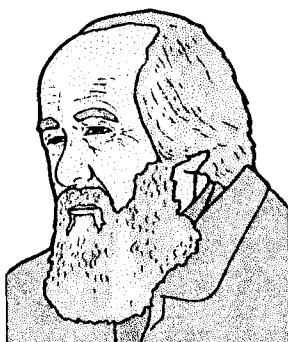


## TALBOT SHEEPSKIN PRODUCTS

*Burston Hill Farm, Weedon Rd. Aston Abbotts*

**TEL AYLESBURY 681218**

**HIS NAME WAS  
'MUD'!!!!!!'**



Following on from Dave Taylor's explanation of the origins of expressions and words which have found their way into every day speech, Peter Knight told me the following story.

After President Lincoln was assassinated, his assailants escaped out of the city, riding hard to put as much distance between themselves and the authorities. One of them however had been badly wounded and so they called on a small town doctor for assistance. Since communications were by modern standards quite poor, the doctor was unaware that these two were on the run and so he did what he could

for the wounded man and the felons went on their way.

Of course the death of the President caused a great hue and cry and it wasn't long before the doctor was interviewed and he gave descriptions of the two that he had helped. However, the investigations became protracted during which time the police decided the doctor had been an accomplice. The unfortunate doctor was charged and sentenced to a life term in jail.

Eventually it became increasingly obvious that the doc.. had not knowingly become involved with the murder of the president but such was the strength of public feeling (and no doubt the police did not wish to lose face) that he was not immediately released. Many years later, when the hue and cry had died down, the unlucky doctor was released but by this time, such was the slur attached to his name that he could not return to his home town or profession again. Hence the expression "His name was Mud!!"

*Ed.*

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18. Painful (4)  
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27. Trim (5)  
29. Member of family ((8)  
33. End of backbone (4)  
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35. Storm troopers (2)  
36. To snare (3)  
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38. A small vessel (5)  
39. Despatch (4)

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5. Fortune (4)
6. Consumed (3)
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**18 Tested.. 19 Style. 22 Ado. 26 Ava.**

**28 End.**

## THE 'OLD SCHOOL'



Whilst cutting the church-yard grass I spotted Colin putting flowers on an apparently un-marked grave. On asking, he told me that Miss Childerley, one of the teachers at Aston Abbots school was buried there. I had heard her name mentioned several times recently and when Mrs Allan loaned me some photos of children attending the school and pointed out Miss Childerley, I 'badgered' her to tell me more about this apparently popular teacher.

Miss Childerley was a very caring and dedicated infant teacher who taught at the school from the mid 20,s untill around 1959. In addition to being a competent teacher, she was very good with the children, making sure that their clothes were properly dried if it had been raining and on wet or cold days they put their coats on before going out. In the winter, instead of just giving them cold milk to drink she would make them hot drinks; the children bringing their own coffee, cocoa or chocolate. On their birthdays she would give them sixpence (old money); but she was also a disciplinarian. If she caught the boys with their hands in their pockets, she would pin up their pockets.

When mothers went the then very thriving Ladies club, Mothers Union or into Aylesbury, she would if asked, keep them with her until collected or the club had finished. Mrs F Higgs was cook at the school and Mrs Davis Head teacher. Mr Harrison became Head Master after Mrs Davis left.

Miss Childerley also took the Sunday School. At that time Church services were alternately held on Sunday mornings one week and in the evenings on the following week. When the main service was in the evening, she held Sunday school during the morning, in the church, to get the children used to going to church.

There was always a Sunday school outing with Chapel and Cublington Sunday school joining in and it is interesting to note that enough attended these outings to fill two coaches.

She lodged with Mr & Mrs Sharpe in The Old House. Eventually, suffering a lengthy illness she returned to Peterborough, her original home. On her death, her ashes were brought back to Aston Abbots where they were placed at the grave of Mrs Brock, a very close friend and one time head teacher at the school. This grave is next to the hedge adjacent to the school. Miss Childerley was a much loved teacher and it is generally regarded by her ex-pupils (many of whom still live in the village) to have been a sad day when she passed away.

Many thanks to Mrs Allan and Sharon Wilkinson for their help in compiling this potted history of a much loved local teacher. If anyone has more details about life at Aston Abbots school or Miss Childerley I would be pleased to receive them with a view to future articles.

*Ed.*

## OLD MASTERS???

Our 50th school leaving anniversary celebration held at the Old Masters Restaurant went very well. Juan and his staff welcomed us to the evening which started with us all sitting around having a good old chat about the old days over a few drinks.

When called, we were all ready to sit down to our meal which was excellent. We were given a very good menu to choose from and made our choices well in advance of the evening to allow more time for drinks, chatting and photographs to be taken of those present.

Unfortunately some of those eligible were unable to attend due to holidays or other commitments which they were unable to change. They missed an excellent evening and those present are now looking forward to the MILLENNIUM celebrations so, remember the date; no excuses next time.

*Colin.*



## **MISS CHILDERLEY'S CLASS Circa mid fifties**

**Back row** (left to right);-

Sharon Hinds,  
?? Drury,  
Brian Clark,  
Alan McCollough,  
**Miss Childerley**  
Unknown,  
Angela Gibson,  
?? Drury

**Front row**;-

David Fulton,  
??Drury,  
David Hinds,  
Leslie Allan,  
Steven Humfreys  
Freeman McKay.

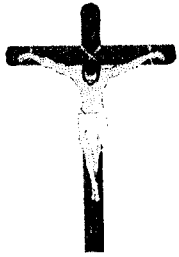


## **Mr HARRISON'S CLASS Circa mid fifties**

**Back row** (left to right);-

Jacqueline Waite,  
Ann Brazier,  
Judith Martin,  
Maureen Brock,  
**Mr Harrison**,  
John Allan,  
Duncan Clark,  
Robert Robinson,  
Raymond Beasley,  
John Rickard,  
Mervyn Higgs  
Rodney & Colin  
McCullough,  
Michael Coleman.

**Front row**;- Unknown,  
Pauline Brazier,  
Jennifer Beasley,  
Chris Brandon,  
Tony Hinds,  
Ronnie Coleman,  
John Sharp



## RECTOR'S REPORT

Being the Church in a village has both advantages and disadvantages, and sometimes both together.

During August the three congregations of Wingrave with Rowsham, Aston Abbotts and Cublington have come together for their Sunday services. This produces slightly larger congregations than we might usually expect in August. Because there is only one service, there is less pressure to keep within a time slot, as I do not have to dash on to another village for the next service. It also means that the "effort" that is usually shared between three churches can be concentrated on one joint service.

But it has its down-side too. There are some people (notably the less mobile) who find it rather more difficult - even though there are usually "lifts" on offer.

Being village churches, the variety of worship can also be a bit restricted. The Church of England is renowned for the glorious range of worship styles, from the "bells and smells" to the "happy-clappy". We have to aim somewhere in the middle so that we can try to cater for all tastes. This is good in that we can recognise and affirm the good and positive parts of both extremes and mix the two together both formally and informally - even though it doesn't always work!

It may be that, with three churches, we could provide more variety by having a different style of worship in each of them - but that might be a divisive policy.

From time to time we try different ideas, and it is exciting to know that, as we approach the Millenium, the Christian churches in this country are working more closely together and that old wounds are being healed. But it is no solution simply to pretend that the differences are no longer there. The differences are real and need to be worked through patiently by all of us.

Trying to resolve differences in a village can be extremely difficult. Old ideas take some shifting, but the long-term advantages are beyond belief.

*Bob Willmott*

### **ST JAMES' CHURCH, ASTON ABBOTTS**

#### **PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Rev, R Willmott	Tel; 681623
Mrs Shirley Ford	Tel; 681865
Mrs Christine Fox	Tel; 682024
Mr Michael Hasler	Tel; 681877
Mrs Hilary Hasler	" "



# CHURCH SERVICES



## ASTON ABBOTTS

1 September	10.00	Eucharist at Wingrave
8 September	11.15	Parish Communion
15 September	11.15	Parish Communion
22 September	11.15	Parish Communion
29 September	11.15	Parish Communion (Harvest)
	7 pm	Harvest Festival (Royal Oak)
6 October	11.15	Morning Service

## WINGRAVE

1 September	10.00	Benefice Eucharist
8 September	10.00	Parish Communion
15 September	10.00	Parish Communion (Harvest)
22 September	8.00	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.00	Family Service
29 September	10.00	Parish Communion
6 October	10.00	Parish Communion

## CUBLINGTON

1 September	10.00	Eucharist at Wingrave
8 September	8.45	Parish Communion
15 September	8.45	Parish Communion
22 September	8.45	Parish Communion
29 September	8.45	Parish Communion
6 October	10.00	Harvest Festival
Evensong	6.00	

## SUNDAY READINGS

**1.9.96** Pentecost 14 (p.707)  
 Eph. 3, 14-end; Luke 11, 1-13  
**8.9.96** Pentecost 15 (p.712)  
 1 Tim. 2, 1-7; Matt. 14, 1-12  
**15.9.96** Pentecost 16 (p.715)  
 1 John 4, 15-end; Luke 16, 19-end  
**22.9.96** Pentecost 17 (p.720)  
 Gal. 2, 15 - 3.9; Luke 7, 1-10  
**29.9.96** St. Michael (p.803)  
 Rev. 12, 7-12; Matt. 18, 1-6, 10.  
**6.10.96** Pentecost 19 (p.732)  
 Rom. 5, 1-11; Luke 19, 1-10  
**(Harvest)** (p.898) Acts 10, 10-16;  
 Matt. 6, 24-end.

## FROM THE REGISTERS

### Holy Baptism

7 July Samuel Wiggins at Wingrave  
 28 July Harriet Boughton at Wingrave

### Marriage

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**M**y initial pessimism about our transport was short lived. Admittedly the seats were 'firm' but it had air conditioning. Well! the roof lifted to provide a most pleasant and welcome breeze for most of the journey. The bus may not have been the fastest thing on four wheels but in the hands of a very competent driver who seemed to know every 'country lane short cut between here and the A11, we were quickly well over half way and stopping for coffee and bacon sandwiches. This stop came as a pleasant surprise to me since it was the very same 'transport cafe' that I used during my national service, on my way back to RAF Marham in the early hours of Monday mornings; way back in the 1950s.

**We** were conveniently dropped off outside the Cathedral but were shocked and disappointed at the length of the queue to get in to see the festival. However, having rashly agreed to meet my sister inside, we decided to 'bite the bullet' and join the queue. Boy! was it worth it? After some 25 agonising minutes (I loath queues) we were inside, and the sight and smell which greeted us was quite overwhelming. Just about every niche, column, window and doorway as well as the entire cloisters were decorated with flowers. Not just a few to each but major flower arrangements. As if this wasn't enough, all the floor space around the entire internal perimeter, the naves crypts and altar areas were filled to capacity with huge floral tributes/arrangements to various societies, saints,

**As** well as the sheer beauty of it all, it was most interesting to see such imaginative creations made from a wide variety of flowers and plants. Hundreds of societies and individuals had contributed to this flower festival and I wouldn't be surprised to hear that several tons of flowers had been used. To flower arrangers, it must have been some sort of paradise. To the rest of us it was just plain wonderful.

**We** did meet up with my sister and her family and after a pleasant picnic on the Cathedral green, just had time for a short visit to the shops before relaxing with a beer or two at our pick-up point for the bus. The journey home was quite painless for me since I slept most of the way; arriving back in nice time for dinner at the Bull.

**Many** thanks to Colin for organising such a pleasant trip and we look forward to another.

*Ed.*

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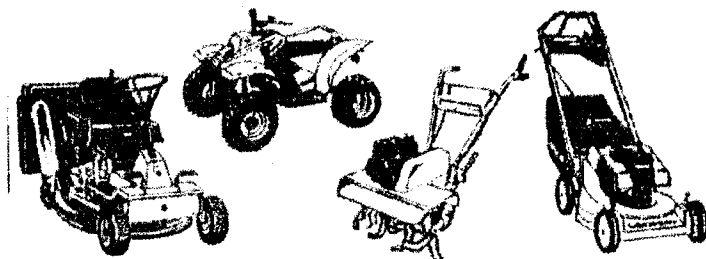
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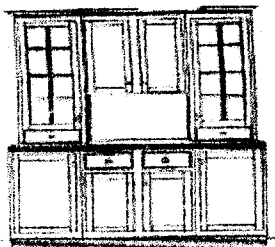
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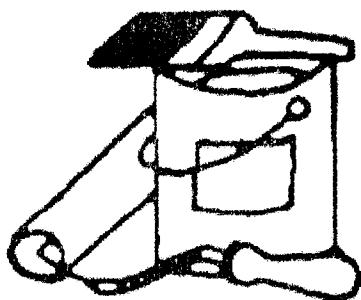
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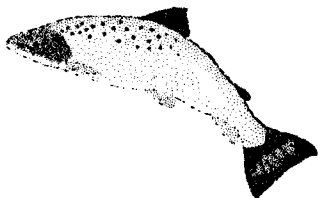
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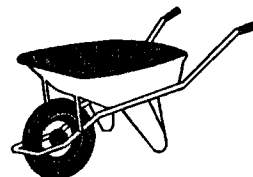
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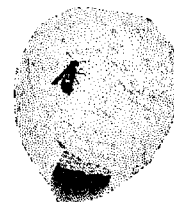
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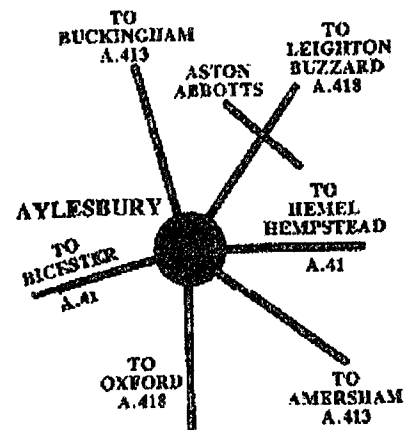
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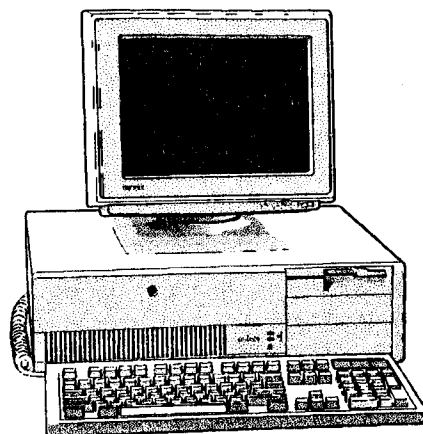
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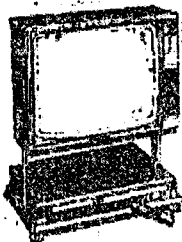
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