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Aston Abbotts Parish Magazine

FETE - 98

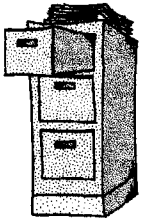
Saturday 25th July

Fete promises to be best ever

Sited around the Grove, the church room and the Green, the fete will provide oodles of entertainment for all ages and with The Royal Oak providing special Festival ploughman's and The Bull & Butcher providing evening entertainment, and being open noon til midnight, this year's fete will be even better than before.

For your free Fete 98 programme turn to page 22

Issue No. 170 July - August 1998



**Editorial-----Tuesday 30th
June 1998.**

Firstly let me express a very big thank you to all those who have contributed to the successful publication of The Chronicle during the three years I have been editor.

The status of our bank account may have wavered up and down during this period but thanks to **John Whyte** at the 'financial tiller' as it were and donations made by the Parish Council, Fete committee and many individuals we have managed to remain solvent, pay our bills on time (mostly) and continue to deliver The Chronicle free to every household eleven times a year. Credit must of course also go to '**The Friends of The Chronicle**' who have worked so hard to raise funds by putting on the ever popular Chronicle Cabaret each year and organising disco's etc.; not forgetting the support we get from our advertisers.

I should also like to thank those who have given their time so freely to ensure each issue is printed and delivered on time, especially **Jill and staff at Waddesdon School**; our distributors **Roger, Steve, Margaret, John, Andy, Gill, Chris, Caroline and Barry** who walk round in all weathers posting copies through peoples letter boxes each month.

Written contributions to The Chronicle have come from many sources but as editor I should particularly wish to thank those stalwarts who have regularly contributed items such as:-
Colin Higgs (What's on, church flowers and transport matters)
Hillary Hasler (who has kindly re-typed on 'disc' the Rector's Report & church services),
Don Bellingham (Crosswords- few of which I managed to complete very quickly),
Shirley Ford (Lady's Club notes),
The children & staff of Wingrave school (for the School News),
Anne Brancker (Recipes and typing bits & pieces on 'disc' for me),
Various Parish clerks (Parish meeting minutes),
Tony Hinds (Sports Column) and of course
Rita (Peoples Page).

A heartfelt thanks to all of you for making the job of editor such a pleasant one and The Chronicle one of the better village magazines.

And finally! Since I made it known that this issue will be the last 'Chronicle' I shall edit, various ad hoc. discussions have taken place regarding it's future. The consensus of opinion arising from these talks indicates that in the absence of somebody volunteering to take on the total editorship task as currently undertaken, the way forward might be to create a 'production team and split up the various activities into several smaller tasks.

I have drafted details of the tasks involved and a few ideas how in my experience these might be 'split-up'. If you are interested in being part of an 'editorial team' and/or ensuring the Chronicle continues to be produced, please contact me and I will make copies available to you for discussion at a:-

Chronicle Meeting
to be held at
31 The Green
on
Friday the 17th July
commencing at
7.30pm.



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Please note that copy date for the September issue will be Fri. the 21st of August 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 and I will pass to the new editor.*

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RITA'S PEOPLE PAGE



Very many happy returns to all of you having birthdays during July & August, especially:-

July

George Fox 2nd
Donna Wigget 2nd
Brenda Malin 6th
Margaret Kent 6th
Nigel Palmer 6th
Len Scutchings 7th
Nicola Lovell 9th
Vic Scott (See page 3) 13th
Gordon Smith 15th
Diane Lovell 17th
Andrew Plested 19th
James Hartnett 21st
Anne Brancker 24th
Daniel Smith 24th
Deirdre Whyte 27th
Jack Rennie 27th
Lawrence Hinds 29th
Nora Hartnett 30th
Julia King 31st July

August

Paul Fletcher 4th
Ivor Belgrove 7th.
Doris Turner 10th
Christine Fox 10th
Mark Hewitt 11th
Jackie Coates 12th
Dorothy Hinds 14th
Andrew Parker 21st
Jenny Howell 27th

SAD LOSS

We are all very sorry to learn of the sudden death of Daphne Evans whilst in hospital and shortly after an operation. Our sympathies go to her husband Bill and all their family at this sad and difficult time. Daphne was a kindly and good neighbour who loved her garden and she will be missed by all of us.

Many thanks

I would like to thank the members of the 630 Club for awarding me the beautiful flower arrangement at the conclusion of the St. George's Day celebration. Your lovely gesture was most appreciated.

Irene King-Rennie

Irene passed this note to me on the 15th May. However, I failed to spot it and therefore it didn't get published in last month's Chronicle - Whoops! Sorry Irene. Ed.

Congratulations

Sophie Smith has just completed her Physiology degree at Liverpool University where she was awarded a First Class Honours B.Sc. In addition Sophie won the Liverpool University Physiology prize for 1998. She deserves congratulations on a wonderful result.

Meanwhile, younger sister Alice has won a place at University College, London in September where she will read psychology. We wish them both good fortune in the future.

BABYSITTING /

**Hayley and Sarah reliable
babysitters,
please ring**

**Hayley on 688597
or
Sarah on 681740**

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A GENUINE LOCAL !

On July 13th 1928, Mrs Steele, the lady at 'The Firs' sent some soup to Mrs Scott who had just been delivered of a son in the black and white cottage - now the shop. Mrs Scott was 'in service', first at The Abbey and later at the vicarage where son Victor John, delighted in the close proximity of the larder to his tiny bedroom. His carpenter father worked away from home and at an early age Victor and his mother moved into grandfather's cottage now No. 11 The Green, which he eventually inherited.

Even in his infant years Vic. exhibited an outstanding fascination for Natural History and as a schoolboy, every moment of freedom was spent wandering the countryside absorbing knowledge of his subject and imparting it with joy to his friends. These friends included German prisoners of war and even President Benesh of Czechoslovakia whose government took refuge for the duration in and around The Abbey.

He was awarded a grammar school place but poverty dictated that education had to be completed at Aston Abbots school, which he left at the age of fourteen to become a farmer's boy. He always considered this sequence of events a blessing, for a salaried position within four walls would have been purgatory!

The Steeles had watched the progress of this eager, self taught lad who could give Latin names to all things natural and were impressed not just by his knowledge, but by his ability to communicate with all and sundry. He was offered the job as garden boy at 'The Firs' and in due course became estate manager until the Steeles enforced departure.

Since those days he has established a reputation for brilliance as a field botanist and general naturalist and is well known for his lectures and accomplished photography. He undertook his first foreign trip alone at the age of seventeen to visit President Benesh in his own land, and subsequently has travelled to over forty different countries, mostly as leader for natural history enthusiasts. Never once has he expressed a desire to live anywhere other than Aston Abbots! He has never lost his wonder and enthusiasm for nature and his optimism, sense of humour and patience with young and old endears him to us all.

He has steadfastly refused to be moulded by custom or authority - he is his 'OWN MAN' and long may he continue to be so.

Happy Birthday Vic.

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FETE SAT. 25th JULY

*Please look out for any items you may think suitable for
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TUESDAY 21st JULY

and

WEDNESDAY 22ND JULY

in the evenings.

*Stalls will need BOOKS, BRIC-A-BRAC, TOYS,
GROCERIES and GIFTS. Prizes needed for
children's games and Tombola (small packets of sweets,
toys etc.).*

*It would be helpful if CAKES, JAMS, and PLANTS
could be delivered to the stalls on the morning of the fete.*

*If you need to contact the stall holders about the
arrangements,*

*Shirley Ford (cakes and jams) on 681865
and Janet Biddle (plants) on 681102.*

Collection for Tombola

*Diane and Margaret Kent will start collecting the week
beginning Monday 13th July. Anything bottled
welcome.*

Fete Day.

10.00am. - *Anyone willing and able please meet on the
Green to help set up.*



RECTOR'S REPORT - JULY 1998

A few weeks ago, a suggestion was made about improving the inside of Wingrave church.

Knowing that the idea would be controversial, it occurred to me that other people might also have ideas for improvements, so, on the basis that it was about a hundred years since the church had had a "makeover" I invited people to let me have their ideas.

But the trouble with asking for ideas is that people immediately think about how much it is likely to cost. Some ideas are inevitably very expensive, but they might not be when seen as part of a long-term project. (Spending £100,000 to make the church more useful for the next hundred years is only £1,000 per year!). If we decide on a major scheme, we have got to get it right!

We need to think about many ideas - some of which might be able to be grouped together. Some bits of ideas might spark off other possibilities that had not occurred to anyone. And it may be that, in the end, we decide that we stick with what we have got and just try to keep up to date with the little jobs as they need doing.

In the near future, Aston Abbots church is going to need a new heating system and Cublington is looking at major stonework repairs to the church tower.

The buildings we have and the use we put them to are only small parts of the heritage that we enjoy. If the buildings are in poor repair, they give the impression that nobody cares. If they are cold and damp, people will feel uncomfortable using them for worship. The condition that they are in reflects, not so much the efforts of the regular congregation who come every Sunday, but more the value placed on them by the community. It is an unfair burden to expect the "regulars" to fund all the work that is needed.

It is a fact that, without the responsibility of maintaining a large and expensive building, many congregations become far more effective as Christians. But, if the church building is removed from the community, the whole community feels significantly impoverished, because there is no longer an eternal dimension on which they are challenged to focus their thoughts.

A century ago it was the norm to have one priest in each parish. Things have now changed very significantly and are set to change further. The question is:- do we still need a church building in every parish and, if so, how are we going to look after them?

Bob Willmott

Church Flowers for July etc.

W/E:-
July

4th/5th Miss A Goodman
11th/12th Mrs Sllisto
18th/19th Mr Belgrove
25th/26th Festival



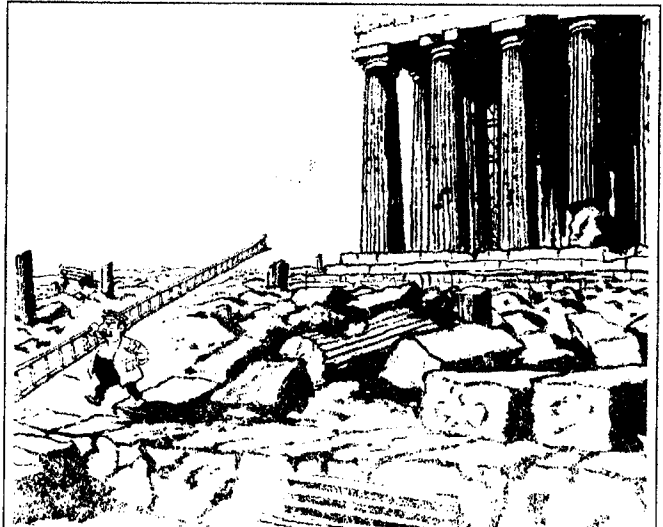
August

1st/2nd (United service, Cublington)
8th/9th Mrs Ford
15th/16th No service
22nd/23rd Mrs Hasler
29th/30th Mr C. Higgs



September

5th/6th Mrs Bean



"And that Bob Willmott thinks he's got problems"!!!!



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5. 7. 98	10.00	PATRONAL FESTIVAL	Wingrave
	10.00	Family Service	Cublington
	11.15	Parish Communion	Aston Abbots
12.7.98	08.45	Parish Communion	Cublington
	10.00	Parish Communion	Wingrave
	11.15	Morning Service	Aston Abbots
19.7.98	08.45	Parish Communion	Cublington
	10.00	Parish Communion	Wingrave
	11.15	Parish Communion	Aston Abbots
26.7.98	08.45	Parish Communion	Cublington
	10.00	Parish Communion	Wingrave
	11.15	PATRONAL FESTIVAL	Aston Abbots
	18.00	Songs of Praise	Aston Abbots
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2.8.98	10.00	3 Parish Communion	Cublington
9.8.98	08.45	Parish Communion	Cublington
	10.00	Parish Communion	Wingrave
	11.15	Parish Communion	Aston Abbots
16.8.98	10.00	3 Parish Communion	Wingrave
23.8.98	08.45	Parish Communion	Cublington
	10.00	Parish Communion	Wingrave
	11.15	Parish Communion	Aston Abbots
30.8.98	10.00	3 Parish Communion	Aston Abbots
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6.9.98	08.45	Parish Communion	Cublington
	10.00	Parish Communion	Wingrave
	11.15	Morning Service	Aston Abbots
; - ;			



SUNDAY READINGS

5th. July	Trinity 4	Gal. 6, 7-16; Luke 10, 1-11, 16-20
12th. July	Trinity 5	Col. 1, 1-14; Luke 10, 25-37
19th. July	Trinity 6	Col. 1, 15-28; Luke 10, 38-end
26th. July	Trinity 7	Col.2, 6-15; Luke 11, 1-13
; - ;		
2nd. August	Trinity 8	Col. 3, 1-11; Luke 12, 13-21
9th. August	Trinity 9	Heb. 11, 1-3, 8-16; Luke 12, 32-40
16th. August	Trinity 10	Heb. 11, 29-12.2; Luke 12, 49-56
23rd. August	Trinity 11	Heb. 12, 18-end; Luke 13, 10-17
; - ;		
30th. Sept	Trinity 12	Heb. 13, 1-8; Luke 14, 1, 7-14

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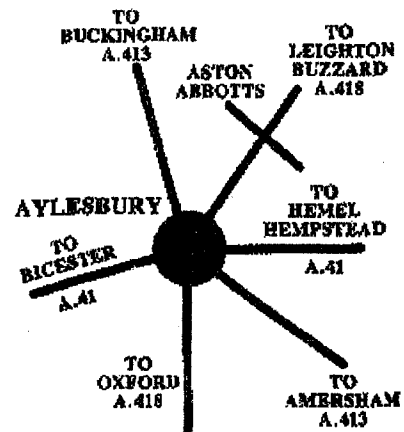
Rev, R Willmott	Tel; 681623
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WHAT'S ON IN JULY & AUGUST98

JULY

Thurs. 2nd. Whist drive Church Room 7.30 pm.

Sun. 5th. Rambling Club members meet at Heath & Reach 2.00 pm.

Tues. 7th. Leighton/Lindsay Transport Meeting
(Bus - train queries to Colin)

Sat 11th Coach outing to Iron Bridge. Depart bull & Butcher 8.30 am. Fare £9.50 Book on 681343

Tues. 14th Mobile library calling at The Green, Wingrave Rd.

Wed 15th - St Swithins Day.

Thurs. 16th. Whist drive Church Room 7.30 pm.

Sun. 19th. Rambling Club members meet at The Green 2.00 pm.

Sat 25th. The church will be decorated, teas and refreshments served in the church room. The Bull & butcher will be open 'all day' and 'Festival lunches' served at The Royal Oak. Entertainment for all ages will include:-

A barbecue, skittles, Tractor pull, tombola, pony rides, gifts, plant sales, bric-a-brac, barrel organ, Morris dancers, birds of prey, train rides, rare breeds, coconut shy, rides in a genuine 30's model 'T' Ford and many more attractions. **The Green - commencing 2.00pm**

Sun. 26th The church will be decorated with floral displays and teas and refreshments served in the church room between 2.00 & 5.00pm.

Songs of Praise in the church - commencing at 6pm.

Tues. 28th Mobile library calling at The Green, Wingrave Rd., Oxley Farm.

Thurs. 30th. Whist drive Church Room 7.30 pm.

AUGUST

Tues. 11th August Mobile library calling at The Green, Wingrave Rd., Oxley Farm.

Thurs. 13th. Whist drive Church Room 7.30 pm.

Sun. 16th. Rambling Club members meet at Heath & Reach 2.00 pm.

Sun. 23rd. Teas (in aid of Church funds) in the church room 3.00 - 5pm.

Tues. 25th Mobile library calling at The Green, Wingrave Rd., Oxley Farm.

Thurs. 27th. Whist drive Church Room 7.30 pm.

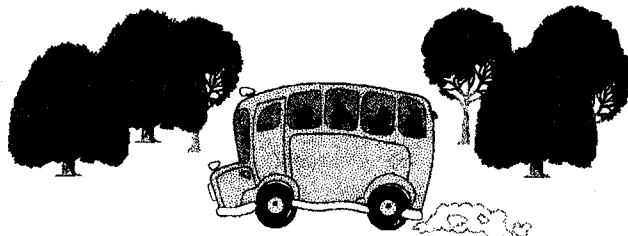
Mon. 31st Bank Holiday

Thurs. 3rd Sept Bucks County Show

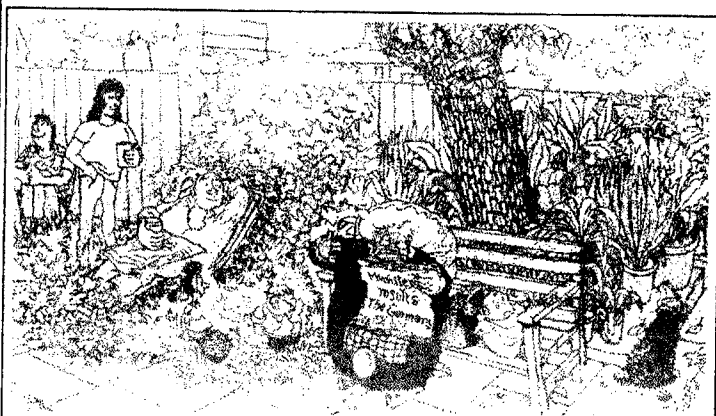


BOOK THESE DATES!!;-

Sat. 12th Sept. Coach outing to the Vale of Evsham ('plum time') Depart Bull & Butcher 12.50pm. Fare £7.00 - Book with Colin 681343

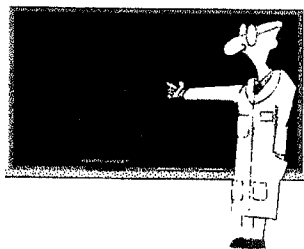


Sunday 13th Sept. Village gardens open 2.00 - 5.00pm. There will also be teas served in the church room, an exhibition in the church. Evensong will take place in the church at 6.00pm.



Don't panic Gran!
We've got another two days to get the garden ready for the Open Day'

SCHOOL BITS & PIECES



WINGRAVE SCHOOL NEWS.

Residential Field Trip

You could feel the excitement in the air as the pupils from Wingrave School boarded the coach to Lyme Regis. Ahead lay a week of many activities including a tour around Bickleigh Castle, a visit to the Abbotsbury Swannery and a 7 and a half mile hike. Also new to the itinerary was a trip to Otterton Mill which promised to be good. The pupils stayed at Coram Court an old vicarage and were in rooms of one to four people. Many of the rooms had beautiful views of The Cobb, Lyme Regis's harbour. It was a brilliant week and now back in Wingrave the pupils are preparing a presentation evening so they can share their wonderful experience.

Zoe Last - Year 7

Four members of Year 6 also joined the Field Trip.

The pupils from year 6 enjoyed The Swannery the most but we also enjoyed everything else including The Time-walk. The Time-walk seemed to be like a museum at first but it was mostly shows, told to you by a cat. It was about the history of Weymouth throughout the years. We went on a 7 and a half mile walk through Dorset and Devon. Mr Ellis was leading us. We went through mud most of the time Despite all the mud our walk was very enjoyable. Everyone enjoyed the trip to Lyme Regis and it was a great opportunity for us. Thank you to our leaders for making it happen.

*Danielle Austin, Fiona Whyte,
Sally Gardner and Zoe Hinds - Year 6*

World Book Day

Today was the day for which some people had been preparing for weeks, World Book Day. Today was a day filled with dressing up, books, reading and competitions. First at 9 00am we loaded into the hall for the dressing up parade. Nearly all the school had made the effort to dress up (including all the teachers). Each class paraded around the hall stopping to tell the judges who they were. After everyone had paraded it was back to class while the judges made their final decision. In class we all picked one story to go and listen to, read by a teacher or visitor. Next came the break time to get some fresh air and wait for the competition winners. When the dressing up and poster

winners had been announced and hymns had been sung we went back to class to do some book activities. Soon came lunch and Dillons Book shop came . There was a £1.00 book voucher for every pupil. Everyone visited the shop and bought a book and then it was time for another story to be read before home time.

Laura Blake - Year 7

Visiting Poet

On Thursday 7th May, the poet Andrew Collett visited Wingrave School. Andrew has been widely published in children's poetry anthologies such as Oxford University Press, Macmillan and Early Learning Centres. At 9.30 Andrew offered a full and very interesting performance to the whole school of his poetry, which encouraged participation through a mixture of rap, rhyme and drama. The children enjoyed this immensely. In addition to this, Andrew worked with classes 4,5,6 &7 throughout the day guiding pupils, in various workshops, through some of the principles of writing their own poetry. His visit was enjoyed by the children (and staff) and it has greatly stimulated their interest and enjoyment of poetry.

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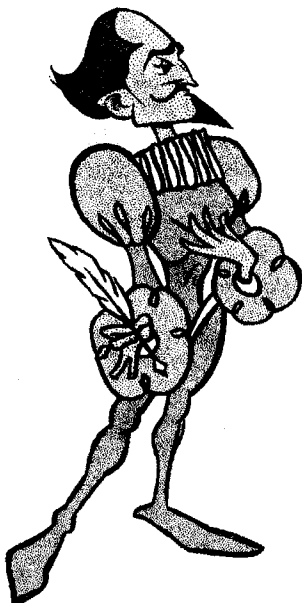
WINGRAVE JUNIOR DRAMA GROUP

For many years now, Paul Megram has been running a Junior Drama Group in Wingrave, and a lot of village children have benefited from his teaching and enthusiasm. I hope that Paul will be able to re-start the Group in September, and there may be some parents of children in the "seven to early teen" age range who are unaware that it exists, but who would like their children to join.

Basically, the plan is that the Group will meet, as before, for two hours on Wednesday evenings, with a charge of about £40 per child per term to cover Paul's fees and the hire of the Community Centre - this represents excellent value for money for some 20 hours tuition per term by a professional tutor. The exact level of the charge will be dependent on the number of children joining the Group and I would like to assess the likely level of interest as soon as possible.

I have therefore written to all of the parents with children currently in the Group inviting them to a meeting at 8pm on Thursday 11 June at my house (Windmill Hill Farm, Wingrave) to discuss the potential level of interest. I would also like to invite any other interested parents to this meeting, or alternatively, please give me a ring on 681513, preferably before 11 June, to find out more about the Group and it's plans.

Andrew Muir.



COME AND ENJOY THE FUN AT

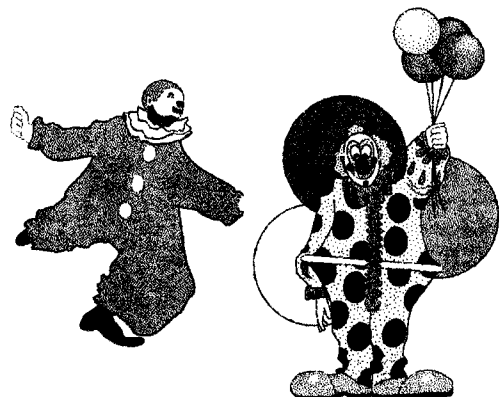
WHITCHURCH SCHOOL ANNUAL FETE.

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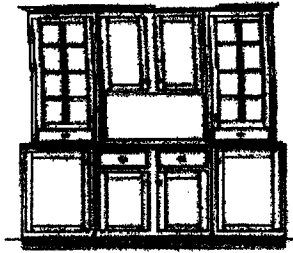
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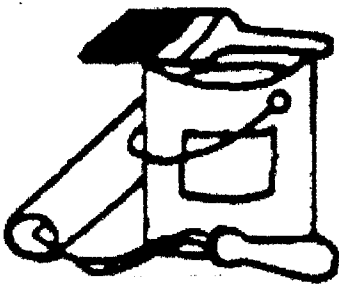
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EVEN MORE SCHOOL BITS & PIECES

Wingrave School News

Hire of School Premises. If the Community Centre or your Village Hall is already booked when you have planned an event, why not consider using the Wingrave School. The grounds are all well contained which is ideal if small children are at the event. The hall is spacious and once decorated you soon forget that it is a school! Perfect for parties, anniversaries etc.. There is ample parking on the playground. Below are the hire fees for July 98-99. The rates are higher than those for a village hall or community centre as we are required to have caretaker cover, But still excellent value;-

Hire Charges for Wingrave School - June 1998

	Hall and grounds standard rate	Hall & grounds discretionary rate for village organisations	Classroom/ library
Class 1 occasional let	£20.00 / hour	£15.00 / hour	£12.00 / hour
Class 2 regular let	price on application	£10.00 / hour	£10 .00 /hour

Volunteers

If you have one or two hours to spare in the week and enjoy working with children, the school would be delighted to hear from you. If you have a special area of interest which you would be willing to share with the children either in school or as an after school club do come in and discuss it. There are children longing to start learning the recorder, can anyone help? A pianist to play at some assemblies is also needed. Whatever you can offer whether listening to reading or sharing an interest please contact;-

Mr McClellan 681436.

C: eshoo

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Visit by Harding University Students. Eight American students from the Harding university talked to the Middle School children about life and religion in America. The following is extracted from a piece by Danielle Austin Class 6 Some of the visitors were training to be teachers of music, some were learning law and English but whatever they did they were Christians. In assembly they sang songs and told us a bit about themselves. They showed me how people really can make a difference as they did on me. They showed me how different people think about different things. They listened to us and never looked away. I don't agree with everything they said but everyone has different views an anything from smoking to killing but that is what is amazing about the world and us."

1st Wingrave Guides

Camping and outdoor cooking continue to be popular activities with the guides, so we are still on the look out for more equipment. If you can help with any of the following please contact me.

- camping stoves one or two burners
- refillable gaz cylinders
- grids and metal shelves from old ovens
- saucepans and frying pans
- Large cooking containers
- framed tents - any size

Jane Muir 681513



"The Head says he's sorry Smith Minor but he has no plans to share the profits from letting the school with pupils."

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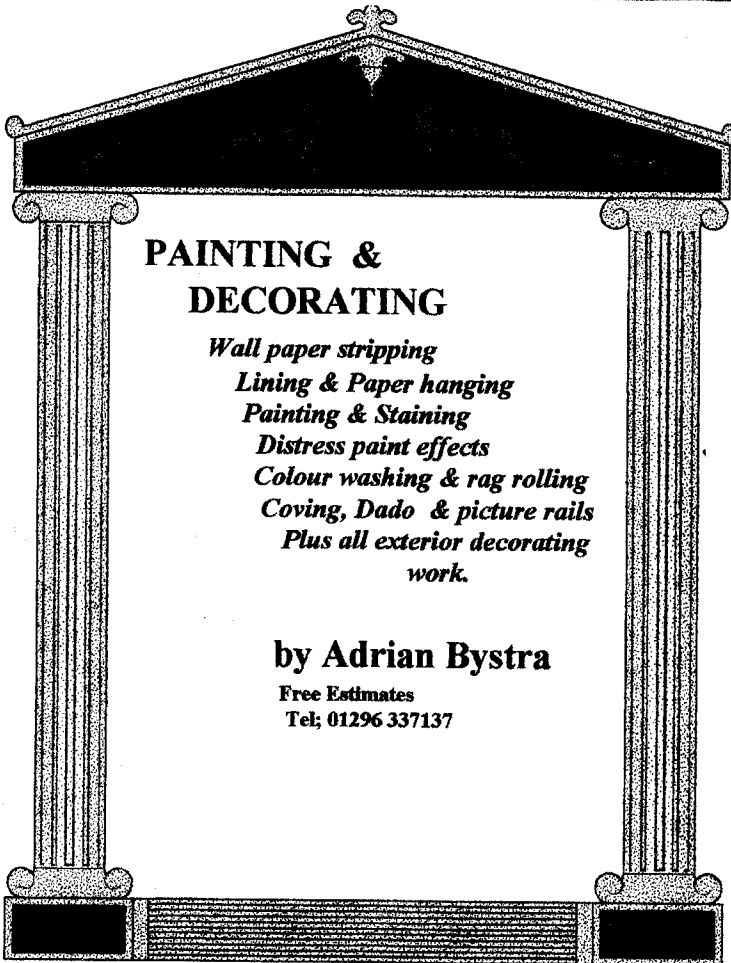
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Vale Volunteers has its office in central Aylesbury, but the staff will travel throughout Aylesbury Vale to see potential volunteers nearer to their own homes. We hope to be able to help place everyone who contacts us with a suitable organisation, doing something which will be interesting and enriching.

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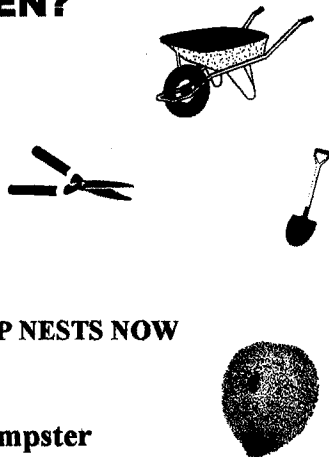
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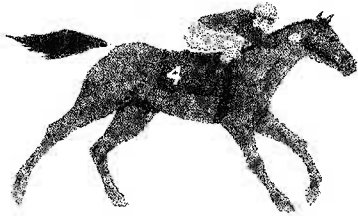
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"FULL MONTY" SHOCKER AT TOWCESTER RACES.....

Friday, May 19th saw the inaugural event of the Aston Abbotts Racing and Social Enterprise. Thirty brave villagers boarded the Skylark for the (supposedly) short trip to Towcester for an evening's Horse racing; unfortunately, the pilot of the Skylark decided to travel via Dunstable, or so it seemed. Throughout the journey resident pundits Tony "Winning Line" Hinds and Andi Swain (The Brooky Bookie) studied the form and passed on useless information to anybody foolish enough to listen. Nobody paid much attention to Pat "Lucky" Donovan (apparently related to Aidan O'Brien) sitting quietly at the back of the bus - this was to prove a costly mistake for some.

Contrary to Nobby Wilkinson's advice, the troupe decided to head for the charms of the "Last Resort" bar for badly needed refreshment. In fact, two stayed in the bar for the duration of the evening. From the outset several racing "Virgins" hit the mark with some hefty £2 winning bets. Sadly, the pundits were enjoying miserable luck with the first two "jollies" beaten by lesser nags - it was not going to be an evening for the favourites! Then came the third race - "The Lambertton Truss long distance handicap". The bookmakers noticed a sudden rush of money for horse number three, The Full Monty; other racegoers suggested that Aston Abbotts must have had a huge tip as even the kitty money went on the horse. It duly obliged by four lengths and many of our number celebrated although the pundits had backed the favourite yet again. As a matter of interest, The Full Monty is a grey gelding.

Flush with this victory, we decamped to the bar for champagne (warm beer) and a detailed assessment of the remaining three races. I observed various methods of selection amongst our group including the horse's name, the shirt colours, using a pin, and "a tip from the bloke at the bar with the dodgy squint". It saddens me to admit that all of these methods proved far more successful than studying the form! And so back to Aston Abbotts, but only after collecting two stragglers from the bar (names withheld to save embarrassment, but their ABBA impression was one of the highlights of the night - well done, girls).

All agreed that the event was a great success and after comparing notes it emerged that most had a winning evening - the exception being our two pundits. And what of "Lucky" Donovan? He could be heard on his mobile phone saying "Thank you, Mr O'Brien, all four came in" as he patted his wallet. What could this mean??

BIG A.

PS Keep your eyes peeled in The Chronicle and Bull & Butcher for details of the next event.

OLD FRIENDS

The following is an extract of a letter I received from Win. & Stan Holmes who used to live in Aston Abbotts and to whom I send copies of The Chronicle. I thought it was a nice letter and that therefore I should publish it; particularly since one or two of you will no doubt remember them. If anyone would like to contact Win. & Stan, I have their address.

Ed.

Dear Andy

Both Stan and I look forward to receiving our copy of The Chronicle and reading about what is happening in and around Aston Abbotts.

This last month (June) I wondered what had happened to The Chronicle when lo and behold there was a knock at our side door and a lady who only moved to the village in the fairly recent past, was standing there with The Chronicle in her hand. The lady's name is Mrs Christine Savidge (sorry I don't know her husband's name). She and I had met previously at our local equivalent to the Ladies Club and in fact, one meeting was actually held at Christine's house. She said she hadn't realised that I was Mrs. Holmes and apologised for the late delivery of The Chronicle, as they had been on holiday. Why the postman decided to deliver to her house, is a total mystery, as her address is nothing like No. 19 Jarvie Close. Anyway, whilst chatting she asked if I came from Aston Abbotts, as she and her husband used to live in Amersham. She then asked if I knew Victor Scott (which of course, I do, very well). Apparently Mr & Mrs Savidge are very interested in the fauna and flora, etc. and had attended various lectures given by Victor. Talk about a small world!!!

I am not keeping too bad, having got over a very successful knee replacement operation in March 1996. Unfortunately, the same cannot be said for Stan, who is now confined to a wheel-chair and has just had 10 weeks in the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in King's Lynn. However, I am very pleased to say that his health has much improved since he came home and in fact, he is now undergoing some rather strict physiotherapy to get him walking again, albeit with a walking frame. Thank goodness the physio is working, but it is mainly due to Stan's own determination and will-power, as he gets very frustrated just sitting in a chair all day. Until he gets more mobile I cannot get him into the car and am therefore unable to take him out and about, as we live on the top of the hill, which doesn't lend itself to wheel-chair pushing.

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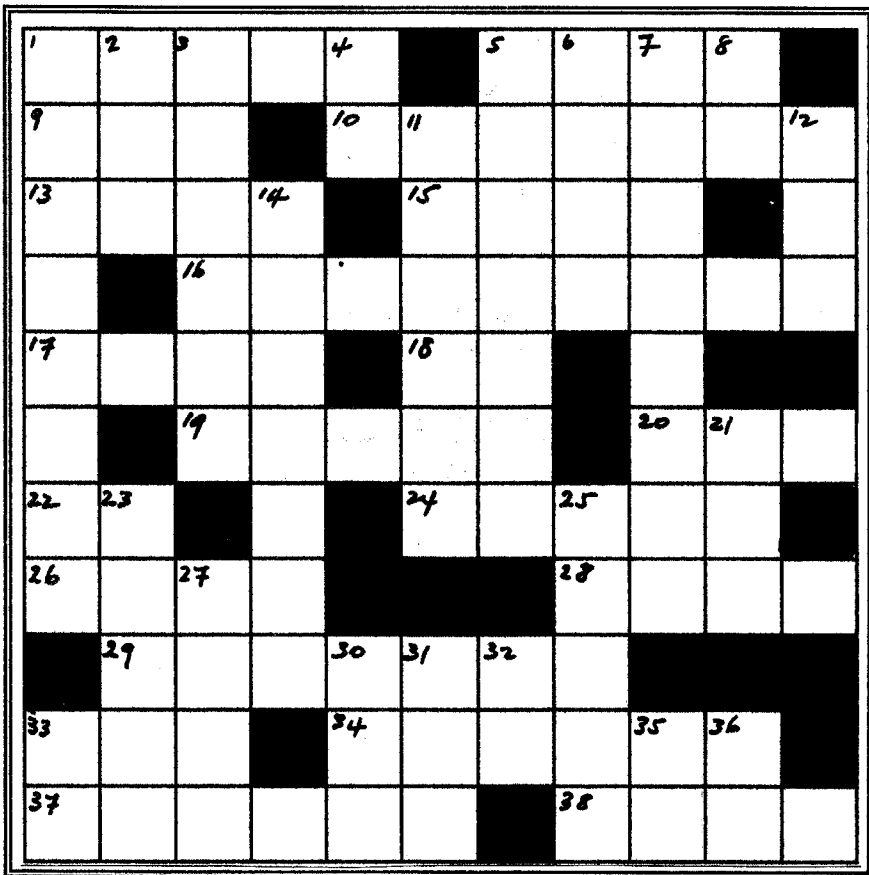


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ACROSS

- 1&10acr. Local Village(5&7)
- 5. - detached; -- final (4)
- 9. Head covering (3)
- 13. Insects (4)
- 15. Bar on fence; to complain
- 16. CELTS RICE (anag 9)
- 17. Unusual (4)
- 18. Expresses position (2)
- 19. Underhand; sneering (5)
- 20. Bill of debt (3)
- 22. Officer in charge (2)
- 24. Made a mistake (S)
- 26. Leg joint (4)
- 28. SUES (anag. 4)
- 29. A Rustic (poetical 7)
- 33. Japanese coin (3)
- 34. Chewing (6)
- 37. Substitute (6)
- 38 Roast(4)

DOWN

- 1 Plant with cloverlike leaves (8)
- 2 Yellowish brown colour (3)
- 3 Aquatic animals (6)
- 4 Exclamation (2)
- 5 Slight knowledge of something (7)
- 6 Muslim Ruler (4)
- 7 Appeases (8)
- 8. - so far as (2)
- 11 Covered walkway with shops (6)
- 12 Programme for information arrangement (computer 3)
- 14 Slim(7)
- 21.Poem(3)
- 23 Slang for pound note (5)
- 25 INCUR (anag. 5)
- 27 Ages (4)
- 30 Until now (3)
- 31 Washing powder (3)
- 32 Section of Bible (abbrev 2)
- 33 - olde tea shoppe (2)
- 35 Negative (2)
- 36 To depart

Answers to June's crossword:-

ACROSS:

1 Wingrave 6 AB. 8 Era. 9 Come, 10 Nowadays. 13 Chin. 14 Etude 16 Elsa. 18 OS. 19 Echo 22 Attest. 24 So. 25 No. 26 Eirè. 27 Toe. 29 Arc. 31 Spend. 35 Rap. 37 Moat. 38 Be. 39 Puny. 40 Son.

DOWN:

1 Winchester. 2 Newish. 3 Gran. 4 Rad. 5 Ecstatic. 6 Am. 7 Behest. 11 Oh. 15 Dose. 17 La. 20 Co. 21 On. 23 ER. 28 ESP. 29 Anon. 30 Sten. 32 Emu. 34 Abo. 36 An.

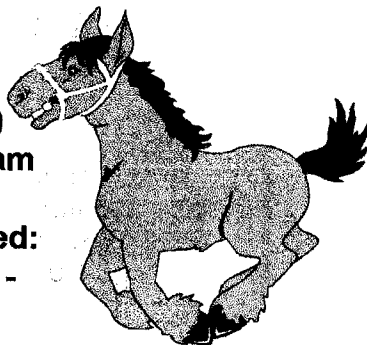
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Big A.

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- ◆ 2.10 Gt. Horwood Band
- ◆ 3.00 Morris dancing
- ◆ 4.00 Raffle prize draw
- ◆ 4.30 Tug of war in the Grove followed by the Tractor Pull at The Bull & Butcher.
- ◆ 8.30 - midnight Barbecue and live music at The 'Bull'

FOOTBALL CRAZY!

I have never been a follower of football but when it comes to World Cup series such as those being played at present I (like thousands of others) seem to get involved and end up uncharacteristically, watching football on television. I suppose like 'the St George's thing' it's all to do with national pride; and what's wrong with that. This year the experience has been especially pleasant for me since from the start I have watched the first three matches at The Bull & Butcher where the atmosphere has been at once noisy, convivial, electric, and above all, exciting. On behalf of the many fans who have met

there to watch matches, can I thank Frank and Louise for hosting these 'gatherings' even opening on one occasion in the afternoon (very rare indeed) showing great flexibility and fortitude throughout and laying on sandwiches during the intervals.

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