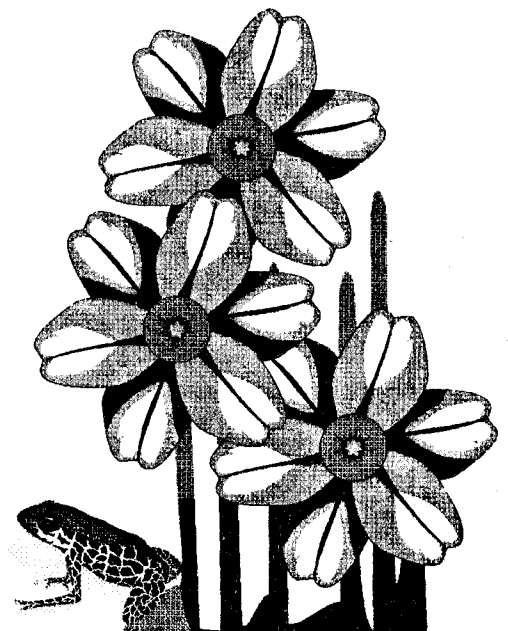
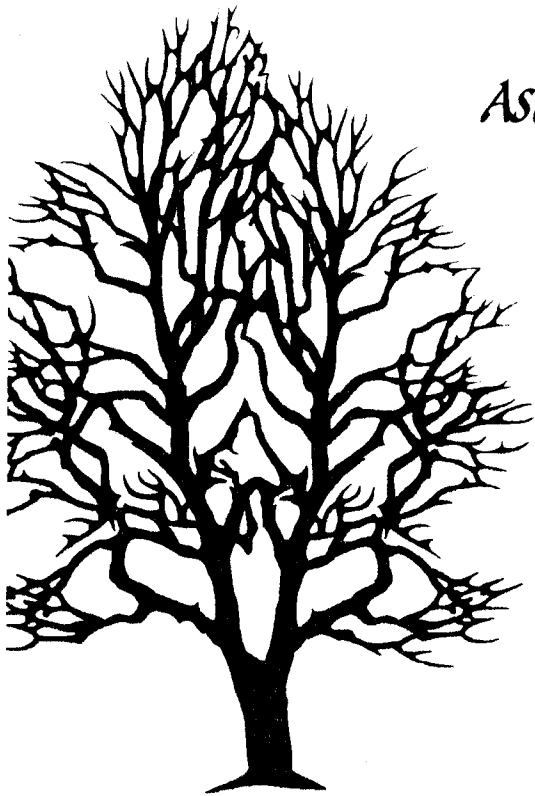
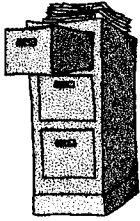


# The Chronicle

*Aston Abbotts Parish Magazine*

*Issue No. 168 March 1998*





**Editorial-----Monday 23rd  
February 1998.**

By now everyone in the village must have seen that Aston Abbots had prominent press coverage in both the Bucks Herald and the Leighton Buzzard Observer concerning the imprisonment of Timothy Adams for sex offences. I felt the comment made by one of our neighbours querying "What was he doing in an old folks home when there must be far more deserving cases" was very relevant. I was particularly offended by the district council's director of housing's apparent arrogance in assuming that on being housed in Aston Abbots, Adams "would not be around children". This episode seems to throw considerable doubt on the quality of the decision making involved and poses the question yet again as to whether communities should be made aware when there is no alternative to placing known criminals in their midst. We were fortunate this time in that nobody in the village came to harm but this may not always be the case.

**The Chronicle Cabaret will be held on Sat. March the 28th. If you want tickets please contact John Whyte.**

**The Unicorn - Cublington**

*The following are heavily edited notes taken from the Cublington Crier. However I think they give a fairly up to date précis of the situation.*

On Tuesday, 13 January, the Village Hall (Cublington) was the scene of an extraordinary meeting when villagers turned out in impressive numbers. The gathering voted to express its very strong disapproval of the prospect of the Unicorn being granted a Change of Use Planning Application to become a residential dwelling house. Ten villagers stepped forward to serve on an action committee and at its first full meeting on Monday, 19 January, they approved its title: the SUP-Committee (Save the Unicorn Pub-Committee).

The Committee has met twice more since, its objective being to ensure the survival of the Unicorn as an operating pub. To succeed in this, its first goal is to see

that planning permission for Change of Use is not granted. Thus it has mobilised publicity and advised villagers and other interested parties how to lodge written objections. So far, publicity has amounted to two articles in the Bucks Herald (the second more accurate than the first), one in The Publican, and, on the 24 January, an interview "on air" on BBC Three Counties radio.

Members of the Committee have also visited two Bucks pubs which have recently overcome similar threats, namely the White Hart in Sherington and the Village Swan in Ivinghoe Aston. Campaigners at both locations have offered help and advice. CAMRA (the pressure group Campaign for Real Ale) provided support in these cases and have also offered to help.

Whilst the present operators maintain that the premises are not viable as a village pub, the Committee and others pointed to the many examples of thriving village pubs. Locally they cite the Royal Oak and the Bull and Butcher in Aston Abbots (two pubs in a village smaller than Cublington if anything!) and the Five Elms at Weedon, which has virtually no car park.

The Committee calculates that the first date that the planning application can be heard is 5 March 1998. Change of Use refusal alone, or indeed a late withdrawal of the application, will not necessarily mean achievement of our objective, since it may be the case that the property could be lived in as pub-designated (though unlicensed) premises-

*There is no doubt that village pubs are a very real asset to a community and I share the concern of those in Cublington who are trying to avoid losing theirs. We are very lucky to have two excellent pubs in Aston Abbots. However, any pub is a business and like village shops, churches or other facilities, unless supported by the inhabitants they will inevitably be lost. Watch this space for future developments on The Unicorn..*

And finally!! So why is there a frog on the front cover this month? It's simply that the mild weather seems to have brought forward, not just the spring flowers but also the nesting of birds and spawning of frogs. Ian Hinds noticed the other day that there was frog's spawn in my pond and since then more has been laid. If anyone wants some for school projects etc., just let me know.



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Please note that copy date for the April. issue will be  
Fri. the 20th of March 1998 All items for publication will need to reach me  
(Andy Bystra. 31 The Green, (Tel 681 690 or 688 125) by this date please.*

# RITA'S PEOPLE PAGE



Very many happy returns to all of you having birthdays during March, especially;-

Claire Biddle 8th March  
Andy Bystra 8th  
Andrew Dutton 10th  
Ross Macgregor 13th(three years old)  
Lydia Smith 15th  
Ann Goodman 15th  
Tracey Fletcher 17th  
Ray Coates (The 'big five O' this year!!)  
George Brandon 31st

## THEY'RE BACK AGAIN!!

We were all pleased to see that Bob Higgs has returned from hospital following a successful operation (complete with a new knee joint).

Even more amazing is 'Freddie' Lowden's extremely rapid recovery from major heart surgery. After only a few weeks from returning from hospital he is to be seen 'striding out' around the village taking his daily exercise. Well done Freddie.

## KIND THANKS

Thank you to all our friends and neighbours for their kind thoughts on the sudden, sad loss of 'Bliss'. Some people only think of animals as pets but Bliss was much more than that. We hope that Bliss's passing is a sign that there is another little dog waiting to be given a loving home in Aston Abbots.

## WELCOME HOME

Welcome home to Margaret and Tony from their trip to New Zealand to visit Margaret's sister and family. They left England on January 21st with Tony returning on Friday 13th Feb. Margaret returns on March the 4th.

Reports from Tony and numerous postcards tell of dolphin and seal watching, a helicopter flight above the glaciers with snowball fights 6000ft up the mountain. Of course no holiday of Margaret's would be complete without a 'bungee' jump; this time from a mere 269ft. Hopefully a full report will appear in a future issue!!



*Diana, Steve & Carol.*

## A HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Fifty 1-0-n-g years ago on the 13th of February a baby boy was born - namely - wait for it folks - Richard Clark. Now superstition says, Friday 13th is an unlucky day and maybe this is why Richard seemed to have little inclination to celebrate this auspicious occasion. However, at least seventy other people thought otherwise.

Instigated by his wife Sally a 'surprise' party was organised at The Bull & Butcher. Lol. supplied the disco and lots of tasty food had been laid on by Sally and her friends. A reluctant Richard was lured there on some pretext or other where upon he joined in the 'spirit of the occasion with a vengeance. We all enjoyed this wonderful party and it was particularly nice to meet for the first time Richard's 'long lost' sisters.

Later in the evening, assisted by a bottle of champagne, a 'little'!! entertainment was provided. It was greatly enjoyed by all and particularly Richard but if you want to know more you had better ask him all about it. It is fair to say that he enjoyed his party 'enormously'!!!

On behalf of all of us who were there, thank you Sally for a really great evening.



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## A LETTER FROM AMERICA

*Dear Aston Abbotts,*

"We three Kings" from America (Betty King, Irene KingRennie and Joyce King) would like to thank all of you for everything. You were warm and friendly and made us feel quite at home during our stay in England at Christmas time. We enjoyed the carol service at St. James church. Sharon and Ray's party was lovely. We sat by the fireplace and felt very cosy listening to the Christmas music Hayley had selected.

The Royal Oak and The Bull & Butcher were great. We sat for a long time and ate and drank and visited. We never could have done that in the States as we would have been hurried along and invited to leave as soon as we were finished. Jasper was quite a charmer. He definitely knows how to "to work a room" He sat with us for most of the evening but we realised that he probably just liked what we were eating.

Jackie and Ray Coates made us feel like family. Ray picked us up at the airport. He had to get up very early in the morning and contend with darkness, fog and rain. We flew into Gatwick so it wasn't a quick trip. Jackie presented us with a wonderful traditional English Christmas. We had never experienced crackers before. They were lots of fun. We dined from 3.30 until 6.30 and had never seen so many courses. What a tremendous meal! They also gave us gifts. Nellie and Wogan their dogs were very friendly as well.

The Burgess family; Elaine, John, Hayley and Jonathan presented us with delicious chocolates. John even drove us all the way to Stratford - upon - Avon for a day of sightseeing. Margaret even delivered a special Christmas card to us that was very dear to our hearts. In addition to those kindnesses, she came to see us to wish us a Happy New Year. What a good friend!. Andy was so kind to let us stay at his cottage before we left for London. He was most hospitable. Even his pretty calico cat came to meet us.

Thank you all once again for making our Christmas memorable...

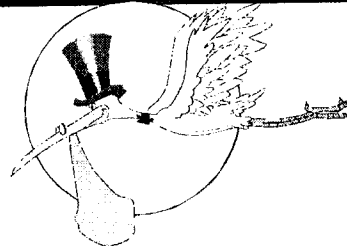
*Joyce King  
Cape May,  
New Jersey,  
U.S.A.*

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## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Julia and Mervyn King on the arrival on the 14th February of their baby daughter Dana, a new sister for Ben, Sam and Devon.



## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations also to Michelle and Barry White on the arrival of their baby daughter Roxanne born on the 16th February, a new sister for Daniel, Jason and Leanne.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY 'TWINKLETOES'

A little 'Ray' of sunshine  
was born in 48  
He's bigger now,  
Oh boy!! and how  
in nineteen ninety eight.

*Happy fiftieth birthday Ray  
from Jackie and the '630' lads and lasses*

## CONGRATULATIONS

There are many ways to be introduced to your future partner but for Elaine Harris it was the shock of having a bucket of water thrown over her as she was walking in Leighton Buzzard. Needles to add, Elaine had a few choice words to say to the culprit, namely Michael. At a later date when Elaine was visiting her sister, there was a knock at the door, standing on the doorstep was Michael who had just moved into the house next door and needed to borrow some milk to make a cup of tea. Michael was a bit embarrassed at coming face to face with the young lady he had soaked, so, to make up he invited Elaine out for a drink that evening.

On the 10 March, Elaine and Michael Harris of 8 Wingrave Rd. will be celebrating their Silver Wedding Anniversary. Elaine would like to say "thank you Michael for 25 happy years together".

I am sure everyone would like to add their congratulations and best wishes to you both and hope you have a very happy day on the 10th of March.

## WHAT'S ON IN MARCH 98

**Sun. 1st. Thurs. Rambling Club members meet** Old Goal, Market Place, Buckingham 2.00 pm

**Tues. 3rd Aylesbury Vale Transport Meeting.** Civic Centre 7.30pm. (Bus & train queries to Colin please)

**Thurs. 5th. Bingo** Church Room 7.30 pm.

**Tues. 10th Mobile library calling at The Green, Wingrave Rd.,**  
" Floral class Church Room 7.30pm

**Thurs. 12th. Whist drive** Church Room 7.30 pm.

**Sun. 15th. Village footpath walk, meet The Green 2.00 pm.**

**Thurs. 19th. Bingo** Church Room 7.30 pm.

**Sun. 22nd. Rambling Club members meet Tring 2.00pm.**  
" " Mothering Sunday.

**Tues. 24th Mobile library calling at The Green, Wingrave Rd.**

**Wed. 25th Annual Parish meeting (All welcome)**  
Church room 7.30pm.

**Thurs. 26th. Whistdrive,** Church Room 7.30 pm.

**Sat. 28th Jumble Sale** Church Room 2.00pm  
" " Chronicle Cabaret Church room 8.00pm.

**Sun.29th. NOTE:- Clocks go on 1 hour**

**April 1st Parish Council Meeting** Church room 7.30pm.

### Village Skip

Bull and Butcher car park.

#### Delivery Date

#### Collection Date

11<sup>th</sup> May 1998

14<sup>th</sup> May 1998

16<sup>th</sup> November 1998

19<sup>th</sup> November 1998

### A NOTE FOR ALL THOSE NEW DIARIES :-

The Village Festival Weekend

(including 'The Fete')

is to be held on

**Sat. & Sun. the 25th & 26th of July 98.**

## MAKE YOURSELF HEARD!

Everyone who lives in the village is invited to the **Annual Parish Meeting, on 25 March, at 7.30 p.m.** in the Church Room.

The Annual Parish Meeting is different from the Parish Council. It provides an opportunity for anyone to raise for discussion their concerns and ideas about life in the village. A draft agenda follows below. If you would like to put forward items for adding to the agenda please contact me on 681373. Please come! This is a chance to show that you take an interest and are willing to take part and do something for the village. In particular, there have been a lot of discussions recently about the future of the Church Room and developments at the Recreation Ground. If you want to know what's happening, and express a view, come to the Annual Parish Meeting.

*Gordon Smith*

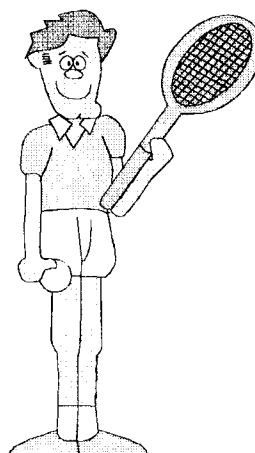
### Draft Agenda

- Minutes of previous meeting
- Matters arising
- Village Fete 1997
- Village Fete 1998
- Police/ Neighbourhood Watch
- Church Room
- Recreation Ground
- The Chronicle

## RECREATION GROUND IMPROVEMENT

Several youngsters and parents attended the meeting held at the 'Recreation ground on Saturday the 14th Feb. After some discussion it was agreed that there was considerable enthusiasm for the provision of a tarmaced/hard surfaced area to be provided within the recreation ground. Since this would involve raising considerable funding it was felt that a formal committee would need to be formed. Linda Sutton agreed to 'co-ordinate' those interested and the matter will be raised at the Annual Parish Meeting scheduled to be held on Wed. 25th March in the Church room and commencing at 7.30.

*Ed.*



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## RECTOR'S REPORT - MARCH 1998

I have been playing with one of my computer toys. The theory is that you can talk into a microphone and what you say appears as text on the screen. This was one of my better attempts at "Mary had a little lamb":-

*Mary had a little man who Ruth was  
wide as known and everywhe do that  
Mary went the than was thought*

*prove go up by Avon Mari had a little lamb if leave was  
wiped have known and everywhere it Mary went the manner  
was thought to go o*

By comparison with some of the other things that I have tried, this actually is pretty good. The results are often complete gobbledygook! Somehow or other the computer is not hearing what I am saying (and I haven't got round to working out how to sort it out).

How many of our problems in our world are caused because people hear a different message from the one that is actually said? Sometimes we don't say things as clearly as we should, sometimes we wrap our message up in posh jargon that people don't understand and sometimes we take great delight in confusing rather than clarifying what we want to say.

But it is very frustrating when we have tried hard to get a message across and realise that we have failed. Very often what I read in the newspapers makes me think that the Church is failing miserably to get its message across.

Perhaps the problem is that we all have our mental "baggage" that colours what we hear. If the message contains ideas that conflict with our inbuilt systems, then we will automatically reject the ideas, whether they are good or not. Life seems to get so frantic that we have difficulty finding the time, or the inclination to mentally "unpack" the baggage, to work through the ideas to discover whether they are helpful or not.

March is actually quite a good month for sorting out our ideas, because this year the whole of March is in the season of Lent. We could all do with taking time to work out how effective we are at communicating our ideas - our religious beliefs (and how we communicate with God) and also how well we get on with the people who share our daily life.

If people think that what we are saying is gobbledygook, then surely we need to do something about it.

*Bob Willmott*

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## ST JAMES' CHURCH, ASTON ABBOTTS

### PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Rev, R Willmott	Tel; 681623
Shirley Ford	" 681865
Christine Fox	" 682024
Michael Hasler	" 681877
Hilary Hasler	" "
Ann Godman	" 681763
Gordon Kemp	" " "

### Church Flowers for March.

W/E 28th/1st March - No Flowers



### QUIZ NIGHT

Many thanks to Colin for organising and running a very good quiz night in the Church room on Fri. the 20th of Feb. Only a 'select' 22 turned out for what proved to be a fun event. Questions had been carefully selected and categorised to suit all tastes, abilities and interests and whilst most chose to answer these as a team, Shirley Ford decided there was a distinct advantage in being a 'loner'. If our team was anything to go by she may well have be right because by the time 'the committee' had reached a corporate decision as to what answer should be submitted, Colin had moved on to the next question. A welcome break with tea and biscuits and we were quickly back into the second half. By skilfully playing the joker, our team won first place although we were not too lucky with the raffle. Non-the -less, someone who shall remain nameless (no! I'll spill the beans; it was Anita) on our table won the last prize, a Mars bar, but stoically refused to share it with us on the way to the pub.



Thanks again Colin and we look forward to the next one.

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### ASTON ABBOTTS

1st. Mar, 98	11.15	Parish Communion
8th. Mar, 98	11.15	Parish Communion
15th. Mar, 98	11.15	Parish Communion
22nd. Mar, 98	11.15	Parish Communion
29th. Mar, 98	10.00	Benefice Eucharist
4th April 98	11.15	Morning Service

### CUBLINGTON

1st. Mar, 98	10.00	Family Service
	18.00	Evensong
8th. Mar, 98	08.45	Parish Communion
15th. Mar, 98	08.45	Parish Communion
	15.00	Annual Church Meeting
22nd. Mar, 98	08.45	Parish Communion
29th. Mar, 98	10.00	Benefice Eucharist Aston Abbots
1st. April 98	10.00	Holy Communion BCP (Wed)
4th April 98	10.00	Family Service
	18.00	Evensong

### WINGRAVE

1st. Mar, 98	10.00	Parish Communion
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4th April 98	10.00	Parish Communion

## SUNDAY READINGS



**1st. Mar, 98 (V)**  
Lent 1 Romans 10. 8-13;  
Luke 4, 1-13

**8th. Mar, 98**  
Lent 2 Phil. 3, 17 - 4,1;  
Luke 13, 31-35

**15th. Mar, 98**  
Lent 3 1 Cor, 10, 1-13;  
Luke 13, 109

**22nd. Mar, 98**  
Lent 4 2 Cor. 5, 16-21;  
Luke 15, 1-3, 11-32

**29th. Mar, 98**  
Lent 5 Phil. 3, 4-14;  
John 12, 1-8

**4th. April 98 (R)**  
Phil. 2, 5-11;  
Luke 22, 14-23, 56

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## LADIES CLUB FEBRUARY PROGRAMME

### March 5th.

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Tickets are available from

Mrs Shirley Ford price;-

£3.00 for members,

£4.00 non members

£1.00 for children.

Shirley can be contacted on 681865

### March 19th

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### April 2nd

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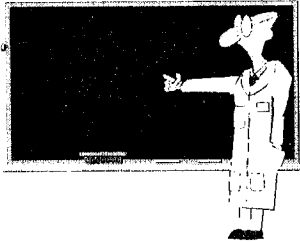
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# SCHOOL BITS & PIECES

Hard working and well behaved  
children from Aston Abbots  
(It's official!)

Wingrave Church of England Combined School, which serves 180 pupils including many from Aston Abbots, underwent an OFSTED inspection in the first week of December, 1997.

The Inspectors' Report, which has just been published, praises the school for providing a 'happy and caring environment for its pupils.' One of the main findings was that the pupils 'are very well, behaved, work hard and enjoy their lessons.'

Inspections are stressful for teachers, but the staff of Wingrave School should feel pleased that 88 per cent of the lessons which the inspectors observed were found to be satisfactory or better, while 8 per cent of them were deemed to be very good.

Favourable comments were made by the inspecting team about all areas of the curriculum. Amongst the core subjects, English was especially noted, and it was found that reading was consistently above the national average throughout the school. By the end of Key Stage One, the general standard of English is above the national average, as is the quality of children's writing at the end of Key Stage Two.

Other subjects were praised, including Art, where the standard reached by the end of Key Stage Two was found to be well above that expected nationally.

The inspectors made a number of suggestions for further improvement, laying some stress on the fact that progress in Information Technology was hampered by dated computing equipment which is unable to run the most up-to-date software. This is one of the areas to which the School Governors, together with Mr Baird McClellan, the Head-teacher, are turning their urgent attention.

## WINGRAVE SCHOOL NEWS

**Art Exhibition** Wingrave School were delighted once again to receive an invitation to exhibit at the Stoke Mandeville School art exhibition. Samples of work from each age group were entered. The School was very pleased to be part of an exhibition where the standard of art is very high.

**Gym Club** This is a recently formed club run by Mrs Sweeting on Thursdays after school. The first half term has been very popular with the participants gaining in confidence.

coaching on a Saturday morning at the village Netball club. The school team are very pleased to benefit from her expertise.

**TESCO** Do you shop at Tesco? If the answer is yes, the school would appreciate your Tesco vouchers which will be put towards the purchase of Computers. They can be handed to any pupil or parent or dropped in at the school. If you shop at any other supermarket where there is a deal for schools please drop them in, the school takes part in all the collection schemes.

**100 Club** At the present time a small number of parents and pupils are wealthier than they were at the beginning of term. The reason is that they are winners in initial draws of the School Association's 100 Club! If you would like to support the village school and have a monthly chance of winning, Vince Pashley 681493 would be delighted to hear from you. The cost is only £12.00 a year.

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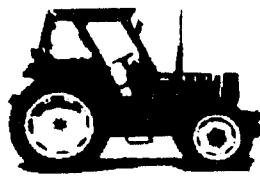


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warning in last months Chronicle suggesting they keep  
away from *Jackie & Ray's* ducks.



**TONY'S SPORTS  
COLUMN**

It's galling that all during  
the time I was away in New  
Zealand, the team  
performed magnificently.  
Lawrence and Dean  
progressed into the next  
round of the 'Pairs' cup.  
The team won 7-1 against  
The Swan Wescott and 5-3 against The County Arms  
Stone. Since returning and being back in the team we  
could only manage a 4 all draw against The Five Elms  
Weedon.  
Perhaps I should go away more often??

*Tony*



**1st Wingrave Brownies**

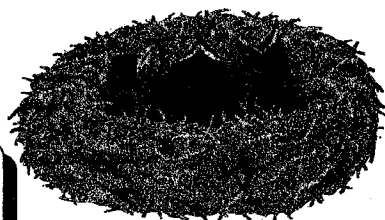


The birds in Wingrave are being well  
cared for this winter. The Brownies  
began their bird activities last term when  
they chose RSPB to be the charity which  
benefited from their fund raising  
activities through carol singing, bazaar  
stall and a charity box filled at Pitstone

village shop.

This term the Brownies have made four bird  
nest boxes which, thanks to the school caretaker Mr  
Smith, are now erected at suitable sites around the school.  
Birdcake has also been made and hung in trees. Each  
week there has been a discussion on birds seen, as  
expected the list included most of the usual garden birds  
but the Great Spotted Woodpecker and Sparrowhawk  
were also regularly on the list.

It is hoped that all the Brownies are now more  
aware of birds that are around them and have gained  
confidence in identifying them.



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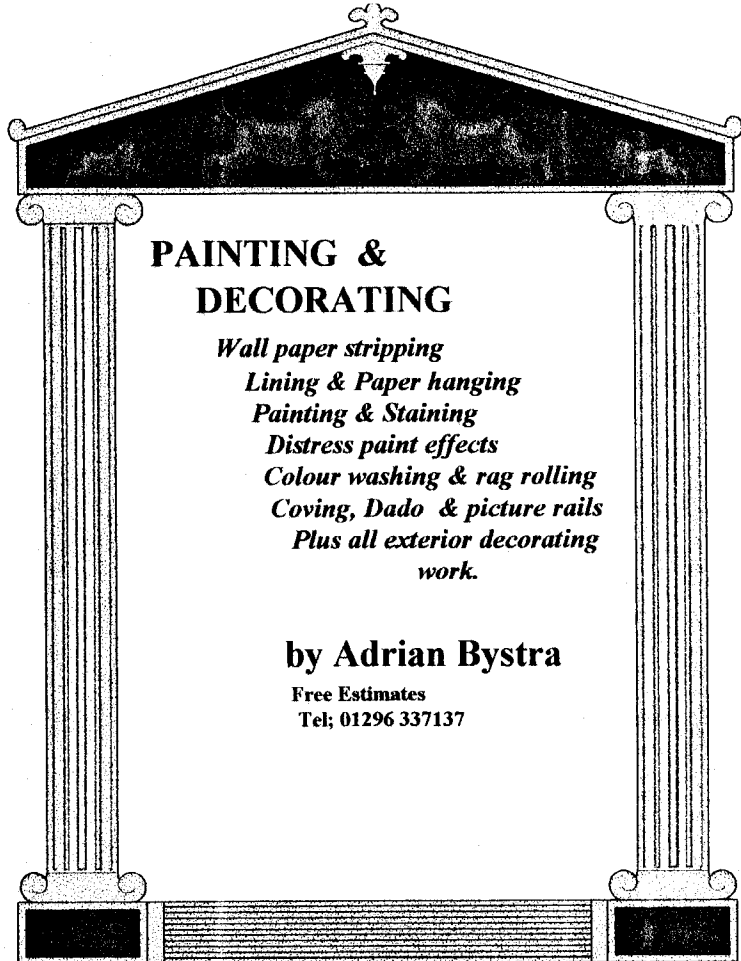
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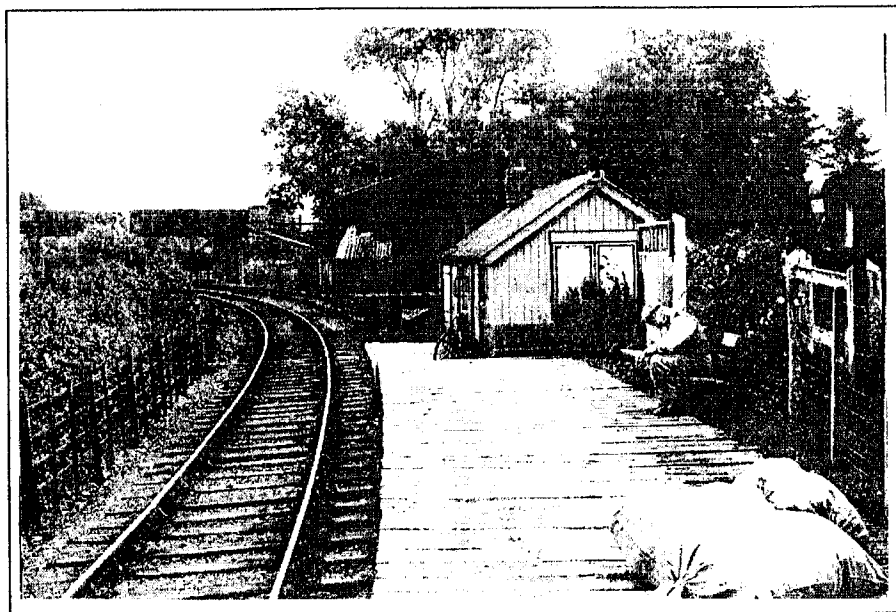
# THE BRILL TRAM

The Brill or Wotton Tramway as it was known was a very rural byway in the heart of Buckinghamshire.

The Duke of Buckinghamshire and Chandos of Stowe built the railway from Brill - Wotton - to Quainton to serve his estate at Wooton, and together with Sir Harry Verney of Claydon House (who was an important Londoner) was actively involved in developing the local railway.

The line eventually opened and had stations at Brill - Wotton - Westcott - Waddesdon Road and Quainton and a halt at Woodsiding and Cruksidings at Wotton and Brill. The Duke was responsible for the maintenance of the line, and the tramway was not directly connected to the Aylesbury line at Quainton but by a turntable at the Aylesbury and Buckingham siding.

Goods including coal, road metal manure from London stables casks of ale and general goods were carried also hay straw grain and timber for the farm communities along the line. A table of fines for misdemeanours was drawn up, the driver could be fined 1 shilling for NOT having the engine ready or 1/2 days pay for arriving late at Quainton, the guards fine was similar. The first world war brought a striking contrast to the line in the form of locomotives exhausts echoing the woods and fields and 5 full passenger coaches (quite a sight) filled with troops going to Wotton



House which had been made available for the armed forces.

Fewer (4) trains ran daily, usually mixed and after only had 1 passenger carriage and took approx. 40 minutes to cover the 6 miles between Brill and Quainton where connections were made for Aylesbury, Baker Street and Verney Junction (for Buckingham Brackley) the fare was 9 1/2d from Brill - Quainton 2/4 return to Aylesbury and 4d to Quainton 1/4 return to Aylesbury 5/8 return to Baker Street.

On the 1st July 1933 the Metropolitan Railway became part of the newly formed London Transport and gave the impression that it reached out to Brill, beguilingly advertising as being on the underground system, it was NOT however good news to the Brill line, which suffered passenger loses with some trains even running empty, so sadly the last train left Quainton for Brill full to overflowing, and as the train made its journey along the line oil lamps were extinguished and along with other movable items placed on the train.

On its arrival at Brill a large crowd had gathered to pay their last respects and a chorus of 'AULD LANG SYNE' echoed through the dark night sky and the ritual cutting of the rails took place on the stroke of midnight 30th November 1935, but some would say the line lives on with the post box at Brill Station still bearing the name, station sheds at Wotton and of course the Brill platform at Quainton now used by the Buckinghamshire Railway Centre.

Colin.

## WEEKDAYS. TO BRILL.

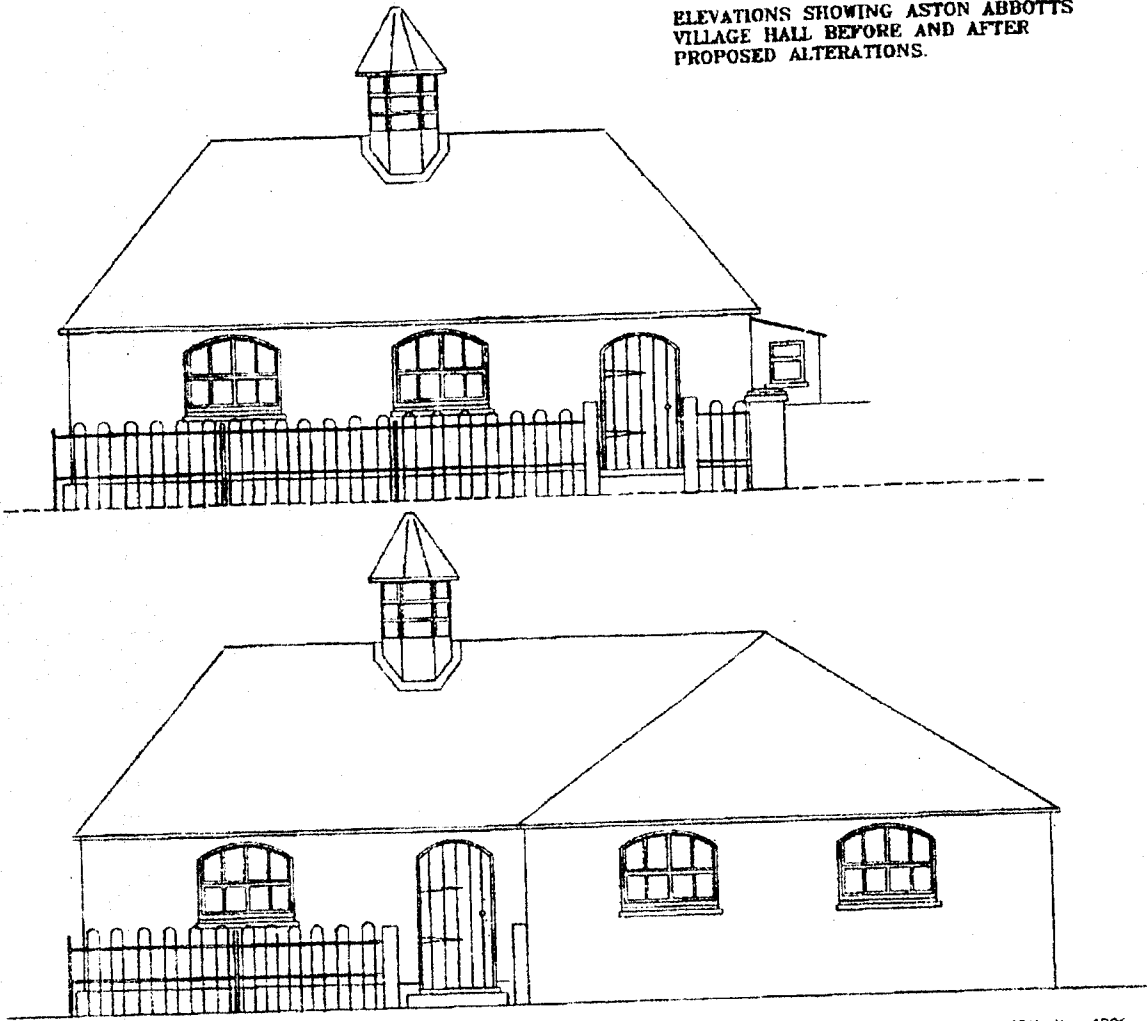
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Verney Junction.....	8 50	10 45	3 30	6 5	9 28
Quainton Road .....	9 46	12 55	4 4	6 30	9 26
Waddesdon Road .....	9 50	1	4 14	6 30	9 30
Westcott .....	+	+	+	+	+
Wotton .....	10 5	1 18	4 27	6 53	9 45
Woodsiding .....	+	+	+	+	+
BRILL.....arr	10 18	1 27	4 36	7 21	9 52

a - A Fast train leaves Marblebone at 5.0 p.m. Aylesbury arrive 5.45 p.m. and connects with 6.10 p.m. to Verney Junction

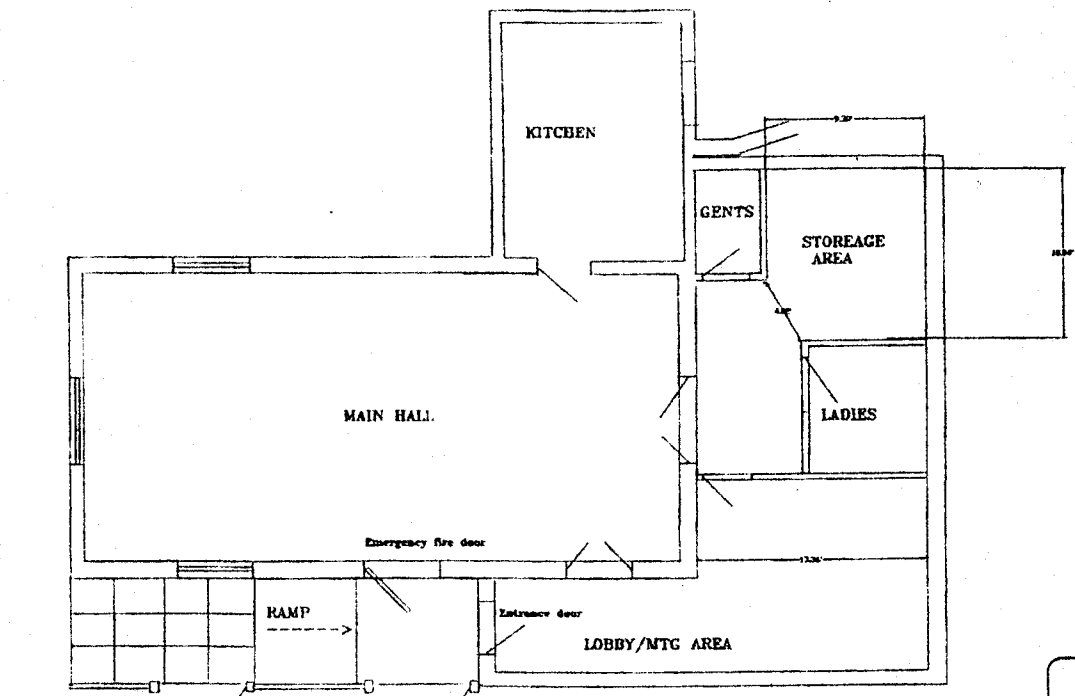
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Westcott .....	+	+	+	+	+
Waddesdon Road .....	8 27	10 56	3 33	6 6	9 3
Quainton Road .....	8 33	11 2	3 39	6 12	9 9
Verney Junction.....	10 21	12 16	4 15	6 45	---
AYLESBURY .....	8 55	11 21	4 2	6 39	9 51
BAKER STREET.....	10 25	1 13	5 42	8 6	11 18

ELEVATIONS SHOWING ASTON ABBOTTS VILLAGE HALL BEFORE AND AFTER PROPOSED ALTERATIONS.



Drawn: A. Bystra - 10th May 1996.



Joe existing iron fence.  
Additional gate for ramp users

PLAN VIEW OF ASTON ABBOTTS VILLAGE HALL SHOWING PROPOSED EXTENSION.

# PARISH COUNCIL NEWS.

*Unofficial notes of the meeting held on Wednesday 11th February 1998*

## Highways

Work on traffic islands on the A418 should start within the next few weeks.

Signing the to Haybarn area is also being arranged with Welch Allyn and Zilon agreeing to pay the costs.

The bridge at Wing is unlikely to be repaired within the next 3 years and is probably going to cost in the region of £150,000. The six villages affected will continue to lobby for funds to be allocated for a quicker result.

There has been a provisional allocation of funds for the footpath from Aston Abbots to Wingrave.

## Parish Paths Partnership

It has been decided not to join this scheme as Aston Abbots paths were all in good order.

## Speeding Vehicles

A number of residents are concerned by speeding through the village. 30mph and 'Kill Your Speed' signs are already in place. To highlight the problem and request for further action it is suggested that when speed offences occur, the date, time and number plates are recorded. A list can then be compiled by the Parish Council and passed to the Police.

## Recreation Ground

Maintenance work has been done and extra land tidied. Estimates are being sort for moving the climbing frame and updating the slide.

## Refuse Collection

Confusion over Christmas collections reported due to two the lists delivered. A letter is to be sent to the AVDC noting complaints and requesting an explanation.

## Banner Homes Appeal.

The appeal against the refusal for 5 additional homes at Nash's Farm was attended by Cllr Manning, Brian Round and residents.

Banners will not be giving a unilateral agreement regarding the extra strip of recreation ground land. If Banners build four or more houses to house more than 10 people they are required to give extra ground for the recreation ground. The outcome of the appeal should be known in four weeks time. It was deemed not relevant that the existing barns had been demolished.

Highways officers spoke against the scheme due to the visibility and parking problems.

There was a site visit to look at the surroundings and the highways issues, including no footpath and the route being used frequently by children and older residents.

## Date of next Parish Council meeting;-

1st April 98 in the Church room



# YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU!!



What a shame that only ten people tuned up at the church rooms for the meeting about the improvements to the rooms on Tues.. 17th February; considering how many people use the facilities over the year.



**ITS NOT TOO LATE!!**  
You can still get involved.

In discussions that lasted over an hour, the various issues surrounding the improvements were debated, they included:

- The Church leasing the rooms to the village
- Who/What body in the village would be responsible for this lease - The Parish Council or a separate committee?
- Who would be part of the body/committee that is responsible? We'd need a chair, fund-raiser, Clerk etc.,
- What to do now? .
- Where would we get the funding?

It was agreed that we need to form the committee, submit plans to the council and raise some money. Those present felt that if a planning application was approved, then many more people in the village would get involved with the project - it may be possible to combine the improvements to the Church Rooms and recreation ground into one millennium project, which could help fund-raising.

**WHAT CAN YOU DO?? -  
ATTEND THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING ON  
WEDNESDAY 25TH MARCH TO GIVE YOUR VIEWS  
AND GET INVOLVED.**

If you can't attend the meeting, give your views to a neighbour who can.

**We also URGENTLY need the services of an Architect.....can you help?? Ring Tom (682115) or Liz Barlow (682605) NOW.  
Don't let this project 'die", lets pull together as a village - see you on the 25th at 7.30pm**

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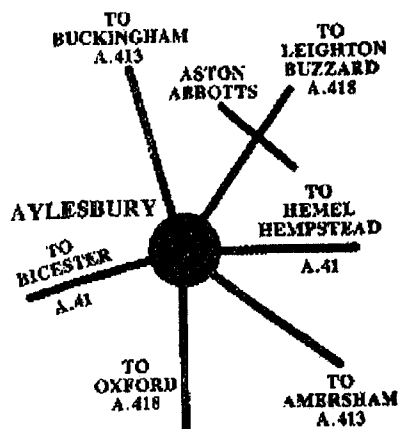
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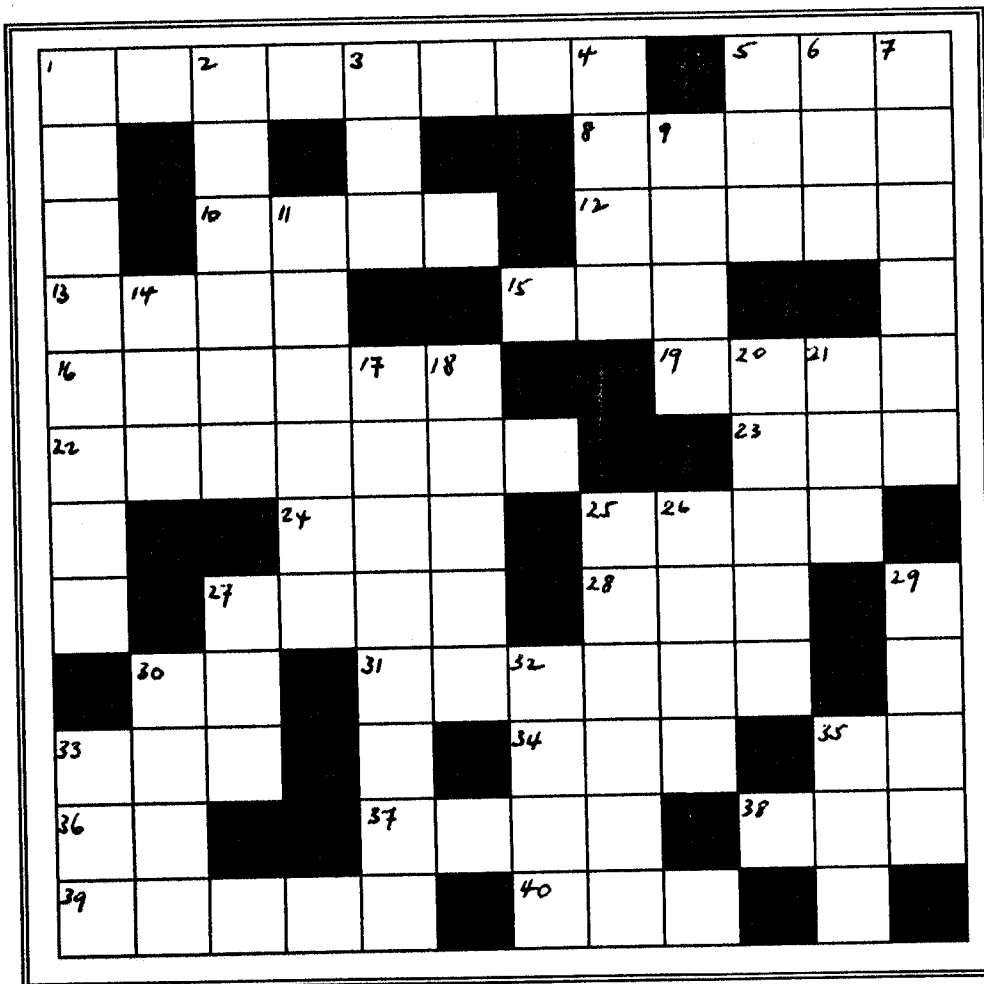
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**ACROSS**

1. One light (anag. 8), (town)
5. Period of time (3)
- 8 To come in (5)
- 10 Small amphibian (4)
12. Staggers (5)
13. Rang (anag. 4)
15. Girl's name (3)
16. Woven materials, formerly used in walls, and fences (6)
19. Below every plant (4)
22. Repeat (7)
23. Namely; in other words (3)
24. Bird, non flier (3)
25. Cure (4)
27. Require (4)
28. Choose (3)
30. -- that as it may (2)
31. Make clear, determine (6)
33. Child's bed (3)
34. Donkey (3)
35. Greek letter (2)
36. Expressing pain (2)
37. Requisition note; potatoes do this
38. Sorry(3)
39. Colour(5)
40. Pounds, shillings & pence (3)

**DOWN**

- I. Bucks village (8)
- 2 Inborn (6)
3. In what way? (3)
4. Fool (4)
- 5 Consumed (3)
6. Jelly like substance (3)
7. Substitute (6)
- 9 Close (4)
- II. Dish between courses (6)
14. Rodent (3)
- 17 A weak, ineffective person (4&4)
- 18 Short musical composition (5)
20. Egg shaped (5)
- 21 Lubricate (3)
- 25 Raises (6)
- 26 Mark on cutlery, etc (4)
27. Snare, mesh (3)
29. Sour, sharp (4)
30. Dish (4) 3@. Not succeed (4)
33. Hazel nut; sturdy horse (3)
35. Friend (3)

**Answers to February's crossword:-**

**ACROSS** - 1 Buckingham 8 Alps 9 NE 10 Par 11 Help 13 Bison IG Hero 18 ESP 19 Ava 20 herb 21 Verbal 28 Opera 27 No. 28 Database 32 Dad 33 Hope 35 Rota 36 Tapetal 39 Be prepared 40 Best 41 Release

**DOWN** - I Bluish 2 Up 3 CS. 4 Ink 5 NE 6 Aplomb. 7 Map. 11 He 12 ER 13 Beard 14 Spectates 15 Nabob 16 Haves. 17 Colonel. 22 Ere. 23 RA. 24 An. 26 Patter. 29 Adobe. 30 Adapt. 31 To tea. 33 Here. 34 Pads. 37 Ape. 38 Pal

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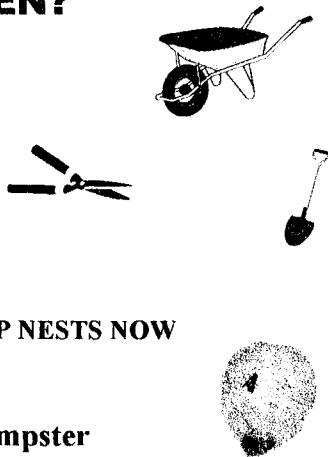
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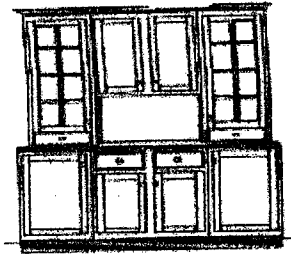
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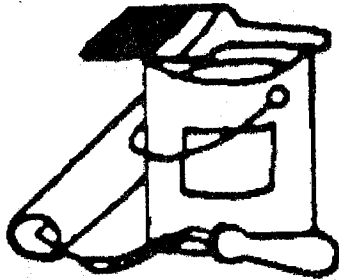
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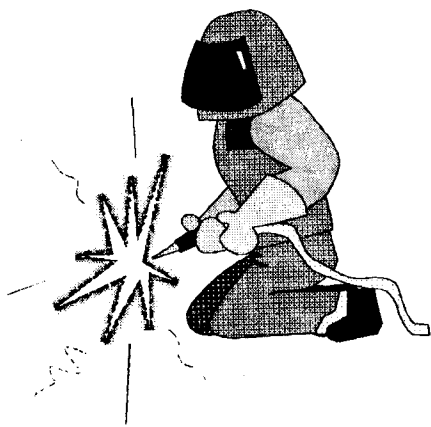
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