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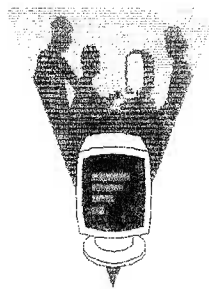


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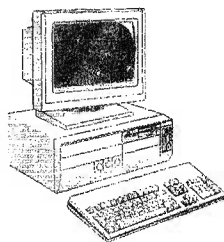
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makes contact



Editorial -

Tuesday 25th May 1999



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Have you e-mailed us yet? See inside to find out who was the first to make contact with The Webmaster.....

So, the election is over!

No more canvassing; no more debating in the Bull & Butcher or the Church Room; no more scanning the **CHRONICLE** or the Herald for snippets about the prospective Councillors; no more rushing to make your mark on the voting slip. What ever will I do in June?

But what's this through my door (and probably yours)? What joy - I *can* vote again this month! Those nice folk in Brussels have come to our rescue and decreed that the elections for the European Parliament will take place on June 10th. I haven't had a chance to read the leaflet yet (too busy editing etc.) but I'm sure it will explain the process (neither first past the post nor proportional representation). Still, I've not had anybody canvassing at my door yet.....

On to matters closer to home, Paul Ridgley made a suggestion last month that we publish details in **THE CHRONICLE** of places where local produce could be bought (farm shops, butchers, smallholders, market gardens and so on). As a self-confessed superstore shopper - not least of all through ignorance - I for one feel that this is a great idea. I'm therefor looking for a new recruit prepared to gather the information on an ongoing basis so that a useful list can be published - volunteers welcome! Please call me on 682651.

And that really is just about it - May seems to have been an incredibly quiet month in the village. Things seem to be coming to an end (the pool league) or just beginning (the cricket) but I suppose only a few of us are marginally interested in either of those events. Even the steady flow of material for **THE CHRONICLE** seems to be drying up so I presume that a pre-summer slumber has set in. Next month sees the start of the fete season (Cublington) and the build up to the most successful local event of the year (our own fete!), so perhaps I'll have more to say then.

Talking of next month's **CHRONICLE** - please bear in mind that it's a

joint July / August issue so information relating to August events must reach us by June 25th for publication. The subsequent issue will be on September 1st.

Anyway, enough of my ranting - enjoy!

Andi Swain

AND IN THIS SLEEPY ISSUE OF THE CHRONICLE

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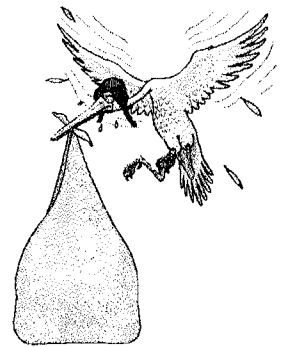
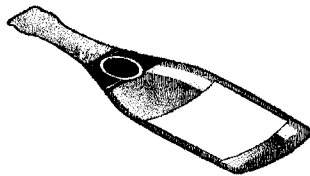
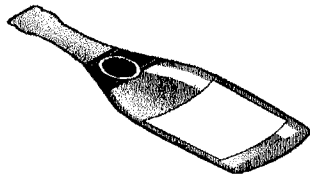
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RITA'S PEOPLE PAGE



Aston Abbotts wishes a **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**
to everybody celebrating in **June**, especially

Jason White	1st	Rob Howell	22nd
Fred Cross	6th	Pat Stevens	24th
Pauline Price	24th	Sarah Lovell	25th
Emily DeLooze	17th	Sharon Wilkinson	26th
Bernard Osborne	18th	Kim Picking	27th
Dave Wheaton	21st	David Hewit	28th
Paul Drysdale	21st	Kirsty Lewis	28th



CONGRATULATIONS

to **Helen and Andrew Peacock** on the
birth of their daughter, **Kirsty Alex**,
born on April 28th weighing 4lbs 13ozs.
They all live at No.3 Ross Road

Our best wishes go to **Mrs Coleman** who has recently
had a hip operation. We hope
that all went successfully and
that Mrs Coleman will soon
be out and about.

A PERFECT VILLAGE SUNDAY...

Aston Abbotts will be joining in with
the Vale's Perfect Village Sunday on the
afternoon of Sunday 11th July. There will be
a band playing on The Green from 2.00pm,
teas will be served in The Church Room
and the Church will be open. There will
also be a **Treasure Hunt** - entry is
just £1.00 with forms available
from Colin Higgs



Congratulations
to **Bernard and Valerie Osborne**
who have just
celebrated their 45th
Wedding
Anniversary

We have
recently
heard that
Vikka Drysdale's
mother
died. Our
sympathy
is extended
to her and
her family
at this sad
time

We would all like to welcome **Phil and Jane Ward**
to the village. They have recently moved from Long
Marston to No.5 The Green

Many of you will be interested
to know that **Stan and Win Holmes** who lived for a number
of years in Aston Abbotts
before moving to Hunstanton,
Norfolk, are now back in the
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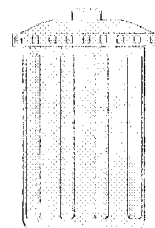
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IN THE VILLAGE 1.

ELECTION RESULT...ELECTION RESULT

The voting and counting is over after the elections on May 6th and Aston Abbotts has a new District Councillor - congratulations go to Peter Cooper.



THE ELECTION BATTLE

Peter, the Independent candidate, is also Chairman of Wingrave with Rowsham Parish Council. He takes over from Bryan Round, a fellow Independent who held the post for 16 years.

Around 47% of people in our area voted, with 564 choosing Peter and 246 opting for Colin Smart, the Conservative candidate. Well done to both candidates for their professional campaigns, and congratulations to Peter who I'm sure we will all get to know over the coming years.

Elsewhere in The Vale, the Conservative candidates fared best, gaining 11 seats mainly at the expense of the Liberal Democrats and losing 2. The final make-up of the District Council (previous numbers of seats in brackets) is:

Liberal Democrat	26 (31)
Conservative	24 (15)
Independents	7 (8)
Labour	1 (4)

It is clear that the Independents (Peter included) will hold the balance of power on the District Council - good news for us in the Parish!

In by-gone days the elections for District Councillors were conducted somewhat differently. The account opposite, courtesy of Gordon Smith, dates from around 1920 somewhere in The Cotswolds.

DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTIONS - THE COTSWOLDS Circa 1920

As for the election of District Councillor ... this took place not at the parish meeting, but at the close of an entertainment. As we were moving from our seats the parson got up and said that he did not wish to serve any longer, and that he had a nomination paper with him and wanted nominations. No-one responded in such a high matter. So 'the Reverend' suggested somebody, and called a labourer and the wheelwright forward to be the candidate's mover and seconder to the extent of signing the nomination form. Next day the form was nailed up on the chestnut tree on the green.

The paper hung there for a week until it blew down, and no other candidate came forward. So, in a few days, a form from the clerk of the district council and poor-law guardians - and of everything official or semi-official for miles round that has to have a clerk - duly announced to the candidate his attainment to the dignity for which he had been chosen, and threatened him that if he did not sign a declaration of acceptance he would be fined a pound.

(England's Green and Pleasant Land,
J.W. Robertson Scott)

ASTON ABBOTTS & CUBLINGTON LADIES CLUB

The Club enjoyed their visit to the home of Mrs. Jean Biss in Buckingham. Situated on the bank of the stream, the garden is extremely pretty. Some of our members helped in the preparation beforehand. We were able to enjoy a walk along the stream, as the weather was kind to us.

On May the 20th Mr. Vic Botterell gave an amusing talk entitled "If only I'd said that".

On June 3rd, Mrs. Avril Bradley Davis is organising a competition. We always look forward to this annual event. On June 17th we have been invited to the home of Mrs. Biddy Lagus for tea and on July 1st we have our annual outing, this time to visit Hatfield House.

THE CHRONICLE on-line - first visitor

As the first issues of last month's CHRONICLE were dropping onto village doormats, we received our first e-mail at astonmag@aol.com.

And the villager to claim the title of first to use the service isMr. Nigel Palmer.

Unfortunately, there was a small problem of

incompatibility which meant that Webmaster Pat couldn't read the message! Eventually all was resolved and the article appears in this CHRONICLE.

Other villagers are also now using the service which means that my usual monthly supply of disks is drying up!

Ed.

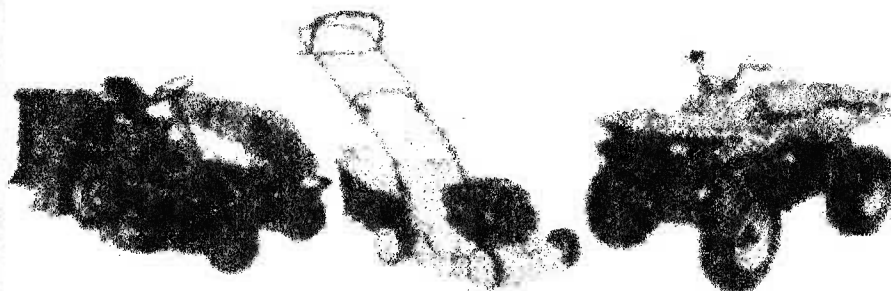


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IN THE VILLAGE 2.

HELP NEEDED!

With just two months to go, FETE preparations are well underway, but

MORE VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

mainly to help with running stalls on the day itself, but also with the door-to-door collection in the village during the week before the fete. Please call any of the fete organisers listed opposite if you can help or would like more information.

You can help in other ways too - please start getting cuttings and plants ready for the Garden Stall and set aside items for stalls including

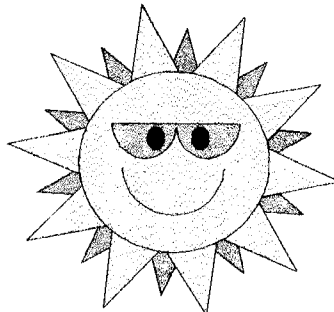
- Prizes for the raffle and Tombola
- Groceries and bric-a-brac
- Children's toys and books
- Good quality items for the gift stall

There will be a door-to-door collection around the village on the 19th and 20th of July.

And start planning your baking for the home-made produce stall!

Gordon.

ASTON ABBOTTS FETE NEWS



Make sure the date for the Fete

SATURDAY 24th JULY

is in your diary and that of all your friends!

♦ Barbara Bellingham/David De Silva	681689
♦ Andy Bystra	681690 / 688125
♦ Jackie Farrands	681182
♦ Shirley Ford	681865
♦ Chris Fox	682024
♦ Ivan Greenaway	682605
♦ Colin Higgs	681343
♦ Gordon Smith	681373
♦ David Watts	681336

Aston Abbots Needs YOU.

The village fete and raffle will soon be upon us and preparations are well under way.

The most significant thing about the raffle is that it's our insurance policy. Quite simply, the raffle will raise money for village causes even if the fete is rained off!

So it's important that we sell as many raffle tickets as possible.

This year, to help raise even more money for the village we have decided to increase the price of the raffle tickets and increase the value of the major prizes.

Thanks to your efforts, last year we achieved record sales - our philosophy for this year is quite simple



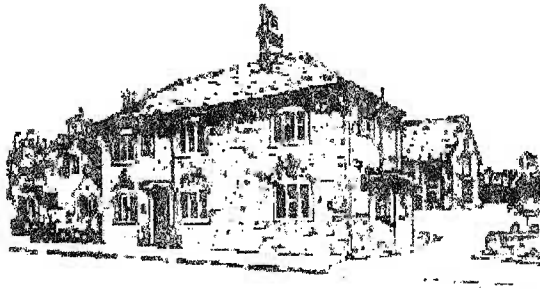
The more people we have selling raffle tickets, the more tickets we sell.

To beat last year's record sales figures we urgently need:

- Volunteers to distribute raffle tickets to all households in the parish (178 houses) and collect the stubs/money.
- Each household to become 'insurance sales people'. We want you to sell as many raffle tickets as possible to your friends, relations and colleagues living outside of the village.

If each household can sell 5 books (25 tickets at 50p each) we will beat last year's total and the village's 'good causes' will be better off. If you can assist in the distribution of tickets and the collection of the stubs/money then

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IN THE VILLAGE 3.

AAH!

Real progress was made at the latest meeting of the Aston Abbotts History Group in that it is obvious that we are nearing the end of the research period and starting to plan both the format of our book and exhibition, and more mundane matters such as funding.

Our thanks to Anne Brancker for putting all Shirley's information about the Church's history on to computer, and to David Watts for lending us his copy of the Chronicle of Bucks Villages and a fascinating hand written book of the records of the Parish Meeting in 1984. Thanks also to the Fete Committee for their donation of £50 to help us keep our heads above water for the time being.

We now have a bank account with Clare (chairman), Sally (treasurer) and Margaret (secretary) as signatories. Clare had received an application form for a Millennium Awards for All Grant, and it was agreed that

she, Paul and Sally should prepare all the information needed in time for the next meeting. Paul had obtained a quotation from Office World for printing and binding the book with 50% sponsorship.

Paul had also brought a friend, Mike, with experience in advertising to give valuable and valued advice on the layout of both the book and exhibition. We agreed that the exhibition would take place in the Church and Church Room from Saturday 22nd to Monday 24th January 2000 with local schools being invited to bring parties of children on the Monday.

Speaking of the exhibition - does anyone have access to free standing display boards which we could borrow for these dates - it would save our budget an immense amount and make the exhibition look really professional.

The next meeting will be at 8.00pm on June the 8th at the Bull & Butcher - everyone welcome.

Clare Shorrock

JOHN WESTCAR OF CRESLOW

An historical article by Colin Higgs

John Westcar, a renowned grazier, lived at Creslow Manor and farmed the rich pastures there from 1779 until he died in 1833. Creslow Manor is one of the most interesting medieval houses in Buckinghamshire (near Whitchurch). It is built of local limestone and the oldest parts date back to 1330. It has an octagonal tower whose walls are 6ft thick, a great hall, a small crypt and the remains of the ancient parish church, now used for secular purposes.



CRESLOW MANOR

Creslow contained the largest field in the county at over 300 acres and the farmland comprising the whole of the ancient parish of Creslow covers 800 - 900 acres. The pastures have long been noted for the quality of the fat cattle and sheep grazed on them. The richness of the pastures is attributed to the underlying Kimmeridge Clay.

When Mr. Westcar, who came from Oxfordshire, became established at Creslow he traveled to Herefordshire and Cheshire in the west to buy 5 or 6 year old Hereford Bulls which had worked the land. He transported them by road (drovers' roads) to Creslow to fatten them for market.

In 1798 the Smithfield Cattle and Sheep Society was founded by John Westcar and at the first Smithfield Show in 1799 he won first prize for his fat ox weighing in at 241 stone. The ox had been transported by canal boat from Wendover Wharf to Blackfriars, taking 2 days.

John Westcar was killed by a fall from his pony on the Great Pasture on the 24th April, 1833 aged 84. A clump of trees was planted to mark the spot which later became known as the Old Man's Clump and there is a white marble mural tablet to his memory in Whitchurch Church, depicting the famous grazier standing in front of a fat ox with sheep at his feet. The tablet also commemorates Mary Westcar, his wife who died at the early age of 23, and ends with a quotation - "*Unblemished let me live or die unknown. Oh grant an honest fame or grant me none.*"



*'Unblemished let me live, or die unknown:
Oh, grant an honest fame, or grant me none.'*

John Westcar was one of the outstanding farmers of his day, a country gentleman of taste and culture. A box pew was retained for his use in Whitchurch Church. In his will he left £500 each to the parishes of Whitchurch and Cublington for the benefit of the poor - known as the Westcar Charity. The famous grazier was laid to rest at Whitchurch on May Day 1833, having no son his nephew succeeded the tenancy at Creslow.

Colin Higgs

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IN THE VILLAGE 4

TONY'S VILLAGE SPORTS COLUMN



As Tony is on his jollies at the time of going to press, I'll (Ed.) try to update the village sports scene.

Dean came very close to winning the league single's championship, losing narrowly in the final. This meant

another runners up trophy for Dean who, along with the rest of the team, collected their trophies for coming second in the Team knockout competition. Although not confirmed, it appears that the team came third in the league.

Now that we are entering the sports "close" season, the annual Open Pool Challenge will soon be taking place at The Bull & Butcher. This is your chance to impress captain Tony Hinds (who this season lost to the league's only young lady player and to a lad who had to leave early to do his homework). To take on the pool team, look out for entry details in The Bull & Butcher soon.

On a more serious note, all of the team would like to thank Tony for his sterling efforts in leading us so close to victory this year - it's not an easy task organising the rabble to turn up on the night! Cheers - Ed!

FOR SALE - Good rotted compost - Collect your own from The Churchyard. A donation to Ann Goodman for Church funds would be appreciated. Colin.

EXPLORING CHRISTIANITY ... WITH A VIEW?

The Bishop of Buckingham is coming to Wingrave Parish Church on November 7th to take a Confirmation Service. During September / October there will be discussion / learning / finding out evenings for adults who may like to be confirmed or simply to explore the Christian faith.

Interested ? See Siv Tunncliffe or phone 681374.

USEFUL INFORMATION FOR NEW VILLAGERS

Especially for New villagers, here's a reminder of "dustbin days" in Aston Abbotts:-

Wheelie bins Every Thursday from 7.30am (Friday when there is a Bank Holiday Monday)

Re-cycling containers Every other Thursday (next collection is 10th June, then 24th and so on)

Re-cycling containers are for newspapers / magazines (not phone directories or cardboard) and for tins / plastic bottles (no aerosols). There are glass bottle re-cycling containers at The Bull & Butcher.

Village Skip a hit Frank McManus reports that the village skip was a huge hit and was overflowing within hours of its arrival. If you missed out, the skip will be back later this year. Ed.

1st WINGRAVE SCOUT GROUP

BEAVERS The Beavers attended the St George's Day Parade at RAF Halton and thoroughly enjoyed marching with other Beavers, Cubs and Scouts from all over the Aylesbury Vale District. We also took part in the Beavers District Sports Day on Saturday 15th May where our team of 13 boys was the largest from the district. The boys took part in a range of events - a sack race, egg and spoon, balance a bean bag on the head, back to back running races and two in a jumper relays. They entered each event as a team and scores were averaged out through the different sized teams. Everyone had great fun and we believe that we came a very creditable 3rd. We are busy in the colony meetings building a frieze of Beavers on the river bank, which we hope many of you will have seen at the Open Evening.

Our Colony is thriving but full at the moment. If you would like to register on the waiting list or have any questions about Beavers please contact Sue Ascott (681878) or Jan Antsiewicz (681430)

CUBS The Cubs have spent most of their May pack meetings preparing for their forthcoming camp. We are off to Braggers Wood, Dorset with an action packed camp. This year we have a Medieval theme and the Cubs have used this in their preparations. They have designed and made their own shields, as sixes they have made Castle towers out of cardboard and as a pack they have made Castle walls also out of cardboard - which have then been painted to look like stone. They have also been learning what to pack for a camping trip and how to behave whilst camping - mainly with regard to their personal safety, which is obviously of paramount importance. Contact either Fran Pollard (625454) or Julia Ellis (681118)

SCOUTS The Scouts enjoyed an exciting camp at Phasels Wood in early May. They were able to partake, in a number of activities including Shooting, Climbing, Abseiling and Pot-Holing. Those boys able to attend had a great time, not only with these activities but also planning meals and cooking for themselves. There was also an opportunity at the end of May for the Scouts to have a canoeing session in Tring swimming pool. This proved popular and they all had a good evening. Contact Sheena Christer (01442 851629)

The Group as a whole had an Open Evening at the end of May. Details to follow next month.

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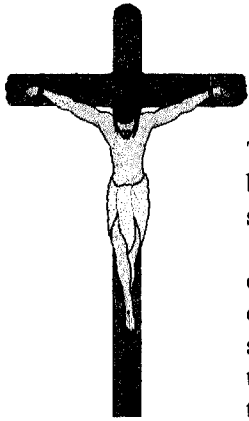
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RECTOR'S REPORT - MAY 1999

They say that moving house is a very stressful business. I am beginning to feel that moving someone else is even more stressful.

Last Autumn an elderly relative decided, in her mid-nineties, that the time had come to move into a Nursing Home. Mentally she is still very alert, but sadly is no longer able to see or to hear very well. It has taken some time to sell her flat and we are still in the process of disposing of her furniture. We asked

a dealer about the furniture, knowing that it was all very good quality. But he offered us next to nothing for it. The good pictures were sent away to be auctioned. Some sold, some didn't. A buyer for the flat backed out at the last minute after a disagreement with the Residents Association. There have been the inevitable problems – like bills that got paid twice, and information that would have been useful if it had been available.

Then, when the buyer was ready to exchange contracts, there was a mad rush to remove the remainder of the furniture and leave the place clean and tidy. That, in itself was hard enough. But then there were the people who needed to be notified that the sale had been completed – like the Local Authority for the Council Tax, and the Electricity Board. Some would not talk to me because I had not registered my Power of Attorney with them – but then, they were only doing their job!

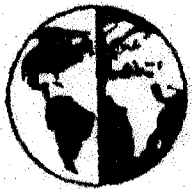
I suspect that much of the stress has arisen because I am working with things that I am not very familiar with. After all I do live in tied accommodation and do not have the problem of buying a house when I change Parish. And because, on the whole, people do not move houses very frequently, none of us gets the chance to learn all the shortcuts. Perhaps we might become nomads if we did!

Yet, as I reflect on the challenge of doing something with which I am not very familiar, I can't help but think that for many people any dealings with the Church might appear just as daunting. In selling the flat I have been dealing with other people who did know what they were doing, and who helped me with the things that I would not have managed on my own. There were times when they seemed to be rather slower than I might have wished – and sometimes their answers were not what I wanted to hear.

God doesn't always answer our prayers "by return". The Church cannot always come up with the solution that we want – The timing may not meet with our approval –but, in the end, we can work our way through our problems.

I am just glad that stress has a built-in time factor. It does end – or maybe it just changes into a different set of problems!

Bob Willmott



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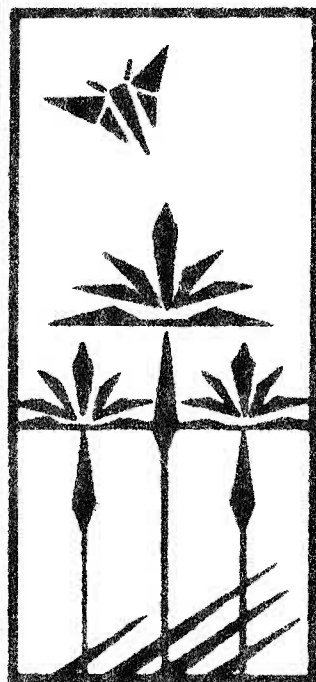
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IN THE VILLAGE 5.

ASTON ABBOTTS PARISH COUNCIL

UNOFFICIAL NOTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12TH MAY

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

Cllr. Tom Manning was elected as chairman of the P.C. for a further year, with Cllr. Linda Sutton as vice-chairman.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES

- a) Recreation Ground Committee: It was agreed that Cllrs. Kent, Sutton and Sansome would represent the P.C. on this committee.
- b) Highways Committee: It was agreed that Cllr. Sutton and Mr. Higgs would represent the P.C. on this committee.
- c) Street Lighting officer: It was agreed that Cllr. Kempster would continue.
- d) Police Liaison Committee: It was agreed that Cllrs. Manning and Kent would represent the P.C. on this committee.

MATTERS ARISING

Street light by allotments has not been repaired. It belongs to the P.C. Cornhill Insurance will be contacted to see if we are insured for this damage. The skip at the Bull and Butcher was immediately filled from a trade vehicle. The possibility of getting a second skip will be investigated.

POLICE LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORT

Cllr. Manning read a report of the meeting on 21st. April 1999, attended by himself and Cllr. Sutton. He also showed a map showing the new sector boundaries.

PERFECT VILLAGE SUNDAY TOUR / FREE CHILDRENS SHOW

Aston Abbots has been selected to host the Perfect Village Sunday Tour on Sunday 11th July from 2.00pm.

MOWING THE RECREATION GROUND

Resolved to accept quote from Reyven Sportsfields for the current season.

COUNTY COUNCIL AND DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

Our newly elected District Councillor, Peter Cooper, attended the meeting.

PLANNING MATTERS

- Old Vicarage, Cublington Road - felling of yew tree. **APPROVED**
- The Gables, Weedon Road - change of use from agricultural land to domestic garden and erection of summerhouse **APPROVED**
- Littleheath House, Longmoor Farm, Cublington Rd. - porch and installation of underground gas tank.
The P.C. had no comments to make about this application.
- 2, Abbey Cottages, Moat Lane, Aston Abbots. - A/9910955/APP - Two storey side extension.
The P.C. had no objections to this application, but emphasised the need for building materials to blend with the existing cottage.

HIGHWAYS

Proposed speed limit for Lines Hill / Moat Lane - it was noted that legislation regarding the introduction of speed limits is about to change. With this in mind it was agreed to approach B.C.C. again on this matter.

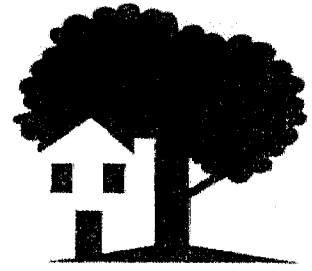
REPORTS

- Altered width of road by Banner Homes - It was reported that there has been strong feeling amongst residents of The Green that Banner Homes had narrowed the road too much. Cllr. Manning has been assured by the site manager that the road width is correct. Resolved to check it carefully on completion of the work.
- Church Room extension - the tree has been felled and the plans drawn up. The next move is to apply for planning permission.
- It was reported that the hedge by the bus stop on the A418 is restricting visibility. Wingrave P.C. will be asked to have it cut.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 30th. June 1999 at 8pm in the Church room. Everyone is welcome to come along.

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Tuesday 1st Aylesbury Vale Transport Meeting - Bus & Train queries to Colin

Thursday 3rd
10am - 12noon Toddlers' club in The Church Room
7.30pm Whist Drive in The Church Room

Saturday 5th
10am-12noon Royal British Legion Coffee Morning and Bring & Buy Sale for branch funds - at 114 Winslow Road, Wingrave

Sunday 6th
2.00pm Rambling Club members meet at Olney (Market Place)

Tuesday 8th Mobile Library The Green / Wingrave Rd / Oxley Farm

Thursday 10th
7am - 9pm European Parliamentary Elections in The Church Room

Sunday 13th Church Outing to Dover (see opposite for details)

Tuesday 15th Bucks Road Safety Meeting at Buckingham

Thursday 17th
10am - 12am Toddlers' club in The Church Room
7.30pm Whist Drive in The Church Room

Saturday 19th
2.00pm Cublington Fete at The Old Rectory

Tuesday 22nd Mobile Library The Green / Wingrave Rd / Oxley Farm

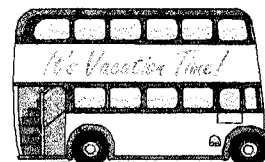
Thursday 24th
10am - 12 noon Toddlers' club in The Church Room

Sunday 27th
2.00pm Rambling Club members meet Wendover Library

Thursday 1st
July 7.30pm Whist Drive in The Church Room

Sunday 11th
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W/E 12/13	Mrs B Davis	W/E 26/27	Mrs Hartnett
W/E 19/20	Mr I Belgrove	W/E 3 / 4 July	Mr C Higgs

SIDESMEN FOR MAY

6 th	Mr C Higgs	27 th	Mr C Higgs
13 th	Mr J Hartnett	4 th July	Mr J Hartnett
20 th	Mr G Kemp		

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IN THE VILLAGE 6.

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The Ready Steady Cook Stage Show came to The Swan, Wycombe at the end of April. Fern Britton introduced our two chefs for the evening, Brian (I hate puds) Turner and Antony (the arsonist) Worrall Thompson, who took turns to demonstrate how to cook some of their favourite recipes.

Whoever suggested that cooking was a chore? This was comedy at its best, which left the packed audience rolling in the aisles. Our chefs both had a wonderful sense of humour and constantly took the Michael out of each other. The overhead cameras and large projection screen ensured that the whole audience could see clearly all the tricks of the trade. They also led Antony to go around with a tea towel on his head (so that the audience could not see his thinning pate).

Yorkshireman Brian cooked four dishes, fillet of beef, sautéed chicken, potatoes and cabbage, but this was no ordinary fare. For instance the braised cabbage balls contained bacon, garlic, shallots and a touch of curry powder.

Antony described himself as a self-taught chef starting training as a young child (out of necessity due to a pretty lousy au-pair girl). He prepared a crab salad with a coconut lime dressing, chicken noodles and pineapple

carpaccio, burnt butter sabayon and fresh raspberries.

Things didn't go quite to plan, as most of the chicken noodles ended up on the stove rather than in the pan. Nice to see that the experts have little problems as well. Brian helped out by hand whisking the sabayon for the required 20 minutes. At last Antony offered to take over and announced after all of two seconds that it was now ready.



After the masterclass, the production team cleaned up the kitchens while the audience had a well earned drink. The second half followed the familiar television show format with the two participants bringing their own ingredients to the value of a fiver. Our chefs had just twenty minutes to make something of them. Should you be tempted to visit the RSC Stage Show, it reaches St Albans on 13th June. You will not be disappointed.

VE NIGEL RECIPE

A version of Brian's sautéed chicken with mushroom sauce was tried out in "The Vines" kitchen the following day and was pronounced by our resident diners to be an outstanding success.

Ingredients - serves 4.

4 x 100g/4oz chicken breasts (with the skin on), 50g/2oz butter, 1 finely chopped shallot, 225g/8oz sliced white button mushrooms, 1/2 glass medium sherry, 1 glass dry ~e wine, 200ml/1/2 pint double cream, salt and pepper, squeezed lemon juice, chopped parsley, tbs. olive oil.

Method.

Season the chicken. Melt half the butter and the oil in a frying pan and sauté the chicken for 8-10 minutes until tender. Remove and keep warm. Melt the remaining butter and sweat the shallot for a few minutes without colouring. Add the mushrooms and sweat until they colour slightly brown. Add the sherry and white wine and reduce completely. (No alcohol in this dish!). Add the cream, bring to the boil and cook until thickened to a sauce consistency. Season with salt, pepper and lemon juice. Add chopped parsley and serve with the chicken.

Nigel Palmer aka One unfat bloke

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With garden bonfire season upon us and likely to last until November 5th, here are some thoughts from SAVE (support Aylesbury Vale's Environment):

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If you do have to light a bonfire please follow these guidelines:

- Only burn dry material
- Never burn household rubbish, rubber tyres, or anything containing plastic, foam or paint.
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- Avoid lighting a fire in unsuitable weather conditions. Smoke hangs in the air on damp, dull days and in the evenings.
- Avoid burning when the wind will carry the smoke over roads or into other people's properties.
- Avoid burning at weekends when people want to enjoy their gardens.
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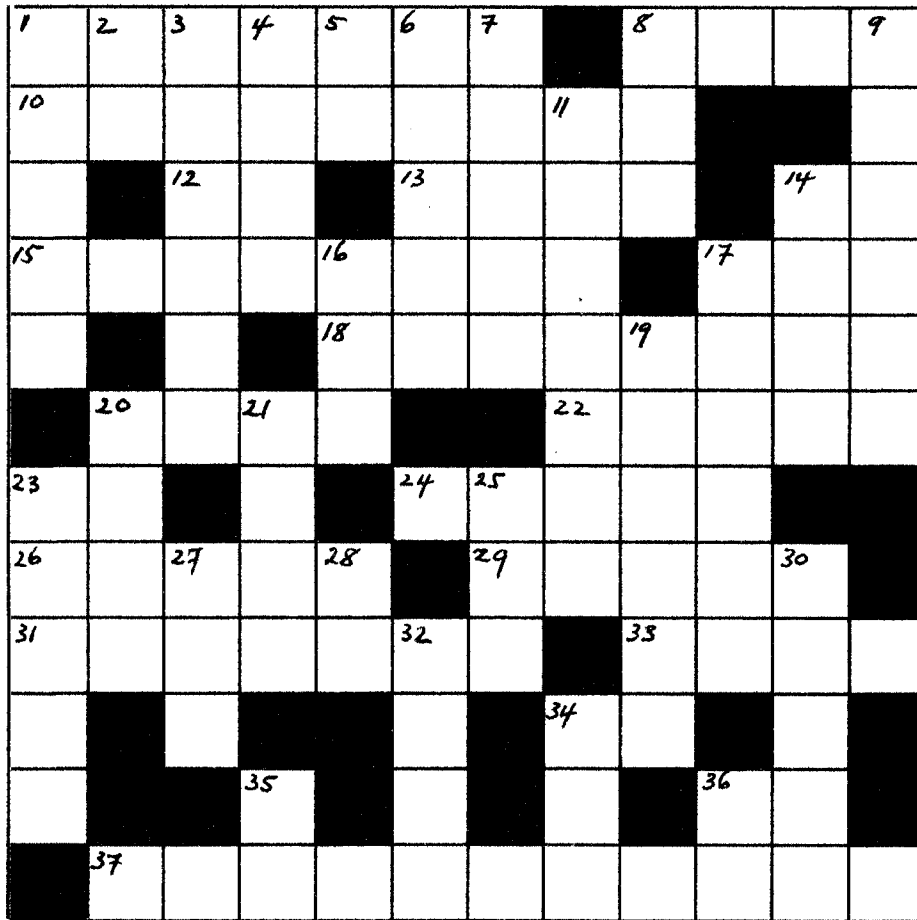
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ACROSS

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8. Poems (4)
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13. A short letter (4)
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17. Insect (3)
18. SIDE TEAR (anag 8)
20. Neat (4)
22. Brings up (5)
23. Perform (2)

24. Aches (5)

26. Below (5)
29. TONED (5)
31. Closest (7)
33. To amend (4)
34. Anno Domini (abb)
36. Indicates position
37. County town (11)

DOWN

1. Zest (5)
2. Senior Service (2)
3. TO RIDE (anag 6)

4. Built by birds (4)

5. Short doctor! (2)
6. Young bird (5)
7. Din (5)
8. Poem (3)
9. Directs (6)
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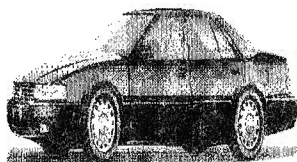
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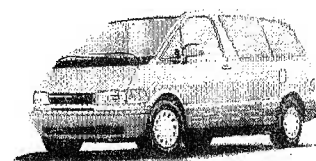
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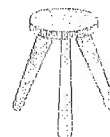
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	10.00	Wingrave	Parish Communion
	11.15	Aston Abbots	Morning Service
	18.00	Cublington	Evensong
9th June Wednesday	10.00	Aston Abbots	Franciscan Service
13th June	08.45	Cublington	Parish Communion
	10.00	Wingrave	Parish Communion
	11.15	Aston Abbots	Parish Communion
16th June Wednesday	10.00	Rowsham	Franciscan Service
20th June	08.45	Cublington	Parish Communion
	10.00	Wingrave	Parish Communion
	11.15	Aston Abbots	Parish Communion
	18.00	Cublington	Songs of Praise
23rd June Wednesday	10.00	Wingrave	Franciscan Service
27th June	08.45	Cublington	Parish Communion
	10.00	Wingrave	Parish Communion
	11.15	Aston Abbots	Parish Communion
30th June Wednesday	10.00	Wingrave	Franciscan Service
4th July	08.45	Cublington	Parish Communion
	10.00	Wingrave	PATRONAL FESTIVAL
	11.15	Aston Abbots	Morning Service

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms

18 th April	Kieran Prentice at Wingrave
25 th April	Connor Weatherhead at Wingrave
25 th April	Eleanor & Thomas Farrands at Aston Abbots

Funeral

26 th April	Kathleen Raven at Wingrave
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SUNDAY READINGS

6 th June	Trinity 1	Romans 4.13 - 25 Matthew 9.9-13,18-26
13 th June	Trinity 2	Romans 5.1-8 Matthew 9.35-10.8
20 th June	Trinity 3	Romans 6.1-11 Matthew 10.24-39
27 th June	Trinity 4	Romans 6.12-23 Matthew 10.40-42
4 th July	Trinity 5	Romans 7.15-25
Peter & Paul	Acts 12.1-11	Matthew 16.13-19

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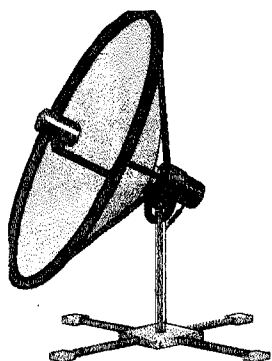
EXPLORING CHRISTIANITY ... WITH A VIEW?

The Bishop of Buckingham is coming to Wingrave Parish Church on November 7th to take a Confirmation Service. During September / October there will be discussion / learning / finding out evenings for adults who may like to be confirmed or simply to explore the Christian faith.

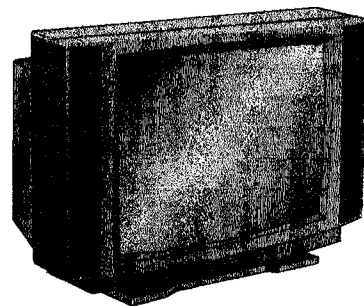
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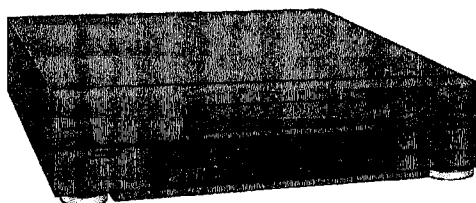


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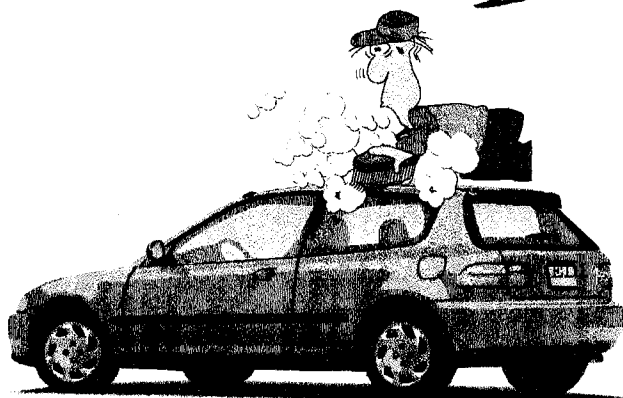
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