

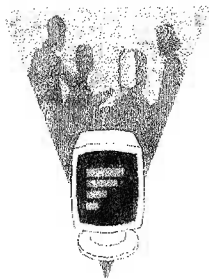
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## Editorial

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May

Aston Abbots Parish  
Council Uncovered

You'll notice from the Parish Council minutes in this **CHRONICLE** that Tom Manning has stood down as Chairman after sterling service to the village over the past few years; he stays on as a councillor and will continue to chair the 'Hall' committee.

On behalf of all **CHRONICLE** readers, I would like to thank Tom for his tireless work in chairing numerous committees, for successfully leading Parish objections to the original proposals by Banner Homes and of course for getting us so close to taking on and modernising the Church Room.

John Sansome will now take on the role at the helm of the Parish and Linda Sutton has been re-elected as Vice-Chairman. I know we will give them all the support we can in challenging threats to the village from development, by-pass roads and aircraft over-head, as well as in the day-to-day running of the Parish.

You could of course take it a step further and become a Parish Councillor. With the increase in the population of the village over recent years and the in-flux of new faces, the Parish Council is giving very serious consideration to increasing the number of councillors from the present five to seven.

This would give a greater cross-section of villagers the opportunity to influence decision making and help to spread the Parish workload around to a greater extent than at present. With more and more issues affecting us, the number of active committees needed will certainly grow over the next few years.

Everyone in the village has a couple of years to think about taking on such a commitment as elections will not be held until 2003. So there is ample opportunity to see for yourself what goes on - everybody is welcome to attend the Parish Council meetings and there is no closed element at all.

Of course, as a councillor you have to make some difficult decisions from time to time; decisions like the one this month when the fete committee asked permission to use the Recreation Ground for Car Parking during the fete. After much debate, the PC decided to turn down the request on the basis of safety (cars would pass across the entrance to the children's play ground) and because when the Rec has been used for parking in the past, the grass was badly churned

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We are determined to set a record for the funds raised at the fete this year, especially as a large slice will go directly to the Hall fund.

You will soon receive books of raffle tickets for the Fete 2000 draw. Please try to sell as many as possible - to friends and family from outside of the village; to work colleagues; even to people on the bus!

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up and took a long time to recover. It's the sort of issue where you really can see both sides of the argument.

Onto **CHRONICLE** issues, please remember that because of the Summer holidays, next month sees a combined July and August issue of **THE CHRONICLE**. Make sure details of events happening in July AND August are passed to the team by June 24<sup>th</sup>.

Anyway, enough of my ranting - enjoy **THE CHRONICLE**!

*Andi Swain*

**PS PLEASE TRY TO SELL AS MANY OF YOUR FETE RAFFLE TICKETS AS POSSIBLE -** with a large slice of the proceeds going to the Hall fund, you will definitely see the benefits of your efforts!

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### ASTON ABBOTTS AND CUBLINGTON LADIES CLUB

On June 1<sup>st</sup> our speaker will be Mr P Wilson, speaking in the Church Room about Queensland, Australia. June 14<sup>th</sup> is our competitions afternoon, again in the Church Room, and organised by Avril Bradley Davies. Finally, on June 29<sup>th</sup> we have a Garden Party at Ruth Bellinghams house.

All events begin at 2.45 pm

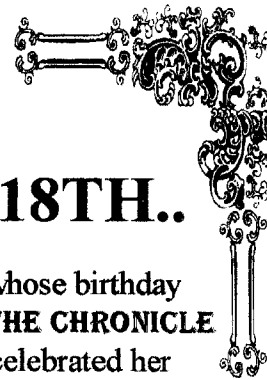
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# RITA'S PEOPLE PAGE



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

Jason White	1st	Pat Stevens	24th
Fred Cross	6th	Sharon Wilkinson	26th
Emily DeLooze	17th	Kim Picking	27th
Bernard Osborne	18th	David Hewit	28th
Dave Wheaton	21st	Kirsty Lewis	28th
Paul Drysdale	21st	Adam Oldfield	30th
Rob Howell	22nd		



## Aston Abbotts Plates

Sally Turnham would like to know whether anyone is interested in getting together to buy a set of the recently advertised plates depicting scenes of Aston Abbotts. She would like one of the Chapel but doesn't want to buy all six. If you are interested, please contact Sally on 682716.



## HAPPY 18TH..

Hannah Brandon, whose birthday was mentioned in **THE CHRONICLE** last month, in fact celebrated her **18th** birthday. The occasion was marked by a fun weekend in Dublin with her family.

Congratulations, Hannah, on this important birthday and thanks to Sal for the information.

## The Mother & Toddler Group

are hosting a 'Daisy Chain' children's clothes sale on Thursday 15th June from 10.00am to 12.00 midday at their usual venue, the Church Room. Daisy Chain clothes are fun, bright and reasonably priced for ages 6 months to 8 years. 10% of the total sales will go the Toddler Group. All Mums are welcome with or without Toddlers!

Thanks go to Ron Jennings for the £5.00 he donated to the Chronicle fund. Ron spent much of his youth in Aston Abbotts and visits frequently to maintain his parents grave. He now lives in Winslow with his wife Anne and the 'fiver' was to mark his gratitude to the village for the occasional Chronicle passed to him.

## MIKE GLASFORD

We would like to say how sorry we were to learn of the death of Mike Glasford. He and his wife lived at The Acorns having moved to the village some years ago. His funeral took place on the 16th May at St Joseph's Catholic Church, which was followed by his internment at Aylesbury cemetery. Our sympathy is extended to his wife, family and all who knew him.

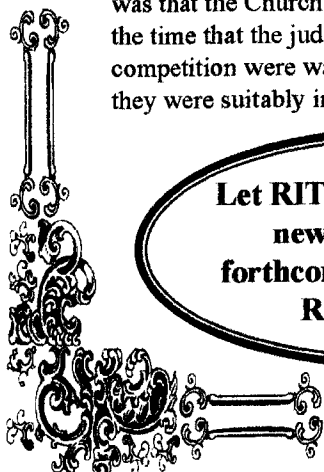
**A Cut above the rest...** many thanks to Tim Loder who trimmed the grass fringes all along the Church Yard wall and around the tombstones while I was mowing. The net result was that the Church looked really nice just about the time that the judges of the best kept village competition were wandering around. We hope they were suitably impressed!! A.Bee

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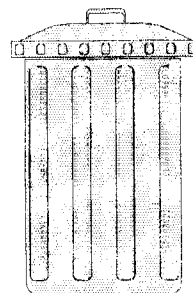
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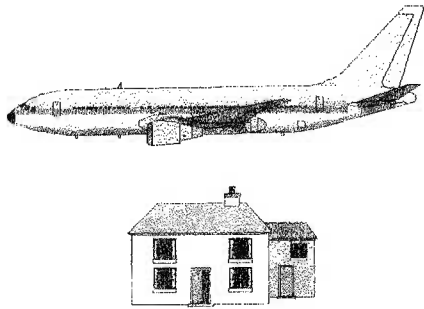
# IN THE VILLAGE 1- AIRPORT SPECIAL.

## AIRWAYS MISERY

Over the past couple of months we have reported on some elements of the proposals to increase operations at Luton Airport and the intention to create a new flight path to the east of the village. Many of you may think that these plans will have little or no effect on Aston Abbots.

### YOU, ESPECIALLY, SHOULD READ ON...

Residents of the villages on the proposed flight path (and remember, this is only a few miles from us) have formed a protest alliance with PAIN called the 'Quieter Skies group' - to fight the flight path and the planned massive increase in flight numbers.



We have taken a somewhat tongue-in-cheek look at the issues so far but there are serious implications. Robert Houston of the Quieter Skies Group has prepared a press briefing:-

### New Local Groups Aim for Quieter Skies

People in rural villages want more say on the things that affect their lives and homes. That is the message going to politicians, and civil servants as they consider Luton Airport's expansion plans.

With Luton Airport seeking new airspace over Wing, two local groups have been set up to question and contest the proposals. The airport wants to use the airspace for a new approach route from the west which will fly over Leighton Buzzard, Wing, Mentmore, Cheddington and Ivinghoe. Arrivals will descend from 5000ft over Leighton Buzzard to 3000ft over Ivinghoe as they make their final approach. Decisions by the CAA and the Department of Environment are due this summer.

A series of communication meetings given by the Luton Airport Traffic Control at the turn of the year, rather than allaying local fears, has stirred residents and local councils into action. Protests both on the consultations and the timetable of introduction has gone from Aylesbury Vale and Leighton Linslade to the Airport Authority, the CAA and the DETR. Parish Councils have been pressing District and County authorities to take up the issue. Local MP's have also been involved.

Leighton Linslade Town Council have set up a working party to look at the proposals and seek to lobby through the Airport consultative body for alternatives with less impact on Leighton Linslade. Meanwhile residents of the villages affected by the proposed flight path have formed an action group.

Calling themselves the "Quieter Skies Group" they want the voice of rural villages to be heard in the debate on the use of their

airspace. Drawing on the experience of the Wing Airport Association's campaign in the 60's and the Leighton Buzzard Preservation Society, they plan to make an active and positive input to a debate that is only just beginning.

With Luton looking at major expansion from 5 million to 30 million passengers per year over the next few years, more and more aircraft will be dominating rural skies. The Group feel this recent consultation process has been rushed and inadequate, and are questioning the justification of the new flight path. Nor has there been any meaningful debate or disclosure of alternatives. If Luton is to grow it must listen to the people who have to listen to their planes.

Now the "Quieter Skies Group" want to build a grass roots network of support within the rural parishes while they seek more detailed public debate on the new approach route. A longer term aim is to promote the control of all aircraft noise from whatever source to an acceptable level, by co-operation with others in the South East with similar concerns.

The "Quiet Skies Group" have chosen to work within PAIN (People against Aircraft intrusive noise), who set out to influence the May 1998 introduction of the Olney 1b route from Luton. Brian Wyke the Chairman of PAIN recently secured a place on the Luton Airport Consultative Committee and has agreed to act as the representative of the new group as the PAIN member on the committee.

### But what can WE do about it?

You may recall that earlier this year when the plans for the new flight path first surfaced, our Parish Council was given just a few days to respond. It would seem that the Airport Authority's approach hasn't got any better since. We report on page 6 about some of the issues that they seem to be avoiding at the moment.

But you can make a real impact by writing to the people who will be making the decision, or to those who have real influence over it. There are many relevant issues set out on this page and on page 6 - you might choose to concentrate on some or all of them, or perhaps you have other concerns. WRITE TO

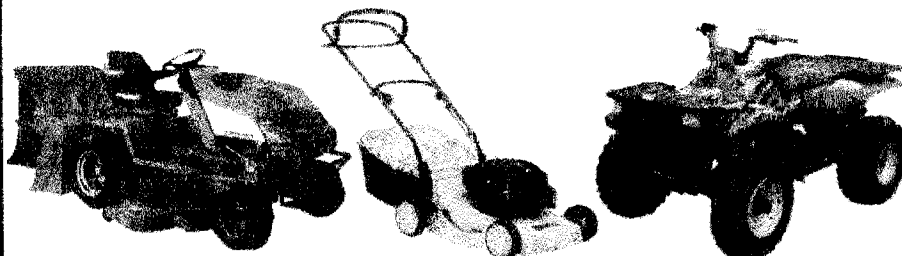
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# IN THE VILLAGE 2 - AIRPORT SPECIAL.

## WHAT'S ALL THE FUSS ABOUT?

So far we have heard about the protest but what are the real issues? And why should we be concerned about the re-routing of the flight path? The Quieter Skies group and PAIN have raised a number of concerns with the airport and received very few useful or even specific answers. Robert Houston takes up the story:

### Proposed Western Extension to London Luton Airport Controlled Airspace

The Luton Airport Operating Company, LLAOC, have refused or failed to answer obvious questions that they must know will be asked by anyone affected by their proposal. Their Q & A Paper, which they claim answers the questions raised in the consultation process still does not address the key issues for residents of the affected parishes. The alleged consultation process has been rushed and superficial.

Any consideration of the new route must be given more time and wider publicity of the implications for all those likely to be affected. In this process quite specific questions must be answered; these are -

#### 1. Safety

Is the current route unsafe, if not at what level does it become unsafe? There is no need for the change until safety is a real issue.

Is it about safety or is it really about expansion and cost saving for the operators?

How can it be prudent to expand an airport barely a mile away from a major city centre.

Have any Hazard and Operability studies been carried out?

#### 2. Alternatives

No serious consideration appears to have been given to alternatives, which underlines the real purpose as expansion and cost saving.

Options to the north or a tighter turn over the current London Gliding Club are not mentioned. Why not?

#### 3. Environmental

It is alleged that the new route gives a net environmental benefit because it allows CDA or Controlled Descent Approach. Clearly for the people of North Luton and Hertfordshire who currently receive the noise and pollution of the existing route there is a massive environmental gain. What is the gain for Leighton Linlade and the rural villages of the Vale of Aylesbury?

3.1 Noise. We have asked for an assessment of the noise impact and been fobbed off with an instantaneous decibel number in three spot locations. Why can't we have a contour map showing the entire noise footprint. Why was the footprint and the noise levels across the area not part of the consultation

process? But then is it a real consultation? Or are LLAOC just going through the motions?

3.2 Pollution. The area already has significant military, helicopter and light aircraft traffic, and a Heathrow outbound south/north routing at 6-8000 ft. There is also a new trial Stansted route east/west over Leighton Buzzard, and the trial Olney 1b. What is the impact of the proposal on air quality? LLAOC say they are not qualified to respond! Is that good enough for asthmatics?

#### 4. Quality of Life

We appear to be at a crossing point for three of the regions airports, and the airports assume that growth in air traffic is their commercial right. LLAOC has just published its brief for further expansion to 10m passengers pa. We believe it has also identified what is needed to expand to 30 million ppa. Any new proposed route, or expansion should not be seen just as a small increment in a rural scene, but the start of the degradation of the way of life for a whole community.

Luton Airport contributes £1.4 per passenger to the economy of Luton but nothing to the region as a whole. Should Luton Councillors be taking decisions on a subject in which they have a material interest? Why should LLAOC, The CAA, The DETR, The Airport Consultative Committee determine our future way of life?

One of the most offhand LLAOC answers in the Q&A is that to the impact on property values. LLAOC say it is not qualified to answer. If they cannot answer the questions properly and face the real implications of their proposed actions then are they qualified to take those actions?

### Some more people to write to:

- The Department Of the Environment:  
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Department of the Environment and the Regions  
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- The CAA Chairman:  
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Add your own ideas and share them with us. If you can, let the Quieter Skies Group know who you've written to.

**If you would like to join the campaign, you  
can register with the Quieter Skies Group  
by phoning 01296 668976.**

# Photographs

**by Paul Ridgley**

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## IN THE VILLAGE 3.

### Aston Abbotts Raffle - 2000

The most significant thing about the fete raffle is that 'its our insurance policy.' Simply, the raffle can make money even if the village fete is rained off. Therefore, it is important that we sell as many raffle tickets as possible. During the next few days, you will be contacted by a neighbour and asked to sell raffle tickets.

Please try to sell 5 books per household (25 tickets at 50p = £12.50). Remember, unsold tickets can be returned and you can have more tickets if you wish.

**If you sell your tickets to friends and colleagues who live outside Aston Abbotts we stand a much better chance of selling more tickets.**

If you are unable to sell all of your raffle tickets then please return them as soon as possible so that they can be re-distributed. The neighbour who provided you with the tickets will collect the ticket stubs, money and any unsold tickets by Saturday 22nd July 2000.

**Thanks for your help. Ivan.**

Of course, with the European Championships on in June I reckon we can beat 1998's amazing total (World Cup year) !! Ed.

### **A SINCERE PLEA FROM ONE OF OUR YOUNGEST READERS!**

Dear 'Eddy-ur'

Mummy and Daddy like to take me to the Rec to play. We're so lucky because it's so close to our house, although it's quite a walk for my pudgy little legs. I like to go to the park and play 'swing-swong' and whoosh down the 'liiide'. But, the swings are too big and the 'liiide' is too high. Are there any other 'ickle' people like me who would like to see some playthings for babies and toddlers? What can we do about it? 'Biiig Huuug'

Livvie Gresswell

*We will ask the AAPC Playground team to see what can be done. Big Ed.*

## Millennium Midsummer Madness

It's the biggest outdoor concert to hit Aston Abbotts this century!



Saturday 15th July - under the stars (outdoors!) at Norduck Farm - it's an extravaganza of live entertainment to raise funds for the Village Hall.



The fun starts at 7.00pm and ends at 10.00pm. Lol's Disco kicks things off, followed by the Aston Abbotts Cabaret Singers and some local stars singing your favourite songs. And there's a surprise top act headlining at the end of the evening - look out for more details next month!

**Bring your own picnic and refreshments and grab a spot under the stars *to watch the stars*!!**

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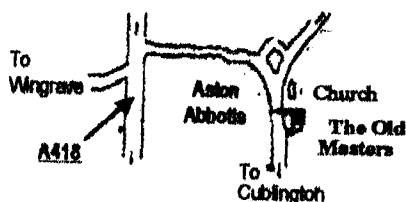


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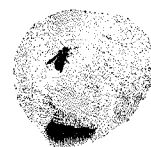
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## IN THE VILLAGE 4.

### GROOVY BABY!

#### THE ASTON ABBOTTS 60 & 70's DISCO

Lol does occasionally come up with a good idea, very often after a longish session at the 'Bull'. He attributes this to the slight traces of alcohol in Frank's beer stimulating his 'little grey cells'. Be that as it may, in March this year he had the absolutely brilliant idea of holding a 60/70's disco to raise funds for the Village Hall.

The inevitable meeting resulted in Jackie Coates producing some very colourful tickets which I agreed to sell. The response was amazing (probably due to Lol's reputation for having an excellent collection of music from that period) and shortly after the ad. appeared in **THE CHRONICLE**, they were all sold. Goes to show, it pays to advertise in **THE CHRONICLE**!

On the day in question 29<sup>th</sup> April Jackie & Rita decorated tables while Bob & Ray struggled with thousands of balloons (well, perhaps a hundred!) even fixing up an improvised net to hold them for later release.

8.00pm and all was ready to go with Lol playing his records to no one in particular – then it all started to happen as

just about everyone who had bought tickets poured themselves out of the 'Bull' and into the Village Hall. From then on it was party time with virtually non stop dancing until about 1.00.

Lol's excellent choice of music meant that just when you were about to stop for a breather he would put on a record you just couldn't resist dancing to. Most had taken up the suggestion on the tickets and dressed in anything suitable ranging from outrageously garish 'glam rock' to hippie and this added to the fun. The only oasis of calm was in the kitchen; thanks lads!

Many thanks again to Lol for his initial idea and playing such great music raising £381. This money has now been paid into the AA2000 account in readiness to be donated to the Village Hall fund. Also to Rita & Jackie Coates for nibbles, Bob Bean for donating the balloons and 'assisting' Ray Wilkinson with the 'engineering' (yes, they did all come down at the right time), Dave Lewis for all things 'electrical' and John Whyte for his expertise with the liquid refreshment.

A. Bee



## FETE 2000

**DON'T FORGET THAT THIS YEARS FETE IS ON**

**SATURDAY 29th JULY**

Everyone in the village can help to make this year's fete a success. Please start potting up plants, making cakes, preserves & biscuits – anything that you think would sell on the home-made produce stall; save books, bottles, gifts and bric-a-brac for other stalls.

Note that anything that you can offer will be collected in the week preceding the fete (except for fresh produce, which should be brought along on the morning of the day itself)

The village collection will be on the evenings of Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th July

**RAFFLE TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE: PLEASE TAKE AS MANY AS YOU CAN FOR SELLING ON TO FRIENDS**

If you live near the Green and could offer spare freezer space for storing ice cream and cold drinks please contact Jackie Farrands on 681182

Please volunteer to help with running a stall or with the collection, by contacting Gordon Smith on 681373, or any of the committee: Liz Barlow, Barbara Bellingham, Ann Dicken, Dickie Dicken, Jackie Farrands, Shirley Ford, Chris Fox, Ivan Greenaway, Colin Higgs or Clare Shorrocks

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# IN THE VILLAGE 5.

## THE VILLAGE INTERVIEW

*Phil Spooner caught up with Shirley Ford to ask about how she came to live in Aston Abbotts.*

"I liked the village and I liked the people. They made me very welcome very quickly and John's family were super – they were lovely people," says Shirley Ford, remembering her first impression of Aston Abbotts over forty years ago.

Shirley was born and brought up in Aylesbury, along with her two sisters. "When I got to 16 I decided to do nursery nurse training. Then I was employed full-time by the Bucks Council.

"Soon after that I met John. John was born here in Aston Abbotts and lived here all his life. John used to come into the Court School of Dancing. At that time he was working on Pages Farm.

"I didn't really know about Aston Abbotts before I met John. I used to come out on the Sunday afternoon. I would have Sunday lunch at home with my parents, catch a bus out and pay 1s 6d (7½p) return. John would cycle down to the crossroads and meet me. I would spend the rest of the afternoon and have tea here with his mum and dad and his brother and his sisters."

These days, when it seems most young people reach for a mobile phone as soon as they lay down their rattle, the difficulty of keeping in touch when John was busy is not so obvious. "When John was harvesting we used to write to each other because neither of the parents had phones. Later I found out that he threw all my letters away, but I kept all of his. Typical man!"

After their marriage, Shirley and John moved into a cottage in Wingrave. Two and a half years later they moved back to Aston Abbotts. "At this time John was walking for Major Morton [at The Abbey]. Once I had the family I stopped working. We did in those days, once we had our children. You didn't expect to go out to work. That was your job then.

"My three children went to the village school. I was a school parent governor at the time when the decision was made [to close it]. We'd only got six children so there wasn't really any point in keeping it open, but I think that's been a big sadness to have lost the school."

Shirley has been a member of the Ladies Group since moving to the village. "My mother-in-law was a member and she said come along to the Ladies' Club with me. On-and-off I've been a member for about 35-40 years. I've been secretary, I've been vice-chairman and I have been chairman twice - I'm chairman at the moment. We average anything from about 15 to 25 [attendees], depending upon the time of the year, the speakers, and the subjects. We get a marvellous lot of subjects. We are of course all elderly generation, unfortunately. I would love to see some younger people come, I really would, but they do different things now.

"My mother-in-law was a Sunday School teacher in Aston Abbotts. She would organise the Sunday School outing to the seaside in the summer. She would book a coach and the village

decamped and went out for the day. That was a real highlight of the year.

"John was a Parish Councillor for... I think... for about four or six years, which he liked. That meant that he was involved with the village, which he very much wanted to do.

The Church soon started to play an important part in Shirley's life. "My parents weren't Church minded at all but they used to send my sister and I off to a Sunday-school somewhere. They never set foot inside a Church but they felt we should go. When I first met my husband and came out here they were very strong churchgoers and I started going to Church with them. That's how I first got involved with the Church here."

John's sudden death of a heart attack in 1996 left Shirley shocked and devastated, but her family, friends and Christian Faith helped her. "The Church is very important to me, very much part of my life. Since John died I've moved on a lot where the Church is concerned... John was a churchwarden when he died... I carried on doing what he was doing. It was hard; it was lonely because I hadn't got him to talk to about it. But there were other good people who saw me through and helped me get through that first year or so. Yes the Church is very, very important to me.

"At that time the Church and the village were not getting on very well. It was always John's idea that the Church people should be much more involved with village events... and that's how I see my role as churchwarden. John and I had this idea that we could bridge the two communities and bring them together. I think that has worked to a great deal, because we may have few bottoms on seats but there is a lot a lot of goodwill towards the village Church. I think they realise how important the actual building is to the village for hatch, match and despatch."

John's Church activities left a special legacy for the children. "He was the Tower Master and he was in charge of bells and he taught all of my children to ring. They ring, and I hope eventually the grandchildren will. I had a go at it and it frightened me to death, but that was something they all shared together."

Involvement in the Aston Abbotts History Society allowed Shirley to exercise her passion for local history, just one of her many village activities. "I have a very busy life now - too busy at times. My children are saying to me 'Mum, come on you must do less'. I do a lot with my children and my grandchildren as we all live so close. I clean the church - I took that responsibility on when my mother in law died. For myself, I have moved on spiritually because last year I did a Pastoral Care course."

Shirley loves the village. "There are gorgeous views here. Beautiful views." How nice then, that the family's memorial to John is a seat on the Recreation Ground where anybody can sit and enjoy the view across the Vale while, nearby, the crows circle and caw over Fox Covert where John used to play Robin Hood as a boy.

Shirley Ford was interviewed by Phil Spooner

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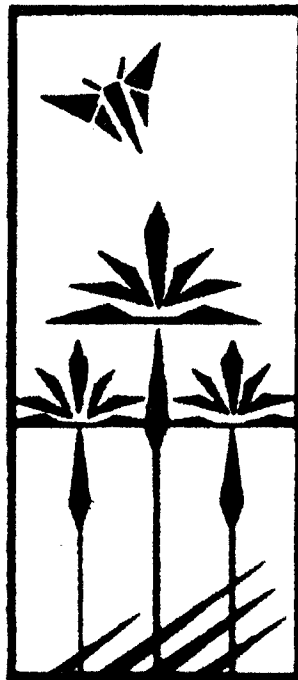
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# IN THE VILLAGE 6 - THE HALL

## I'LL NAME THAT HALL IN ONE!

Last month's leader article about the name of the hall in Aston Abbotts has, it's safe to say, drawn the largest mail (and e-mail) bag to date. And the report from the newly formed hall committee has also prompted a response from a concerned villager.

You may recall that it has been suggested that the former "Church Room" be re-named the Parish Hall once the lease is transferred to AAPC. It seems that I am not, after all, alone in believing that the hall should instead be re-named the *Village Hall*. The overwhelming majority of those who have contacted **THE CHRONICLE** verbally and in writing share this view.

"Dear Editor, yes I believe the Church Room should be called the Village Hall." **Sally Turnham**

"Dear Ed, It was nice to learn from last month's **CHRONICLE** that the lease of 'our hall' is now in the safe keeping of the Parish Council. I do not agree however that it should be called the 'Parish Hall' when the 'Village Hall' is far more apt. Of course, this is only one view but it is based on the premise that it is village folk who are raising the money to facilitate the much needed improvements and will be no doubt be asked to support it's subsequent maintenance. Also, it will be used mainly by village people and organisations.

We are fortunate to live in a village with a strong sense of identity and I feel this should be reflected in the naming of the one building which is available to all." **Andy Bystra**

"Dear Editor, we agree that "village hall" is a better name. The word "Parish" is anonymous and official sounding. Everyone knows what the village is, but what is the Parish? "Parish" also has links with the councils ( & bureaucracy???) & the church. Either of these may be off-putting to some and might give the impression that the hall is only available for selected uses. The hall is intended to be multi-functional and a facility open to all within the community, therefore it needs a name which is open & inviting." **Liz & Patrick Clarke**

I have had more than two dozen verbal messages to similar effect from a wide cross-section of villagers. I will pass all of the comments to the Hall committee, expressing your feelings and asking them to re-consider their decision.

**THE CHRONICLE** has also heard from Colin Higgs who raises some other points which need to be considered. Colin writes

"Dear Andi, Re Church Room. Having read the May **CHRONICLE** and the article about the Church Room, I would like to raise the following points.

The new committee appears to have been formed and none of the present Church Room committee were informed or invited to the meeting, not even the Vicar was invited, who is in charge. The lease has still not been applied for transfer so no

action can be taken until that document is signed and sealed, which may take some considerable time.

Lastly, I am not sure whether the name can legally be changed, the deeds state it is a Church Room so I think a lot of sorting out needs to be done before anything else, so hope the committee take note." **Colin Higgs**

Hopefully I will be able to update the position next month, when I believe the committee will have met again and had a chance to consider the issues. In the meantime, I will be pleased to hear from YOU about what you think - is the name important to you and if so, which name do you prefer. **Ed.**

## MEANWHILE..THE FUND GROWS!

A bank account has now been set up to receive funds for the re-development of The Hall (in the interests of impartiality I shall for the time being simply refer to the building as "The Hall"). All donations and fund-raising cheques can now be made payable to

### ASTON ABBOTTS PARISH HALL

and passed to the treasurer, Nigel Palmer, at The Vines, Cublington Road.

Already, the fund has begun to grow - here are details of some of the monies raised so far:

"Dear Ed

Just a note to let you know that I have now handed a cheque from the Aston Abbotts History Group to the Aston Abbotts Parish Hall Fund for £1700. This represents the profits from the history project. The History Group account has not yet been closed as we are still receiving orders. I would anticipate a small additional amount of about £100 being available later in the year."

Yours Sally Palmer Treasurer of the Aston Abbotts History Group

Then there's the money raised on the back of the village millennium celebrations....

### AA2000 Account!

"I will be taking steps shortly to close the AA2000 account which has now served it's purpose and will be proposing that all monies be transferred to the village hall account. The account currently stands as follows:-

Party surplus & re-sale etc.	£713.63
'Wilkie's' raffle	£109.50
Ray & Jackie's race night	£362.63
Lol's 60's/70's Disco	£381.40
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1567.16"</b>

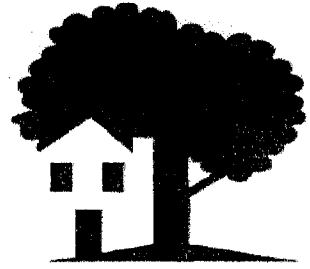
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**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>** Village Gardens open 2 – 6.00pm. Teas will be available in the Church Room and the church will be open.

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>** Mobile Library The Green / Wingrave Rd / Oxley Farm  
Aylesbury Vale Transport Meeting. Bus train queries to Colin please.

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**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>** Rambling Club members meet Bulbourne 2.30pm

**Pentecost 2000**, Weedon Park 10.00 – 7.00pm. Tickets available from Shirley Ford

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>** Whist Drive in The Church Room 7.30pm

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>** Cublington Fete – The Old Rectory 2.00pm

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**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>** Hillesden Gardens open (Nr Buckingham)

Village footpath walk – The Green 2.00pm

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>** Mobile Library The Green / Wingrave Rd / Oxley Farm

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**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>** Rambling Club members meet at Wing 2.00pm

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> & Sun 7<sup>th</sup>** Wingrave Exhibition at St Peter/Paul Church centre  
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**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>** Whist Drive in The Church Room 7.30pm

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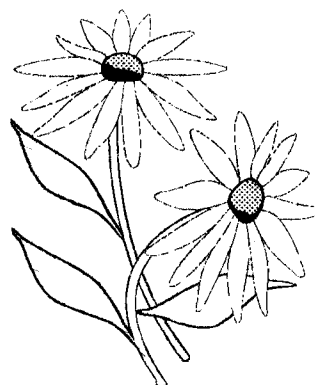
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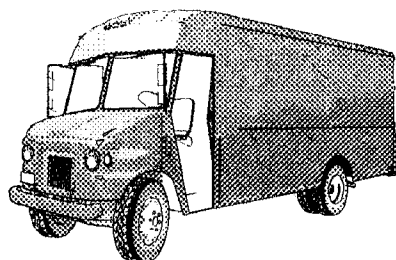
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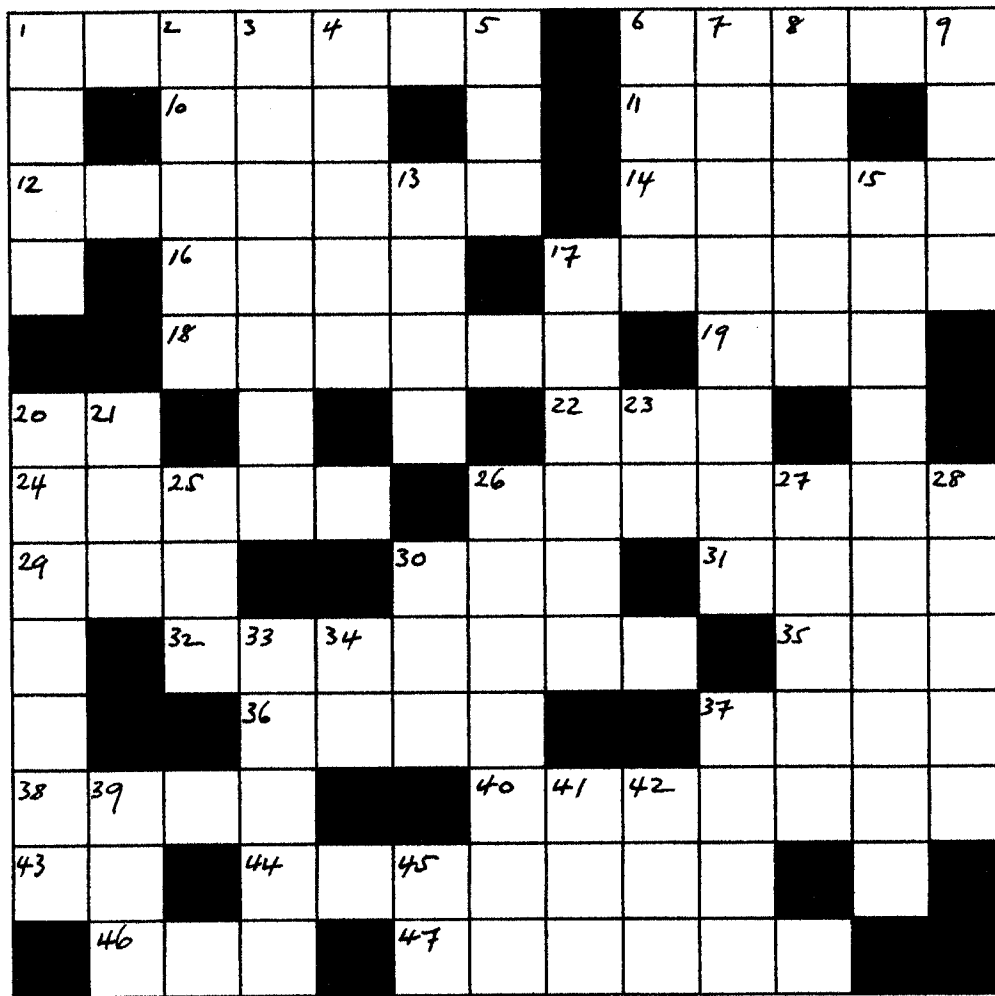
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# IN THE VILLAGE 7.

## BYPASS NIGHTMARE???

Last month I hinted at developments with plans for the (much needed) Wing bypass. This road has been on/off for many years but if recent reports are to be believed, matters may now be progressing. Bucks County Council has, rather grandly, announced that the bypass has official status as the next major road scheme to be built in Bucks. Um, after the Linslade and Stoke Hammond bypass, that is.

### Mini Motorway

But it doesn't stop there. There's now talk of extending the bypass to join up with the Linslade one to the North and to connect with a new road South of Aylesbury (presumably the extension of the A41 dual carriageway around Aston Clinton). This would include by-passing Rowsham and Bierton, and create a wonderfully quick route from South of Aylesbury all the way to MK. A sort of mini-motorway. Great news for lorry drivers; terrific news for inter-city commuters; express coaches will be pleased; and no doubt the Little Chef will be delighted (subject of course to planning permission...). And with the network of local Motorways becoming increasingly congested, the A41(M) and A418(M) [could it happen?] might provide a scenic alternative to the M25 / M1, the M40 / M42 and create a neat through-link for South West -North East journeys.

### Wave Bye Bye to the Aston Abbots Rat Run

Perhaps I am exaggerating somewhat to make my point, perhaps not. But the reality of improved roads is inevitably an increase in road usage. Still it will take traffic out of the villages concerned (and being charitable folk, that is pleasing), and perhaps with such a super quick route cars will stop using Aston Abbots as the A418 bypass. Perhaps.

### A Villager writes.....Dear Editor,

I rather share the alarm expressed in last month's Chronicle by the Wembles; not so much because a beacon might be sited in the vicinity of Aston Abbots but because of the nature of the chemicals which may be employed. Furthermore, it is my view the Senior P.O.O.F. they spoke to is either ill informed or is deliberately issuing mis-information since enquiries with the civil Aviation Authority (CAA.) in High Holborn have confirmed my not inconsiderable aviation experience, that photo luminescence (PL.) whilst constituting a useful navigation aid, is not quite so easily installed.

It is very true that coloured dyes and smokes have been used to great effect in locating crashed pilots from the air. Equally, on a bright summers day the livid orange/khaki colour of sewerage farms stands out well against the green of surrounding fields providing excellent navigation aids. The use of PL. will of course enhance this at night but villagers need to be aware of it's disadvantages.

PL. dye is a photo chemical process and to provide the requisite level of light needs to operate at a consistent temperature of 110 degrees F. On anything but the hottest of days therefore, all sewerage will need to be heated. Not in itself a major problem but on windless days (particularly during the

And the route for the new Wing - Rowsham bypass? Across the miles of sparsely populated fields to the south east of the A418? Not if early reports are anything to go by. During previous attempts at planning the bypass, numerous routes have been proposed - either to the south or north of Wing. It now seems that any route to the south has been discounted and that the current favourite is the "Outer Northern" Route.

The original Outer Northern Route proposed begins at the Wingrave Crossroads, turning north across the fields on the edge of the village (behind The Oak and The Bull) before continuing north of Wing and Burcott. A new road cutting across at least 4 of the village farms. If you would like to know what this will do for noise pollution, go to Wendover and stand ½ a mile from the bypass (assuming they only build a single-carriageway road).

True, these are only summations based on previous plans, a little conjecture and a few comments from BCC and our local councillor Mr Peter Cooper, who is reported in the Bucks Herald as saying that he was "pleased to hear what was likely". Any route would be subject to full public consultation (though probably not enquiry) with all plans and maps displayed in Wing Village Hall (though not in our own Hall), probably later this year. Road building might not start until 2005/6.

Whether your views are "march of progress" or "blot on the landscape", there are serious implications for the village. AAPC will no doubt be informed of developments and dates for any consultation, and we in turn will publish these in **THE CHRONICLE**. It is early days yet but we must play an active part in the planning process to ensure that the best interests of *our* village are also taken into account. **Ed.**

cooler evenings) this process will inevitably lead to great clouds of murky fog developing, thus preventing pilots from seeing the light emitting effluent. To cure this, huge fans will have to be employed to blow noxious vapours away from the area. The problem then is that since the gasses involved are highly flammable, no naked lights will be permitted within a 2000 metre radius resulting in no smoking, bonfires or open fires in or around Aston Abbots. Of course, although the 'green glow given off at night will as Jill & Mike point out provide a colourful backdrop to evening activities in the garden (and may even enable some street lights to be switched off) the fire risk, smell and noise from the fans will be such as to discourage all such events.

Finally, I have to say I felt it a little unfair to expect our over-worked editor to investigate this further, when surely from a constitutional point of view, local sewerage is something our Parish Council should be deeply involved in!!!

I remain Sir your obedient correspondent

**A.Bee (Andy Bystra)**

*I think we can safely assume that the "beacon" proposals have caused a big enough stink to prevent even LALA from continuing with the installation. Ed.*

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## CHALLENGERS AGAIN.....

Way back in 1946 / 47 a Youth Club was started in Hayes (Kent). I had spent my childhood on a great Uncle and Aunt's farm in Northamptonshire but returned to my parents when I was 11 to start a new school. The club was the idea of the curate Peter Tadman and a local man Claude Pierce, and with the full support of the Rector the Reverend Eric Smith we were called the Challengers YC. We used to meet on Thursday evenings in the Old Church School where as far as I can remember we chatted over coffee and soft drinks, had dancing lessons and played endless table tennis etc. On Saturdays we played tennis and the boys squash.

Being a church Youth Club several members were in the Choir and a lot of us were bell ringers both for morning service and evensong, which most of us used to attend and after which we would go for a walk over Hayes Common. We were a very competitive club entering all sorts of competitions - swimming, tennis, table tennis and athletics, all of which we did very well in. Every Bank Holiday we would go somewhere by bus or coach and then for a long walk. We also did a lot of cycling and used to go to summer camps.

All of this ended for me when I left Hayes in 1958 to go to Agricultural College. After some years I got in touch with my old school friend June and for the last 20 years we have met in London twice a year together with a couple of other friends. About fifteen months ago I was contacted by a member to say a Millennium reunion was being planned for a weekend in Eastbourne on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2000, for Challengers and their partners. The Sussex Room in the Cavendish Hotel was booked and a guest list was sent. On the day, Tony and I drove down to Eastbourne having returned from the Lake District the day before.

It was a really hot day and we spent the afternoon on the beach before getting ready and assembling at 7.00pm. There were over a hundred people there and we picked our name badges up. The moment had arrived - I hadn't seen anyone, apart from the two or three I have mentioned, for 50 years but after a couple of minutes recognition came; we might all be 50 years older but voices and mannerisms don't change.

As I said, it was a church YC and quite a few boys went into the Ministry. The first I recognised was John Boyce, now a retired vicar. He lived just along the road from us and our mothers met once a week so we shared a playpen. John Pierce, son of the man who started the club is now a vicar in Central London. Drummond (Tiddles) Randall said he remembered tying me by my plaits to the park railings! Geoff, who all of us girls used to swoon over, and his wife Pat who went to the same school as I did. Keith who used to meet me off the train from school and carry my violin case for me. Dear Michael Walker, another retired vicar who doesn't have very good health now but was determined to attend with his wife.

The Reverend Peter Knott now Bishop of Norwich, lived just around the corner from us, couldn't come as he had other commitments but sent a letter saying he remembered the Challengers with great affection and especially Margaret who he regarded as his first girl friend when he was fifteen. There was Denise, Valerie... Mary, and as you chatted to them all the years rolled back and you remembered them as teenagers, and the great times we had. After preliminary drinks we sat down to a

superb four course meal. We were at round tables of ten in groups of our era. After the meal the organiser gave a brief summary and recollection of the Club and there were several toasts.

We met next morning for breakfast, some had planned a walk over The Downs to the Seven Sisters but regrettably we decided to make our way home as we had already been away that week. Will we all meet again, I wonder? But what a night to remember, I wouldn't have missed it for the World.

**Margaret Kent**

*Do you have any special memories from your formative years that you would like to share with **THE CHRONICLE**? Contact Ed.*

## 1<sup>ST</sup> WINGRAVE SCOUT GROUP

**Cubs** - The Cubs have welcomed Akela and Hathi back from their holiday. To take advantage of the lovely evenings our first meeting was spent on the Park, playing Football and Rounders. Another meeting was partly spent on Tracking with the Cubs laying and then following a secret trail. Much of May has been spent on Badge work in order for the boys to gain their next Awards. James McManus was Invested on 9th May and we welcome him into the pack. The Cubs have also been working on our entry into the Fete parade. They are all going to have the opportunity to contribute to the finished product, making it a real team effort.

**Scouts** - Scouts too have enjoyed a varied programme. To take advantage of good weather they have enjoyed "wide games" around the village. They have been to Amersham for an evening of swimming and rock climbing. I guess the idea being that if the swimming didn't tire them out, then the climbing just might! They have also been to collect wood in preparation for making the new Duck house for the pond. The boys are making their new home and will also be involved with siting it on the pond, under the guidance of Mr Snow. Finally they have been doing some backwoods cooking at the Scout hut.

**Lottery update** - Sadly we have been turned down for our Lottery grant for the new Scout hut, however do not despair - your dedicated Scout committee have other ideas!!!!  
Come and find out what they are at our AGM - **MONDAY 19<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2000 at 7.30pm at the Scout Hut (Chiltern Road)**

**Julia Ellis**

## Beavers

9 Beavers took part in the District sports day at Cheddington school on 6 May and thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the team activities. Events ranged from the two in a jumper race, to the back to back relay race and the more traditional egg and spoon race. Many thanks go to Diane Grace who supported the team through all their events and her help at our weekly meetings.

We are proud to announce that Jan Antosiewicz was awarded a certificate of recognition for five years' service in scouting, congratulations for surviving so long!

The Beavers are busy during the rest of this short half term making the most of any fine weather looking at things that fly.  
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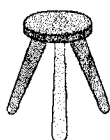


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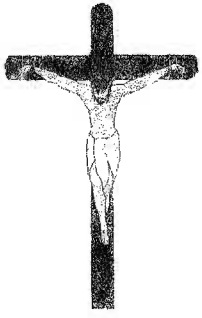
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## RECTOR'S REPORT JUNE 2000

In brief, this report is about a foreign holiday sandwiched between two 'away' funerals.

The first funeral was for a German lady, and I took it because her local priest was away. The second was for a very English gentleman, whom I

had known for very many years. The two occasions had similarities – yet were very different.

The foreign holiday also had that 'same but different' feel to it. We had not deliberately planned to experience the celebrations for the Cypriot Easter – in fact the holiday was meant as a break after the English Easter! The first surprise was the amount of Religious broadcasting that took place. The TV in the hotel room (which I am sure did have not the most comprehensive selection) managed about an hour of "chanting" on each of three evenings on one channel, whilst another channel had a Bible "feature" film (in English with Greek subtitles).

The hotel arranged a walk to see the local Good Friday Procession – but somehow the time was wrong – because we missed it!

But we did manage to get to the Village midnight celebration – which was very spectacular and memorable. It began at 11.00 with the lighting of the village bonfire and fireworks. Almost everyone seemed to be there – young and old, and there was a strong sense of being together.

Then there was the bell-ringing competition. The church only had one bell – but the challenge was to make it ring evenly standing on the low churchyard wall – so that the rope was at about a 30 degree angle. Interspersed with more fireworks. More chanting (which I think was actually on tape – because I couldn't see anyone singing!). The priest sang his little bit, lit the candles and the procession round the outside of the church began with everyone holding lighted candles (which kept blowing out).

Some of the villagers were clearly very involved, others were more on the edge of things – but whatever the level of commitment, there was clearly something important and valuable there. Maybe our culture has made too much distinction between those who are "church" and those who are not. We tend to forget that God made us all, and he loves us all – no matter what!

**BOB WILLMOTT**

## ASTON ABBOTTS PARISH COUNCIL

Unofficial minutes of meeting held 17th May 2000.

- Election of chairman - Cllr Manning declared that he did not wish to stand for election this year, and proposed Cllr Sansome. This was seconded by Cllr Sutton and unanimously agreed.
- Election of vice-chairman Cllr Sutton was elected unanimously to act as vice-chairman for a second term.
- Election of members to committees

Recreation Ground committee - this has ceased to exist; matters will be dealt with by the full council.

Police liaison committee - Cllrs Manning and Sutton.

Highways committee - Cllrs Kent and Kempster.

Street lighting officer - Cllr Kempster.

- To approve minutes of meeting held Wednesday 5th April and matters arising - there were no matters arising.

- County Council and District Council matters

Cllr Jennings gave an update on the Luton Airport consultative committee. Cllr Jennings was asked by the council to speak to the highways department on our behalf regarding the poor state of repair of our local roads.

- Planning

Appeal by Ms Barlow & Mr Greenaway of 1, Nash's Farm against the council's decision to refuse planning permission for the erection of a trellis on the existing fence (retrospective)

**The P.C. wholeheartedly supports this appeal.**

- Highways

Road sign on The Green has not been repaired. Resolved, continue to try to get it refurbished rather than replaced by a modern one.

Moat Lane - concern was expressed at the increasing speed of traffic, lack of visibility and danger to pedestrians. Resolved to ask highways to cut the verges, and renew our efforts to have the 30mph limit moved further out.

Verges on the A418 - rubbish left by hedge cutters is still littering the verge. Cllr Jennings will pursue the matter on our behalf.

- Size of the Parish Council

The Clerk reported that AVDC has no objection to an increase in the size of the PC from 5 to 7. However, we would have to hold an election at an estimated cost of £800. Resolved to wait until the next national election in 2003.

- Tug-of-war Rope

Resolved to accept the quotation from the rope makers at Hawes and order a rope for the village. We will also investigate whether a grant may be available.

- Recreation Ground

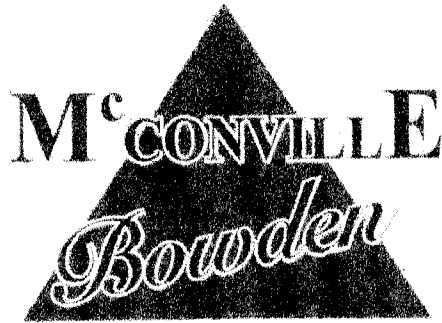
The Fete Committee have asked the P.C. whether it would be possible to use the Rec. as a car park on Fete day. After lengthy discussion it was resolved not to grant permission. Two reasons were given; firstly that vehicles would have to cross the access to the children's playground, and secondly that the Rec. would become churned up if the weather was wet. The safety work being carried out on the playground should be completed soon. Goal posts and nets have been delivered. Sand and cement now need to be bought. Resolved to have the strimmer serviced.

- Reports

Post box. Concern was expressed that motorists drive onto the pavement to use the box. There is nothing we can do except inform the Police. Request for new mower - will be put on the agenda for the next meeting. Police Liaison Group report from Cllr Manning - apparently Aston Abbots is perfect, with no crime recorded between January and March this year. A letter of thanks will be sent to Peter Knight for continuing to mow The Green. AVDC's Visual Archive - Gordon Smith was commended for preparing a page about the village for this millennium publication.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING is 21st June 2000 at 8.00pm in the Church Room.

**Everyone is welcome to attend.**



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## CHURCH SERVICES

4th June	10.00	Wingrave	Parish Communion
	10.00	Cublington	Family Service
	11.15	Aston Abbots	Morning Worship
	18.00	Cublington	Evensong
11th	PENTECOST 2000 at Weedon		
14th(Wed)	10.00	Aston Abbots	Franciscan Service
18th	08.45	Cublington	Parish Communion
	10.00	Wingrave	Family Service
	11.15	Aston Abbots	Parish Communion
	18.00	Cublington	Songs of Praise
21st (Wed)	10.00	Rowsham	Franciscan Service
25th	08.45	Cublington	Parish Communion
	08.45	Aston Abbots	Parish Communion
	10.00	Wingrave	Parish Communion
28th (Wed)	10.00	Wingrave	Franciscan Service
2nd July	10.00	Cublington	Family Service
	10.00	Wingrave	Patronal Festival Communion
	11.15	Aston Abbots	Morning Service

## SUNDAY READINGS

4th June	Ascension	1 John 5.9-13; John 17.6-19
11th	Pentecost	Romans 8.22-27; John 15.26-7, 16.4-15
18th	Trinity	Romans 8.12-17; John 3.1-17
25th	Trinity 1	2 Corinthians 6.1-13; Mark 4.35-41
2nd July	Trinity 2	2 Corinthians 8.7-15; Mark 5.21-43
	Peter & Paul	Acts 12.1-11; Matthew 16.13-19

## FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Baptism	30th Apr	Abigail Thompson at Wingrave
Funeral	28th Apr	Roger Biddle at Aston Abbots

## **ST JAMES CHURCH ASTON ABBOTTS PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS**

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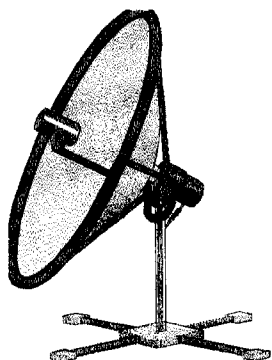
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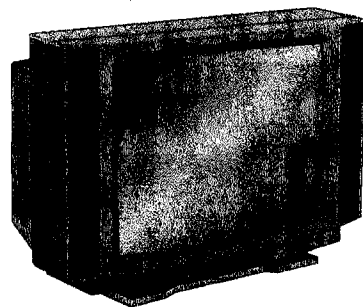


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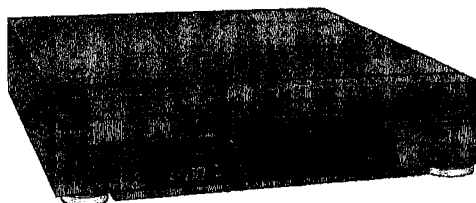


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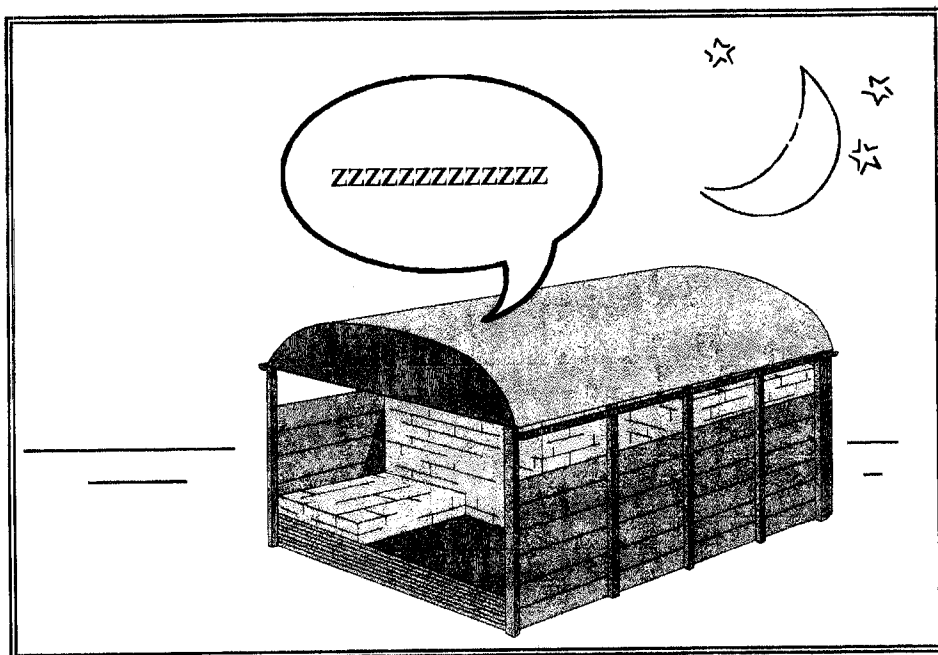
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