

# The Chronicle

ASTON ABBOTTS PARISH MAGAZINE

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# Editorial

This month I must begin by recalling the sad departure of Barry and Maralyn from the Bull & Butcher and to wish Roger and Lorraine a warm welcome; seldom can two people have settled into a village so quickly.

A reminder that the Chronicle's "CABARET TIME" evening will be taking place this Saturday at the Church Room and if you would like another Saturday night out on March 12th why not come along to the FAMILY QUIZ EVENING, in aid of the Junior Football Club, at Wingrave Community Centre (there quite a friendly crowd up there really) ? Only £2 a ticket (£1 for youngsters), and you get a hot meal, a bar and a good night out. It's a team quiz on a variety of subjects - no embarrassing individual questions - so why not get a team together and come along for a good night out. You can obtain your tickets from me !

Also this month we have the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING on 25th March. This is an open meeting and entirely separate from the Parish Council. At the meeting any parishoner can voice any concern and have it debated. In addition the meeting appoints the various village committees for the coming year - so please come along if you can.

The Parish Council also intends to appoint a new Parish Clerk in the near future, if you are interested in the appointment please contact Colin Higgs, who will explain what is involved.

My apologies to Kathlean Lawson for the error in her 'Landgirl' article; it should have read the 'old familiar faces' not the 'red familiar faces'. I don't know though, perhaps the typewriter was right.

*Graham Parker*

DEADLINE FOR THE APRIL ISSUE : SATURDAY 26th. MARCH PLEASE.

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## WHAT'S ON IN MARCH

SUNDAY 13th. MARCH : RAMBLING CLUB MEMBERS MEET CUBLINGTON CROSS  
ROADS AT 2 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS 2nd;16th: MOBILE LIBRARAY - 2 p.m. THE GREEN  
& 30th. - 2.35 p.m. LONGMOOR.

THURSDAYS 3rd; 17th  
& 31st. : WHIST DRIVE, CHURCH ROOM, 7.30p.m.

THURSDAYS 10th & 24: BINGO, CHURCH ROOM 7.30p.m.

FRIDAY 25th. : ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 7.30p.m. followed by  
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING in the CHURCH ROOM.

SATURDAY 2nd APRIL : RE-OPENING CEREMONY FOR THE NORTH BUCKS WAY  
AT QUANTON GREEN, 11a.m.

## COMMUNITY POLICEMAN.

Our new community policeman is  
P.C. LEGGETT (Aylesbury 395010)  
who will be giving us more pol-  
ice foot and cycle patrols.

## PLAYGROUP

What exactly do they do at Playgroup ?  
[They mean the children not the supervisors !]

If a child comes home from Playgroup laden with drawings, paintings, old cereal boxes dripping with glue, and pieces of wood with odd nails sticking out of them, then obviously she or he has spent the morning constructively. But what about the times she is collected and has no answer to the question "Have you done anything at Playgroup today ?"

Many things can happen in the course of a session. She has probably met and coped with a number of challenging situations, within a safe and friendly environment. She might have convinced herself that she can now climb to the top of the climbing frame or that it is possible to walk away from a boisterous argument without losing face.

What about those splodges of colour called paintings and gluey constructions ? Do you ask "What is it ?" Often it is not anything in particular, but it has been fun experimenting and working things out.

Why must they have all that water and sand, salt, peat, sawdust or dough ? There is the sheer pleasure of playing with these natural materials which are also malleable

and reassuring if the child is feeling sad or grumpy. Co-ordination, manipulative skills and spatial ability are all being developed during sand and water play.

Where else but playgroup would you be encouraged to wriggle your bare toes in a tray of squidgy paint and then walk over a piece of paper to make footprints ? Dancing and mime can be quite therapeutic at times and is fun in a group.

Children learn through play:

to share and take turns with other children and adults;  
to listen to stories, rhymes and music;  
to experiment, explore and express themselves; and  
to enjoy developing new skills.

If you would like to see Playgroup in Action, you would be welcome to visit us on our OPEN MORNING, 21st. MARCH, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. at WINGRAVE COMMUNITY CENTRE.

For further information contact:

JANE PLESTED on Aylesbury 681740,

or at 10 Wingrave Rd., Aston Abbotts.

LADIES CLUB

**Buttonholed for a talk**

On February 11th Joan Ward brought her very comprehensive and beautiful button collection, and told us the history of the button.

It is believed buttons were first used in the far east and spread from China to Egypt and Rome arriving in this country around the beginning of the seventeenth century. Prior to that garments were either tied or laced. In the 1620's Dorset became the home of a thriving cottage industry in hand made buttons. Men were the first to use them largely for ornament rather than for their functional value.

The button industry thrived and expanded and by 1807 we were exporting buttons to America. However, with the advent of the machine mass produced buttons caused a rapid decline of the Dorset cottage industry in the 1850's.

Buttons were made from a variety of materials, from precious metals and jewels to wood and later plastic. Sadly the beautifully crafted, intricate hand made buttons are now prized collectors items and we have velcro !



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TO LET

Three allotment plots [ten poles each] at the Royal Oak corner site. £2.00 per annum per plot. Anyone interested please contact Len Scutchings at the Post Office.

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On February 25th. Mrs Kay came and delighted us with a number of exquisite 'Samplers' and illustrations of others dating back to the 16th. century.

Many of us were surprised to find that samplers are not only the usual name; date and alphabet, beautifully executed by children, but much more complex. They were a form of education for girls who, unlike boys, did not go to school.

Women also made samplers which were kept in the workbaskets rolled in a piece of wood. One would record the basics for making garments, seams, tucks, making buttons and button holes etc, Another for designs, patterns and techniques for embroidery. These were records of a womans skill greatly treasured and passed from one generation to another.

Our next meeting is our SPRING LUNCH on March 10th. in the Church Room at 12.30 p.m. Visitors are very welcome and the cost will be £2.50 and £1.00 for children.

After the Spring Lunch we have John Mayes on the 24th. March to tell us the Story of Canals. This will be an open meeting and again visitors will be very welcome at 2.45 p.m. in the Church Room.

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QUOTES OF THE MONTH.

At the Parish Council meeting disbelief was again expressed that it could take ten months to allocate a vacant garage to the next person on the waiting list. " Don't worry," said County Councillor Reg Keen, "somebody from Aylesbury will get it if they follow normal housing policy!"

The Australians call Britains ski jump hero EDDIE 'THE EMU' EDWARDS - emus can't fly either.

The English two man bob team did not do too well last week. On the way down on their second run they met the Irish coming up.

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# People

OUR MONTHLY COLUMN ABOUT VILLAGE PEOPLE

Edited by Bridget Brandon.

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## BIRTHDAYS

ANDY BYSTRA ..... 8th.March.

TRACY FLETCHER .....17th.March.

GEORGE BRANDON .....31st.March.

## ONE THAT SLIPPED THROUGH THE NET ..

Belated congratulations to RICHARD CLARKE who was forty on Feb. 13th.

## GET WELL SOON .....

CHARLIE GRIFFIN, who is presently in hospital.

## HAPPY RECOVERY .....

to RITA ROBINSON, who has recently been in hospital and to JOAN GOLDNEY, who has also recently returned home from hospital.

## DARTS NEWS

Congratulations to LINDA WHEATON on winning the Ladies Singles in the Leighton Buzzard Friendly League. As I understand it she didn't lose a leg throughout the tournament. So the Bull & Butcher wins it's first trophy at this level for many years.

The half way point in the season has just been reached with Tim Kempster's team propping up the rest of the teams in the League. The other team, captained by Tony Hinds, has had a very mixed season, due to several players dropping out. Tony, however, has risen to the occasion and played a true captains innings several times to keep his team in a semi respectable position.

DOUBLE SCOTCH.

## VIEW FROM THE CORNER OF THE GREEN

Have you been down Moat Lane on a nice clear night ? Well I have, and I could swear blind that the lights of Aylesbury are getting closer every week.

It's a chilling thought at the rate land is being gobbled for building purposes.

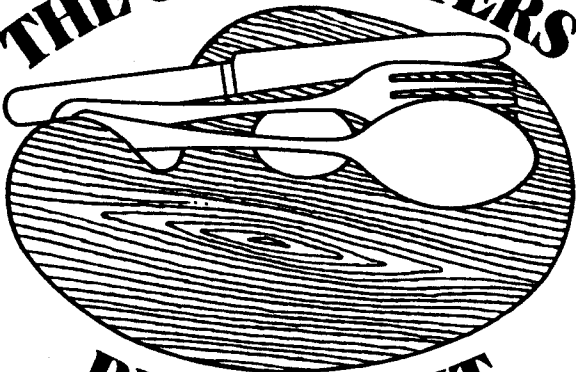
If you turn round when you get to Lines Hill you see the lights of Wingrave, Wing, and beyond that, Leighton Buzzard. To the north there is an immense glow in the sky which can only be Milton Keynes.

Yes, the onward creep of the lights means that we will not be living in the countryside for very long.

We've even put the horrible but necessary lights down at the Wingrave crossroads ... and ... a new light has appeared on the Green !

Yes, the rot has set in and the days of this being an unspoilt village must be numbered. Its the advance of the lights which gives you the first warning.... but our Parish Council have found a way to arrest the march of the JCB's. Apparently the power to the lights was about to be cut off by the Electricity Board because they hadn't paid the bill ! Who coughed up to cough-up a good ploy ?

# THE OLD MASTERS



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## OPENING TIMES

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## LONDON MARATHON

ANDREW FORD has again been offered a place in the London Marathon. This year he will be running to raise money for THE LONDON HOSPITAL CHILDREN'S UNIT APPEAL.

THE LONDON HOSPITAL

AIM APPEAL

## CHILDREN'S UNIT APPEAL LONDON MARATHON 1988

Participants Name:

Name	where to contact	Amount per mile

Total: \_\_\_\_\_

# UPDATE

## OUR REGULAR FEATURE ON PARISH COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

### Phone aid call

THE help of a Post Office Advisory Committee representative will be sought by Aston Abbotts parish councillors to press British Telecom for a coin-operated public telephone, instead of a Phonecard, when a new kiosk is installed in the village later this year.

Amongst the topics discussed at last months meeting were:

British Telecom had indicated that a new kiosk would be installed in the latter part of this year, but they were unable to say whether it would be card or pay phone. Their intention is to extend card phones where outlets for the sale of cards are available (eg. shops post office, pubs). The clear implication was that our kiosk would be a card phone. While accepting the arguments regarding less temptation to vandals with the absence of cash, the Council were opposed to a card phone for the sake of those, like me, who would not purchase a card before you remembered you have to make that late night call.

Perhaps YOU have a view ? Should we have a pay or a card phone call box in Aston Abbotts ? If you have a view please let your Parish Council lor know or write to: 'Service Manager', Telecom House, 17/18 Easton Road, High Wycombe.

The resubmitted village conservation proposals had been commended by the Rural Areas Working Party but the committee had been charged with the task of considering housing for the future before moving on to conservation proposals. The Council was reminded that our last submission had failed because the funds were not available to finance the processsing of our ideas. John Whyte informed the meeting that in order that money should not block our latest submission a group of people within the village had agreed to undertake to raise the necessary finance. Bryan Round's suggestion that we should request a meeting with the planners to discuss the processing of our document. This was agreed.

### Safety plea

PARISH council chairman Colin Higgs has been asked to request a priority sign for the junction of Lines Hill, Aston Abbotts, and Moat Lane, at the next Bucks County Council road safety committee meeting.

The extension of the footpath along Wingrave Road to the Village Shop was discussed and after Bernard Osborne had proposed a release of the required land, if the County Council would replace the removed hedge with a wall, the matter rested with the higher authority. In the meantime Reg Keen (County Councillor) announced that Colin Higgs' long battle had been won and work would begin in the first weeks of March to extend the footpath from the Royal Oak to New Zealand cottages.

The meeting was informed that the District Council had commissioned an inquiry into the provision of recreational facilities in the district, and asked for recommendations for future development. Open meetings are to be held to discuss the issues and the Parish Council agreed that it should be represented.

The District Council was also sponsoring a 'Litterblitz' in the hope of cleaning up our villages. This led to a discussion about damage to verges and those of you who drop litter or park on and thus destroy

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verges, are asked to think about the damage they are doing to our environment.

Permission has been granted for light industrial use at Longmoor Farm rickyard. The permission is hedged round with two pages of detailed regulations, and the Parish Council was satisfied that their principal observations had been accepted by the planning authorities.

## EDITORIAL COMMENT.

A lengthy, general discussion followed in which concern was expressed about the proliferation of 'farm buildings' which, when no longer needed for agricultural use, could now be converted to light industrial use. There can be no doubt that such sites are an attractive proposition. Rates are substantially lower than in the towns and there is always the possibility of attracting part time local (and probably cheap) labour. It may well be that such development would bring increased rural employment, but its not always the rural population that picks up the jobs. Before long road traffic has increased to levels that require road improvements and what was a rural area soon becomes a semi-urban sprawl. If you doubt this scenario, then ask those old timers who have seen it happen to their villages between Great Missenden and High Wycombe.

The meeting then heard of further vandalism to the bus shelter. Those responsible were known and it was agreed that a bill for the cost of repair should be sent to the individuals concerned. It was at this point that Colin informed the meeting that a new community policeman would be 'taking over' the village. P.C.Leggett would be carrying out foot patrols as often as his other duties permitted.

Other topics that were mentioned were: skips - why can't we have more than two a year? We can but we would have to add the cost to the rates; 'Welcome to Aston Abbotts' leaflet - it was agreed this should be updated; Parishoners are to be reminded that if you are building an entrance drive to your home that crosses the footpath you must have planning permission; during Easter week the three villages (Wingrave, Aston Abbotts and Cublington) will be hosts to our French friends of La Bouexiere and a 'Hobbies Day' is being organised to illustrate to the French the range and variety of local hobbies. If you are a thatcher, button collector or lace maker please contact Jean Keighley on 681235 or Bryan Round on 681621.

NEXT MEETING: FRIDAY 25th. MARCH following THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING which starts at 7.30 p.m.

## YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS

Colin Higgs, [Chairman], 6 Wingrave Road. Tel:681343.

John Whyte, 14 Bricstock. Tel:681685.

John Ford, 2 Ross Road. Tel:681865.

Richard Speakman, 79 The Green. Tel:681042.

Bryan Round, [Co-opted], 11 Nup End Lane, Wingrave.  
Tel: 681621.



# PLANE LUNACY

AN OCCASIONAL ARTICLE BY L.O.MEBUTY.

**THE CHOICE** for London's third airport now looks more and more like being Cublington, near Wing in Buckinghamshire. If Cublington is chosen, there is bound to be an outcry.

We don't always get on together. Inevitably people argue, fight, fall out, stop talking. Villages can be divided, as we know, but if ever a village was united it was in 1969, and it wasn't just Aston either. Every local village was horrified at the prospect of an airport, not just on their doorsteps, but in their living rooms.

## A giant step backwards, says Madel

MR DAVID MADEL, Tory MP for South Bedfordshire, said the siting of a third London airport at Cublington would be a "giant step backwards."

He told the Commons: "Cublington is not a dreamy little rural backwater which somehow needs an airport as a super-generator of employment."

Industry and housing were expanding in the county and putting heavy strain on schools and services, he said. An airport complex would only exacerbate the situation.

It was too much to ask local inhabitants to put up with noisy factories all day, and then return home to aircraft noise at night, he added.

Pointing to the Milton Keynes development project, Mr Madel said an airport at Cublington would upset the plans for this giant "urban Eldorado".

### Hockliffe

Cublington, he went on, would become a London Birmingham airport



David Madel

"desirable on neither social nor economic grounds."

Mr Madel also mentioned the Roskill Commission's references to Hockliffe as one of the list of possible sites.

"I submit that the argument against Hockliffe can also be used against Cublington. Cublington, if it were selected, would prevent the sensible — and I emphasise that word — development of Luton and Dunstable and would aggravate the labour shortage in the area."

Cublington, along with Nuthampstead Thurleigh and Foulness had been shortlisted as possible sites for a third London airport. The very thought struck terror in the minds of local people.

Had the airport been sited here the facts that emerged were dreadful beyond belief. Cublington, Soulbury and Stewkley would be destroyed. Two thousand houses wiped off the face of the earth. The proposed motorway links to London, Aylesbury and Oxford would have merged at Weedon. Thousands of acres of the finest agricultural land in the country would be sunk beneath a mass of concrete three times the size of Heathrow. Eight hospitals with beds for a thousand people would be seriously affected by noise, as would more than a hundred schools with some twenty thousand pupils. The facts speak for themselves.

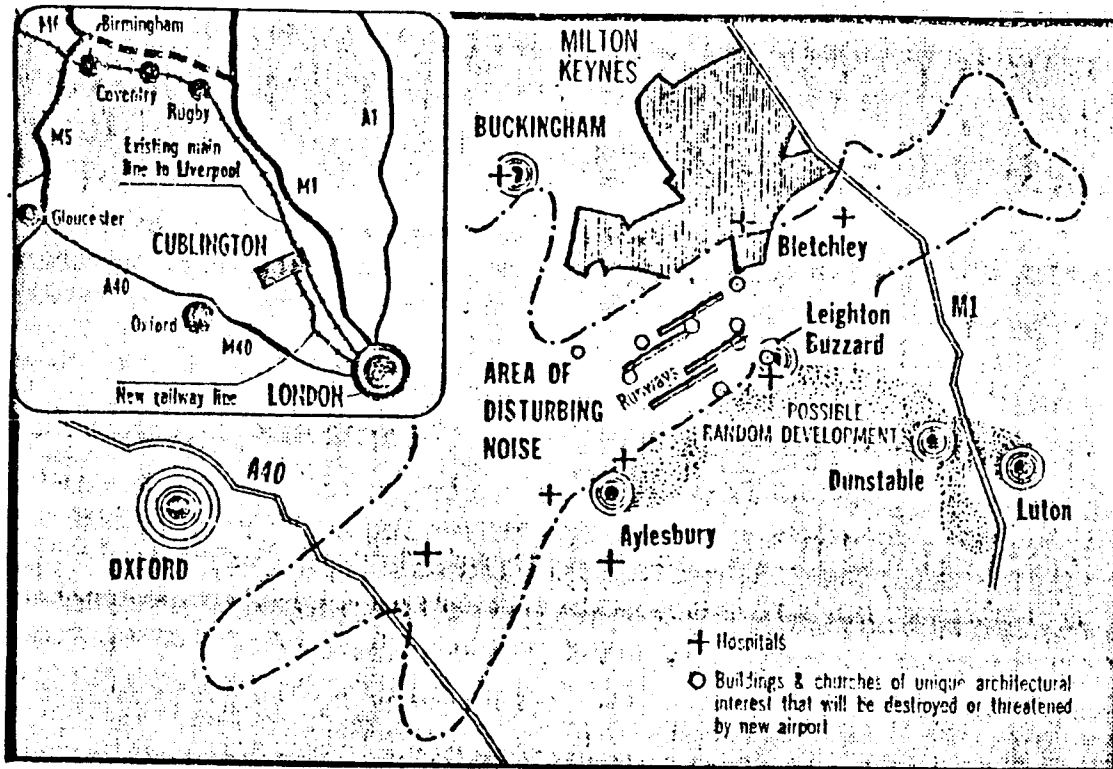
Wing Airport Resistance Association (WARA) was formed and the whole community was at war with Prime Minister Edward Heath and his government. It was going to be a hard

THE BATTLE to save Cublington exploded yesterday with a bang far louder than a supersonic boom.

As well as the M.P.s, hundreds of villagers and farmers vowed to "fight to the death."

Tomorrow night bonfires are being lit on top of all the hills in Buckinghamshire in the first big protest move.

fight. Money had to be raised, and it duly was with rallies and every possible sponsored this, that and the other that could be imagined. Bonfires, or torches of the environment as they were known, became a familiar sight. Posters and slogans showing peoples disgust about



gans showing peoples digust about the whole affair were plastered everywhere. Some in fact can be seen to this day in this village and others. Although it was a long and fight, WARA, its sixty eight thousand members, and its Chairman Desmond Fennell, eventually won

Mr Desmond Fennell, chairman of the Wing Airport Resistance Association, says: "There is no precedent in planning history for the destruction of entire communities."

the day. On the 26th. April 1971, the government announced that Cublington was safe and the airport was going to be be built at Foulness. More bonfires were lit but this time in celebration, now people could relax and get back to leading a normal life.

Then in 1979 the government made another announcement. They were proposing to build a third London Airport and they would like to build it at Hoggeston .....

Happy days

## AN ENGLISH village yesterday prepared to fight for the right to live.

Stewkley, in the heart of Buckinghamshire, lies in the centre of the area recommended by the Roskill Commission for London's Third Airport.

And if the commission has its way big jets and runways, a terminal complex and hangars, all the apparatus of twentieth-century air travel will sweep away the 800-year-old church, the timber and thatch, and the homes of more than 1,000 people.

The village school, the four pubs and the five shops would be doomed too.

And yesterday the commission's choice, after two-and-a-half years and three million words, found Stewkley stunned — and praying.

ASTON ABBOTT'S CHRONICLE

Income and Expenditure for the period 1.9.1986 to 31.12.1987.

Income

Donations			
Fete Receipts (2yrs)	375.50		
Sponsor	180.00		
Church Room Fund	50.00		
PCC	50.00		
Christmas Show	50.00		
Methodist Church	10.00	715.50	
Advertising		104.00	
Fund Raising			
Marshalles	82.00		
Christine Fox	55.00		
Helen & Ruth Watts	14.00		
Andy Bystra	78.45		
Firework Evening	14.13		
Evening Show	251.00	494.58	1314.08

Expenditure

Production Costs	750.00		
Sundries	13.00		
Repayment of debt to Graham Parker	200.00	963.00	
Surplus for the period			<u>£351.08</u>

BANK BALANCE, MIDLAND AYLESBURY

1. 9.1986	NIL		
31.12.1987	<u>351.08</u>		<u>£351.08</u>

All is reasonably healthy and a few donations have been credited after the period-end to ensure a reasonable start for 1988.

Michael Cox.

[This is the first formal statement of the Chronicle accounts since the 'Friends of the Chronicle' took over the responsibility for the finances. I would like to thank them for relieving me of what I had allowed to become an onerous, pocket clearing, burden, and congratulate all the 'Friends' for their fund raising effort. Thanks as well to all the village organisations, and individuals who, as you can see, do so much to keep this magazine alive. One more successful evening this Saturday - 5th. March - should see us well set for the next twelve months. ED.]



# The North Buckinghamshire Way



*A thirty mile footpath  
route from the Chiltern  
Hills to Wolverton*

During the winter of 1987/88 the North Bucks Way is being given a major facelift by Bucks County Council, with financial assistance from the Countryside Commission. Numerous stiles and footbridges are being repaired or replaced, the route is being rewaymarked using plastic discs, and signposting is being improved. In addition a free descriptive leaflet is being produced by the County Council to complement the Guide issued by the Ramblers' Association.

To mark the completion of this work, the Bucks & West Middx Area of the Ramblers' Association will hold a

## REOPENING CEREMONY

at 11.00 a.m. on Saturday 2nd April (Easter Saturday)

on The Green, at Quainton, near Aylesbury

This will be followed by a choice of two walks along the way

- a short walk northwards, returning to The Green in time for 2.36 p.m. bus to Aylesbury.
- a 7-mile walk southwards along the NBW to Hartwell, then returning to Aylesbury by service bus.

9.30 BUS ASTON ABBOTTS TO AYLESBURY  
4.15 BUS AYLESBURY TO ASTON ABBOTTS.

A special coach (50p single fare) will leave Aylesbury Station Forecourt at 10.30 a.m. to convey participants to the ceremony at Quainton. Return to Aylesbury by service bus at 2.36 p.m.

# PUZZLE PAGE

Education seems to be in the news these days, what with the new Education Act in the pipeline and the arrival of the GCSE (by the way I hope everyone realises the leading part that our own Peter Dines has played in the introduction of this new examination - hands up those who saw Peter on Central Television the other night). The press has been full of news and views on education and 'What you should know' at given ages has given those who like to pontificate the opportunity to put their, often idiosyncratic views. The three 'tests' below are what someone believes all English 11 year olds should know. Below that we have the answers to last months geographical 'What a 15-year old should know' quiz !

## History Test

1. Which British queen poisoned herself so that she would not be taken prisoner by the Romans after her unsuccessful rebellion?
2. What is the name of the wall built by the Romans in the north of England?
3. Name one country from which the Vikings sailed.
4. Which king is said to have burned the cakes?
5. Who defeated Harold at the Battle of Hastings?
6. What is the name of the tapestry showing the Battle of Hastings?
7. Which Scottish king is said to have been inspired by a spider making its web?
8. Who is said to have been playing bowls when the Spanish Armada was approaching?
9. Why is Guy Fawkes famous?
10. Which English king was executed after the civil war?
11. Of which country was George Washington president?
12. Who built the famous railway engine called the Rocket?
13. Who was "the lady with the lamp"?
14. Who was the British prime minister for most of the Second World War?
15. In what year did the Second World War begin?

## What every 15-year old should know!

1. By the over-development of river meanders'
2. An area in West Africa (Fringe of Sahara Desert); Drought and Famine and attempts to alleviate these in various ways.
3. 125,000 (Population of primate city, divided by rank of other city)
4. An area over a city in which temperatures are higher than in surrounding areas (usually attributed to the effect of concrete en masse)
5. They are all British New Towns
6. High winds (isobars show pressure)
7. Chalk is more permeable (water passes through it)
8. 70% (71% is the usually quoted figure)
9. 24,000 miles
10. Land is cropped once and then the people move on and plant elsewhere

## Geography Test

1. What is the capital of France?
2. What is the capital of Russia?
3. What is the capital of the United States of America?
4. Name a country through which the River Nile flows.
5. Name a country through which the River Rhine flows.
6. Which mountain range extends from the north to the south of America?
7. Which mountain range separates France and Spain?
8. What is the highest mountain in the world?
9. What is the highest mountain in the British Isles?
10. Name one country, other than Britain, which produces oil.
11. How was coal originally formed?
12. From what plant is chocolate made?
13. Where is the Sahara Desert?
14. What is the ocean between the USA and Japan?
15. Where do the Maoris live?

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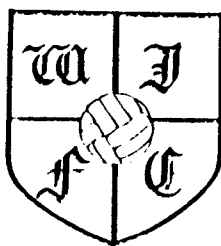
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## Goal feast in the mud

There was an Under 14 goal feast in the opening weeks of February, the side scoring more goals in two games than they had in the rest of the season put together, but defeats in the next two matches brought us back to reality. Meanwhile the Under 12's continue amongst their leagues leaders and the Under 16's are already looking forward to greater things next year.

### FEBRUARY RESULTS

#### UNDER 12's

No games on the 7th. and 14th.

21st. February : Wingrave 5 Pitstone 2.

D.Springett 3, J.Perrett, and N.Jones.

28th. February : Wingrave 1 Woodside 1  
D.Arnold.

#### UNDER 14's

7th. February : Corinthians 1 Wingrave 9.  
D.Scott 3, J.Keighley 2, Wallace 2,  
Cheval and Elliott.

14th. February : Brooklands 0 Wingrave 6.  
D.Scott 4, Bishop, Wallace.

21st. February : Woodside 4 Wingrave 1.  
Barracough.

28th. February : Water Eaton 4 Wingrave 0  
This means we are out of the CUP !

#### UNDER 16's

7th. February : Wingrave 1 Stocklake 4.  
N.Ferguson.

14th. February : Stocklake 3 Wingrave 0.

20th. February : League U.15 Rep XI 3 Wingrave 1.  
S.Megram.

21st. February : Bedgrove 7 Wingrave 0

28th. February : Wingrave 2 Bardwell 4.  
R.Hickson, A.Holbrook.

#### MATCHES FOR MARCH

6th. v. Corinthians (H)

13th. v. All Saints (A)

20th. v. 999 (H) CUP 2nd.Rd.

27th. v. Woodside (A).

6th. v. Woodside (H)

13th. v. Arrows (H)

20th. v. Brooklands (H)

27th. No game at time of press.

6th. v. Wing (A)

13th. v. Bedgrove (A)

20th. v. Chiltern (H)

27th. v. Tring (A).

Under 12 home games kick off at 10.30 a.m. on the school ground and half time refreshments are available. The Under 14 home games kick off at 2.15 p.m. at the Recreation Ground, and the Under 16 home games kick off at 2.30 at the Recreation Ground; again half time refreshments are available. Why not come and support the lads now that the better weather is coming. DON'T FORGET THE QUIZ EVENING ON 12th. MARCH.

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Remember that it is equally important to let your local DHSS know that you have returned home so that your benefit can be increased. Leaflet NI9 gives you a timetable to follow. This can be obtained from your local DHSS or why not give 'Freeline' a ring. This is the Social Security advice line - they will be able to give you any further information you may need. Their number is:

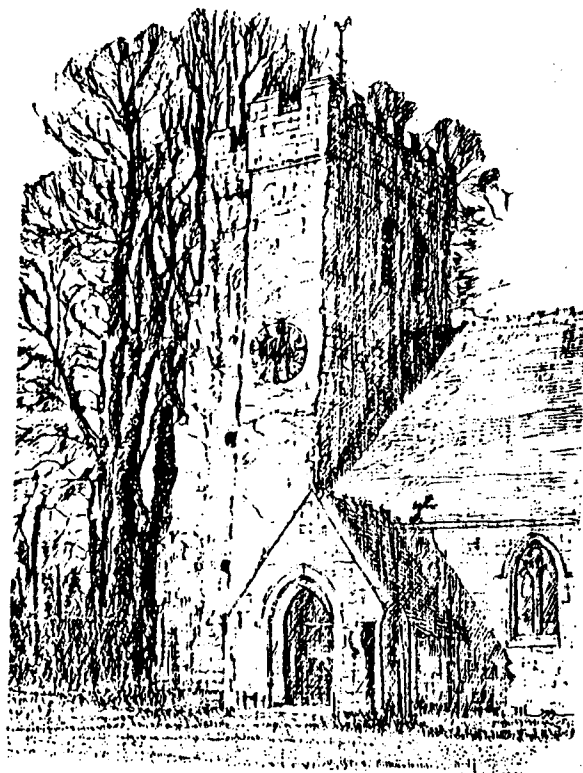
0800-666-555

If you go into hospital unexpectedly you can always ask a friend to phone on your behalf.



# CHURCH NEWS

The Annual Church Meeting was held this month and as you will see from the accounts overleaf the church's financial position is sound. If you have any questions David Brown, our Treasurer, will be pleased to answer them. The meeting confirmed that to give away 10% of income this year to worthy causes such as the Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital Appeal, Christian Aid and Crisis at Christmas was the correct thing to do even when faced with repairs to the church building. It is important, isn't it, to keep a clear distinction between the need to keep a building in good shape and helping those in need. There can be no doubt the OUR LORD put the second above the first, so we must do the same. This is not to say we shall neglect the building for we all need it from time to time. To help with maintenance the meeting decided to set up a 'Fabric Committee' which is not to be just another talk-shop but a group of men and women who are willing to give their skills and time to seeing that the church building is kept in good order. There is a long list of little jobs ranging from fixing a floor tile to clearing the gutters which we hope some people will feel they can do in order to help. Volunteers will be particularly welcome but if asked please accept. You can, of course, give as much or as little time as you choose but please give some.



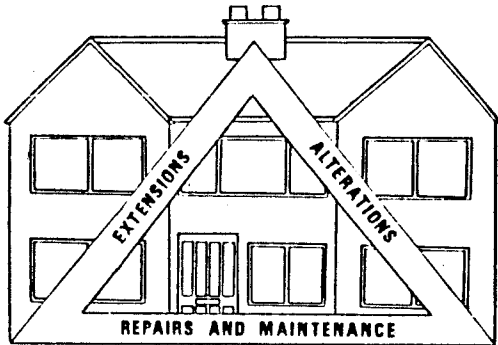
ST. JAMES THE GREAT, ASTON ABBOTS, BUCKS.

Family Services are being slightly rearranged to accommodate Mothering Sunday (13 March) and Good Friday (April 1st.) and to avoid the first May Bank Holiday we will have Family Service on May 8th. On Easter Sunday, Holy Communion here will be after Evensong at 6 p.m.

## CHURCH SERVICES FOR MARCH AND EASTER

6th. March : HOLY COMMUNION 11.15 a.m.	Sidesman Alison Ford
Peter 2(19-25) 512 Matthew 16(13-28).	
13th. March : MOTHERING SUNDAY : FAMILY SERVICE 11.15	Sarah Lovell.
20th. March : HOLY COMMUNION 11.15 a.m.	Colin Higgs.
27th. March : HOLY COMMUNION 11.15 a.m.	Tony Hewitt.
1st. April : GOOD FRIDAY : FAMILY SERVICE 11 a.m.	Alison Hewitt.
3rd. April : EASTER DAY : EVENSONG 6.00 p.m.	The Churchwardens.
followed by HOLY COMMUNION.	
* Please see Rector's page for details of readings.	

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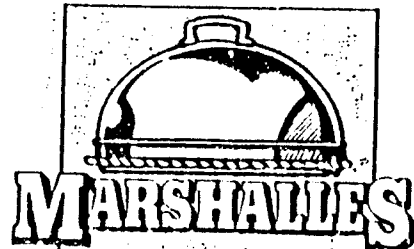
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Colin Higgs, 6, Wingrave Road. (Tel:681343)  
John Whyte, 14 Bricstock. (Tel:681685)  
Graham Parker, The Cloisters, Church Row (681325)  
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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1987

BALANCES brought forward:		
Bank Current Account	<u>£</u> 48.92	<u>£</u>
CBF Deposit Account	<u>375.35</u>	424.27
RECEIPTS:		
Collections	1907.24	
Free-will offerings	109.56	
Covenants - Inland Revenue refund	465.64	
Field Rent	50.00	
Allotment fees	16.00	
Rector's fees	38.00	
Parish Council Grant (1985)	50.00	
Parish Council Grant (1986)	50.00	
Fund raising activities - proceeds		
- whist drive	107.10	
- summer festival	153.00	
- Harvest festival sale/supper	203.81	
Consol dividends	.40	
Choir gowns loan repayment	42.00	
Interest - CBF Deposit Account	<u>38.05</u>	3230.80
		3655.07
PAYMENTS		
Quota to Diocese	1217.00	
Vicar's sundry expenses	335.04	
Vicar's telephone expenses contribution	128.02	
Electricity	173.24	
Insurance	14.99	
Lighting Conductor inspection	34.50	
Fire extinguisher service	32.00	
Deanery fund	12.00	
Cleaning	52.00	
Carpet	92.78	
Repairs and maintenance	172.53	
Wafers, candles, communion wine etc.	56.27	
Bell ropes	78.33	
Envelopes	41.43	
Donations - various charities	350.00	
- Chronicle	<u>25.00</u>	2815.13
		839.94
Closing balances as at 31 December 1987		
* Bank Current Account	226.54	
CBF Deposit Account	<u>613.40</u>	<u>839.94</u>

A net surplus of Income over Expenditure of £415.67

In addition, throughout the year, 1986-1987, the Council had funds deposited with the Central Board of Finance of the Church of England - Investment Fund,

Units held as at 31.12.86 - 269 price £4.20 per unit =	1129.80
Units held as at 31.12.87 - 281 price £3.949 per unit =	<u>1109.67</u>
(F/Times 4.1.88) Loss	<u>20.13</u>

Bank Reconciliation

\* Closing Balance 31.12.87 592.04

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Cheques not presented

Donations to various charities & Chronicles

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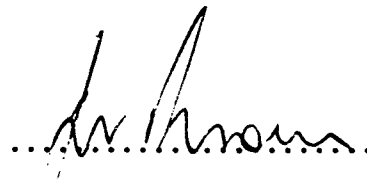
14.40

Mrs S Ford (No. 477599)

52.00

365.50

226.54



Treasurer

The above Receipts and Payments Account has been prepared from the books and records of the Aston Abbots Parochial Church Council and is in accordance herewith.

Michael Cox FCA

3.II. 1988

March 1988

A MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

Aylesbury 681623

Some of the most enjoyable Services held in our churches are those which are merely "compered" by me - the Minister. This is particularly true in Aston Abbots and Cublington, where major festivals are often celebrated by a "Songs of Praise" organised by the local congregation.

Because there are three parishes with one parish priest, such self-help is increasingly important. With the best will in the world I cannot attend every meeting, organise choirs, bells, youth clubs or Sunday Schools. And I know that most of you understand that.

But it is the young people who still suffer for lack of committed leadership, and are unchurched because they are so easily ignored. Each parish has its own contribution to make in this field. Some are doing better than others.

I see my role as an enabler. My priorities are in conducting the main Services, using my administrative ability when I can and exercising pastoral care. The latter, I believe is the most important of all. For many more folk make calls on my time for counselling, here in the Rectory, than when I first came. I am so glad that this is so.

I hope this is understood as we realise that the old style of the parish priest visiting every home is an impossibility.

However, visiting is High on my list of priorities. I will always find the time to go where I am needed. In many cases I have to leave it to you to tell me where that need is.

Yet, this must be said, We are all "Ministers" of God, and many of us have talents which exceed anything I can supply.

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As we rehearse the events of Holy Week and Easter, the key word is LIFE. I know some avoid Good Friday Services because they fear its emotional content. But the Cross is a signpost pointing towards life, not death. Early Christians rarely used the word "death" to describe the end of life in this world. That could mean the end of everything.

As it was for them, so for us. Death a 'falling asleep' (Mark 5(39) 1 Thessalonians 4(13)). When someone dies "in Christ", there is no death only LIFE.

Yours sincerely,

FR. JOHN HEFFER

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AYLESBURY VALE HOSPICE APPEAL

The Trustees are thrilled to announce that the target for the cost of the building has been achieved. When this was originally set at £½ million, it seemed almost unattainable, but the appeal has been magnificently supported by the whole community and this large sum has now been collected. The success of the appeal has been due to the enthusiastic work of the Appeal Committee and of very many individuals and organizations locally, as well as to the generosity of Trusts and organizations, which are based outside our area. Our gratitude extends to them all.

The contribution of the Health Authorities - Oxford Region and Aylesbury Vale - deserves particular recognition. They will run the Hospice but they could not afford the capital expenditure. However they have provided a valuable site; they agreed to bear the professional fees relevant to this building; and they have accepted the not inconsiderable burden of the additions to the capital cost of the project, which have arisen since the original estimate was made. It is thanks to this generosity that the target of the appeal was unaltered.

Work on the building started on 4 January and is due to be completed in 18 months; the Foundation Stone will be laid officially on 26 March. But the frame is not sufficient by itself; the Hospice must be equipped and furnished. The additional cost of these requirements is expected to be about £100,000, so the appeal remains open to raise this further sum. The prospect is not daunting; already we have promises which cover half of the required amount and we invite contributions towards the balance.

Consideration is now being given to the formation of Friends of the Hospice, a body which affords an opportunity for the community to continue involvement in the work and needs of the Hospice. This project will require some annual capital.

It is our hope and intention that, when the work has been completed, there will be an Open Week, during which all subscribers and well-wishers will have the opportunity to visit the Hospice and see what has been constructed and equipped.

*L. J. Verney,  
Chairman of Trustees.*



**Aylesbury Vale Hospice Appeal,**

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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER IN THE CHURCHES

HOLY MONDAY(28th March)

Service of Devotion and Prayer for Healing  
Wingrave Parish Church: 8 p.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY(31st March)

Commemoration of the Last Supper. Holy Eucharist. Solemn  
Stripping of the Altar. Wingrave Parish Church: 8 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY(1st April)

Service for Parents and Children in Aston Abbotts Parish Church  
at 11 o'clock, followed by refreshments and Hot Cross Bun.

12 Noon "The Good Friday Devotion" at Cublington

2 p.m. "An Hour Before the Cross" at Wingrave

EASTER DAY(3rd April)

Cublington.....The Parish Communion: 8.45 a.m.

Wingrave.....Blessing of the Paschal Candle, Easter Garden  
and Procession. The Parish Communion: 10 a.m.

Aston Abbotts....Evensong for our three parishes at 6 p.m. followed  
by Holy Communion for Easter at 6.45 p.m.

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SCHOOL ASSEMBLY in the parish church of Wingrave on Monday 21st March  
at 9.30 a.m. Parents and friends welcome.

FAMILY SERVICES in March on 13th - Mothering Sunday, and in April on  
the second Sunday in the month, April 10th: at Aston Abbotts and  
Cublington.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES IN LENT(see previous magazine) They continue on  
Wednesdays with a Lunch-time Service at Wingrave and an evening  
Service at various churches in the Deanery.

DEANERY YOUTH WEEKEND (April 29th to May 2nd) Young people between  
the ages of 13 and 20 will camp out over that weekend in the grounds  
of Linslade, S. Mary, Old Church. Ask the Churchwardens for details.

DOROTHY GRANT MEMORIAL As a result of a bequest in her memory, Wingrave  
have been able to purchase a Communion set for use in homes and a Shell  
for Baptisms. Both these will be available for use in the three parishes.  
They are a fitting memorial to a lady who was a life-long communicant,  
and we know would love to think of Christenings taking place with the  
Shell given in her memory.

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SUNDAY LESSONS

(ASB)

20th March	Lent 5	(524)	Jeremiah 31(31-34)	Mark 10(34-45)
27th March	Palm Sunday	(532)	1 Cor. 1(18-25)	Matthew 21(1-13)
3rd April	Easter Day	(576)	1 Cor. 15(12-20)	John 20(1-10)
10th April	Low Sunday	(605)	1 Cor. 15(53-58)	John 6 (32-40)
17th April	Easter 2	(611)	1 Peter 5(1-11)	John 10(7-16)

Special Lessons for Mothering Sunday, 13th March

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FUNERALS

Wingrave Parish Church - 1st February

Leonora Beatrice RANDALL

From Wingrave at Amersham Crematorium - 17th February

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"CHILDREN IN THE WAY" For all who lead children's work and others  
interested. Book the date: 18th May at 8 p.m. Details to follow.

# In-Brief

## CONTACT A FAMILY

Contact a Family is a national organisation linking families whose children have special needs - that is children with any kind of disability. It has now launched a new service called Contact Line. This is a telephone service to put families in touch with other families, support groups, voluntary and statutory agencies for information, help and advice. It was started in the catchment areas of Anglia Television and TVS, but is now being extended to the Yorkshire TV and Central regions. Contact Line would be happy to hear from parents or professionals between 10.30am and 2.30pm on 01 222 2211, or write to them at 16 Strutton Ground, London SW1P 2HP.

## RURAL PHARMACY TALKS

The Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee (PSNC) is offering speakers to present the case of rural pharmacists to interested audiences. Among the issues they will be looking at is the 'Patient's Charter' which recommends that rural pharmacists should operate a home visit service for elderly, housebound or handicapped patients or mothers of small children who do not have transport. A video is also available explaining the

Emma Sharp, Assets House, 17 Elverton Street, London SW1 2QG Tel: 01 720 8781.

## PROFESSIONALS AND VOLUNTEERS

The Volunteer Centre has produced a pack of learning materials called 'Professionals and Volunteers: The Common Ground'. It is intended for workers in the health and personal social services who have responsibility for liaison with the community and centres around two videos

- 'Out of the Crowd' which looks at the sort of people who volunteer and the ways in which they might be used and
- 'Into the Community' which examines the practical questions associated with using volunteers such as recruiting, interviewing, training, support and evaluation.

Both videos are backed up by written materials and are intended for use by individuals or groups. They might be equally relevant to voluntary organisations intending to increase their use of volunteers. The complete pack costs £69 but individual items can be purchased separately from The Volunteer Centre, 29 Lower Kings Road, Berkhamsted, Herts HP4 2AB.

## GRANTS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL WORK\*\*

The Local Environmental Initiatives Database is funded by the private sector and the EEC for European Year of the Environment. It aims to draw attention to sources of money, successful projects, solutions to common problems, and thus to help a wide range of environmental work such as derelict land reclamation, the conversion of redundant buildings and council estate improvements. Subscribers receive monthly mailouts and, with the right equipment, can even search the database themselves. More information from Jake Gomilny, Community Technical Aid Centre, First Floor, 11 Bloom Street, Manchester M1 3HS Tel: 061 236 5195.

UK 2000 has created a Central Project Fund to help projects become viable by supplying small grants towards the hiring of specialist skills, training,

feasibility studies etc. The grants are available to voluntary or non-profit making groups and are intended as pump-primers. More details from UK 2000 Central Unit, 2-3 Horse and Dolphin Yard, Off Macclesfield Street, London W1 Tel: 01 631 3826/5160.

Pocket Parks\*\* are small sites - a village pond, old railway embankment, road verge, churchyard - which could be locally managed for conservation and enjoyment. The Royal Society for Nature Conservation is promoting the concept together with Schering Agriculture, and they are offering advice, labour and possibly grants to any local group which would like to establish one. Free brochures (please send sae) from Royal Society for Nature Conservation, The Green, Nettleham, Lincoln LN2 2NR Tel: 0522 752326.



# ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

## 7.30p.m. Church Room

### FRIDAY MARCH 25th.

This is an open Parish Meeting - entirely separate from the Parish Council - at which parishioners can discuss any matter of general concern. The meeting is also responsible for the election of the Fete Committee and the dispersal of money raised by the annual fete. In addition the meeting has the responsibility of electing the members of the Church Room Management Committee, which operates under the chairmanship of the Vicar.

Thus the AGENDA will read:

1. Minutes of the last meeting.
2. Matters arising.
3. Report by officers of the 1987 Fete Committee.
4. Election of the 1988 Fete Committee.
5. Distribution of the money raised by the 1988 Fete.
6. Report by officers of the Church Room Management Committee.
7. Election of the Church Room Management Committee.

8. Any Other Business.

If you can spare an hour, then please come along.

If you would like to nominate somebody, or are willing to serve yourself, on one or both of the committees just complete the slip below and drop it through my door or leave it in the Chronicle box in the Village Stores. The meeting will assume that last years committee will seek re-election unless they have let me know otherwise. If you would like a particular topic discussed at the meeting but are unable to attend, just let me know and I will put the topic [and your views if you wish] to the meeting.

The meeting will be followed by a Parish Council Meeting.

*Graham Parker.*

Graham Parker.  
Clerk to the Annual Parish Meeting.

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#### ANNUAL PARISH MEETING : ELECTION OF FETE AND CHURCH ROOM COMMITTEES.

I would like to nominate the following a member/s of the 1988 Fete Committee :

I would like to nominate the following a member/s of the Church Room Management Committee : \_\_\_\_\_

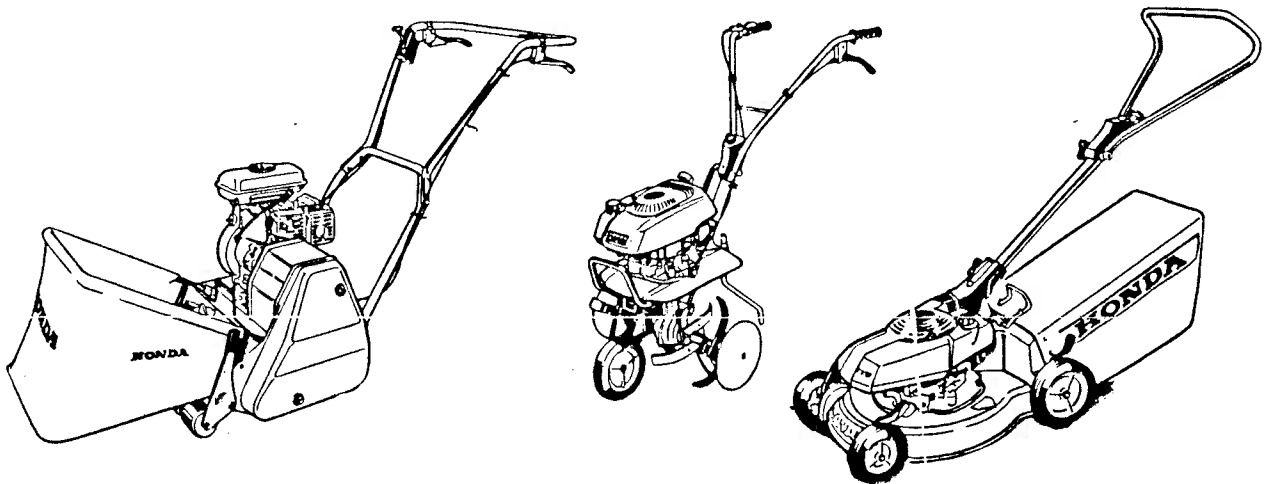
[When nominating please ensure the individual is prepared to stand]

I would be willing to serve on the Fete /Church Room Management Committee/s

Signed : \_\_\_\_\_

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