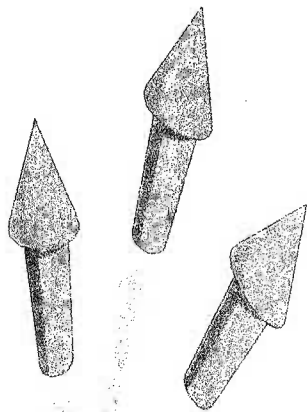


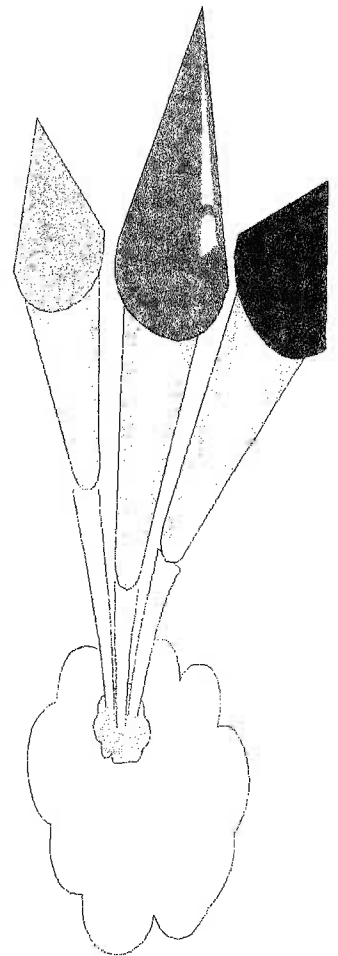
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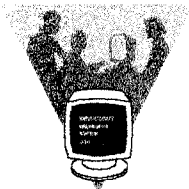
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GUY FAWKES SPECIAL



Editorial -

Sunday 20th October 1998:



OR



Well, my third **CHRONICLE** and I seem to be getting into the swing of things! I still haven't worked out how Andy Bystra managed to look after all elements of production - editorial duties alone are quite time consuming.

The arrangements for Guy Fawkes night, November the 5th, and our village Firework display have now been finalised. The bonfire will be at The Recreation Ground after all where the fire is taking shape quite nicely. Don't forget to bring along a large firework to help the evening go with a bang. Our thanks to those who have made the party happen this year!

PLANNING CAUTION

On a different, it was reported in last month's **CHRONICLE** that a planning application had been submitted for a dwelling at Burston Ridge Farm. This is the farm to the South of The Recreation Ground, close to the Fox Covert and next to the public footpath.

Thoughts immediately spring to mind of a development of houses ultimately appearing (after a series of planning applications, of course). But my fears were allayed somewhat on discovering that

IN THIS FIREWORKS ISSUE OF THE CHRONICLE

- In the Village - lots of local matters
- Bonfire night details
- THE CHRONICLE GUIDE Check your Abbots in our food & entertainment guide
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permission was being sought for an agricultural dwelling for the farm manager/ worker only; this would be backed up by an "agricultural restriction" in the property deeds preventing any other use and ostensibly any further development such as converting the existing barns. And barns don't just disappear overnight, do they? [Ahem. Ed] Then I noticed...

PLANNING APPLICATIONS (BUCKS HERALD 7/10/98)

Application A/98/1902/APP Weedon Lodge Farm, Weedon : Removal of Condition 3 (Agricultural Occupancy) attached to planning approval AR/0454/59

The original Weedon application (which is not related to the Burston Ridge one and appears to include a barn conversion) was approved some time ago but is now up for amendment to allow its use as a *non-agricultural* dwelling. I'm quite sure that a similar course of events won't take place at Burston Ridge Farm, but watch this space for future developments just in case!

Well, enough of my deliberations - enjoy **THE CHRONICLE**.

Andi Swain, Editor

THANK YOU to all those who have placed an advertisement in **THE CHRONICLE** - your contribution helps to keep our magazine free of charge and ensures continued publication. Annual Invoices have recently been issued and we would be grateful if you could settle these as soon as possible. And a note to all would be advertisers - more than 150 households receive **THE CHRONICLE** 11 times a year and with rates from just £7 per annum (far cheaper than other local Parish magazines!)

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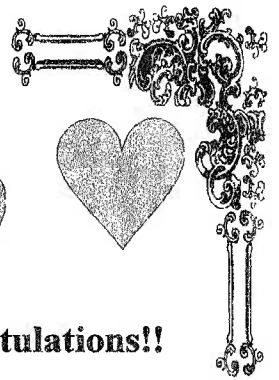
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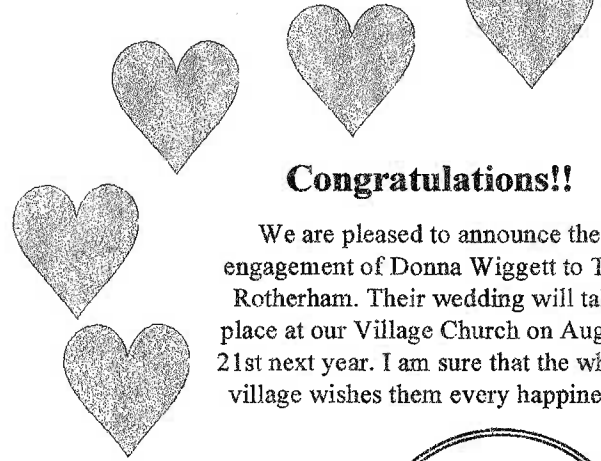
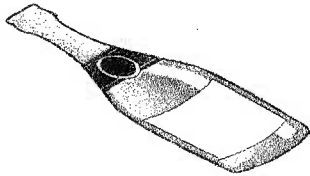
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RITA'S PEOPLE PAGE



Aston Abbotts wishes a **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to everybody celebrating in **November**, especially

John Brancker	7th
Anna Mogford	8th
Bridget Brandon	8th
Ray Wilkinson	10th
Jan Donovan	14th
John Whyte	23rd
Esther Chesher	27th



Congratulations!!

We are pleased to announce the engagement of Donna Wiggett to Tim Rotherham. Their wedding will take place at our Village Church on August 21st next year. I am sure that the whole village wishes them every happiness.

OOPS!!

Sorry to Devon King. For the last two years she has appeared in the birthday list as 1 year old! Devon is of course now 3 and we promise to get it right next time !!

Thanks

Anne & Rita would like to thank Kirsty and Irene for looking after our four cats while we were away. How about doing the same for our men folk when we go to New York!?

COMPLAINTS!

I would just like to ask the people involved with the Christmas show why children are not allowed. Christmas is supposed to be a family time and this will now be the 2nd year running just for adults.

By H. A. Wilkinson

Toddlers Group new time 9.30 to 11.30

IMPORTANT BONFIRE NEWS

The Village Bonfire Party **WILL** be held on **The Recreation Ground** after all. The party begins at 7.00pm on Thursday November 5th. The bonfire is already taking shape on The Rec - remember to bring a large firework with you on the night!

WELCOME! We extend a warm welcome to Carol and Phil Spooner who have recently moved from Ruislip and now live in "The Birches", Wingrave Road. We hope you are now settled in and look forward to your company at any of the Village functions.

Remember to keep your pets indoors on the nights of Thursday 5th Nov. to Sunday 8th Nov. They won't be so keen on the fireworks!

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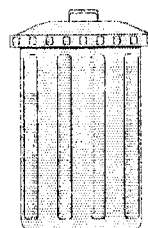
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IN THE VILLAGE 1.

VILLAGERS UNDER THE WEATHER.....

BAD LUCK!

A wasp sting on the wrist resulted in Keith Bignell being in hospital for about ten days. As we all know, a sting can make some people very ill, which indeed, Keith was. Happily he is now home and feeling a lot better.

TRUST ME, I'M A DOCTOR!!

Ray Coates has also been in hospital for an operation on his eye. His wife Jackie had to put drops in his eye



several times a day. When she was at work, Jackie co-opted the assistance of 'Dr.' A. Bystra N.Q. To counteract the shaky hand, liquid refreshment was provided after each 'dropping'. I am pleased to report that no ill effects were felt from this medical help and Ray's eye is also much better, thank you. Rita 'Dr' Bystra also practices his own unique brand of acupuncture - volunteers to the B&B 10.45pm any night of the weekend! Ed.

RUMOUR!!

Our roving correspondent alleges that Sean Arman was seen to meet a 'fast lady' outside the church room. She must have left a distinct and lasting impression on him because he was heard to murmur "It was a most moving occasion. She had a huge impact on me, stopping me dead in my tracks. I think I'm in love; I feel quite dizzy" he added as they helped him into the ambulance!

Anon

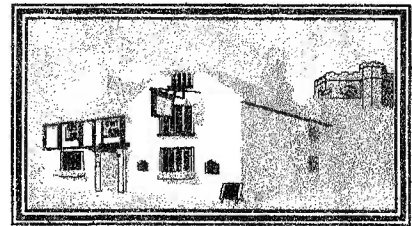
Seriously - we all hope you are OK, Sean. Up the Canaries! Ed.

PUB POEM COMPETITION

Calling all you budding poets and lyricists - Mr A.L.Payne penned this wonderful poem praising the good old English Pub. As we are fortunate enough in Aston Abbots to be blessed with two such erstwhile establishments, this month's fun competition is to pen a similar ode in their honour! Of course, Mr Payne is quite a serious chap whereas you may wish to write something a bit more humorous..... but remember, whether you are writing about The Bull & Butcher or The Royal Oak - you may want to drink there again some day!!

Please submit your effort to The Editor (Andi Swain) or one of his editorial team cohorts NO LATER THAN 21st November. The winning entry (as judged by the Editor and one or two others - Editor's decision is final) will appear in The Christmas Chronicle - any other printable entries will appear in later issues (towards the rear, tucked away below an article on worm mounds or similar).

There's a pint in it for the winner (er, make that a half) Ed.



Heaven on Earth

There is an old pub on the village green
Where the ale is strong and the thirst is keen
Where the march of time is all but still
For many a good man has drunk his fill

Behind the bar the pendulum clock
The crackle of the fire the tick of the tock
The old cat purrs, then licks his paws
On the cool grey slabs of the flagstone floors

Ancient wooden pews, gather round fire
Young couples whisper of love and desire
A spider in it's web has seen them come and go
Like the embers of the fire their hearts are aglow

On quaint wood tables black dominoes lie
Where old men play, with a gleam in their eye
A knock on wood means one mans gain
And quick thoughts of anger must refrain

Where the ceilings are low, with smoke they are tarred
With beams soaked with age, like rock they are hard
A quick man knows when to duck it is said
Or curses are traded with a crack on the head

Where the host is warm hearted and full of good cheer
All his work and his pride reflects in the beer
This place we must keep for all it is worth
For this old village pub, is our heaven on earth

A.L. Payne 1997

CRIME REPORT

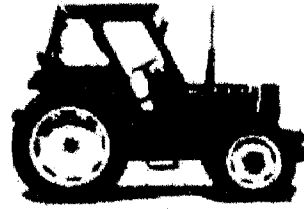
Once again, car crime has struck Aston Abbots. This time the villain, or more likely villains, stole the spare wheel from Sally's car which was parked outside the old chapel. It looks as though this was not done spontaneously since the steel cage which held the spare wheel in place under the boot had been cut with bolt cutters. It could be argued that fitting the spare in this position is something of a design fault on Peugeot cars since in this position security is bound to be compromised.

However, the disturbing aspect of this crime is it's apparent premeditated nature indicating that thieves probably wander around the village on the lookout for relatively easy targets for a future visit.

Be warned! Andy Bystra.

If you are concerned about theft and want to find out more about protecting your vehicle and property, contact Aylesbury Police Crime Reduction Department on 01296 396078. Ed.

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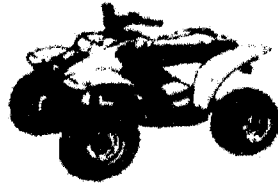
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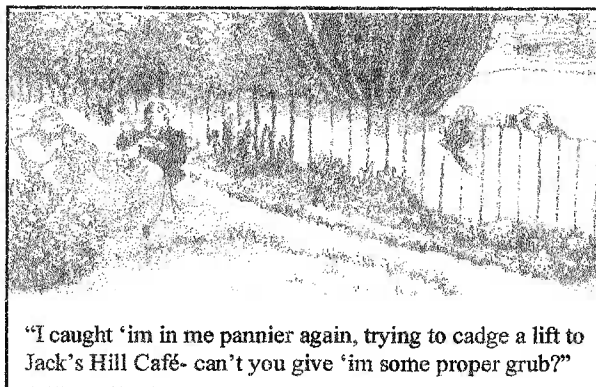
IN THE VILLAGE 2.

JACK'S HILL CAFE

This summer saw the formation of a small group of us motorcyclists (mostly from the village) to ride together on Sunday mornings. We're a pretty mixed bunch, numbering a retired airline pilot, an artist, a retired aero engineer, film distributor and an auctioneer. The 'bikes' are just as varied ranging from large modern Japanese machines to vintage British. The common bond is of course the 'bikes' and the enjoyment of being able to ride together for two or three hours in 'gentlemanly' fashion, discovering the more remote corners of Buckinghamshire and it's immediate counties.

A highlight of these Sunday excursions has been the short stop for breakfast at various 'greasy Joe's'. The favorite of these however, and one we now seem to include in all trips is Jack's Hill Cafe just north of Towster. On a Sunday, their patronage of lorry drivers and reps gives way to families on their way to and from holiday or just out for the day and quite a few motorcyclists. On race days at Silverstone or Mallory Park the large car park is packed with motorcycles of all descriptions and ages albeit most are very colorful, modern, high powered, sports machines.

The restaurant is large and clean in a Formica kind of



"I caught 'im in me pannier again, trying to cadge a lift to Jack's Hill Caf - can't you give 'im some proper grub?"

way and the breakfast is just wonderful - as much as you can eat and drink for around £3.50. To give it an 'Abbott' rating one would have to be a little tongue in cheek since after a few hours riding in the fresh air, just the smell of that lovely breakfast being cooked would result in me not hesitating to rate it at five plus; of course if you are a snob then you might be inclined to reduce it to one.

Andy Bystra

1998 POOL KNOCKOUT COMPETITION

On Tuesday, 6th October, the Bull & Butcher Pool Knockout Competition prizes were presented to the winning contestants. The prizes were presented by Nobby Wilkinson of the 630 Club, who gave a resumé of last year's team performance in the District League. The team finished, by Tony's standards, a disappointing fourth although Lawrence Hinds and Dean Wiggett won the District Doubles Cup, an exciting final. Dean Wiggett also won the Runners Up Cup in the Singles Knockout. **The results of the Open Knockout Competition were as follows :**

Singles Winner Dean Wiggett

Doubles Winners Dean Wiggett & Frank McManus

The runner-up in the Singles was Mark Saunders and second in the doubles were Tony Hinds & Neal. Turning to the 97-98 Pool season, the Terry Hussan Memorial Trophy for the Most Consistent Player in the Team went to Mark Saunders. And in the Ribbon Competition Singles Championship, **the Winner of the Open Competition was Dean Wiggett**, with Chris second and Alan Kempster third. L.B.A Kempster was also awarded a special prize of an Alarm Clock, something to do with turning up on time for future events.

SLIDE & QUIZ SHOW

There will be a Slide & Quiz evening hosted by Vic & Christine Scott on Friday November 27th in the Church Room.

Once again Vic & Christine have offered to put on one of their excellent and now well-known shows in aid of St.James' Church funds.

Tickets are £2 each and include coffee and biscuits. The show starts at 7.30pm and there will also be a raffle.

Tickets are available from Shirley Ford (681865) or Hilary Hasler (681877) - **but make sure you book early as this event is always a sell-out!**

The Presentation was poorly supported by team members and friends. Disappointing when one considers the huge amount of work that Tony puts into running and managing the team. Tony has high hopes for the coming season with, in his view, the best team of players he has had for many seasons and nothing but outright victory in the District Competition will be satisfactory.

Our thanks to Louise McManus for a lovely buffet, and finally from Tony Hinds a big thank you to all the team for their efforts last season.

Signed - **THE CHRONICLE** Sports Correspondent.

Turn to Tony's Village Sports' Column for a report on the team's first match of the new season, against the Five Bells. Ed.



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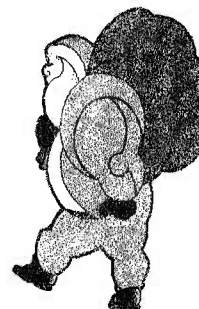
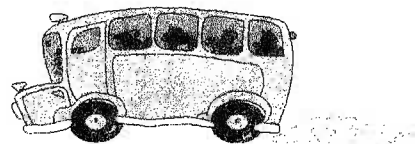
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- Tuesday 3rd** Mobile Library at The Green / Wingrave Rd.
- Thursday 5th** Whist Club 60th anniversary party -at The Old Masters : 7.00pm for 7.30pm
7.00pm Bonfire Party at The Recreation Ground
- Sunday 8th** Remembrance Day
2.00pm Rambling club meet the Green (village footpath)
- Tuesday 10th** Floral Class in The Church Room
7.00pm
- Thursday 12th** Bingo in The Church Room
7.00pm
- Monday 16th** Skip at The Bull & Butcher (until Thurs. 18th)
- Tuesday 17th** Mobile Library at The Green / Wingrave Rd.
- Thursday 19th** Whist Drive in The Church Room
7.30pm
- Tuesday 1st December** Aylesbury Vale transport meeting (Civic Centre)
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Leighton Buzzard	-	-	1.27	1.40	4.27	4.57	
Cublington	10.39	1.47		1.57		4.57	
Aston Abbotts (Green)	10.43	1.51		2.01		5.01	
Weedon	9.20	10.50		-		-	
Aylesbury	9.32	11.02		2.22		5.22	
Aylesbury	11.40	2.20	8.45 (X15)		10.45 (X15)		
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Aston Abbotts (Green)	11.59	2.39	9.08		11.08		
Cublington	12.03	2.43	9.12		11.12		
Leighton Buzzard	-	-	9.32	9.44	11.32	11.44	
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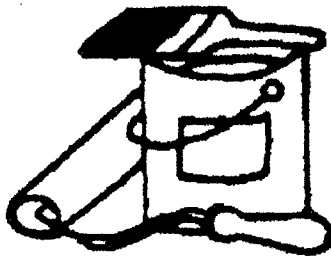
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VILLAGE GARDENS OPEN DAY IS A HUGE SUCCESS - REPORT:

Colin Higgs wrote last month of the tremendous result of the Village Gardens Open afternoon with over £270 raised for Church Funds.

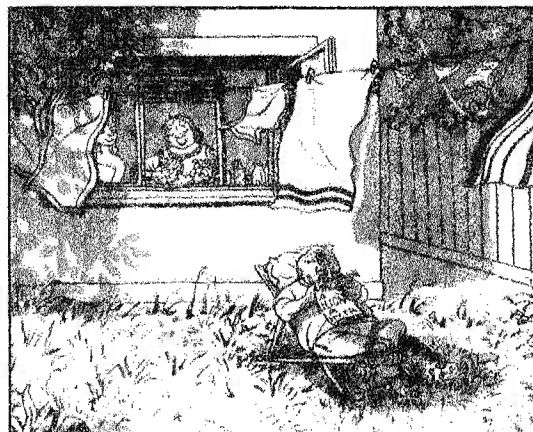
I must admit that never having experienced such an event before, I was somewhat unsure as to what to expect. After all, my own little piece of the village hardly warrants a special visit, except by the Starlings and Magpies when there's some bread put out. Regardless, Becky and I donned our walking boots and set forth with our friend, neighbour, and gardening advisor, Ivan "Green-a fingers" Greenaway.

Armed with the September **CHRONICLE** as a guide we strode to No. 11 The Green - the home of Vic and Christine Scott. Well, where do I begin? Vic kindly gave us the grand tour from the Redwood to the Wild Garden, naming all of the plants and flowers in between and giving us the inside line on how to grow them, where they came from, and so on. "Green-a fingers" pinched some grapes on the way (quite delicious) and Becky quietly and, she believed, unobtrusively went in search of the Baseball lost during the Brooky Bar B-Q, but to no avail. If you haven't visited No.11 before, I'm sure Vic and Christine would be happy to give you the tour - it's certainly an eye opener! [Don't miss their slide show on November 27th - see "What's on" for details. Ed]

A quick recce of the list in **THE CHRONICLE** and it was off to Ray and Jackie Coates' at 87 The Green. An entirely different garden, this one, with a long wrought iron avenue of roses and shrubs, bushes, and trees, leading to the Chickens and Ducks sitting contentedly in the warm sun in their respective runs. The lovely water feature and fountain seemed to spark an idea or two in Ivan's mind. A very relaxing garden!

Next door was number three on our list - Oak Farm, the home of Peter and Claire Shorrocks. We were welcomed by Claire with a photographic display of the work that has been carried out to restore the house and garden. It is quite incredible to see the changes that have occurred, with the bones of the garden now laid out and the pond waiting to be completed and filled. This was a garden under construction and so a path had been thoughtfully marked out for safety. The beds and borders, though bare for the most part, allow your mind to wander and imagine how they will look when stocked. Hopefully, a return visit next summer will be allowed to see how the garden and pond have developed.

Across the road next to Jane and Richard Plested's at 10 Wingrave Road, and yet another variation on the garden theme. The garden is divided into several smaller garden "rooms" with fruit beds, flowers, and all manner of goodies including some terrific rhubarb crowns and lots of berry bushes. Green-a fingers seemed to keep his hands off the fruit this time,



"No, Dear, I'll leave it 'till after 630 Club to tell 'im the garden's open to the village tomorrow!"

so he'd probably had enough grapes by now! I suspect that the Plested family has many fruit pies and fresh fruit salads to look forward to this autumn [Any spare pies would be welcomed at No.2 Nash's. Ed].

And so finally the long walk (comparatively) back to The Old House on The Green, the home of Barbara and David Bellingham. Again a completely different style of garden with a wonderfully manicured lawn bordered by a low ornamental hedge, giving way to a paddock area at the rear with a footie pitch to rival the Rec! In the corner of the paddock, a huge Horse Chestnut weighed down with its load of conkers - and to think I used to walk miles when I was a kid in search of conkers as big as these. This garden also had a separate area with fruit trees and bushes and beds full of produce.

By now we were all in need of some refreshment and so made our way to The Church Room where Colin, Anita, Liz, Christine, Minnie, Gillian, Peter & Lynette, were busy preparing and serving tea and cakes to a thirsty crowd. After all of that walking I needed to put my feet up! Even here, though, there was no getting away from the garden theme as Janet had positioned the plant stall by the door.

Well, all in all a lovely way to spend a late summer's afternoon, and for only £2.50 each a real bargain! My head was full of brilliant ideas for fruit gardens, arbours, decorative features, and livestock - if only our garden was big enough Still, at least I'll be able to watch Ivan "Green-a fingers" as he toils in his back yard next spring!

On behalf of all of us who visited the gardens and The Church Fund which benefited from the proceeds, a BIG THANK YOU to everybody who allowed us to invade their Sunday afternoon and trample through their garden and to the angels of mercy serving the teas in The Church Room.

Ed.

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IN THE VILLAGE 3.

HARVEST FESTIVAL AUCTION

The sale of produce around this time of year by auction has become a tradition in Aston Abbots. In recent times these sales have been held in either of our two excellent pubs and this year was no exception with the auction held in The Bull & Butcher during the evening of Sunday 11th Oct.

Once again villagers had generously donated a wide range of produce which was piled on the pool table and in every spare corner around the bar. The many bunches of autumn flowers and large beautiful flower arrangements made it all look very attractive.

The evening started with Bob Willmott reminding those present that this auction was being held as part of the wider celebration and thanksgiving for the harvest. He also made the point that in many ways we were lucky to be able to do so, and should be mindful of those areas in the world where such an event would be impossible. There followed a rather 'tentative' singing of a verse of "We plough the fields and scatter" which

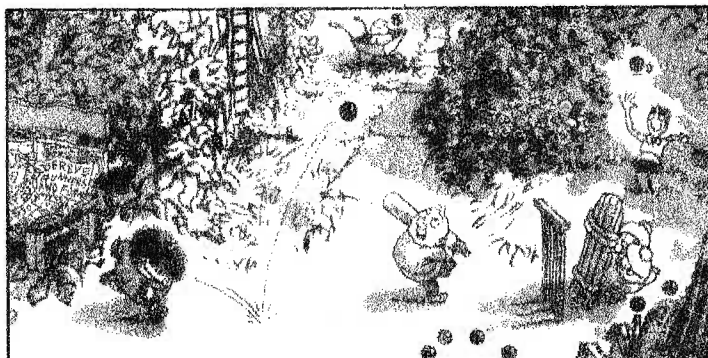
seemed slightly incongruous with a rugger match showing silently on the large screen behind.

Bob, assisted by Colin acted as auctioneer. Initial bidding was as tentative as the singing of the hymn. However Frank and a few more at the bar assisted with some good humoured barracking and this soon changed the mood resulting in produce selling more quickly, and at realistic prices. Bridget Brandon cornered the onion market, Liz Barlow brought anything in a bottle (it's rumoured she's creating a cellar of old English wines!) and Linda Sutton amid much applause very sportingly bid £14 for a huge pumpkin. There was a wide variety of quality preserves, cakes & pies, fruit, vegetables and wines for sale. However it was the formal arrangements and bunches of flowers which were particularly eye catching.

Bob and Colin handled the auctioning very effectively and with a certain amount of good humour; often giving Frank as good as he gave. A further huge pumpkin appeared, seemingly out of thin air and having been out manoeuvred on the previous occasion by Linda, Frank, to regain some of his street cred bought it, paying £12.50 for the privilege. By this time he couldn't contain himself (we think he wanted to watch Balykissangel) and much to the confusion (and perhaps relief) of Bob, took over, auctioning off the last few items and drawing the raffle.

Around forty people attended and it was nice to see several of our youngsters there and bidding. The auction made £260.85 which is to go to church funds. The raffle made £50.00 plus £20.00 donated by Frank, all of which is to be given to the Macmillan nurses. Overall it was a very pleasant and social evening. Very many thanks to Frank for hosting it this year and all those who so generously donated produce, attended and sportingly bid.

Andy Bystra



"It was really great of Bridget to let us have these onions - you'd think they grew on trees, the rate she's been givin' 'em away!"

THE CHRONICLE CORNISH WORD SEARCH

All but one of the words listed are hidden in the grid. They always appear in a straight line, but can be read in any direction - backwards or forwards, including diagonally. BUT WHICH WORD CAN NOT BE FOUND

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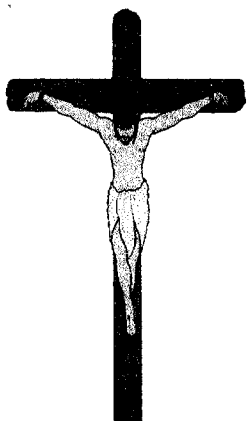
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RECTOR'S REPORT - NOVEMBER 1998

There is a saying that everything that happens to us is all "part of life's rich tapestry". That may be true, but it depends what is happening and how you can respond to it. Some people these days seem either unable or unwilling to recognise that beneath the design on the surface of the tapestry, there is sometimes a tangle of threads. This tangle of threads

needs to be patiently teased apart and then brought through to the surface so that they can add to the finished effect.

Sometimes the colours will be the tranquil shades of blue, sometimes they will be fiery reds, sometimes the growing colours of nature - greens and browns. When they are worked into their right places in our lives, then all is well and we can appreciate the rich tapestry that combines happiness and sadness and all the other colourful feelings that we experience.

In some circumstances we find that we are confronted by patterns that we find confusing - situations that we need to adjust to before we can accept them. At times we shall need the support and understanding of others. There are some, I know, who are still having difficulty with the idea that we now have a woman priest working in the three parishes. It is new, it is different, it is not something that we have come across before. Yet I am sure that, when the initial strangeness wears off, we shall discover that Siv has helped to make the tapestry of our life richer by her ministry among us.

Ministry is, by its very nature, full of variety. Even after about thirty years, there are still occasions with which I find difficulty. The ability to switch from sharing the excitement of a marriage to helping those whose marriage has ended in failure. Sharing the joy of the parents with a new baby and the patient, sad waiting with relatives as the life of a loved one comes to its inevitable close. Many of you may know some of the people and events that I have been privileged to share here over the past few years. But there are other stories that I could tell, which are extremely funny when seen from one side, and also desperately sad when viewed from another. Sometimes the funny side only surfaces weeks later, but that may be a safety mechanism to compensate for the darker side of life.

Over the last few weeks our family "tapestry" seems to have extended itself. The colours may be vivid and bright, but I do not think I would want to describe them as "rich".

Bob Willmott

Wingrave Community Association Meals-on-Wheels Scheme

Meals on Wheels in Wingrave and Aston Abbots are now a service provided by the Community Association. The service will be similar in many respects to the existing one, but have certain significant changes which we hope will encourage people in need of the service to take it up. We are very grateful to the Trustees of Wingrave United Charities who have provided the funds to enable the scheme to get off the ground.

DELIVERY

The meals will be delivered, hot, twice-weekly, on Tuesday and Thursday, and should arrive between 12.30 and 1.0p.m. They will be delivered by one of a team of drivers who will work on an entirely voluntary basis. They will all have had instruction in food handling safety procedures. It will be possible for anyone wanting a meal on just one of the days to do so.

MENUS

We propose to have a range of 6 different meals, of a traditional type, and these will be served in rotation. At present they are:

Roast Beef with Yorkshire pudding, roast and boiled potatoes, carrots and Brussels sprouts.

Chicken and vegetable pie with potato gems, green beans and carrots.

Roast lamb with roast potatoes, cauliflower and peas.

Cottage pie with sliced carrots and peas.

Roast chicken with roast potatoes, cabbage and swede.

Roast pork and stuffing with roast and boiled potatoes, carrots and sprouts

The puddings will be: Apple pie and custard

Treacle tart and custard Bakewell tart and custard

Chocolate sponge in chocolate sauce

Lemon sponge in Lemon sauce Cherry crumble and custard

THE COST

The cost of each meal to the recipient will be **£1.85**, paid to the driver. Meals must be cancelled 24 hours before if not required for any reason or will be charged for. Names of suitable recipients will be referred by the local doctors, social workers, warden of the old people's bungalows etc. We can deliver a maximum of 6 meals.

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THE CHRONICLE ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE



Welcome to **THE CHRONICLE** entertainment guide featuring write ups, articles, and thoughts from Aston Abbotts Villagers who have visited, eaten at, watched, listened to, or experienced the subject of the piece!

In this month's guide we look at some more eateries and an idea for a "dine and view" evening in the centre of Aylesbury!

173.1 'APRES FLIX'



Film

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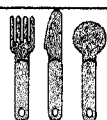


Food

If you've decided to go out for the evening to see a film, why not go to the 'Deep Pan Pizza' for a meal first. A pizza costs around £6.00 and there are various toppings to suit most tastes. The 'puds' are fairly substantial, so I suggest you ask for two spoons and share!

The atmosphere is very relaxed and the young waiters and waitresses pleasant, though sometimes the service is a bit slow. However, if you give yourself sufficient time that doesn't matter. So for around £25.00, for two (including a bottle of wine) you can enjoy a full evening entertainment.

Rita



Food

173.2 The Akesh, Leighton Buzzard by Becky Lord

Location : Half a mile up North Street, on the Heath & Reach road. Not the most glamorous of surroundings but then this is a curry house!

Atmosphere: Typical Indian restaurant decor and music - cosy feel to the place, especially if you can get a table at the rear of the restaurant away from the bar (recommended). Very pleasant!

Food: Excellent choice of standard and special Indian meals - as good as curry houses get outside of Rusholme, Manchester. Indian food.

Price: Very reasonable - about £ 15 each including a beer!

Visited : 25/9/98 Take away also available.

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Food

173.3 The Riverside Inn, Twyford, Bucks. by Nigel Palmer

Location : Converted thatched barn delightfully situated next to the railway in this picturesque village two miles west of Steeple Claydon

Atmosphere: Oak-beamed ceilings and walls draped with rich floral fabrics in subtle pastel shades of blue. Chef Marco (who hails from Bradford) regularly tours the tables and insults his guests.

Food: Signature dishes include Gougons of locally caught John Dory swimming in a Champagne sauce sprinkled with parsley, topped with caviar, served with fries and poached ducks egg on a breaded crouton served in a sea of flambéd Boston haricots.

Wines: From the extensive wine list we tried a rare and very agreeable '87 Norwegian claret.

Price: Very reasonable. Meal for two in the region of £35 plus drinks.

Visited: 29/2/98 - at these prices

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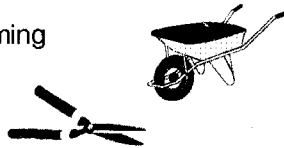
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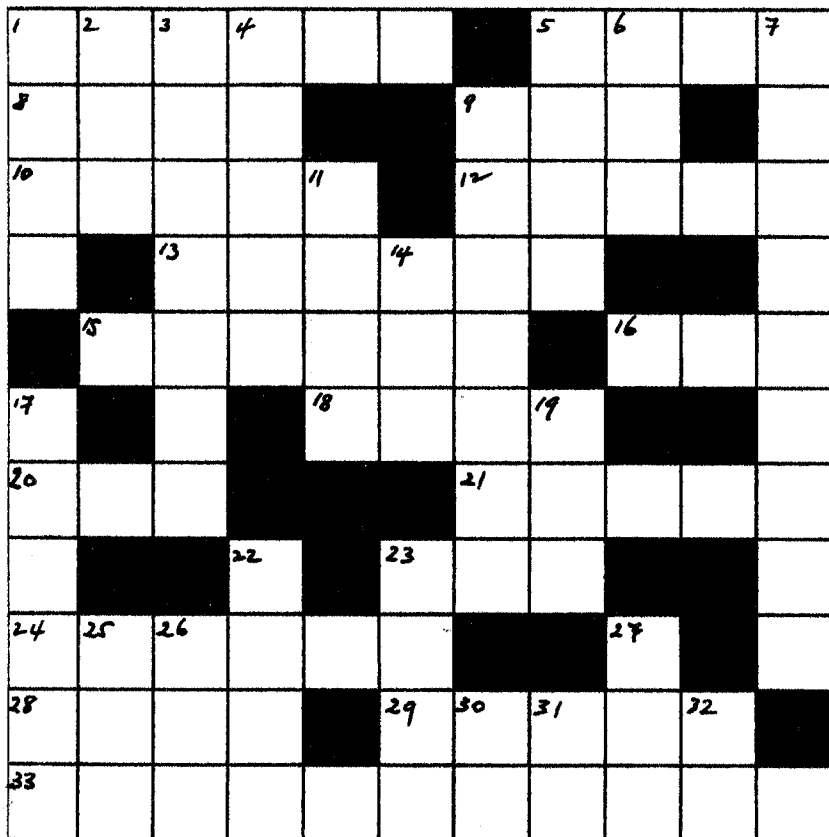
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NOVEMBER



Answers to October:

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 11 Air 12 Isle. 13 Rita 14 Track 15 Oakum
 17 Hat. 18 Entree. 19 Gross. 22 Dog.
 24 Amanda. 27 Orphan. 31 Bird. 32 Made.
 34 The. 35 Octet. 36 Hat. 37 Rein
 38 Rhubarb. 40 Sty. 42 Malta. 43 Esteem
 45 Germ. 46 Deeds. 47 Noel.
- Down: 1 Bathe. 2 Lira. 3 Orate
 4 Dikes. 5 Blotto. 6 Rear. 7 Truer. 8 Him.
 9 ET. 10 Ranks. 16 Keg. 20 Ophthalmo
 21 Indented. 22 Dam. 23 God. 24 Aborted
 25 Mice. 26 Artiste. 28 Resume. 29 A hart.
 30 Netball. 33 Aero. 39 Barn. 41 Yes.
 44 S.E.

ACROSS

- 1&7. Local Village (6&9)
- 5. Male animal; slang for rubbish (4)
- 8. Always (4)
- 9. Star; gives us our light (3)
- 10. Writer of fables (5)
- 12. Retinue (5)
- 13. Resort in Devon (6)
- 15. Meal (6)
- 16. Slang for boss (3)

- 18. Encounter (4)
- 20. Large vase (3)
- 21. E.g. Royal Oak (5)
- 23. Alkaline solution (3)
- 24. In its place (2&4)
- 28. Christmas (4)
- 29. Male bee (5)
- 33. Another local village (11)

DOWN

- 1. Close (4)
- 2. Girl's name (3)
- 3. SEW RENT (anag 7)
- 4. Unit of soldiers (5)
- 5. Inter (4)
- 6. Girl's name (3)
- 7. See 1 across (9)
- 9. LET STAY (anag 7)
- 11. Baby carriage (4)

- 14. Disease of cattle (3)
- 17. A trip (6)
- 19. Digit (3)
- 22. Furnace, oven (4)
- 23. Board game (4)
- 25. Neither (3)
- 26. Ocean (3)
- 27. Animal (3)
- 30. Would look good on your bonnet
- 31. People would exclaim this, seeing it on your bonnet (2)
- 32. For example (2)

FAMINE IN ASTON ABBOTTS (A Report by our Thin Correspondent - dateline Friday 16th October)

After days without a cook at the Bull and Butcher, wholesale hunger and in some cases famine is reported to exist amongst the pub's regular customers. The situation is expected to get worse should there be a sudden demise of the traditional roast beef Sunday lunch.

Fortunately, the pub has avoided a drought and beverages are still in plentiful supply. However, thanks to brave attempts to alleviate the famine an end to this terrible situation is now in sight. Just as well, as some villagers have visibly distended bellies and are reported to be begging for food outside the pub, the village shop is empty and the last of Bridget's onions have gone. In the meantime, in an attempt to stop the famine, we are arranging a telethon and charity tooth-pulling to raise funds for an air drop over the pub. Please give generously, every penny counts, and all funds will go to a worthy cause. Please remember, charity begins at home.

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	11.15	Aston Abbots	Parish Communion
	18.00	Cublington	Evensong
4.11.98*	10.00	Cublington	Evensong
8.11.98	08.45	Cublington	Parish Communion
	10.00	Wingrave	Parish Communion
	10.45	Aston Abbots	Remembrance Service
11.11.98*	10.00	Aston Abbots	Franciscan Service
15.11.98	08.00	Wingrave	Holy Communion BCP
	08.45	Cublington	Parish Communion
	10.00	Wingrave	Family Service
	11.15	Aston Abbots	Parish Communion
18.11.98*	10.00	Rowsham	Franciscan Service
22.11.98	08.45	Cublington	Parish Communion
	10.00	Wingrave	Parish Communion
	11.15	Aston Abbots	Parish Communion
25.11.98*	10.00	Wingrave	Franciscan Service
29.11.98	08.45	Cublington	Parish Communion
	10.00	Wingrave	Parish Communion
	11.15	Aston Abbots	Parish Communion
	18.00	Wingrave	Advent Carols
3.12.98*	10.00	Cublington	Holy Communion BCP
6.12.98	10.00	Wingrave	Parish Communion
	10.00	Cublington	Family Service
	11.15	Aston Abbots	Morning Service

FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

20.9.98	Kristen Barrett at Wingrave
20.9.98	Sam Gravestock at Aston Abbots

Marriage

26.9.98	Lawrence Jordan & Susan Willmott at Wingrave
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SUNDAY READINGS

1.11.98	All Saints	Eph 1,11-23 Luke 6, 20-31
8.11.98	3 Before Advent	2 Thess 2, 1-5, 13-17 Luke 20, 27-38
15.11.98	2 Before Advent	2 Thess 3, 6-13, Luke 21, 23-43
22.11.98	Christ the King	Col 1, 11-20 Luke 23, 33-43
29.11.98	Advent	Rom 13, 11-14 Matt 24, 36-44 (Year A)

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION - MEALS ON WHEELS

Janet Frost from Wingrave has written to **THE CHRONICLE** to announce details of a new **Meals On Wheels Service** for Aston Abbots. Janet explains that due to the increased cost of the WRVS backed service a new service has been organised by The Wingrave Community Association, supported by The Trustees of the Wingrave United Charities.

**FULL DETAILS APPEAR ON PAGE 14 OF
THIS ISSUE OF THE CHRONICLE**

CONGRATULATIONS

Congrats to Clare Shorrocks on her excellent article entitled 'Clare's Diary' which was published in the November issue of 'Period House'. In it she gives a blow by blow account of how the house has progressed from looking like a scene from the Somme with a forest of Acropros holding up various parts of the structure (not to mention the almost unsupported and leaking roof), to it's present 'builder free zone' status. Particularly revealing was how the floor had to be completely dug out to provide sufficient headroom for her son Adam. It is written in a most detailed and interesting way giving a clear insight to the extensive work necessary to achieve a sympathetic renovation. Of course, carrying out repairs to this depth also revealed quite a bit of it's history.

The entire article covers five pages and is beautifully illustrated with before, during and current photographs of various parts of the house. I have to admit to having to borrow a copy of Period House from Bernard since all copies at my usual newsagent had been bought by Clare!! *Andy Bystra*

**TONY'S
VILLAGE
SPORTS
COLUMN**



The POOL season has started again and The Bull & Butcher Team's first game was against The Five Elms, Weedon. The game has become our local derby as The Royal Oak have no team this season which is a shame as we used to enjoy the local rivalry between the two pubs!

Anyway, The Bull managed to win the match 5 - 3 which was very close right through to the end. Our new recruit Andi Swain [Yes me! Ed.] did not realise how tense and serious the games are. Still, he did win his game so he coped with the pressure!

**TONY "TUCKUP"
HINDS**

**NEWS FROM 1st WINGRAVE
SCOUT GROUP**

What a success! From a point 18 months ago when Wingrave scouting seemed about to finish, we have pulled ourselves back from the brink, and in the spring at the Vale of Aylesbury AGM we, as a group, won the ENDEAVOUR AWARD, given to the group from the district that has shown the most improvement. Points are awarded for attendance at district events and for progress within the group. This is why our BEAVERS, CUBS and SCOUTS are wearing the lovely black, silver and gold badges which they can wear for a year (unless we win again!).

Much of the hard work involved in keeping the group going has come from people who don't even live near our villages. BEAVERS are run by John Bower (681963), Jan Antisiewicz (681430), and Sue Ascott (681878): CUBS are run by Fran and Jeff Pollard (625454) who travel from Wendover, and Julia Ellis (681118): SCOUTS are run by Sheena Christer (422449) and Rachel Tomkins (481068) both from Aylesbury. Over-seeing us all is our Group Scout Leader Mick Jeffries (01525 376083) and our committee who keep an overall eye on things, and do fund raising.

All sections have an interesting and varied programme and are attending most of the

District events. Beavers recently had a Chinese evening, with the opportunity to taste Chinese food and make a Chinese lantern. They have also done part of the village walk. Cubs have been learning about Chile from Rupert Gardner (from scouts) who has been chosen to go to the jamboree there at the end of the year. They have also been learning First Aid skills from Moz Newman, a Cub's parent. Scouts have been welcoming the cubs who are moving up soon, showing them how they make plans for their forthcoming camp. Cubs and Scouts took part in the annual swimming gala on 3rd October, coming 4th and 2nd respectively, and 3rd overall as a group.

On 6th October 5 Beavers were invested as Cubs, and on 23rd October 4 Cubs were invested as Scouts, it is very rewarding to see the boys progress from one section to the next, and we are pleased to report an increase in numbers. Do you realise GIRLS are also allowed to join, so if you know any who would like to come along they will be very welcome. One last thing, make a note in your diary!

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ABOUT YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council is composed of unpaid volunteers who attend the meetings and read correspondence covering things such as area plans, budgets, new regulations, nominations for awards and information from both Bucks County Council and AVDC. Members of the Public are very welcome to attend the meetings.

The Parish Council notice board is next to the shop - notice of Council meetings is displayed here (usually every six weeks) with a list of what will be covered. Planning meetings are also held when applications are within the Parish Council's area.

If a villager has an issue they would like covered at a meeting or would like to express a view about an item on the agenda, they should talk to a Councillor beforehand to make their views known. Villagers can also drop a note to any Councillor if they would like an issue discussed. If you are unable to attend the meeting in person you can write a note or telephone a Councillor to have your views read out at the meeting.

THE PARISH CLERK

For the last two months we have been advertising for a new Parish Clerk as Shona McGregor is moving to Scandinavia; without a Clerk, the Parish Council can not function.

The role involves receiving the mail for the Parish Council, attending the meetings (every six weeks for about two hours), taking the minutes and preparing the agenda. The Accounts are also held by the Parish Clerk who makes payments for items such as Street Lighting, mowing of the Recreation Ground, and general maintenance.

The post holds a salary of at least £600 per year which is regularly reviewed. There is training available, including helping agencies to answer queries. This is an excellent way to get involved in Village Life and contribute to the community as a whole.

Please phone Tom Manning on 682115 if you are interested.

LATEST NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

- A Wheelie bin is to be ordered for rubbish collection on the Rec. It will be padlocked to prevent it from straying. A payment of £2 per week is available to anyone willing to wheel it out and back in on rubbish collection days. If you are interested please contact Tom Manning on 682115.
- The bridge at Wing is no nearer repair and funding cuts mean that a permanent weight ban may come into force. As Councillors have repeatedly argued for repairs to prevent excessive heavy goods traffic thundering through the villages it was recommended that a petition be started to show AVDC environment committee the strength of our concern.
- It was agreed to give a £150 grant for fireworks at the village bonfire, in line with last year's donation.
- The pot holes are still awaiting repair by Bucks C.C. who are chasing their contractors.
- The new tree on The Green has been identified as a Silver Birch.
- A report was given about Tree Surgeons calling in the village and giving misleading advice by warning people about perfectly healthy trees. It was pointed out that -
 - * Householders are only liable if the tree is dead or dangerous
 - * Trees in a Conservation area need a permit to cut living wood of more than a 2.5 inch diameter

- The Toddlers' Group new time is 9.30 to 11.30
- Replacement Clerk - if no one has come forward by the time of the next meeting (November 25th at 8 p.m.) it will unfortunately have to be cancelled. The Council will have no alternative but to go into temporary recess until a new clerk is found. Adverts are to be placed on a wider scale for a replacement.

THE VILLAGE BONFIRE PARTY

The Insurers still say they will not cover vehicles on Public Open Space at any time. At a previous Council meeting Councillors voted that they could not take the risk of having the Bonfire Night celebrations on The Rec. as they would be personally liable for any accident.

The Chairman is willing to listen to any Villager's opinions but has discovered that a disclaimer would not be legally sound and that the Parish Council would still be responsible.

The Chairman enjoys tradition and doesn't want anything to change; he has made numerous enquiries and has been advised that the only way the Bonfire Party should go ahead is if the Parish Council were to allow the use of The Recreation Ground by a separate group who accept that the event is entirely at their own risk and who must get their own insurance. They will then be personally liable for any damage and/or injuries.

The Millennium article last month has sparked some interest so a follow up meeting about New Year's Eve 1999 is planned:

MEETING - NEW YEARS EVE 1999 VILLAGE PARTY

Quite a few people have made suggestions and asked questions about this event - can children come? Why bother with food? Have a pay bar etc. In order to decide if there is sufficient interest to book a Marquee, we are organising a meeting on **WEDNESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER** in the front bar of the **Bull and Butcher at 8pm.**

If you are interested in this event, PLEASE come along, or, if you can't attend contact Jacky Coates 681459, Francesca Bean 681233, or Liz Barlow 682605.

MILLENNIUM MATTERS

MILLENNIUM MATTERS - well, it certainly does to some villagers! In last month's **CHRONICLE** Liz, Jacky, and Francesca put forward their idea for an "Eve of the Millennium" party - it's clear that they are giving serious thought to the impending "event of the century" (or should that be *centuries*?). Judging by **THE CHRONICLE'S** post bag other Villagers are also coming up with ideas for the celebration, although the article raised some questions. Printed below are a letter from Andy Bystra and response from Liz, Jacky, and Francesca: I feel it best to publish these (with the authors' full agreement!) as they encapsulate many ideas and will clear up one or two concerns that Villagers might have.

To Liz, Jacky and Francesca

It was nice to see that several people (mostly the ladies it seems) have seen fit to burst into print again in the hope of waking the rest of us up from our lethargy by inviting us, as a village, to express our preferences for celebrating the millennium. I sincerely hope this attempt results a better response than the last time the question was posed in The Chronicle. The resulting 'deafening silence' which ensued then, seemed to indicate that not a sole in Aston Abbots had a point of view on the subject; which I took to indicate that nobody was interested in a village celebration.

Since I was one of those who didn't respond on that occasion I most certainly will now, guilt and the nearness of the millennium has spurred me on to put pen to paper. However, it is my general view that the proposals being made, whilst fine for a few, would not be at all suitable for the village as a whole. My response therefore is based on the hope that there will be sufficient interest to warrant a celebration by 'the village' as a whole. I hope you find the following useful.

1. Who should be included. The published proposals in last month's Chronicle struck me as excluding a lot of people in the village. As a broad principle, I feel that an important event such as this should be organized in such a way as to enable every one in the village who wishes to, to attend and not be excluded by the sort of indicative prices suggested. If prices can be kept down, it would be rather nice, and in the spirit of a new millennium to perhaps invite some of our pensioners along free of charge. The youngsters should also be encouraged to be involved in the organization.

2. Timing of the event. The obvious time to celebrate the passing of the old and arrival of the new millennium is of course 31st Dec 1999/1st Jan. 2000. However, in the context of a village celebration, it is my view that many in the village will wish to do their own thing at the new year with family and friends; not necessarily in the village. The fact that many hotels and cruises etc. are already booked is a fair indicator that this is already happening.

Since we would almost certainly be reliant on the use of a marquee, surely it would be far more pleasant (not to mention cheaper) to hold an event along the lines you suggest in the late spring/summer of 2000. It is not difficult to envisage an event which would comprise a 'street' type party in the afternoon and a 'posh' dance in the evening. If organized during a public holiday this could span two separate days.

3. Funding. Assuming the hire of a marquee is cheaper in the summer, I feel there is sufficient time to organize some fund raising events/sponsorship to pay for the cost of some of 'the basics' (hire of marquee & portaloos etc.). As you rightly suggest, food could be prepared /supplied by volunteers. A bar would be the fairest way of providing alcoholic drinks with profits from this and 'the posh do' going into the general funding 'pot'.

4. Entertainment. It would not be difficult to construct a varied program. We are fortunate in having several talented entertainers in the village who would I feel sure be prepared to arrange entertainment in their own inimitable style. This coupled with various team and individual activities for all ages (2 to 90), disco for the youngsters and a party type tea could all be included.

Andy Bystra

Copy to:-

Editor of The Chronicle

Liz, Jacky, and Francesca felt that there was a degree of clarification needed on the issues raised by Andy Bystra and others who have contacted them. Their response is printed opposite.

Dear Andy

Thank you for your letter regarding the Millennium New Years Eve event published in the September Chronicle - yours was our fourth communication on the matter - two said that they would like to come, and the final one was offering the name of a band for the event.

A few other people have expressed an interest verbally. However, there is clearly not enough enthusiasm at present to make it possible to book a marquee etc, Therefore, in one final attempt to organise an large scale event for Millennium New Years Eve, we propose that a meeting should be held, so that people can express their views and preferences.

As background for this meeting, we would like to take this opportunity to correct some of your (and perhaps other peoples) misconceptions;

1 We were not inviting the village to state their preferences for celebrating the millennium; this was a suggestion for an event, not the event

2 The proposal excluded no one in the village; people had the opportunity to say that they were interested, even if the price mentioned was too high.

3 As the event was not intended as the village event, the timing was the organisers choice, as several people in the village had expressed a desire to spend this auspicious occasion with the village friends that they socialise regularly with throughout the year.

4. The Marquee would be not cheaper in the summer; the only saving would be that of heating. Since the September Chronicle went to print, we have been able to secure a marquee for 31/12/99 at the 1998 price. As you rightly say, this marquee could also be used to accommodate other events, such as a Cabaret, the children's party, a Tea dance etc. However, a booking with a 20% deposit would need to be made within the next couple of months to secure 1998 prices.

We do hope that nearer the time, the village will also be able to celebrate the millennium in the summer - an event such as a street party sounds ideal, and we look forward to assisting whoever decides to organise this event.

Liz, Francesca and Jacky
Copy to: Editor of The Chronicle

EDITOR'S THOUGHTS

As I mentioned at the start of this item, Villagers are clearly beginning to consider the events coming up in just 14 months time. On the surface there seems to be some disagreement over how to celebrate but there is no rule that says we can have just one event. After all, unless there is some life prolonging drug invented this is the only time we will witness the phenomenon (and would you want to hang around for another one thousand years for the next one?). So we can have as many events to celebrate the new Millennium as we like! We now have 2 great ideas for major parties - an "Eve of The Millennium" party on December 31st 1999 and a "Village Street Party" to be held during the summer months. Now perhaps is the time to throw a few more ideas into the air -

- Disco / Bar B Q
- Millennium Tree
- Millennium plaque
- A Millennium "history" box for the children to bury for a future generation

And how will the different Village organisations be celebrating? What are The Church, The Ladies Club, The Toddlers Club, The 630 Club, The Schools, The Pool Team, The Young Farmers, and everybody else planning to do? How will we make the annual Fete one to remember for another millennium? What is The Parish Council's view? And the list goes on! Perhaps we need to co-ordinate ideas through the various village organisations, young and old alike.

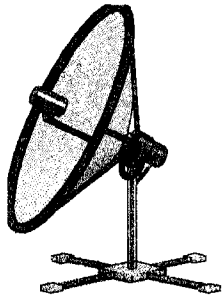
I am happy to publish details of events, meetings, and so on, or to set out any proposals for a "Millennium Team" to organise events. Please feel free to call me on 01296 682651 or drop a note in to 2, Nash's Farm.

And perhaps a good old fashioned Village Meeting is in order to get the ball rolling?

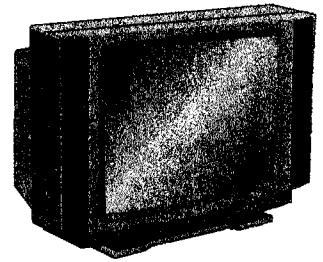
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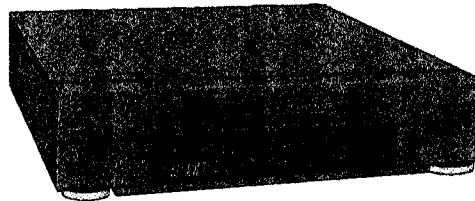


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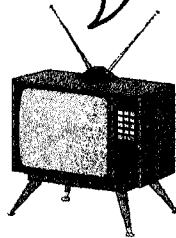


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