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**Happy 1999 -
the last year of
the millennium!**



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365 DAYS AND COUNTING....



Editorial -

Tuesday 29th December 1998



Firstly let's get the traditional niceties over with - I trust you all had a wonderful Christmas, and that your arrangements are in place for celebrating the last New Year of this millennium. Of course, by the time you read this it will already be 1999, and less than 12 months until "it" arrives (you know, the big '00).

I'm calling it the big '00 as I don't wish to confuse my computer which hasn't yet decided if it is going to be the year 2000, or 1900, or even 1129 next year. But in line with all of commerce, we have strived to ensure that **THE CHRONICLE** is "Y2k compliant".

To you and I (well probably not Pat Donovan, but certainly the rest of us) "Y2k compliant" is the forlorn hope that **THE CHRONICLE** computer won't throw a massive wobbler, then hiccup, and eventually self-destruct at midnight on December 31st 1999, taking out the washing machine and causing the Brookside street light to flicker momentarily.

Still, just in case, I'll produce the first 6 issues of the big '00 **CHRONICLE** in late August of this year, and stockpile them in readiness! After all, there is all manner of talk about things not working, shortages, confusion, and general mayhem (nothing new there, then).

I expect though that most of us will not notice the chaos until well after the Aston Abbots' Millennium Eve Party. I am given to believe that this bash will be the New Year's Party to end them all (figuratively speaking) so I for one don't expect to surface until well into the big '00.

Talking of the party, Mr Bystra informs me that the tickets are selling faster than the ale at The Bull on New Year's Eve this year - so book your place VERY soon to avoid disappointment. You can find more details about the event in this month's **CHRONICLE**.

Whilst we are on the subject of celebrating the New Millennium, I would be delighted to hear from you if you are organising a special event. The Chronicle is a great place to publicise your event free of charge or to

ask for volunteers to help, or even to put forward ideas for things that Aston Abbots can do to remember the big event!

On that note, Clare Shorrock has had some thoughts about an historical chronicle of the village - make sure you read the article in this issue to find out how you can help.

Well, enough of my ramblings, enjoy this year's celebrations and get ready for the next - I'm sure that Y2k compliance and all that goes with it will feature throughout 1999 in **THE CHRONICLE!**

Andi Swain

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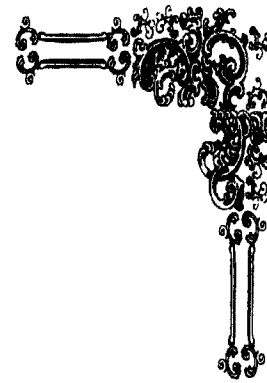
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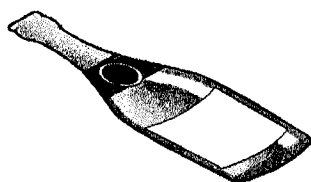
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RITA'S PEOPLE PAGE



Aston Abbotts wishes a **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**
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HAPPY NEW YEAR

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A. Rawlings P.A.O.

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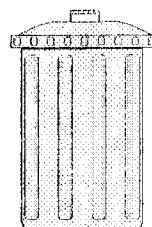
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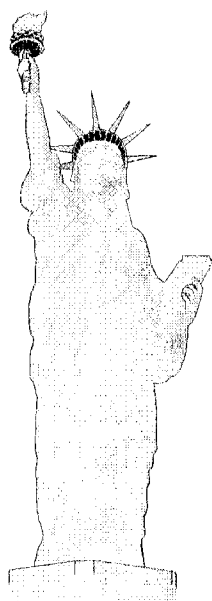
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IN THE VILLAGE 1.

NEW YORK 1998

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THE LONG AWAITED DIARY OF A SHOP-A-HOLIC... UNCENSORED!



DAY 1

09.00hrs Ten of Aston Abbotts' most desirable women set off for New York, determined to shop till they dropped and do a bit of sight seeing! Number 11 met them at Heathrow Airport.

11.00hrs Duty Free shopping provides a taster of things to come. Money belts have to be purchased for those with too much money!

14.00hrs Virgin Atlantic Flight VS003 takes off. An upgrade to Upper Class is

DAY 1 Continued

declined because too much champagne is bad for you.

16.30hrs Arrive J.F.K. New York. Immigration is navigated through, some having more difficulty than others, e.g. a recent holiday in Iraq is difficult to explain, as is being French!

19.00hrs A hair raising Yellow Cab journey into Manhattan sees everyone into the hotel foyer of the New Yorker Hotel.

20.00hrs Assemble in bar of hotel for a few drinks to acclimatise, this takes about 4 hours!!!

DAY 2 09.00hrs Bright and early Jan Donovan knows where to have breakfast, or does she? Too much choice for most of us.

09.30hrs Hit Maceys, the biggest department store in the world. Don't worry, there weren't eleven ladies in convoy, mostly they were split into twos. A lot of shopping was done here. Sally Palmer did a recce tour of Manhattan on the top of an open topped double decker bus.

19.00hrs All meet up for a trip to the theatre and Broadway. A "Grease" type musical called "Footloose". Very entertaining, although some people found the seats a little too comfortable and snoozed through it.

23.00hrs Back to the bar for a quick drink!!!

DAY 3

09.00hrs Breakfast in the 24 hour diner. Most people opt for various bus tours of Manhattan, upper, lower or both, with yes, more shopping thrown in - probably Fifth Avenue and the more upmarket "Saks" and "Bloomingdales". The lower Manhattan tour includes Greenwich Village, Statue of Liberty, Staten Island Ferry, Wall Street, Brooklyn Bridge, Chinatown, Chrysler Building and The Empire State Building. A trip up The Empire State is essential. The views are fantastic, as you would expect from the 86th floor.

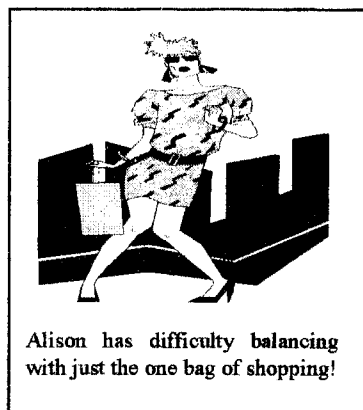
19.00hrs All meet up again for a night out, dining and wining {unfortunately one member took so long to put her make up on, she got left behind!!! } We had the added bonus of being serenaded by 10 Finns also on a night out on the tiles!

24.00hrs Back to the bar for a night-cap!

DAY 4 09.00hrs Breakfast on the hoof as tours and shopping have to be crammed in. Upper Manhattan tour includes Central Park, the posh apartment blocks where Madonna, Paul Newman, Robert Redford etc live, museums, Art Galleries and Harlem.

16.30hrs Meet up in hotel foyer for trip home. Everyone now has 2 suitcases each and one or two have some very odd shaped boxes! Two white stretched limos arrive to transport everyone to J.F.K. Some people just cant keep there hands off the Very Handsome driver!! (Rita's name was mentioned but that can't be right).

19.30hrs Virgin Atlantic VS004 departs for Heathrow. Sleep comes easy to those with clear consciences and empty bank balances.

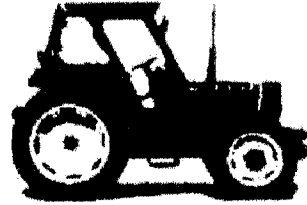


Alison has difficulty balancing with just the one bag of shopping!

DAY 5 06.40hrs Touch Down Heathrow.
09.00hrs Home safe and sound and penniless.

Alison Lewis

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IN THE VILLAGE 2.

ASTON ABBOTTS PUB POEM COMPETITION

We are pleased to bring you the first of the eagerly awaited "Pub Poems" (announced in the November issue). Mr Bystra has penned this delightfully diplomatic offering.....



Tale of two pubs.

There's a red brick pub near the village green,
Where customers thirsty and sometimes keen,
drop in for pool - and if it's clear,
might even be able to drink the beer.

Kiwi's, farmers; all dig deep,
in luxury old Frank to keep.
St. Patrick's nights and Christmas do's,
he'll do most things to sell more booze.

When winter snow drifts higher and higher
He's even been known to light a fire.
Then regulars drink in a nice warm glow
And on Saturday nights some wear a bow.

Miles away, down at The Oak,
you'll meet a nicer kind of folk.
They drink their ale with pinkie raised.
It's awfully strong, they leave 'quite dazed'.

Under thatch, amid dark beams,
they sup their drink and dream their dreams,
of fun and frolics - perhaps a duel.
They might even beat 'The Bull' at pool.

With two nice 'houses' from which to choose,
we feel we really cannot loose.
And so to both pubs; we love you dear,
despite the rising price of beer.



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MARATHON MAN

ANDREW FORD has been accepted to run in this year's London Marathon on April 18th. He is planning to run for the British Heart Foundation in memory of his father John. Let's all make sure that Andrew gets plenty of sponsorship for the marathon. Ed.

JUST A THOUGHT ON SECURITY....

Walking around the village on dustbin collection days, it is clear that bins remaining outside gates for any length of time gives a fair indication to would-be burglars that no one is at home. If you know that your neighbour is out all day when bins are emptied, how about being neighbourly and (with his/her permission) put the bins back on to their property. Just a thought!!

George Fox.



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W/E 9/10	Mrs Bellingham	W/E 30/1	Miss Goodman	9/10	Mr C Higgs	30/31	Mr C Higgs
W/E 16/17	Mrs Hartnet			16/17	Mr J Hartnett		

1st WINGRAVE SCOUT GROUP NEWS

Our Christmas Bazaar at the end of November was a great success. A big thank you to everyone who filled their black bags or who donated goods for us to sell or raffle. Our apologies to those of you whose bags we didn't collect but we didn't have as many helpers as we had hoped - maybe next year we'll have more volunteers! (Thank you to those people who brought them to us on the Saturday).

The Bazaar itself was very busy with lots of people looking for and finding a bargain, or an unusual gift. Santa was able to divert from his hectic schedule and be there too, much to the delight of our younger villagers.

On Friday 11th the Ready Steady Cook competition was won by Chris George, Nicky Wyatt, Becky Blake, and Simon Maslin, despite stiff competition from a number of teams. Each team was set the same task, to cook a stir-fry and to decorate a sponge cake, with marks awarded for taste and also presentation and teamwork.

The teams had access to a number of spices - some of them quite hot when used liberally, as the testers found! As my

son is now a scout I'm expecting dinner to be cooked and served on a regular basis - by him!

The last meeting of term was on Monday 14th, in the Community centre and was a Group party. The Beavers put on a puppet show and sang songs, the Cubs did a number of sketches including a "shadow operation"! The Scouts did a nativity - with a difference! The entertainment was very good and enjoyed by all the boys and especially the leaders. Food and drink was provided by the boys and the parents came along near the end for coffee and mince pies, getting everyone in the festive spirit ready for Christmas.

We all wish everyone a very happy Christmas and a happy new year and hope 1999 brings good things for you all. Finally we would like to wish Rupert Gardner a safe and memorable trip to Chile, we are looking forward to hearing all about it.

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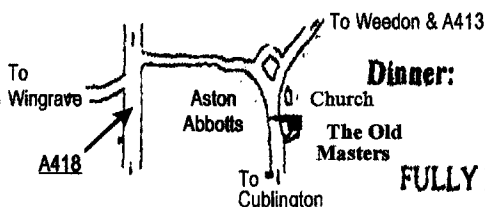
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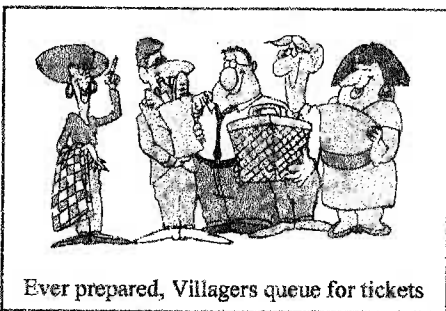
THE CHRISTMAS CABARET

Each year, it's interesting to see how the cabaret manages to entertain with amazing freshness. The magic formulae of good quality food, cheap but tolerable wine, and inspired adult entertainment has stood the test of time.

Of course, subtle changes are introduced each year but these only ever seem to amount to altering when the food is served or the position of the stage. The ever popular blend of good humour, popular songs and short innovative sketches has remained essentially unchanged for several years; and long may it do so.

That such varied talent exists to enable two shows (usually) to be put on each year in a village as small as ours, is in itself surprising and something to be proud of. Judging from conversations I have had, this certainly impresses the increasing number of 'outsiders' who come along.

Its popularity with audiences seems confirmed by the fact that the same people tend to put their names down for tickets at the merest hint of another Cabaret being arranged. This year was no different. All tickets were sold back in October, just as the first sketches were being written.



For the latest cabaret, it was decided that the excellent hot & cold

buffet prepared by Francesca Bean and Jackie Coats should be served before the show started - a popular decision amongst those of us who had had little opportunity to eat earlier on in the day. A bonus was that so much food had been prepared that a good cold buffet was also available in the interval.

Nigel Palmer supplied most of the music on his (or was it Neil's) keyboard with Lol providing the pre-recorded backings. Neil had as usual 'strung the show together' and even appeared on stage in sketches, additionally singing two rather bizarre songs. The Branckers produced and performed a very funny version of "Ah! Yes, I remember it well" with John also giving a fine rendition of Flanders and Swan's 'Hippopotamus' song.

Despite several attempts, nobody was able to prevent John Whyte from singing various songs and at the end he even led the now obligatory 'community singing'.

This time the songs had a definite Scottish flavour; whether this was to match his own origins or the approaching Burns Night we couldn't tell (perhaps it was just the scotch).

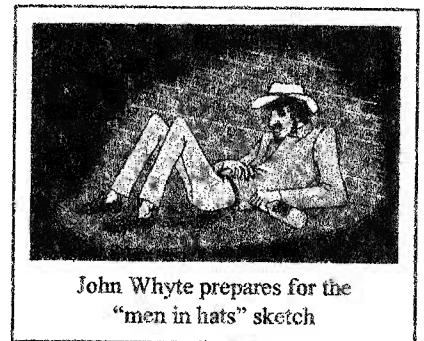
Many of us hoped that well loved group 'The Bristols' would make an appearance again this year. However, 'the management' had decided to replace them with Aston Abbotts own ABBA (with the glamour being provided by Anne Brancker & Sharon Wilkinson) and it has to be said they were every bit as good. 'The Gambolinis' made another appearance demonstrating the benefits of keeping fit and introducing Linda Sutton in her first cabaret appearance.

Just about the most unusual sight of the evening was to see Neil appear as a boy scout and sing a quite hilarious song entitled 'Be Prepared'. Margaret Kent, well remembered for her rendition of a Cinzano advert in

one of the Christmas shows several years ago, gave an extremely creditable impersonation of Pam Aires delivering her poem called 'Throw another leg on the fire mother'. This was made all the more amazing since she had taken the trouble to learn it off by heart.

Dave Lewis (who had spent most of the day wiring up all the lighting etc.) made his second cabaret appearance as the resident 'stand up comedian'. Just where he gets his material from, nobody knows, but it's pretty certain he will be asked to return with more of the same.

Finally, I have absolutely no intention of telling you what 'The Men in hats' sketch (as performed by Ray, Tony and John Whyte) was about because it was far too rude. Suffice it to say, if you weren't there you missed out on a jolly good laugh.



It's impossible to convey in a few words just how enjoyable and what great fun this 'homespun' entertainment is. Even though as compere I had to 'sing for my supper', it was one of those occasions which one just didn't want to come to an end. Mind you, with any luck, it's quite possible that following the Christmas break 'the management' will be unable to curb their enthusiasm and will be thinking about putting a Chronicle cabaret together for the spring.

If you don't want to miss this event then I recommend you speak to one of our well known thespians and book your self a ticket straight away!



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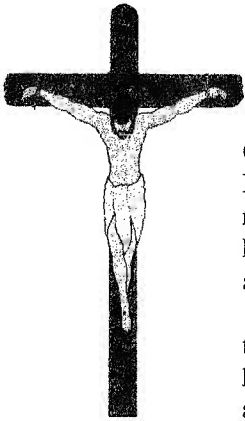
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Only one more Christmas this Millennium! and I bet that we shall get heartily sick of being reminded. The hype will be in overdrive - so I hope that you will have enjoyed this Christmas and I wish you every blessing for 1999.

As our three Parishes have been linked together as a United Benefice for 25 years, we have been looking to see what we have achieved during that period and at areas where we can work together more effectively in the future. There is, of course, nothing new there - because, like life, the Church is in a constant state of change.

One of the areas that is being looked at is the pattern of Sunday Services which has remained much the same for the last twenty years. What was 'right' then is not necessarily 'right' now - because the world we live in has changed dramatically over that period. How do you arrange for each of three churches to have a balanced and regular pattern of worship each month - catering for as many needs as possible, and whilst being restricted by Church Law?

The trouble is that at the slightest hint of change, people become very defensive about what they already have. Is this a potential threat to 'our' Church?

Having worked in Village Churches for more than twenty years, I am a passionate believer that each community needs its Church - however few people use it on a regular basis. I also know the heartache and soul-searching that goes on by regular congregations to keep the church building in a moderate state of repair, and the

difficulty of persuading the Village community that the Church is there to be valued and used (and that it costs 'real' money to keep it open).

I may as well do my Millennium plug now - The Millennium reminds us of the change from 1900s to 2000s - and we look back to that other change from BC to AD - the Birth of Jesus Christ. As part of the Millennium celebrations, the Church will be delivering candles to each household (as a reminder that Jesus is the light of the World). It is hoped that these candles will feature in local candle lit processions focusing on the Parish Church (or at the local Millennium celebration).

In 1999, December 31st will be on a Friday - and (whilst that may be a poor link), it does remind us that Jesus and the Church are not just for Sundays. In many Churches this has happened for many years. For the last couple of years we have had a Service at 10.00 on Wednesday mornings, in a different location each week. Apart from the first Wednesday in the month, when we have Prayer Book Communion, this is a short and informal service lasting about 20 minutes. At this we pray for the people who live in these villages, and the things that are going on. You are very welcome to come and join us, if you are free. If you cannot come, we will be very pleased to remember you and your concerns in our prayers.

Bob Willmott

ASTON ABBOTTS PARISH COUNCIL

Latest news from the Parish Council meeting, held on 25th November.

- Road Gritting - Weedon Road has been included on this winter's route
- Wing Bridge - Another pressure letter has been sent to AVDC regarding the urgently needed repairs to the bridge at Wing. However it does look as though lack of funds will mean a permanent weight ban may come into force next March.
- Street Lights - The light outside The Bull & Butcher has not yet been repaired. The contractors say it is not the bulb but the supply which is at fault. Eastern Electricity has been informed.
- Parish Clerk - Gratitude was expressed to Shona McGregor for all her hard work and dedication during her period in office. We wish her and her family all the best in their new home in Sweden. Following Shona's departure, Kate Curry has been appointed as her successor.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held in the Church Room on 6th January at 8.00pm. Everybody is welcome to come along.

LOCAL HISTORY - can you help?

Clare Shorrocks has made it known that she is very interested in producing a village history to mark the millennium. It is anticipated that this could involve researching information from county records, gathering 'living memories' from older members of the village, seeking out old photographs and maps, and perhaps taking contemporary photographs to record historic features as well as record the village as it now is for prosperity.

Clare feels it would be a very interesting project but is unable to do it all herself. **She would therefore like to form a group of those people interested in the history of Aston Abbots.** Such a group would initially meet to discuss how to approach such a project and once under way individuals could research those aspects they are most interested in. Thereafter the group would meet to collate their findings.

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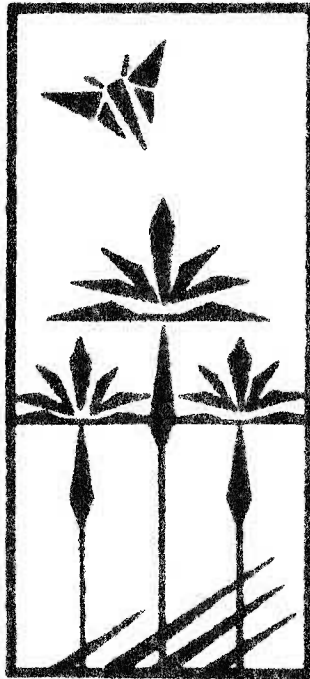
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22.11.98	Lily Kitty at Wingrave
20.12.98	Rebekah Lee at Aston Abbots

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3.12.98	Edward Brazier at Cublington
11.12.98	Derek Upton at Aston Abbots
14.12.98	Joan Harris at Aston Abbots

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LADIES CLUB NEWS

The club met on December 3rd where we heard a talk by Mrs Sue Cato who is one of the leading organisers of the funding for the Florence Nightingale Group. Our last meeting of 1998 was a carol service at St. James Church, followed by tea in the Hall.

On Thursday 14th January at 2.45pm we have Jean Archer and her friend Meg, giving a talk on "More Hidden Bucks". They always give a very knowledgeable and humorous talk.

The following meeting is at 2.45pm on January 28th when June Brown will tell us about "parchment craft".

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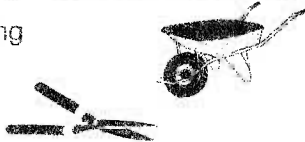
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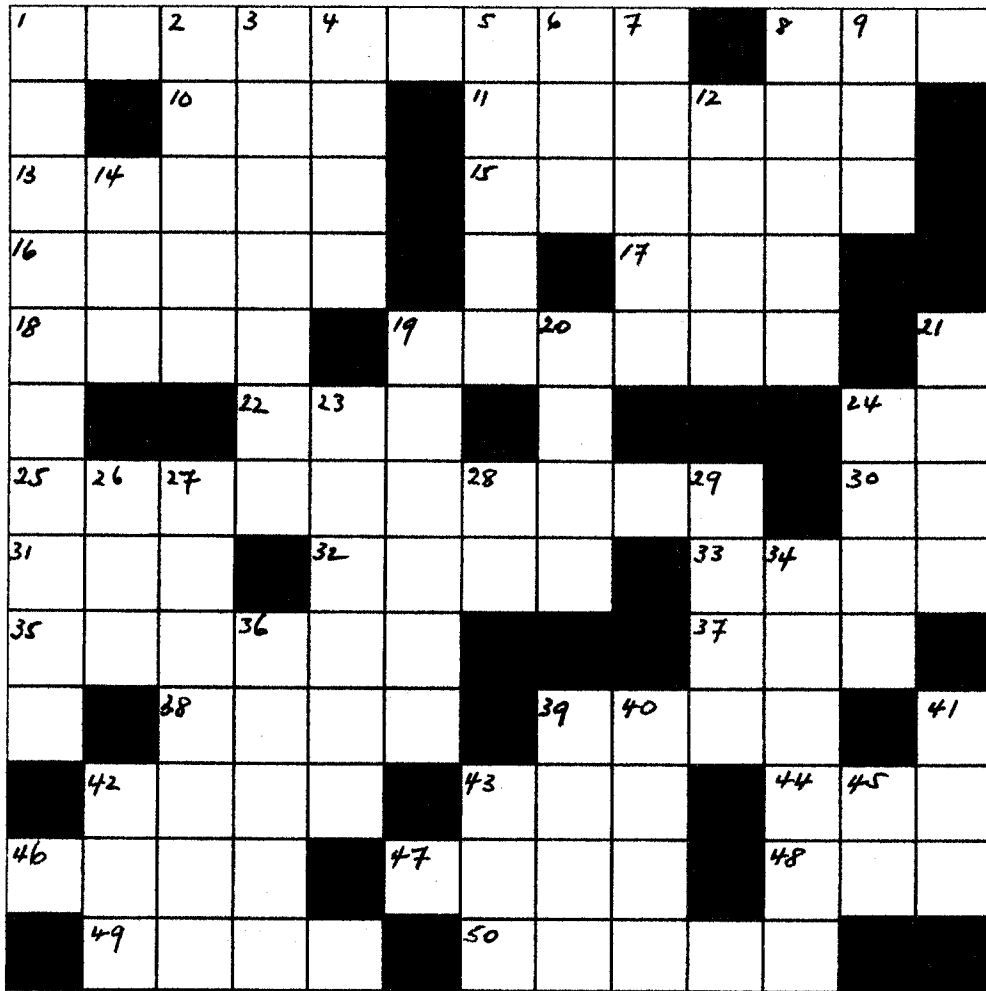
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ACROSS:

- 1&50. Famous local House (9&5)
- 8. Mother; Barrier (3)
- 10. To do wrong (3)
- 11. Plundered (6)
- 13. Titles (5)
- 15. Musical instruments (6)
- 16. To end (5)
- 17. Belonging to him (3)
- 18. Female deer (4)
- 19. To stay (6)
- 22. Consume (3)
- 24. Volunteer force (2 abbr.)
- 25. Sun over Greenwich Meridian (7 & 3)
- 30. For example (2)
- 31. to immerse (3)
- 32. Competes (4)

- 33. Ova (4)
- 35. Oil forming; (anag NO)
- 37. SAW (anag 3) (LIFE 6)
- 38. Local road (4)
- 39. DOTS (anag 4)
- 42. Container (4)
- 43. Weaken (3)
- 44. Animal feed (3)
- 46. Animals (4)
- 47. Speed (4)
- 48. Finish (3)
- 49. An act (4)
- 50 See 1 across (5)

DOWN

- 1. Local Village (10)
- 2. Devil (5)
- 3. German town (7)
- 4. Gaelic (4)

- 5. Male bee (5)
- 6. Used in boat (3)
- 7. Dark period (5)
- 8. Thick (6)
- 9. Public notices (3 abb.)
- 12. Irish parliament (4)
- 14. Mohammed --- (3)
- 19. Marks (6)
- 20. Throw (4)
- 21. Tatters (4)
- 23. To inform (6)
- 24. 2 yr old sheep (4)
- 26. Lubricate (3)
- 27. to work (7)

- 28. You (2)
- 29. Information (4)
- 34. To assemble (6)
- 36. ----- way (5)

- 39. Known facts (4)
- 40. Not shut (4)
- 41. Boy's name (3)
- 42. Bounder (3)
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MILLENNIUM MATTERS IN ASTON ABBOTTS

Notes from the 2nd Meeting held in the Bull and Butcher on 16/12/98

Attendees:

Ivan Greenaway (Chairman)	Dave Lewis	Francesca Bean	Anne & John Brancker
Andy Bystra (Treasurer)	Ray Coates	Peter & Clare Shorrocks	Anne Dicken & Amanda Dewhirst

Apologies received from Liz & Alison - Previous minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the initial meeting.

1. Review of ticket sales.

Andy reported that following distribution of the 'millennium pro forma' bookings and deposits for 84 tickets had already been received, with the remaining 36 tickets expected to be sold by early 1999. It was agreed to go ahead with a 'high quality' event to mark the new millennium, in accordance with the original proposals. All/Andy

2. Actions

- a. **Band** Ivan to discuss progress with John Whyte and obtain relevant information by the end of December. John W. & Ivan
- b. **Marquee** An acceptable quote had been received - Ivan will book and establish dates for erection / removal Ivan
- c. **Disco** Dave Lewis has spoken to Lol who may be prepared to run the disco during band breaks but he would like help. Dave and John W. have volunteered - Dave to discuss with Lol and book the disco. Dave
- d. **Drinks.** Andy and Bob Bean will draw up a list of drinks required - wine and champagne will be bought at competitive prices - beer bought locally. List together with estimated cost to be ready for next meeting. Andy & Bob
- e. **Food.** Menu to include several hot dishes with extensive cold buffet for the "wee small hours". Ann and Francesca will assess needs and costs. Costs for the hire of a sizeable deep freeze also to be researched. Francesca & Anne B.
- f. **Final price** Ticket prices are likely to remain in line with those suggested at the initial meeting but insufficient information is available to set final prices. It should be possible to agree these at the next meeting. All

3. Payments

A time line of payments due is to be prepared to allow revenue to be collected from those attending when needed. All

4. Other items

- a. **Licence.** Peter has spoken to the Licensing Court which confirms that an 'occasional licence' is needed (Peter will arrange this in his name), although the Government is considering waiving this need for millennium parties. Peter to update. Peter
- b. **Tables & chairs** will be hired from the marquee company as their prices are attractive - Clare to arrange. Trestle tables for food and drink will be borrowed from those in the recreation shed. Clare
- c. **Cutlery and crockery.** It was felt these could be borrowed 'locally'. Francesca & Anne B.
- d. **Glasses and linen.** All glasses and table linen to be hired. Clare to identify source and prices. Clare
- e. **Decoration.** Francesca and Clare have a master plan!! Francesca & Clare
- f. **Fireworks** A decision will be made once we have prices for the other items (next meeting) Deferred
- g. **Insurance.** Peter to review his needs - it was agreed that their property must have adequate protection. Some cash to be set aside for any necessary cleaning. Peter

5. Any other business.

- a. **Volunteers** will be needed to assist in setting up and clearing away after the party. All
- b. **Banking.** Andy/Peter/Ivan are the account signatories - any cheque must be signed by any two of them. Ivan, Peter & Andy
- c. **Other events** The marquee will probably be erected for several days at the millennium new year. To maximise use it was suggested a senior citizens Tea Dance or other entertainment could be arranged after the main party as well as a promise auction or similar event to raise funds for the village hall development and/or recreation ground. Any suggestions welcome at the next meeting.

Ivan thanked those attending and extended a special thank you to those involved in distributing the millennium pro formas.

The next meeting will be held on the 26th January 1999 at the Bull and Butcher, commencing at 8.00pm.

Andy Bystra - 20th Dec. 98

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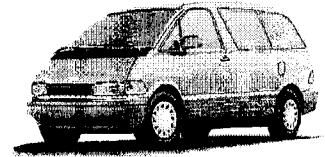
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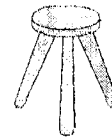
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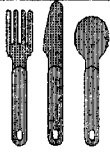
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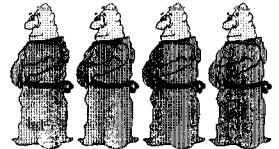
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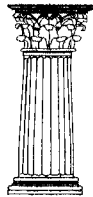
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Lol & Dean confirmed their position as favourites for the doubles by beating Tony & Mark 3-2 in the final. They then lost 2-1 to the Swan & Castle in the first round of the league pairs competition. This was the tournament that they won last year.

But it wasn't all bad news as we managed to win a thrilling game against the White Hart 5-3.

Thanks to all those who sponsored the charity darts Teams - we have collected over £400 so far.

Tony

No mention of my win then, Tony? Ed.

A LETTER FROM OUR AMERICAN CORRESPONDENTNATALIE KATO

Did you know that Mahatma Ghandi walked barefoot everywhere, to the point that his feet became quite thick and hard. He was also quite a spiritual person. And even when he was not on hunger strike, he did not eat much and became quite thin and frail. Furthermore, due to his diet he wound up with very bad breath. And so he came to be known as

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THE CHRONICLE ASTON ABBOTTS WORD SEARCH

Aston Abbots is the theme of this month's 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 LISTED CAN NOT BE FOUND IN THE GRID? AND WHICH 8 LETTER WORD IN THE GRID IS MISSING FROM THE LIST OF WORDS?

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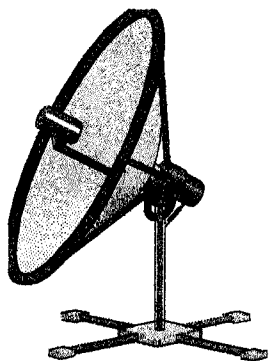
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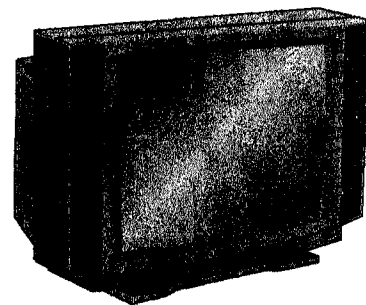
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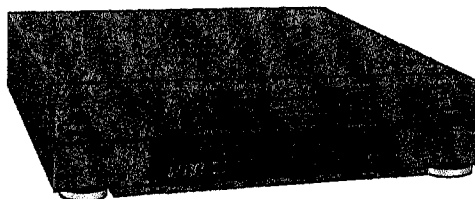


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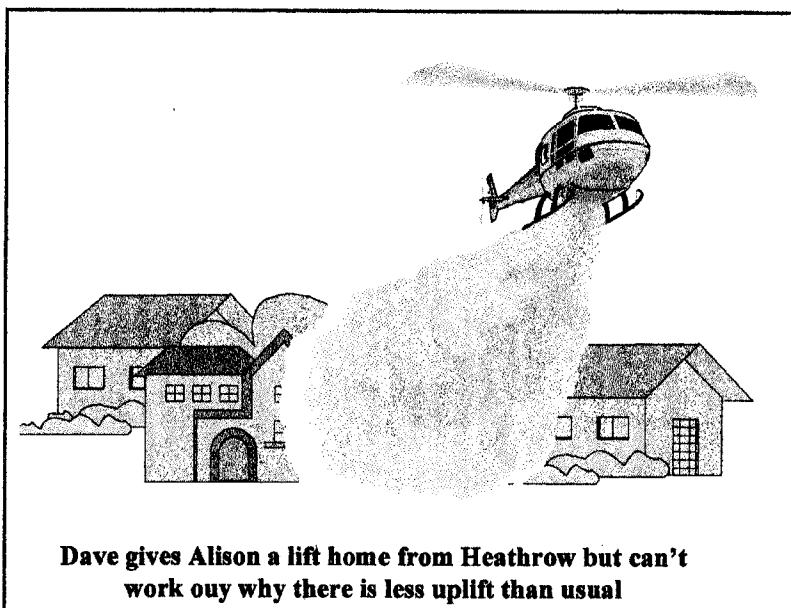
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