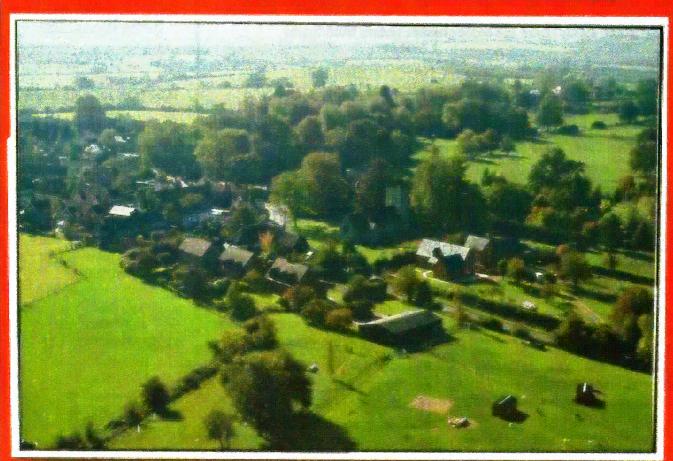


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FIRST WORDS

This month's front cover has been made possible by Dave Lewis who very kindly took myself and Ian for a flight over Aston Abbotts so that we could photograph it for The Chronicle. We are pleased to now have a number of good aerial pictures of the village, taken for both the villagers to enjoy and for posterity.

I won't go into too much detail for reasons that Alison has pointed out!! If anyone wants to know what to buy Ian for Christmas, I think he needs a new camera bag. If you

would like a colour photograph from us, please call, we usually ask for a small donation to cover ink and paper. You can pop by 3 The Green and have a look at the photos if you think that would be of interest to you. I will put some on the Aston Abbotts myspace website.

The Leighton Buzzard Observer ran a feature with colour photograph of the sewing club ladies and their two finished quilts. This was also to highlight our Christmas Bazaar which has now added an evening opening time. Please support the Bazaar as all money taken will go to the Church Room, you are welcome to invite non-villagers and bring friends and family, there will be something for everyone. If you have some cheerful Christmas decorations that we can put up then please also let me know.

Thanks to Simon Guy for another of his brilliant history articles, there was no space for a photograph but if you go to www.roll-of-honour.com they have historic photos of regiments, including the Boer War of 1899-1902.

Finally, if you would like to see the Chronicle continue with colour front covers please sponsor an issue, cost is £11 as it has to be printed at a different place to the rest of the issue. Please also note that anonymous letters are a total waste of your time and postage stamp. Here are some positive letters from happy villagers....

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LINK ROMANIA - I would like to thank everyone who has done a Christmas shoe box for Link Romania. Twenty six families will enjoy opening their gifts. We can only imagine their faces when they see what is in the boxes. On behalf of these families, I thank you. Shirley Ford

HARVEST SUPPER

Forty people enjoyed a delicious supper in the Church Room on Sunday 10th October following the Harvest Festival Service. So many volunteers prepared food and decorated the Church Room to make it a really lovely occasion. The Auction was great fun and people responded wonderfully by paying vast amounts for a superb array of fruit, vegetables, pickles, jams and flower arrangements. Thanks must go to the Aston Abbotts PCC for organising such a delightful event. April Curnow

"The Dickens and the
Dewhirsts are leaving the
village in mid December – to
Hampshire and France
respectively. We would like to
thank everybody for their
friendship and kindness during
our 12 years at Norduck House.
We wish you all a very Merry
Christmas and a Happy New
year and good luck in the future
especially with the Church
Room!." Dickie Dicken

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Alison's Gossip Column

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David Lewis has never had anyone being sick in his plane in all of his 30 years of flying. Until he took a local man, known for his skill in photography, flying. Maybe it was his extreme height or the length of his luxuriant curls that caused the sudden illness. Whatever!

Thank goodness there was an

there was an oversized camera case to receive the offering! I believe the case was ditched in the nearest bin on landing.



I heard a funny tale about some early morning dog walkers. They were in Chapmans



field and suddenly the large herd of cattle who graze there noticed them and started running towards them. Petrified, the walkers and dogs legged it to the nearest field of safety. That would be my field which is surrounded by barbed wire. Hands were gashed, jeans torn and the large Basset hound manhandled over the fence! Safe. No, now they were surrounded by 30 angry alpacas alarm calling! If only there was CCTV.



Deirdre Whyte has been a bit poorly recently so Get Well soon Dee.XXX



WARNING - SCAM RELATING TO COMPUTERS

At least 3 people in the village, including myself, have recently been contacted apparently on behalf of Microsoft or Windows stating that they are aware you are encountering problems with your computer and would like to help you sort them out. Two of us have been told our computers are going slow and have viruses on them. They then talk you through a series of strokes on your computer to rectify your problem. You will finally be asked to give some money (typically £185 to remove the viruses). If you go as far as this you have given the criminals, who are making millions, all your credit card details. These criminals are extremely plausible and many of these calls seem to be coming from India. If you check on the Microsoft home site under security you will find details of this particular scam and they have emphasised that they never make unsolicited telephone calls.

I have registered with the Telephone Preference Service to avoid such unwanted calls but it has given me no protection. Be warned! Pam Hewitt



ASTON ABBOTTS FIREWORKS NIGHT

FRIDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2010







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The Deverells of Aston Abbotts

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Part 2 - Harry Deverell and the Boer War

The second Deverell grave in the church yard (to the right of William and Annie) reads as follows:

"In loving memory

Phyllis the beloved wife of Joseph Deverell who died 2 Feb 1889 aged 63 years

Also of Joseph Deverell who died Oct 23 1891 aged 73 years

Also Elizabeth their daughter who died March 15 1858 aged 11 years

And Harry Deverell their Grandson who died in South Africa on May 8 1900 aged 25 years"

As mentioned in last month's article on the tragic deaths of William & Annie, Joseph was married to Phillis Bates in Weedon in 1850 and he is listed in the Census of 1851 living in Aston Abbotts as an Agricultural Labourer.

Joseph is listed in the census of 1891 as 'living on his own means' in Church Row (from where I'm typing!) he is the head of the household with his son William and daughter in law Jane and their 2 children. Joseph died aged 73 on the 23rd October 1891 in the County Asylum which was then situated in Stone, the village just south of Aylesbury.

Joseph and Phillis had 7 children the 2nd of which was Mary Deverell born in Aston Abbotts in 1853. The census of 1861 has her living in the village with her parents and 4 siblings. Her father was then a shepherd and they probably lived in one of the cottages between the chapel and (what was) the Bull & Butcher.

Ten years later finds her living in Hoggeston, a village 5 miles to the North West of Aston Abbotts. She is listed as being a servant to the Bayliss family. Robert Bayliss was a farmer of 270 acres employing 6 men and 3 boys.

It was 4 years later that Mary gave birth to Harry Deverell. Harry was born on the 19th May 1875 in Kings Langley, Hertfordshire. Six years later he appears in the 1881 census, living in Aston Abbotts with his Grandparents Joseph & Phillis. Mary has by now gone to work as 'Cook, Domestic Servant' for the vicar of Edlesborough one Charles R Hutchinson, along with the vicars wife, 3 children and 3 other servants. She is still listed as unmarried. She did, however marry in 1882 to a James Saunders, the marriage taking place in St James church on the 8th February 1882 when Mary was 29 years old.

Harry next appears on the 1891 census aged 16 as a groom in Gayton, Northamptonshire (a village between Towcester & Northampton) His mother and step father had moved there after they were married James Saunders was also a groom.

Sometime later Harry moved to 6 Woodland Terrace, Victoria Street, Llandudno, Wales and it was from here that he joined the army as a Private in the 1st Battalion Royal Welsh Fusiliers.

The second Anglo Boer war began on 11th October 1899 and the 1st Battalion sailed on the Oriental on 22nd October 1899, arriving at the Cape on 13th November. It was sent on to Durban, and along with the 2nd Royal Fusiliers, 2nd Royal Scots Fusiliers, and 2nd Royal Irish Fusiliers, formed the 6th Brigade under Major General Barton.

On 26th November the Battalion marched from Mooi River to Estcourt, a distance of 23 miles which it covered in seven hours.

At Colenso on 15th December 1899 the 6th Brigade saw large scale action for the first time. The 1st Battalion Royal Welch Fusiliers were not called upon to play a conspicuous part but nevertheless had three men wounded.

For Harry though it wasn't enemy action that killed him in May 1900 but Enteric Fever (now know as typhoid) this cost the British Army more lives than the two severest battles of the war.

He died in Kimberley, South Africa on May 8th 1900. A letter in the Llandudno Advertiser of 22nd June 1900 reported the death from enteric fever of Harry Deverell.

When he died he had effects worth £100 as reported to the solicitor of HM treasury.

It is remarkable to think that despite Harry's travels away from Aston Abbots where he was brought up by his grandparents (when illegitimacy still held some stigma) through to Northamptonshire, Wales and finally the battlefields of the Boer War that he is still remembered in Aston Abbotts on the Gravestone of his grandparents.

As for his mother Mary? She died in the same year aged only 47, her death registered in the 4th quarter of that year in the district of Leighton Buzzard. Did Mary know the whereabouts of her son and where and how he had died? Was it this tragic news that contributed to her early death? We can only speculate.

Mary's husband James and her 2 daughters from the marriage are last recorded in 1901 living in Heath & Reach. Simon Guy



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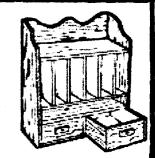
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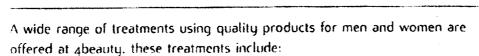


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ALLOTMENT DIARY

Forty-one years ago I had a ski-ing holiday in Switzerland. Being young and convinced of my immortality, I kept trying to do things which were beyond my ability, in the belief that whenever I fell over (which I did frequently), I would be able to pick myself up, replace whichever ski had come off, dust off the snow, and continue on my way. Inevitably, I got my come-uppance. I had taken a ski-lift to the top of a mountain, intending to come down a red run. Unhappily, there were several different runs starting from the top of this particular mountain, and the route



leading down to where the various pistes started was much travelled, and was therefore like a sheet of ice. Because I was still a beginner, I tried to slow up by snow-ploughing, only to find that the edges of my skis were not biting in at all; and as a result I went too fast, lost control and fell badly. The binding attaching my right ski to my boot failed to open, so that I twisted my knee very badly, and tore either ligaments or cartilage.

This effectively ended my ski-ing, and the doctor who treated me said that I would be cured when I was able to adopt a squatting position again. Some months passed, and I was still not able to do this – and in fact never have been able to do so again - but in the end I decided to carry on with life regardless; and ever since have done things like playing squash, going for long walks, playing golf, gardening, etc. I have from time to time had the occasional twinge from the knee; but never anything serious. However, my good luck came to an end last Saturday, when I came back from a trip to Tesco's with acute pain in my right knee. This has continued on and off for the last week, despite the best efforts of Ibuprofen and Ibuleve, and for much of the time I have been limping around like Mr. Bates in Downton Abbey

Consequently, I have had to curtail my activities on the allotment, and this is nearly a "Not on the Allotment Diary". Fortunately, by the time the problem struck, I had dug up all my potatoes, with the exception of two rows, which were the last to ripen; and have done about two thirds of the weeding that needed to be done. I am hoping that the knee will improve to allow this remaining work to be done in the next few weeks, and I can then relax, knowing there is nothing else urgent that will need to be done for a few months.

Last year I was able to tell you that my biggest potato was a Cara, which weighed 2lb 5 oz. This year I failed to break the 2lb barrier: my best was a Valor potato of 1lb 12 oz. It is another main-crop potato, but one which I am growing not for its size, but because I once read an article in which the author said that, after several years' research, he had decided that this was the best potato to use for making chips. I do not know if he is right, but I can say that they do make pretty good chips.

In the past I have always been an advocate of yellow courgettes, because one can always pick out the difference between a courgette and a fat leaf stem; and one does not have the problem that one has with green courgettes, which is that one often fails to detect a growing courgette until it has turned into a marrow. However, I have to say that I have now discovered that the green courgettes I was growing (a variety called "Tristan"), have one big advantage over the yellow variety I grew ("Soleil"), which is that they continue producing usable courgettes for very much later in the year. My yellow courgettes stopped growing big enough to ripen in the middle of September. I am writing this article on 23rd October, and my green courgettes are still producing. I picked one from each of the three plants last Monday, and one more today. However, I think this is probably the end: the leaves are now curling up and dying – probably because of the recent frosts - and I doubt if the remaining courgettes will ripen any further.

My raspberry canes are continuing to produce: I was able to pick a small bowl-full today, and I am optimistic that I will be able to collect a final bowl-full in November, as I have done the last two years.

The week before last we had a very pleasant dry warm spell, which nowadays we are inclined to call an Indian summer. However, I have discovered that this phrase has come over from America, where it related to the seasonal behaviour of what used to be called North American Indians. Before this phrase reached these shores, English people would speak of "St. Luke's Little Summer", since a late warm spell like this has always been a common feature of our weather, happening during the period around St. Luke's day, 18th October.

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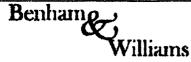
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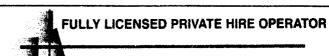
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ASTON ABBOTTS BOOK CLUB

Last month's meeting (20th October) was held at Alison Lewis's house. We discussed her choice 'The Other Hand' by Chris Cleave. The book deals with the troubled life of Little Bee, a Nigerian girl, her life in Nigeria, a detention centre in England and her friendship with an English couple and their child who always wears a Batman outfit. It was an easy book to read, the story unravels at a good pace and is full of humour and horror. Little Bee's ultimate outcome is left unresolved; we felt her tale ended with sadness.



The next book to read is 'Brixton Beach' by Roma Tearne, chosen by Brigitte Gutierrez.

If you would like to join in the discussion you would be very welcome. Our next meeting is scheduled for 17th November – 8pm, venue to be advised.

John Hardcastle

HARVEST SUPPER & AUCTION

With so many in the village away or doing other things, it initially looked as though this year's Supper and Auction might have been a shadow of it's former self. As it turned out, this was certainly not the case. Forty villagers came along to the supper and this, coupled with generous donations of produce, resulted in the evening being a resounding success.

We would like to thank all who contributed produce, particularly Simon Guy and Frank McManus, each of whom donated large boxes containing extensive selections of vegetables.

The incredible sum of £808.55.00 raised during the course of the evening was due mostly, through the amazing generosity of those who bid so courageously for produce. However non of that would have been possible without the skills of our Auctioneer Marcus Hall and his lovely 'assistant' (well daughter actually) Anysia,

Huge thanks also have to go to Tony Hinds for looking after the drinks (when doesn't he!!), Caroline Abel Smith, Shirley Ford, Caroline Lane, Anita Parker, Alex Radbourne, Ann Goodman and Francesca Bean, who prepared /served the very pleasant four course meal. Last but by no means least, thanks to all who decorated the room and tables so beautifully.

The success of the evening has provided all the cash required for Christmas gifts to our 'older residents'. The remainder will be equally divided between the Pakistan Appeal and our Church funds.

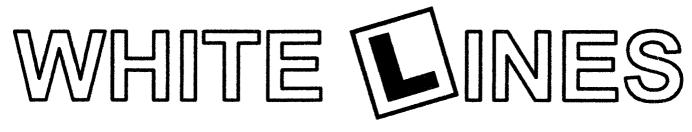
Huge thanks therefore from the members of our PCC. to all who supported this fund raising event. Andy.

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Why White Ribbons? In December 1999, the United Nations adopted a resolution designating 25th November as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. The White Ribbon Campaign was subsequently launched to encourage governments, businesses and community groups across the world to raise awareness of violence against women.

Within Aylesbury Vale we'll be looking for men to pledge never to commit or condone violence against women. You can show your support at www.whiteribboncampaign.co.uk or pick up a white ribbon to wear during the week or day of the campaign. Ribbons can be collected from 66 High Street, Aylesbury or Buckingham Library. If you would like a larger number of ribbons to circulate amongst a local community group, sports team, or business please contact Matthew Deprez, AVDC on 01296 585061.

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ASTON ABBOTTS AND CUBLINGTON LADIES CLUB

November 4th - A.G.M.

November 18th - Peter Wenham - "The Suffragette Derby"

December 2nd - Pam Pearce - "BBC Choir/Instrument Making"

December 16th - Carol Service - Aston Abbotts

On 7th October ladies club meeting had 12 members and 2 visitors present. Minutes were read and signed. The Speakers were Vic and Christine Scott who showed slides of Costa Rica, its animals, birds, butterflies and flowers. As usual Vic gave a very interesting and entertaining presentation in his own unique style. April Curnow



thanked him. Tea Hostesses were Avril Bradley Davies and Audrey Stephenson. Raffle winner was Diane Smart.

On 21st October ten members were present and the speaker was Mr. Hugh Grainger who gave an amusing talk entitled "You Must Be Joking". Tea was served by Christine Scott and Irene Lowden. Raffle winner was Kim White.

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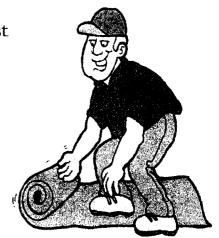
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Santa arrives at Aylesbury Market Square on 21st November. Free animal petting and face painting.

Winslow Farmers Market, 1st Sunday of each and every month, 10am to 2pm on the Market Square. go to http://www.winslowbucks.org/farmers.php to find out more."

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News from Wingrave CE Combined School

As I write we are nearly at the end of a very busy half term at Wingrave.

Our Reception class have settled in well and will be full time after the half term holidays. Our Year 6 pupils have taken the 11 plus tests and now await the results in November. We have held Parent Consultation evenings giving parents the opportunity to look at their children's books and discuss their progress with the class teacher. After half term we will be holding an Information Evening for parents about learning to read and write at Wingrave and there will also be a parental workshop on Phonics for Reception and Year 1 parents.

We have just held Parent Governor Elections and were very pleased by the huge response for our parental body who voted in force. This shows their commitment to our school. We look forward to working with our new governors to provide an excellent education for the children in our community.

On Wednesday 24th November the school will be holding an Open Morning from 10.15am until 12.00pm. This is an opportunity for anyone interested in the school (and not just parents) to come and see us in action. All you have to do is turn up on the day. We would love to welcome you to our school and show you around.

Patricia Gurton Headteacher

Buckinghamshire Railway Centre news and events update

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It would be helpful if you could persuade all your friends and neighbours that are connected to the Wing exchange to also cast a vote. There are 2128 lines running through the Wing exchange and we need to get everyone of them to vote if we are to have a chance of winning.

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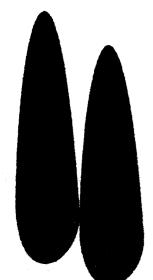
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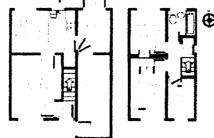
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The Royal British Legion is one of the largest membership organisations in the country with about 400,000 members and next year will be the ninetieth anniversary of its founding. Its purpose is to provide financial, social and emotional support to nearly 9.5 million service or ex-service people and or their dependants. Currently the Legion spends over £100 million every year and the poppy appeal raises about £30 million. In crude terms that is 50p per head of the population.

One of the dreadful facts of history is that since 1939 there is only one year in which no British service personnel have been killed on active service. This means that many more were injured and some of those have needed the support of the Legion since they were very young men. As long as there is conflict there will always be a need for this support. You might think that these servants of our country would be looked after as they deserve. However every year the Legion fights more than 30,000 War Disablement Pension cases for veterans.



I know that the people of Wingrave, Aston Abbotts and Long Marston will give generously to the poppy appeal, they always do, but it is not just money you can give. Perhaps some of you might like to think about giving a little time and joining the R B L. The Wingrave and District Branch like nearly all the smaller branches desperately needs to increase its membership. You don't have to have served in the Armed Forces to join or you may like to volunteer just to collect on behalf of the poppy appeal.

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Ingredients

10 oz good mincemeat - if you're organised you can make your own

8 oz brown sugar (molasses style)

8 oz self-raising flour.

3 well-beaten eggs

5 oz marmalade (the fine shred is best)

1 oz glace cherries

4 tbs whisky

4 oz frozen butter which is grated or chopped to fine pieces.

Method

1. Line a pudding basin (2 pt size) with greaseproof paper.

2. Thoroughly mix all the ingredients together in a bowl.

- 3. Spoon the mixture into the greased bowl and cover it with greaseproof paper.
- 4. Put bowl on plate and cook in microwave on medium power for 20 25 minutes.
- 5. Test it with a skewer of knife if it is 'done' the skewer will come out clean.
- 6. Leave to 'rest' for 5 minutes.
- 7. Carefully turn on to serving plate and decorate with cream and holly.
- 8. You can serve with other things like Brandy Butter, Rum Sauce, Custard or whatever you prefer.

GET ONLINE ITS EASIER THAN YOU THINK

The BBC has just launched its First Click campaign, alongside Get Online Week (18th - 24th October) to encourage more people to get online. The campaign is aimed at encouraging the estimated 9.2m people in the UK who have never used the internet to get online, with each promotional trail directing people to a dedicated BBC First Click Advice free helpline where they can find out about beginner computer courses in their local area. Prior to the campaign the BBC launched a a major research survey into what barriers have so far prevented people from using the internet.

BBC head of marketing for Future Media & Technology, said, "Our single biggest insight was that a claimed lack of interest in the internet frequently masked other barriers, such as lack of confidence in using it or even a dislike of formal learning... The campaign is all about reassuring people that they're not alone in thinking they might be too old or unskilled to learn how to use the internet."

UK online centres are everywhere, the nearest ones to Aston Abbotts are: Quarrendon Centre, Quarrendon Adult Education Centre, Holman Street, Aylesbury. Tel 0845 045 4040 and Leighton Buzzard Library, Lake Street, Tel; 0300 300 8059

At these centres are friendly staff and volunteers to help people of all ages take their first steps online. Quarrendon is a UK online Centre all year round and offers support to use computers and the internet.

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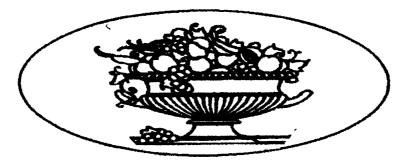
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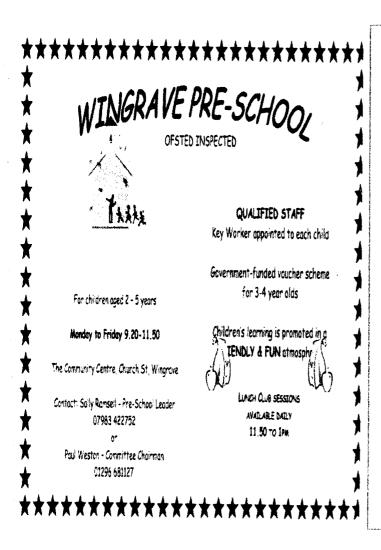
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