

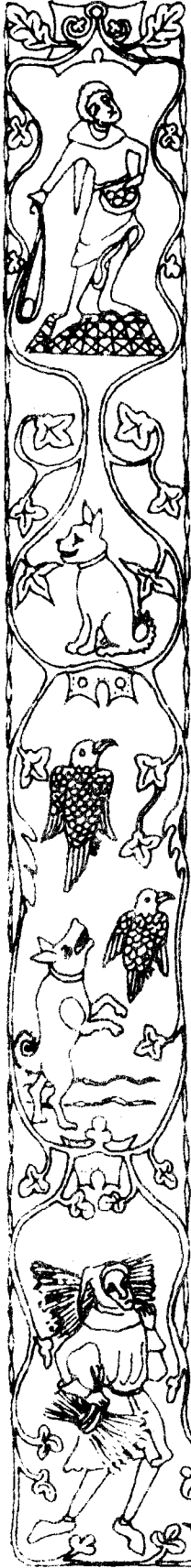
# The Chronicle

Parish Magazine for Aston Abbotts

We wish

all our readers a happy

and peaceful New Year



JANUARY 1984

No. 5

# Editorial

Before Christmas I was, quite rightly, taken to task over a certain inaccuracy in the December issue for which, my apologies. Inadvertantly I indicated that there had been four parishioners at the Public Meeting, who had been willing to serve on a management committee. This should have read three.

While apologising could I also bow my head in shame at not mentioning the successful bonfire night celebrations organised by the Recreation Ground Committee. The efforts of all those involved was much appreciated.

Thanks too for a very enjoyable evening at the annual Christmas Show. Further comment is perhaps best left to our theatre critic who in this issue begins, what I anticipate will be, a whole series of exposes.

The advertising is coming in slowly but we do need to complete both sides to ensure that THE CHRONICLE is self supporting. Details on how to advertise appear on the back page.

Finally, best wishes to everyone and a very happy and peaceful New Year.

*Graham Parker*

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# WHAT'S ON

THURSDAYS 12th. : WHIST DRIVES IN THE CHURCH ROOM  
and 26th. at 7.30 p.m.

THURSDAY 19th. : BINGO IN THE CHURCH ROOM 8.00p.m.

SATURDAY 21st. : CHEESE & WINE  
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Mrs. Scutchings at the Post Office.

In aid of Church Funds.

SUNDAY 22nd. : FOOTPATH WALK  
Meet at The Green at 2.00p.m.

## **Whist drive aids church**

A whist drive was held in the Church Room, Aston Abbots, in aid of St. James Church funds.

Mr. Colin Higgs was the M.C. and prizewinners were Mrs. P. Rickard, Miss Saunders, Mr. E. Barker, Mr. W. Higgs, Mrs. Wesley and Mr. Tapping; special Mrs. P. Dines and Mrs. W. Evans; raffle Mrs. C. Griffin, Mrs. Wesley and Mrs. L. Scutchings.

## **Fellowship meets**

Aston Abbots Women's Fellowship met for the last time in 1983 in the Methodist schoolroom last week. Mrs. D. Heffer presided.

Mr. P. Kent showed slides taken in Bermuda which he described in detail.

Mr. G. Brockless accompanied singing before tea was served.

## TUESDAY CLUB NEWS

Thanks to Tina the Tuesday Club were let into the secrets of home perming, trimming and general hair care. Now hair in Aston Abbots should be the envy of Aylesbury Vale.

At the next Meeting, on JANUARY 10th., at 8.00 p.m. in the Church Room, Mr. Bernard Levitt will be giving a talk and demonstration on Natural Gemstones and jewelry.

The Tea Hostesses will be Jane Plested, Pat Sims and Margaret Chesher.

May the Tuesday Club take this opportunity to wish the whole village a "Happy New Year".

## DARTS

A REVIEW OF THE ROYAL OAK'S SEASON FROM OUR SENIOR SPORTS REPORTER "DOUBLE SCOTCH".

Unfortunately the news is not good. The season got off to a disastrous start with several games lost, however recent weeks have seen a return to form with the last game (at the time of writing) being a 3 - 2 win over the Bedford Arms, Leighton Buzzard.

The courageous decision of the captain, Tony Hinds, to drop himself paid off and he received encouragement from several members of the team to repeat this tactic in following weeks.

Matches are played in two parts. The main match counting for the league, followed by a beer leg, the results of which count separately. At one time the Royal Oak were top of the beer leg league - which perhaps gives some indication of the reaction of the team when beer is mentioned - but the last two games ended in beer leg defeats, resulting in a slip down the table.

A further up-date will follow later in the season.

"DOUBLE SCOTCH".

# Mountains of Mauritius

Mrs. B. Newell presided at Thursday's meeting of Aston Abbotts Ladies Club.

Arrangements were discussed for the carol service to be held in St. Nicholas Church, Cublington.

Mrs. Sinot, a Cublington member described slides taken when she visited Mauritius with her late husband, these included pictures of mountainous scenery, seascapes and flowering trees and shrubs.

She was thanked by Mrs. Newell.

Mrs. Sinot judged the competition for a poem on Winter. She awarded highest points to Mrs. Little, Mrs. Kelleher and J. Smith.

Tea was served with cakes provided by Mrs. Newell and Mrs. Christopher, and Mrs. Chandler donated the raffle prize.

## LADIES' CLUB NEWS

We had two very good meetings in December. On the 8th. Mrs. Sinot entertained us with some very interesting slides of her travels around the world and on the 22nd. we held our annual carol service, this year in Cublington Church.


Our thanks go to the Rector for conducting this service, despite his laryngitis. He was ably helped by his wife, Sheila and son, Tom. Our thanks also go to Pam Reed for her hospitality afterwards.

The New Years meetings begin again on January 19th., which will be our only meeting this month, when Mrs. Etherley Gutteridge will be talking to us about fabric printing.

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## BEST KEPT VILLAGE

In an acknowledgment of our efforts during last years competition the Clerk to the Parish Council recently received a special 'Certificate of Merit' -

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# THE CHRISTMAS SHOW.....

## A CRITICS VIEW

The glass of sherry as I arrived lulled me into thinking this was going to be a rather sedate evening, but this feeling did not last long.

A relaxing start, with some very nice singing and dancing, was followed by some very strange goings on, not the least of which were a certain Mr. Andrew Ford's keep-fit routine. Having seen this I now understand why, in the finale, his fig-leaf was so much bigger than anyone else's.

However, Mr. Ford's exercises in the keep-fit routine were obviously controlled during a double act performed with his sister, Alison. The hornpipe they danced was a joy, encapsulating as it did the gentle stamp, stamp of the sailors of the time. On the night I attended, the audience were even moved to join in with the stamping by using their feet to great effect, but it was no good, Andrew and Alison just would not be put off and effectively brought the dance to a successful conclusion.

For me, the star of the main sketch - a Victorian Melodrama, featuring Stanley Holmes, a well known local detective - was Bridget Brandon. She carried the part off with complete success. Mind you I did think the person sitting next to me was rather unkind to remark that it wasn't really acting, as she had been behaving that way for years.

Something I didn't understand at the time were the remarks of the compere, Michael Cox, about the music. I gather the first night had revealed one or two technical difficulties. In the interests of truth I attempted to interview the person said to have dealt with the music, a Mr. John Whyte, but every time I went to his home he was said to be out. I gather he now has a part-time business renting out a Mountfield ride-on mower, with operator. A neighbour said the machine he was using looked rather like the one recently purchased by the Recreation Ground Committee and that it was offered on a no VAT for cash basis. The Clerk to the Parish Council is looking into these rumours which I am sure will prove unfounded.

However to return to the subject of the Christmas Show, I must say I found it a most enjoyable evening, but I do not want those acts that have not been mentioned to think they have escaped. This is a matter that could be returned to at any time.

Bucket O'Booze  
Theatre Critic.

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## A WORD OF THANKS

The Recreation Ground Committee would like to thank all of those who took part in some way in this years Christmas Show.

Our thanks go to the cast for giving a great deal of time and effort, to the audience for parting with their money; and, in particular, to those who donated raffle prizes. These were most welcome and this year the raffle raised some £74.00. Together with the profit from Bonfire Night, which had been used as a float for the Christmas Show, over £250 was banked, after expenses.

This money has been put to immediate use by the purchase of a second-hand Mountfield ride-on mower. The recreation ground has previously been cut with the aid of local farmers and hopefully this purchase will save us from having to impose on their good nature again.

Many thanks ..... Recreation Ground Committee.



THE CHURCHES IN WINGRAVE WITH ROWSHAM, ASTON ABBOTTS AND CUBLINGTON

January 1984

A MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

Tel. A.A.623

**CONSIDER THE CALENDAR.** No, I don't mean George Orwell's 1984. You will hear enough about that. I do mean that Christ is the centre-piece of time. All events before the birth of Jesus Christ are designated B.C. All events since his birth belong to the A.D. period - the "year of our Lord". He dominates the story of history. All our records are adjusted according to the time of his birth. Be you Christian or not, Christ is the pivot of history as we know it.

**CONSIDER THE MAN.** A Jewish peasant. Born in an obscure province in a far-off age. He never wrote a book. He made no discovery. He was without official learning (John 7.15). He invented no philosophy. At his arrest, his friends deserted him. He died when he had scarcely reached his prime.

**CONSIDER HIS SIGNATURE.** Every newspaper and magazine we pick up has his mark at the top of the page. The date tells us that this Man lived. Every man, every woman, who writes a letter to a friend or makes out a cheque, unwittingly testifies that Jesus Christ has come. Be you atheist or agnostic, indifferent or hostile to Christianity, you cannot state the date of your own birth without testifying to his! Not one person has ever been able to carve their name so deeply and so significantly on the roll of human history.

**CONSIDER YOUR TERM.** Most of us can look back to some event in our life which was important to us. Some date we can remember in life's term which made its mark, for good or ill. When was it? What was it?

**CONSIDER YOUR B.C. TIME.** That period before you knew Jesus Christ as a real and living Person. Perhaps you can't remember such a time. But if you can, you will know that it was an age of darkness - like the B.C. of history - clouded in the mists of ignorance. If, of course, you still don't know him, then you are involved in a tragic extension of the "Before Christ" time. You are hopelessly out-of-date! Well not quite hopeless.

**CONSIDER YOUR A.D. TIME.** The story is told of a Frenchman who took citizenship of this country. He was asked how he felt now that he had transferred his allegiance from France to Britain. The proud new citizen replied, "I simply can't describe my happiness. Yesterday, Waterloo meant defeat. Today, it is victory!" What a date to recall! I hope that 1984 may be for you - your "in the year of our Lord" time.

**CONSIDER B.C. TO A.D.** For the remedy is crucial. "When anyone is joined to Christ, he is a new being; the old is gone, the new has come" (2 Corinthians 5.17). To take Christianity seriously is simply to be brought up-to-date! Getting into step with history. A date to remember. The difference between defeat and victory.

Yours sincerely,

FR. JOHN HEFFER

ECUMENICAL EVENING SERVICE Cublington Parish Church, 5th February at 6 o'clock conducted by the Methodist Minister. Singing led by the Village Choir. Preacher: the Rector.

FAMILY SERVICES CUBLINGTON Parish Church, 10.30 a.m. and ASTON ABBOTTS Parish Church, 11.15 a.m.: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH.

EXCHANGE The Revd. M. Whalley comes to our parishes on Sunday, February 8th while the Rector takes Services in his churches at Bierton and Hulcott. (correction).

"THINKING DAY" The special Service for Brownies and Guides in Wingrave Parish Church, February 19th at 3 o'clock.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS The Church of England Childrens Society received £60 from our Christingle Carol Service. Also, toys and parcels were given to the MacIntyre School from the "Nativity Scenes" in Wingrave Parish Church and the Cublington Carol Service on December 18th. Mrs. C. Jenkins (Principal) writes: "The toys have been included in the children's Christmas celebrations, and will give them much pleasure. Thank you so much for thinking of them so caringly."

SUNDAY LESSONS (ASB Year 2)

29th January	Epiphany 4	Jeremiah 7(1-11)	John 4(19-26)
5th February	Epiphany 5	1 Corinth.3(18-23)	Matthew 12(38-42)
12th February	Epiphany 6	2 Samuel 12(1-10)	Matthew 13(24-30)
19th February	9Before Easter	1 Corinth.2(1-10)	Luke 8(4-15)
26th February	8Before Easter	2 Corinth.12(1-10)	Mark 7(24-37)

NOTE Please keep this sheet as the lessons are usually one month ahead.

HOLY BAPTISM At the Family Service in Cublington Parish Church 27th November:

GILLIAN LOUISE, daughter of Hugh and Honor VALE.

CONFIRMATION Those Confirmed by the Bishop of Buckingham in the Parish Church of Linslade on S. Andrew's Day:

Betty Bennett, Doris Charles, Victoria Elliott, Katie Fletcher, Sylvia Goldney, Kate Ibbitson, Carinna Mabbutt.

They received their First Communion then and were welcomed into the fellowship of their local Church congregations at Aston Abbots and Wingrave the following Sunday, 4th December Our prayers for them:

"Defend, O Lord, your servants with your heavenly grace, that they may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more, until they come to your everlasting kingdom." (from the Order of Confirmation: ASB).

FUNERALS We offer our prayers for the repose of the souls of those who have recently died, especially:

Trevor Arnett GRIGG of Wingrave. The Funeral was held in the Parish Church, 28th November, and, after a Service at the Crematorium, an interment in the Churchyard, 6th December.

James WEBSTER of Cublington. The Funeral was held in S. Barnabas, Linslade, and a Service at Oxford Crematorium Chapel, 15th December.

Alice HINDS of Aston Abbots. The Funeral was held in the Parish Church, 29th December, with burial in the Churchyard.

Our sympathy, love and prayers to the nearest and dearest.

MONDAYS IN LENT The Deanery Services were so successful last year that the Synod has asked for them to be held again in different churches this year. Lent is not until 7th March, but please keep Monday nights free from then until Easter (22nd April!)

O-FIVE GROUP Wingrave Parish Church, two Thursday afternoons each month. Date Check: January 26th, February 9th and 23rd.



# CHURCH NEWS



We had two excellent Christmas services in both the Carol Service and the Family Service on Christmas Day. There were nearly eighty folk to each and on Christmas Day the number of visitors to the village who joined us was a great joy. The next Family Service is on the first Sunday in February.

The bell-ringers who, as you no doubt realise practice on Wednesdays, were reinforced at Christmas and the bells were rung both before and after the service. It is hoped that soon, Sunday ringing will once again be a regular feature of our village. Anyone who would like to learn this ancient and peculiarly English art is very welcome to come along at 8 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Having managed this year to meet the bill, of nearly £700, for urgent repairs to the Church building, the P.C.C. at its December meeting were also able to help in a small way, those in need outside the Parish by sending £25 to both the N.S.P.C.C. and St. Luke's Hospital for the Clergy. We would like to give more to such important work and would welcome new members to the envelope scheme. If you are interested have a word with Doris Scutchings at the Post Office or either of the Churchwardens.

## SERVICES FOR JANUARY

1st.	11.00 a.m.	Combined Benefice Service at Wingrave.
8th.	11.15 a.m.	Holy Communion
15th.	11.15 a.m.	Holy Communion
22nd.	11.15 a.m.	Holy Communion
29th.	11.15 a.m.	Holy Communion

## Sidesman

Miss G. Ford.  
Mr. C. Higgs.  
Mr. C. Spike.  
Mr. J. Ford.

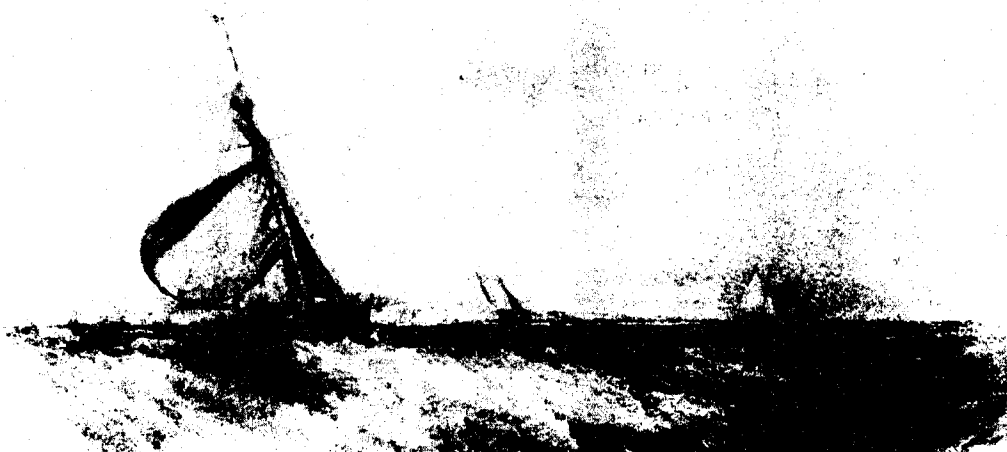
Altar flowers for the month : Mrs. R. Bellingham.

## "YEARS MIND"

If you would like the names of departed loved-ones remembered at the Altar, we keep a diary. All you need to do is to submit the Christian name by which they were known and the surname, with the anniversary date, and they will be entered in the diary. Then, on the Sunday before the date each year, we will include their names in the prayers at morning Service. You do not have to be a Church member - we will gladly offer this in what is called the "YEARS MIND". Please hand your names for this remembrance to Mrs. Shirley Ford at 2, Ross Road.



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