

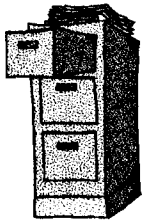
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**Editorial-----Thurs. 26th
March 1998.**

Since it is almost Easter I thought I would use the late Mr Boothman's delightful sketch of the church. Since deciding to use this drawing however, I became interested to know when he had drawn it. Clearly from the trees it was some time during the winter. Easing myself out of the 'editorial chair'; a few trips down to the church established the shadow made by the tower indicates it was likely he had drawn it at around 1.30 on a sunny winter's afternoon. However, at this time of year the shadow cast by the cross is much lower down the roof than that in the drawing, indicating to me that it was done earlier in the year when the sun isn't quite so high; possibly January. Of course he could have simply employed a little artistic license to make the shadow of the cross more prominent. All rather academic really but I just thought I would just mention it.

Many thanks to all our contributors this month. Next month's issue will include Margaret Kent's experiences in New Zealand and a 'write-up' about the Chronicle Cabaret which is taking place on the 28th March, just as this issue is being printed. Tickets for this and the St. Georges Day Dinner on the 25th of April are completely 'sold out'.

I expect many of you have seen the double page article in the Leighton Buzzard Observer by Mick King in which he visited Aston Abbots. This is the first of a new series in which he will be exploring villages in the area. The Aston Abbots 'stars' who were interviewed and managed to get their pictures in the LBO. were Valerie Osborne (where had Bernard disappeared to when there were so many customers awaiting his attention?), Tom Manning looking suitably aghast at what 'some bounder' of a lorry driver had done to the curbing round The Green, Colin Higgs showing off the hand pump supplying village water, Frank McManus demonstrating how it is served at The Bull & Butcher and Bob Willmott holding up a full size model of the new smaller church which is to replace the existing one and should accommodate the smaller congregations now attending

Particularly nice was the observation that "Bucks County Hall blights the view from miles around and that it 'beggars' belief that people working in that hideous monstrosity have the brass neck to condemn planning applications because they are overbearing and detrimental to the area".

A very nicely written piece which after having read it, left me feeling distinctly privileged to be able to live in such a lovely village.

And finally! I have already made known, I will cease to be editor of The Chronicle after the July/August issue. Although a few people have expressed some interest; so far as I am aware no one has offered to take my place.



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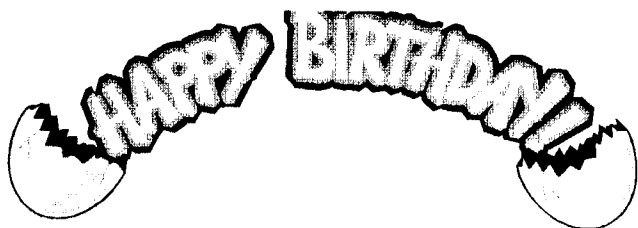
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(Andy Bystra. 31 The Green, (Tel 681 690 or 688 125) by this date please.

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RITA'S PEOPLE PAGE



Very many happy returns to all of you having birthdays during April, especially:-

Chris Farrands 1st April
Ian Hinds 4th
Caroline Lane 5th
Philip Wheaton 6th
Karen Brandon 7th
Laura Whyte 11th
Anthony Palmer 13th
Robert Clarke 18th
Sam King 20th
Alison Lewis 20th
Thomas Stefancyk 22nd.
Enid Ludlam 23rd
Janet Biddle 25th
Kate Currey 27th
Diana Picking 28th



A SAD LOSS

We extend our sympathy to Paul Drysdale on the recent death of his mother. Our condolences also go out to all family and friends on their sad loss

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WELCOME HOME

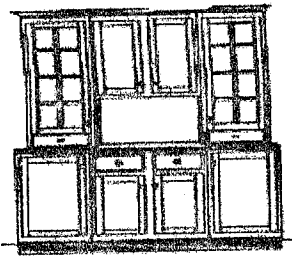
A big welcome home to Irene King Rennie following her 'little holiday' in the U.S.A.!

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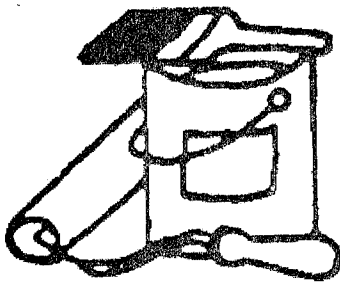
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Thurs. 2nd. Bingo Church Room 7.30 pm.

Mon. 6th. Floral class Church Room 7.00pm (Note change of day)

Tues. 7th Mobile library calling at The Green, Wingrave Rd., Oxley Farm. Also - Leighton & Linslade Transport Meeting. (Bus & train queries to Colin please)

Thurs. 9th. Whist drive Church Room 7.30 pm.

Fri. 10th Good Friday - Hot cross buns!

Sun. 12th. Easter Day - **Rambling Club** members meet at Mursley Church 2.00 pm.

Wed. 15th Aylesbury Vale holiday walk (Everybody welcome) meet at Aston Abbots Green 11.15 am.

Thurs. 16th. Bingo Church Room 7.30 pm.

Tues. 21st Mobile library calling at The Green, Wingrave Rd.
Please use this facility or lose it!

Thurs. 23rd St George's Day. Also - Whist drive Church Room 7.30 pm.

Sat. 25th. Coffee morning - Church Room 10.30 - 12.00 (In aid of the Church Room improvements).

Sun. 26th Village footpath walk The Green 2.00 pm. (Especially organised for all those who over indulged at the St George's day dinner on Saturday night!!)

Thurs. 30th. Bingo Church Room 7.30 pm.

NOTES FOR YOUR DIARIES :-

'The Fete' is to be held on
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PLACES TO VISIT AND THINGS TO DO DURING THE EASTER HOLS.

- ♦ Tring & Aylesbury Museums
- ♦ Buck's Goat Centre
- ♦ Waddesdon Manor
- ♦ Quainton Railway Centre
- ♦ Aylesbury Vale walks (See local press or join the Aylesbury
- ♦ Vale Holiday walk on the 15th. (Everybody welcome) meet at

Aston Abbots Green 11.15 am.

- ♦ Leighton Buzzard Narrow Gauge Railway.
- ♦ Woburn Abbey.

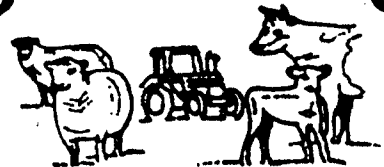
Many services throughout the country are being reduced or cut out altogether because of reductions in Government subsidies to individual Counties. Services most likely to be effected are Highways repairs, bus passes, Library, school meals, bus services. Make sure you don't lose your library or bus service **USE THEM.**

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This month I am writing what will probably be "anticipated nostalgia".

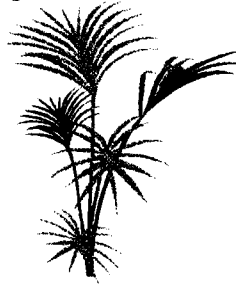
The trouble is that I am writing this a couple of days before going to Southwark Cathedral for the consecration of Mike Hill as the new Bishop of Buckingham. That is the anticipation bit. The nostalgia part comes from my earlier memories of Southwark Cathedral - a Cathedral that I think I last visited in 1971 when I was still a young curate. I was born and bred in the Southwark diocese, so it feels rather like home.

It was considered in the 1960s that Southwark was a radical diocese - after all, it then had Mervyn Stockwood as Bishop and John Robinson (of "Honest to God" fame) as Bishop of Woolwich. But the Church of the 1960s and 1970s is a world away from the Church of today. I do not suppose that the young curates of today get "pokered" (how else do you describe an officious Cathedral verger?) to the eagle lectern by vergers at mid-week Matins to read lessons from the huge Authorised Version of the Bible. That was something that caught me out! I had looked up the passage in a modern translation, but making it read sense from the Authorised Bible was a very severe shock to the system!

Southwark Cathedral is tucked away behind Borough Market (smells of vast quantities of cabbage). There is a sharp bend in the railway line as the trains squeak and clatter directly outside the windows to cross the river between London Bridge and Cannon Street. I do not expect that those aspects will have altered much since I was last there. However, inside the Cathedral I am anticipating several changes. At the consecration of a Bishop there has to be a certain amount of pomp and ceremony. I can remember shortly after his appointment as Bishop of Woolwich, David Sheppard (who retired recently as Bishop of Liverpool) telling us young curates that that was the part he was least looking forward to about his consecration.

It is a very dangerous thing to allow the memories to come flooding back. I was actually amazed at how many memories I could recall - I even managed to remember the names and eccentricities of some of the Canons.

Southwark Cathedral is a very good example of the interface between the here and now and the timeless things of God. Immediately outside is the world of the twentieth century with all its problems and even inside the worship is punctuated by clattering trains. Yet there is that dimension that allows us to focus on the Christ who died and rose again to gain our eternal salvation.



Bob Willmott

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5th April 98	11.15	Parish Communion
10th April 98	10.00	Good Friday Service
12th April 98	11.15	EASTER COMMUNION
19th April 98	11.15	Parish Communion
26th April 98	11.15	Parish Communion
3rd May 98	11.15	Morning Service

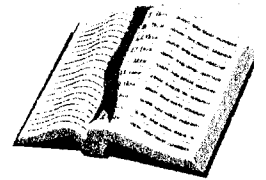
CUBLINGTON

1st April 98	10.00	Holy Communion BCP
5th April 98	10.00	Holy Communion
	18.00	Evensong
10th April 98	12.00	Good Friday Service
12th April 98	08.45	EASTER COMMUNION
19th April 98	08.45	Parish Communion
26th April 98	08.45	Parish Communion
3rd May 98	10.00	Family Service
	18.00	Evensong

WINGRAVE

5th April 98	10.00	Parish Communion
9th April 98	20.00	Maundy Eucharist
10th April 98	14.00	Good Friday Devotion
	19.00	WCT United Service
12th April 98	10.00	EASTER COMMUNION
19th April 98	10.00	Parish Communion
26th April 98	08.00	Holy Communion BCP
	10.00	Family Service
3rd May 98	10.00	Parish Communion

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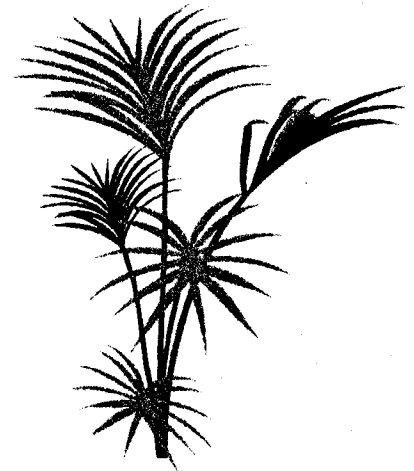
5th. April 98 (R) Palm Sunday
Phil. 2, 5-11; Luke 23, 1-49

12th. April 98 (W) EASTER SUNDAY
1 Cor. 15, 19-26; John 20, 1-18

19th. April 98 2 of Easter
Rev. 1, 4-8; John 20, 19-31

26th April 98 3 of Easter
Rev. 5, 11-14; John 21, 1-19

3rd May 98 4 of Easter
Rev. 7, 9-17; John 10, 22-30



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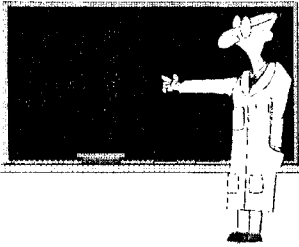


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SCHOOL BITS & PIECES

Wingrave School News

Bletchley Park

"Year Six from Wingrave School went to Bletchley Park on Monday 9th March for a school visit. Bletchley Park was a place where British people de-coded German codes during the Second World War. It was kept a secret until the war had finished so that German bombers did not know where it was. Not even the people who worked there were allowed to tell their family. When we went to Bletchley Park we only saw a fraction of it because it is so big! We went to the War time vehicles collection, a Winston Churchill exhibition and after lunch we went to a place called the 'Homefront' where we drew objects for our sketch books. It was a fun day out and all of Year Six enjoyed it including Mrs Fensome and the parent helpers."

By Sally Gardner

RSPCA

Claire Hounslow wrote this account after a recent Middle School assembly. "When Clive Pepper came to Wingrave School on the 10th March we learned a lot about the RSPCA. First of all he asked us if we knew what RSPCA stands for, many of us knew. Mr Pepper told us he was from the RSPCA and toured around different schools. He showed us many pictures of injured animals which had recovered because of the RSPCA's help. Clive also told us many stories of rescued animals. He ended the assembly by telling us about his cats."

By Claire Hounslow

Wingrave School Cross Country Team

"This team has been running for many years and during the spring term we train usually twice a week. Last year Wingrave School came 3rd in the finals and won a trophy. The school's cross country coach is Mr Bell. Over the past few years Wingrave School has had some great runners. This year Wingrave have had three mini races at Alfred Rose Park where eight different schools are competing. The finals are on Saturday 28 March."

By Nathan Kidd and Matthew George

OFSTED

The final phase of the OFSTED inspection has been completed. The Action Plan has been drawn up and copies distributed to all parents. The Action Plan will form part of the School Development Plan, work on it has already started and will be an ongoing process.

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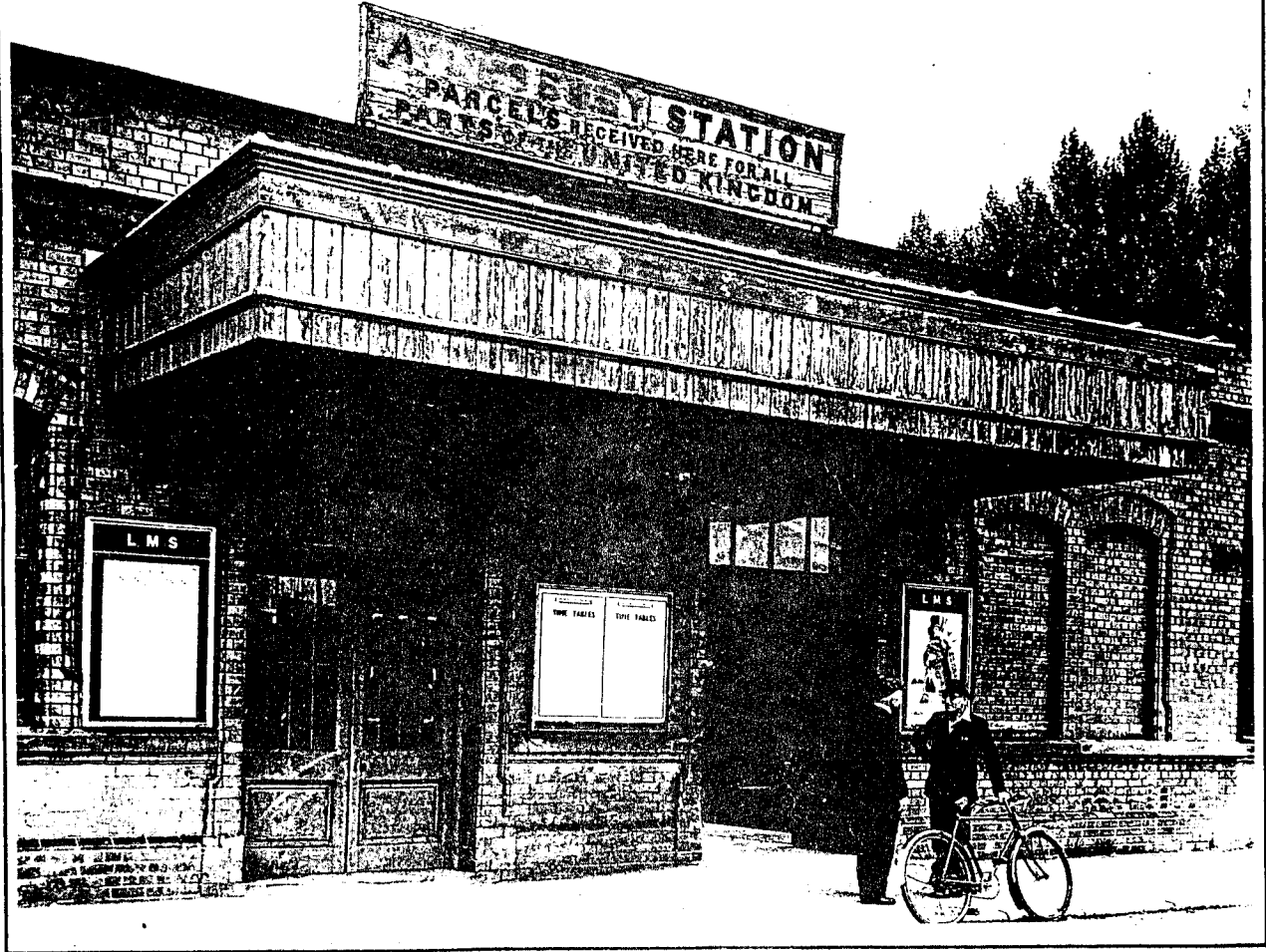
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The Aylesbury Railway

The line was opened between Aylesbury & Cheddington on Monday 10th June 1839 and was unique in as much it had no tunnels and only 1 footbridge crossing the line. There were however four level crossings at:- Park St. (Aylesbury), Broughton, Marston Gate and Mentmore. Crossing keeper cottages were erected where policemen were occupied on duty, controlling the train time intervals and the hand semaphore system.

Along the flat open farming country that bordered the line, the nearby villages of Bierton and Broughton could be seen. A halt was made at Broughton Crossing and on the 24th July 1861 the 7am train from Aylesbury smashed through the Crossing at Broughton, carrying both gates away on its buffer beam.

Marston Gate Halt built in 1857 actually did not have installations to recognise it as a proper station and be included on the timetable. Most of the goods traffic from Marston Gate was milk from the local farms, cattle and manure this being the main reason for this isolated station being there in the first place. Soon after Marston Gate the line came within sight of Mentmore with its impressive house across the fields. A crossing was situated at the southern end of the driveway, and remained a piece of railway antiquity for some time. However, in 1867 it was proposed that the crossing should be dispensed with and replaced with a bridge, but after much discussion it was decided it would not be suitable. Guests attending Lord Rosebery's home for weekend functions were so numerous that they could be seen arriving and leaving for many hours. To cope with this the crossing was manned on a shift system, and at a later date a telephone was added.

A short distance then took the train to Cheddington which like Aylesbury station had two distinct periods. The first was when it served as a small station for the interchange between the main line and the branch line to Aylesbury. The second phase took place after traffic quadrupled. At this stage there was a marginal re-siting of the station. Extensive rebuilding took place, the branch line platform was realigned and four platforms provided for the main line (Birmingham - Euston) service. In addition a 42ft 9" footbridge was erected for platform connections. The total journey completed on arrival at Cheddington was 7 miles.

MARSTON GATE

*There really was a station MARSTON GATE
With early morning gloom if train was late
When passengers would huddle round the fire
To morning papers save battered wooden clock
Precisely stating time with a Tick-Tock
Until the noise was drowned by piercing scream
As train arrived with hissing steam.*

Alas, due to the Beeching Axe this grand little line closed on the last day of January 53, and the then United Counties bus company revised and extended its service 104/104A journeys from Aylesbury - Marsworth - Puttenham to Long Marston (Marston Gate on Fridays) and Cheddington.

Colin

Cheddington Station was important to the area during the period Colin describes since it enabled heavy goods such as coal and farming equipment etc. to be delivered into the area and farming produce to be transported out. There are some lovely photos in local history books showing the station platform

piled high with wicker baskets full of plums for which the area was famous. These plums were used both for eating and as a dye. Like most railways, the line and station were built well away from the village to prevent sparks from the steam engines and frequent track side fires causing thatch fires.

The Rothchild's decision to build Mentmore was influenced to some extent by the existence of Cheddington station. At the time they were looking for a site for the planned mansion in an area where they could hunt and yet from which they could quickly travel to the city where they managed their banking empire. Having built Mentmore they also built The Roseberry pub next to the station to house some of the 'lesser' guests invited to their huge hunting parties.

Lord Rothchild was one of the earliest commuters between Cheddington and London. One nice story about him is that he used to give a brace of pheasant to all the drivers of London horse drawn buses operating between Euston and the city providing they wore his colours (a blue and yellow ribbon) on their whips. The idea was that this ribbon would remind them that should they see a carriage flying Roseberry colours they would let it through so that he could get to his office with minimal delay.

Ed

ST. PATRICK'S NIGHT

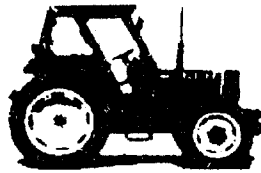
During the past few years it has become the custom for St. Patrick's Day to be celebrated at The Bull & Butcher. The popularity of this event has increased steadily over this period; in part due to the very good entertainment laid and the reputation that each succeeding year's event has been better than the last. This year was no exception with the pub being closed and an invitation only party held to celebrate.

A rather stylish marquee was erected in the courtyard area which must have increased the available space at the pub by half as much again. This was no skimpy 'tent' but a fully lined, heated affair complete with 'French windows', carpet and rather grand chandeliers. Sean Arman re-erected the stage he had originally made for The Bull Monty and this proved to be an ideal platform for the five piece Irish band which turned up to entertain with their own brand of very infectious music. The evening started fairly slowly with most guests not arriving until 9.30. However, by this time the band was in full swing and this acted as a magnet to the 180 or so who came along. Good plain but tasty 'Irish' style food, complete with the obligatory soda bread was served and this fuelled those who couldn't stop dancing to all those jigs. Of course there were those who preferred to simply sit, drink and yarn the evening away. Either way it was very evident from the 'atmosphere' created that everyone had a most enjoyable evening.

Frank & Louis's 'raison detre' for organising this event (apart from helping Frank to make his fortune) was to raise much needed money to support the Macmillan Nurses. To this end £1,357 was raised; this being significantly boosted by an auction held during the evening in which various generously donated 'gifts' were sold. Most of those bidding, knowing the proceeds were going to a worthy cause very generously paid well over the odds for their particular part of the spoils.

All in all, a very pleasant evening was had by all. Many thanks to Louise, Frank and all those who prepared the food and supported this excellent event. *Ed.*

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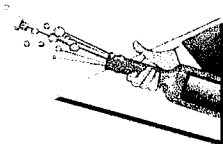
PARISH COUNCIL NEWS.

The Annual Parish meeting was held on Wednesday 25th March 1998 (the day before going to press). This meeting was well attended and it was hoped to include minutes in the April issue of The Chronicle. However, the meeting covered many interesting topics in some depth and it quickly became clear that minutes could not be produced in time. A full account of the meeting will be published in next month's issue.



BANNER HOMES

The latest Banner Home's appeal has been overturned. This decision was largely based on the fact that overcrowding would have resulted had their proposed plans for five additional houses come to fruition. They now have six weeks in which to object but can only do so on the grounds that they feel the decision made by Aylesbury Vale was 'illegal' in some way. It seems more likely that they will submit a new proposal for fewer houses, hopefully taking account of constructive comments made during the latest site meeting with our Parish Council and Aylesbury Vale.



Ed.

FOUL PLAY!!

Several complaints have again been received concerning dog owners allowing their animals to defecate in areas where people walk and/or children play. You know who you are so please ensure these areas are avoided or remove the offending mess.



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FETE MEETING

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commencing at

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on

Wed. 15th April.

*Anyone who is interested
in helping to organise this year's Fete,
or
who has ideas for the Fete
will be made very welcome.*

This year's Fete is to be held on Saturday 25th July

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Matinee Movies

Due to public demand, Leighton Buzzard Theatre is delighted to introduce the new Matinee Movie programme. This includes our usual children's holiday films plus extra daytime showings of other major releases especially for those customers who prefer to come to the cinema during the day.

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(U)

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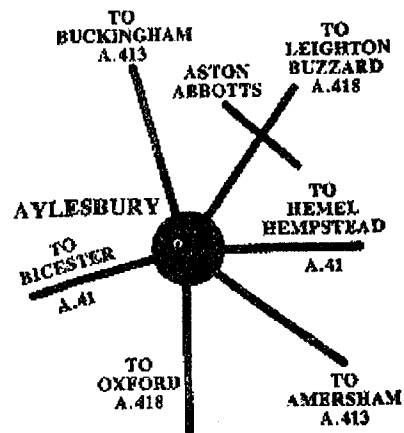
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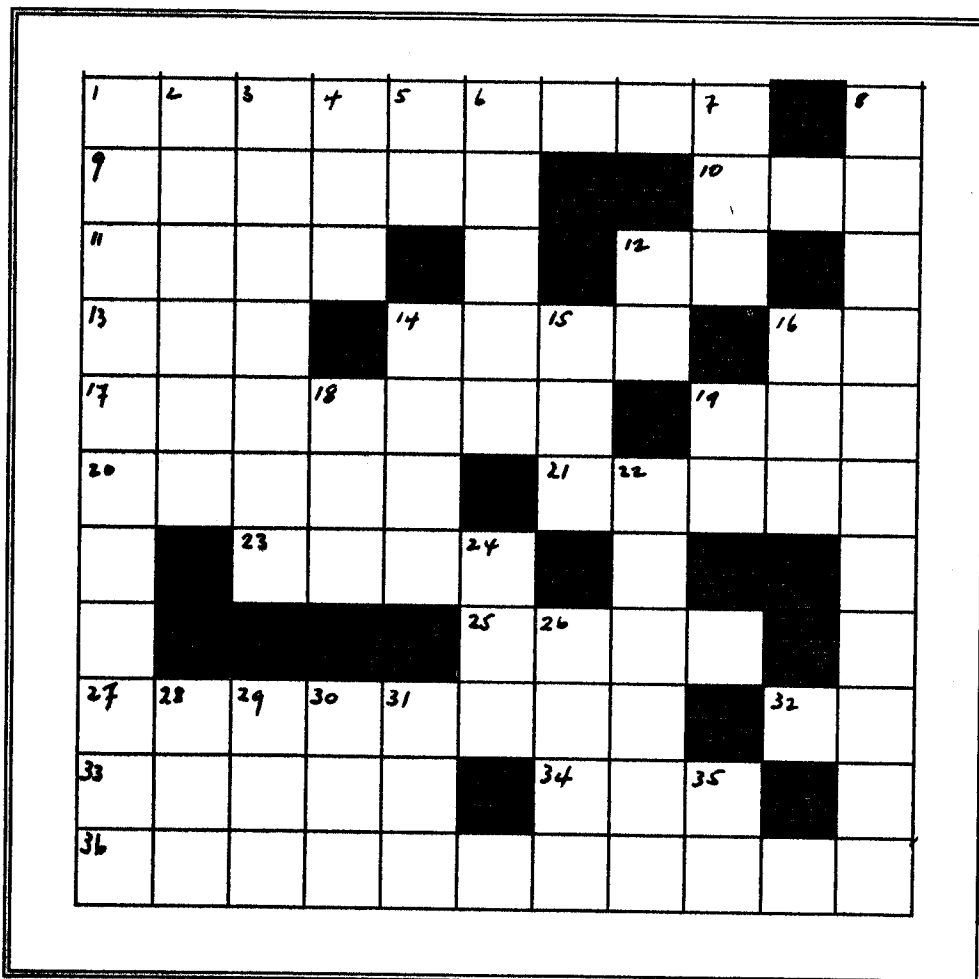
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ACROSS

1. Special Equipment (9)
9. UNRAIL (anag 6)
10. A distinct period (3)
11. A religious group (4)
12. Expressing position (2)
13. A number (3)
14. To peruse (4)
16. Take notice (2)
17. Hunting Vermin (7)
19. Ocean (3)
20. Zones (5)
21. A valuable possession (5)
23. Slang for aircraftsmen (4)
25. Verbal (4)
27. PASS IS IN (anag 8)
32. A degree (2)
33. Likeness (5)
34. On one's -- (be alone 3)
36. CAN APES REAP (anag 11)

DOWN

1. A continent (11)
2. REWRAP (anag 6)
3. A flower (7)
4. Insect (3)
5. Rear Admiral (abbr. 2)
6. Hostile, unfriendly (5)
7. Collection; hardened (3)
8. Long leave periods e.g. for teachers, professors
12. In the year of our Lord (2)
14. Take a chance (4)
15. Muslim chief; cooker (3)
16. Maiden name (3)
18. --- & feather (3)
19. Hitler's hitmen (2)
22. Spring is one (6)
24. Distress call (3)
26. Girl's name (4)
28. Demon (3)

Answers to March's crossword:-

ACROSS -

10 Newt. 12 Reels. 13 Gran. 15 Ida. 16 Wattle 19 Root. 22 Illiterate. 23 Viz. 24 Emu
 25 Heal 27 Need. 28 Opt. 30 BC. 31 Define 33 Cot. 34 Ass 35 Pi. 36 Ow. 37 Chit 38
 Sad. 39 Black 40 LSD

DOWN -

1 Longwick. 2 Innate. 3 How 4 Nerd 5 Ate. 6 Gel. 7 Ersatz. 9 Near.
 11 Entree 14 Rat 17 Lame Duck. 18 Etude. 20 Ovate. 21 Oil 25 Hoists. 26 EPNS. 27
 Net. 29 Acid. 30 Bowl 32 Fail. 33 Cob. 35 Pal

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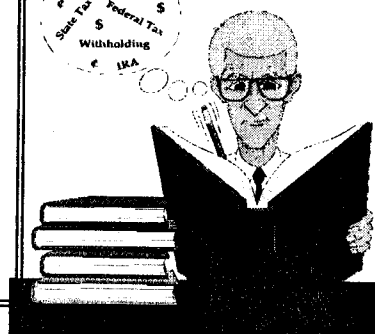
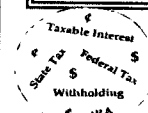


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