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Editorial

Two harvest festivals in one day at the end of September served to remind us of how affluent we really are in this country. A photograph of a boy looking out of a hole in the sand was held up, and we were asked to guess where he was? At the seaside, said a little girl. He wasn't digging holes for fun, though, but desperately looking for water at the bottom of a dry river bed in Africa. It seems a good year to order one's Christmas presents from Oxfam.

We have received a letter from a group working for another troubled (former) country - Yugoslavia. Mrs Wall tells us of over £450,000 already raised and spent on food, medical supplies and equipment, distributed by Franciscans throughout Bosnia and Croatia. More money is needed to continue helping the refugees and she asks that you send cheques, however small, made out to THE MEDJUGORJE APPEAL, to her at The Apple Orchard, Bradenham, High Wycombe, Bucks HP14 4HD (tel. 0494 562220). Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope if you need a receipt.

Caroline Lane

Gordon Smith

Please let us have items for the November issue by Friday 30th October. Bring, send or telephone to 2 Church Row, Aston Abbots, 0296 681373.

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Thanks to Rosemary Franklin for her cover drawing of monkeys at Whipsnade (27th September).



What's On: October

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Thursday 1st: Whist Drive
Church Room, 7.30pm

Monday 5th: Toddlers
Church Room, 2.30-4pm

Tuesday 6th: Bucks County
Council Road Safety meeting
Walton St, Aylesbury, 7.30

Wednesday 7th: Rambling Club
programme planning,
Faulkners Way, 8pm

Thursday 8th: Ladies Club
2.45pm, Church Room
'Hearing Dogs for the Deaf'

Sunday 11th: Cublington
Harvest Evensong 6pm

Thursday 15th: Whist Drive
Church Room, 7.30pm

Saturday 17th: Wingrave School
Association Quiz Evening
(see p. 9)

Sunday 18th: Rambling Club
meet Wendover Station, 2pm

Monday 19th: Toddlers
2.30-4pm, Church Room

Thursday 22nd: Ladies Club
2.45pm, Church Room
Film and talk about National
Children's Homes

Thursday 29th: Whist Drive
Church Room, 7.30pm

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Sunday 1st November
London-Brighton Old Crocks Race
Coach departs Bull & Butcher
for Brighton 8.20am
Fare £8 (£6.50 OAP, child)
Book with Colin 681343

Regulars

Tuesdays: Bin Day

Tuesdays: The Trawler mobile fish
shop, The Green, 1.40-2pm

Wednesdays: fish & chip van
outside Bull & Butcher, about 8pm
(rings bell around the Green first)

Alternate Wednesdays: library van
The Green 2.00-2.30pm
Longmoor 2.35-2.50pm
October dates: 7th, 21st

Fridays: free bus to Tesco (Aylesbury)
Depart Aston 10.06, arrive Tesco
11.00; depart Tesco 12.45, arrive
Aston 13.40

(Is this a joke? No. You go via
Cublington, Stewkley, Soulbury,
Wing, Wingrave and Bierton. You
could walk to the crossroads and
flag the bus down as it leaves
Wingrave at about 10.41, but that
only shortens the outward journey.
If you were an occasional user of
this free bus, write to Tesco and
complain - this is ridiculous.)

COMING SOON... BONFIRE NIGHT! See p.5

BUSES

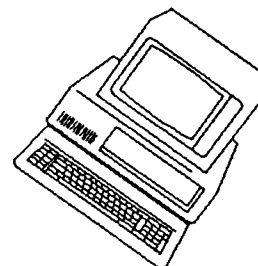
Aylesbury Bus Station is being
refurbished, with work starting on
28th September and continuing until
the end of May 1993. At first the
centre portion of the bus station
will be closed. Buses serving
Wingrave and Aston Abbotts will now
leave from Bay 5 not 8 or 9.

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out in October. Have you used your
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Our monthly page about village people, edited by BRIDGET BRANDON

BIRTHDAYS

Denise Robinson 2nd Oct
Juliette Gutierrez 3rd Oct
Stuart Biddle (1) 5th Oct
Edward Picking 11th Oct
Juan Gutierrez 14th Oct
Rita Robinson 26th Oct
Haley Wilkinson 31st Oct



CONGRATULATIONS

to Lynne and Tom Manning, who will be getting married on 3rd October at Aston Church.

GET WELL SOON

Gordon Kemp, who has had a spell in hospital.

Percy Rickard, who at the time of writing was due to go into hospital.

WE WERE

very sorry to hear of the death of Mrs Griffin from Bricstock. Our thoughts go out to her family.

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BONFIRE NIGHT

We will as usual be having a bonfire at the Rec on 5th November. Please take any items for the bonfire to the far corner of the Rec (not more than a week or so beforehand, though).

Donations of fireworks, or money, to Lawrence Hinds at 5 Ross Road. If in doubt about what to buy, one big firework is better than several small ones. Thanks.

Finally, please come at 6.30-7pm on the night!

VILLAGE APPRAISAL

No, the appraisal has not sunk without trace, and we're not too scared to publish the results! It's just taking a long time to pull together all the things people wrote. We are getting there though, and should have our booklet thumping through your letterboxes before Christmas. It's going to make very interesting reading.

Caroline Lane

WELL DONE AND GOOD LUCK

to Gwymeth Price, who is starting at St Hilda's College, Oxford, this month.

RECTOR'S REPORT

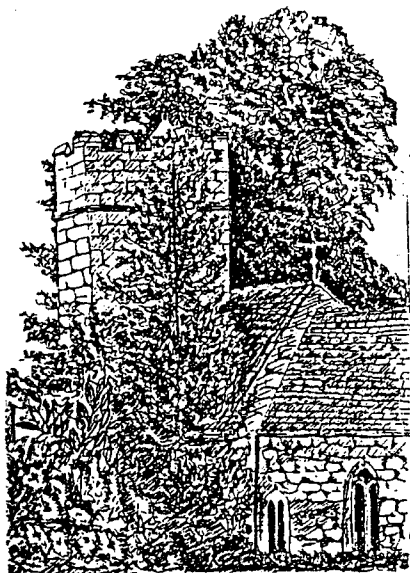
I am not a great fan of Motorways, although I can happily while away the odd hour with a map. I think I probably enjoy planning the route almost as much as I enjoy the journey. But Motorways seem not to have recognisable landmarks - one stretch looks very much like all the rest.

In terms of time, Motorways are ideal, taking you from A to B, covering the miles at high speed. But there are other routes that can be chosen. It is sometimes more pleasant to plan a route from town to town along the route - even if not all of the towns have bypasses. This breaks the journey into stages of more convenient size. Or there are the more leisurely routes through sometimes narrow, twisting roads - these can be very pretty, although time consuming. We plan our route in accordance with the journey we are making, sometimes one way, sometimes another. We can even pick two contrasting routes - because very often we have to come home again later.

Unless we are familiar with the route we have selected, it is sensible to make periodic checks to see that we are still on the right road (Should I have turned off at that roundabout five miles back? -and - if I should have done, but didn't, can I still get to where I want to be without retracing my steps?). I remember speaking to a lorry driver near Lancaster who was trying to get from Liverpool to Birmingham - he'd taken the M6 North instead of South!

As we journey through life it is important that we know where we are heading, and from time to time check our route - because it is extremely easy to become side-tracked or to lose our way altogether. I hope that you are still on your 'Right Road'.

Bob Willmott



During September the church architect has completed his five-yearly inspection and thankfully found no major defects. However he has stated that the bell tower doors need a coat of preservative, netting needs putting up at the louvres in the bell chamber to stop birds getting in, and the church path and wall require attention.

The vicar is to pursue possible grants towards the wall, and quotes for the tarmac of the path are to be obtained and discussed at the PCC meeting.

Requests have been made from allotment holders for water to be laid on; quotes for this are also to be obtained, and a decision on whether we can afford the project at the present time will be made at the next PCC meeting if the quotes have been made available.

Our services continue to be fairly well attended but we are always pleased to welcome new faces. The mowing rota for cutting the churchyard has worked very well, and earned praise from the many visitors we have had through the festival, for the several weddings. We look forward to the weddings in October and November.

We are sad to report the death of Mrs Griffin and offer her family our condolences in their loss.

COLIN HIGGS

ST JAMES'S CHURCH SERVICES IN OCTOBER

Sidesman

4th Oct	11.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	Colin Higgs
Pentecost 17	Gal 2.15-3.9; Luke 7.1-10	(p.720)	
11th Oct	11.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	Gillian Ford
Pentecost 18	1 Pet 4.7-11; Matt 25.14-30	(p.727)	
18th Oct	11.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	Alison Ford
St Luke	Acts 16.6-12; Luke 10.1-9	(p.805)	
25th Oct	11.15am	HOLY COMMUNION	Michael Hasler
9 Before Christmas	Gen 1.1-3; 24-31; John 1.1-14	(p.398)	
1st Nov	11.15am	FAMILY SERVICE	Methodist Church
All Saints	Heb 12.18-24; Matt 5.1-12	(p.812)	

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

18th October 6pm Mrs Pape; 1st Nov, family service, 11.15am

Many thanks to the Parochial Church Council for their donation of £100 from the fête proceeds to the Chronicle.

Caroline & Gordon

The sponsored bike ride raised £40, of which £20 to the Historic Churches Trust, £10 to St James's and £10 to the Methodist Church.

Headteacher

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The above school takes children from the age of 5 to 12 largely from the villages of Wingrave, Aston Abbotts, Cublington and Rowsham, although an increasing number of out of catchment area children are now being admitted.

Wingrave School has a flourishing School Association and close links with the local community. Parents of children at the school and School Governors are kept closely in touch with what is happening by means of a weekly newsletter.

The present policy of the School Governors is to admit children termly for the Reception Class as rising-5's, i.e. at the start of the term in which they will reach the age of five. Parents, who would like to consider the entry of their child to the school, are invited to make an appointment to see the Headteacher. They will then be given the opportunity to look around the school and be able to raise any questions. If you would like your child to be considered for admittance to the school, the procedure to adopt is as follows:

1. Telephone or write to the School Secretary or Headteacher when the child reaches the age of three or as soon as you move into the area if you have a child, aged 3 - 12 years.
2. An information pack will be sent to you, and a mutually convenient appointment arranged for you to meet the Headteacher and to be shown around the building.

If you have any queries concerning Wingrave C. E. Combined School, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the Headteacher.

B. D. McClellan

A MONTHLY LOOK AT FACTS...

In Saxon times Gatwick was a goat farm.

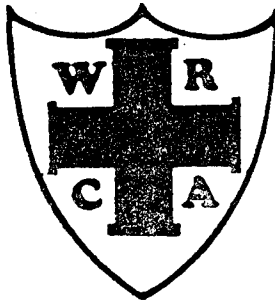
The days are drawing out.

Each day is longer than the one it follows - by 0.00000002 secs - because the Earth's spin is gradually slowing down. Too small to notice, the delay adds up, in time, to a measurable effect. One century ago, the day was shorter by 0.00073 secs. Over a full century - 36,525 days - the delays add up to 13 seconds. The slowing is caused by tidal friction due to the Moon's gravitational influence on shallow seas.

+++++ Nevertheless, the days in 1992 are definitely +++++
getting shorter and on Sunday 25th October
you should put your clocks back one hour.

Wise old goat

Wingrave CE Combined School School Association



MONTHLY REPORT

Now that the children have returned to school it is time to resume the monthly report of the Wingrave School Association.

For those of you who may not be familiar with the School Association a word of introduction may be helpful. The primary aim of the Association is to raise funds to supplement the resources available to the school from the Local Education Authority. A small committee of parents and teachers organise events throughout the year. Last year a number of highly successful events including a Christmas Fayre, a Summer Fete, Games Evening and several discos for adults and children raised sufficient funds to purchase, among other things, a computer, reading books, tables for the School Hall and showers.

Such events are not simply organised in order to raise funds but also to provide an opportunity for parents, children and teachers to mix socially in an informal and pleasant atmosphere.

The School Association Annual General Meeting is on Thursday 1 October at 8pm in the School Hall. Please come along and find out more about us, we always need more help both on the committee, running events and helping out on the day. But above all please support our activities throughout the year. For the events to be successful, we need the continuing support, not just from parents, but also from the whole village.

On 17 October there will be a Quiz Evening at 8pm at the School - please come along and join in the fun and support the School.

There will be a bar and refreshments available.

Forthcoming Events:

5 December : Christmas Fayre and Evening disco.

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Parish Council

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Notes from the Parish Council meeting 18th September

Matters arising

The skip on Lines Hill had been well used and this location is to be added to the rota (the next skip is to be at the end of January on the Green).

Aylesbury Vale District Council have informed the PC that there is a bye-law against parking on grass verges if they are tended (i.e. mown). For it to be enforced, though, we should probably have to put up signs. Haven't we heard all this before somewhere...?

Accounts: electricity, £53.48 (for two months).

Recreation Ground

The bulbs have been ordered: 1500 mixed daffodils and narcissi. The nettles and rough grass to be cut in preparation for planting. Victor Scott has kindly given us two small trees (paperbark birch) which will probably go in the children's play area. Our £100 grant has not arrived - to be chased up.

Two free safety inspections have been carried out (by playground equipment maintenance companies) with differing recommendations. Someone from AVDC's Leisure Department to be asked for advice.

The wire fence turns out to be parish responsibility and councillors will look at it/have it repaired.

Prices to be sought for a second seat (outside the play area).

Other business

Mr Inman from Bucks County Council has been to look at the verge erosion in Wingrave Road (near the bend, where lorries have cut it up) after heavy rain and admitted we have a problem. To kerb it, though, we would have to pay half the cost. There has been a request to kerb the stretch from the Acorns to the Royal Oak as well, and the stretches together (the first being from the bend to the bus stop in Wingrave Road) would cost about £3600. We obviously can't find even half of this as our precept is only £2000 in total! It was decided to ask Reg Keen (our county councillor) to take up the question.

Due to poor service from the contractor (Value Electrics) who maintains our street lights it was decided to change to another (Sharp).

We decided to try again to get a footway light installed at the bungalows in Bricstock.

Speeding on Lines Hill: we can't get the 30mph sign moved, but please SLOW DOWN anyway.

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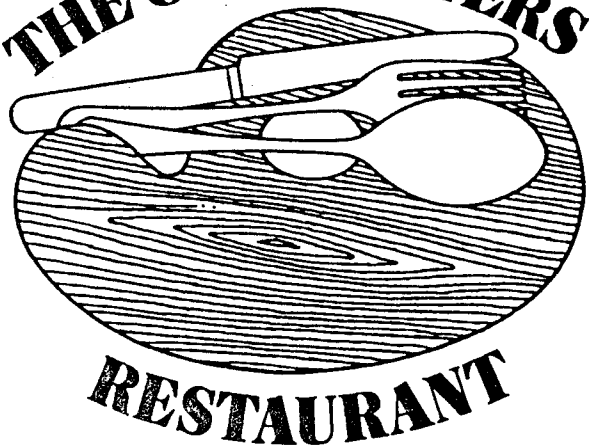
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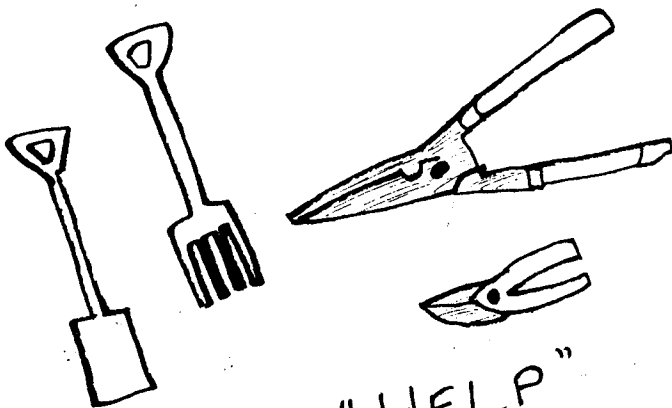
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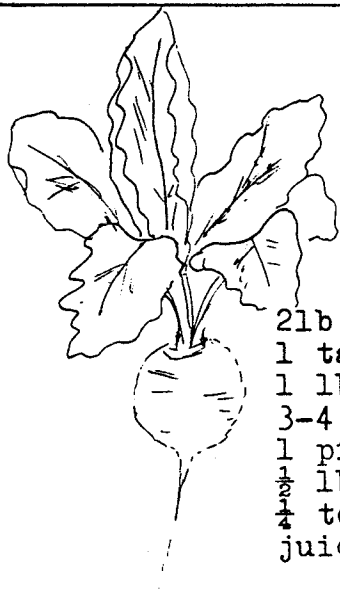


JEAN KEIGHLEY

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1 lb apples
3-4 small onions
1 pint vinegar
 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb demerara sugar
 $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon ground ginger
juice of one lemon

Cook beetroot in salt water for one hour.
When cold, peel and cut into cubes.
Peel apples and onions and chop small;
simmer with vinegar and sugar for
20 minutes, add ginger and lemon juice,
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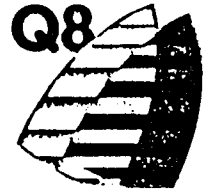
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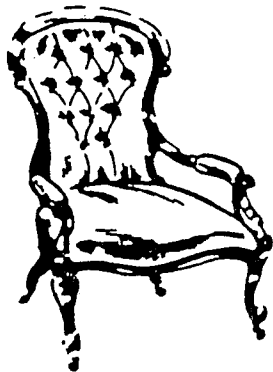
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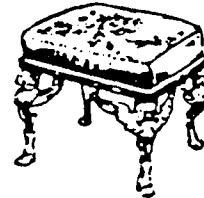
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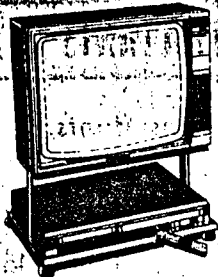
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