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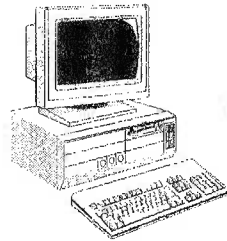
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Editorial -

Tuesday 27th April 1999



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A particularly interesting **CHRONICLE** this month.

When you come to think about it, we are very lucky living in Aston Abbotts. No doubt we come to take it a little bit for granted and being relatively modest folk, we certainly don't shout about it (unlike some villages). But looking through the various items in this month's **CHRONICLE** you realise just how much is going on in what is such a small village.

The Church; regular social occasions such as the Whist Club and bingo; an incredibly successful (and enjoyable) annual fete; our very own historical society; cabarets and shows; quiz nights; a well supported Ladies Club; a pool team; not to mention the fact that we are well down the road with our millennium celebrations. And of course there's the sociable atmosphere, and a lot more.

I mention all of these because they are run by villagers, for villagers to enjoy, and are all very successful (and because at some time or another they appear in **THE CHRONICLE!**). Their success though is dependent on our support.

It's disappointing then to read that there is a doubt over the planned Senior Citizens free millennium party which has so far met with a poor response. But do not despair - I understand that the millennium team will be making a re-concerted effort to speak to every villager who might like to come along. A number of ideas had been put forward for entertainment for the party, but perhaps you would like to see some others - let the team know your thoughts.

The past few months have seen the launch of AAH - Aston Abbotts History. Originally intended as a millennium project, I suspect that the team could carry on with their research well into the next century. Two members - Paul Ridgeley and Colin Higgs - have contributed articles this month. Paul has raised some important and interesting issues - ones which we shall hopefully follow up on in **THE CHRONICLE** next month. Definitely food for thought.

Another momentous month for us here at the paper - **THE CHRONICLE** has joined the high tec world! Are you tired of posting

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Finally, in case you hadn't heard, this month is election time - make sure you have your say on Thursday May 6th.

Anyway, enough of my ranting - enjoy!

Audi Swain

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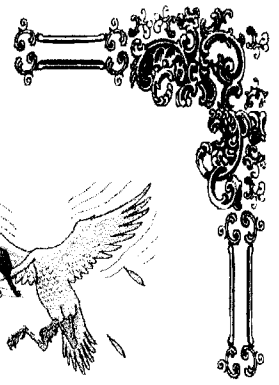
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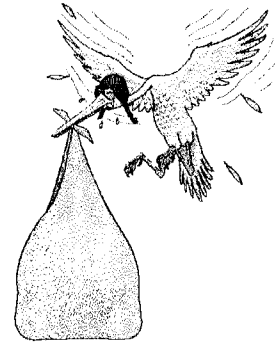
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Aston Abbotts wishes a **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**
to everybody celebrating in May, especially

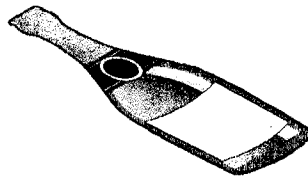


Mervyn King	2nd	Benjamin King	22nd
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CONGRATULATIONS

to Andy & Lynn on the birth
of their son, Edward who was
born on Friday 5th March

Surely there are more
people with birthdays this
month? Let Rita know for
next year..... Ed.



VILLAGE OPEN GARDENS DAY EARLY THIS YEAR

Six Village Gardens will be open
to all comers on Sunday May 30th
- see "What's On" for full details

RUNNING MAN

A huge well done to
Andrew Ford who
completed the London
Marathon - read about
his day on page 6 of
THE CHRONICLE

Let RITA know about your
news, birthdays, or
forthcoming event...phone
Rita on 681690

KITTY KELLEHER - SAD LOSS OF AN OLD FRIEND

We were very sorry to hear of the recent death of Kitty Kelleher. Kitty came to live in Aston Abbotts in 1947 and soon became involved in village activities. She was for many years Secretary of the Ladies Club and amongst other things, made the annual celebration cake.

Kitty enjoyed cooking and was an expert at needlework and knitting. Her garden was always immaculate, especially the vegetable plot. She was able to enjoy all of these hobbies until her eyesight failed about three years ago. In 1987, Kitty moved to a bungalow in Aylesbury where she quickly settled.

Kitty was a member of the Methodist Chapel and always gave her support to any of its causes. Her funeral took place at the Methodist Church in Aylesbury and she was buried with her husband, Michael, in St. James' churchyard. Our sympathy is extended to her three sons and their families at this sad time.

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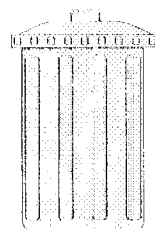
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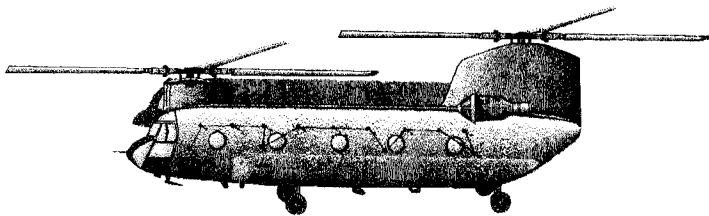
IN THE VILLAGE 1.

STOP PRESS: STOP PRESS

ASTON ABBOTTS GOES MILITARY

The station commander of RAF Benson has approached us to provide assistance to their Chinook helicopter unit.

It transpires that due to the Kosovo crisis, movements of supplies from the north of England back to Benson whilst fully laden reduce the range of the Chinooks making the journey impossible without refuelling. It is proposed to have a fuel bowser parked at the bottom of the heli field next to Cold Comfort Farm. Refuelling should mainly take place during daylight hours and should not take more than one hour per Chinook.



At last, the chance to see a Chinook up close!

The provision of a temporary NAFFI at Bernard's shop will be in force during the military presence, and the public will not be served during this period. For night refuelling The Old Masters is to provide accommodation and refreshments for the crews.

Once again I must reiterate that helicopter crews will be briefed that all approaches to the field are to be from the North and the village is not to be overflown. The Chinook is not one of the quietest helicopters so hovering whilst waiting to remake the formation of three will be confined to the areas adjacent to the Abbey.

I hope that this small intrusion into our normally quiet village won't meet with too much disapproval. Because it is for a very good reason and it will give us a chance to see a Chinook up close.

'Air Commodore' Dave Lewis

What villagers really want to know is - will this military activity prevent us commuting to work from the heliport? Ed.

NEWS FROM THE HUSTINGS- ELECTION CONTEST IS A TWO-WAY RACE

Now that all the nominations are in for the District Council Elections on Thursday May 6th **THE CHRONICLE** can confirm that there will be a contest for the first time in more than 16 years.



THE ELECTION BATTLE

As we reported last month, Bryan Round has retired as District Councillor and so the search is on for his replacement. Two locals - both living in Wingrave - have come forward to declare their hand in the election.

In last month's exclusive we told you about **Colin Smart** who will be standing as a Conservative candidate (not Independent as originally announced). He will now be joined on the hustings by **Peter Cooper**, an Independent candidate who is Chairman of Wingrave with Rowsham Parish Council.

It's likely that you have already had leaflets through your door spelling out their respective messages, or a door-step chat with one of the candidates as they canvass opinion and votes in Aston Abbotts.

Whatever your thoughts, you should have your say on election day - you will directly influence the outcome provided you go along to The Church Room between 8.00am and 9.00pm on the day to vote for your District representative.

BUT THERE'S NO CHANGE AT PARISH LEVEL

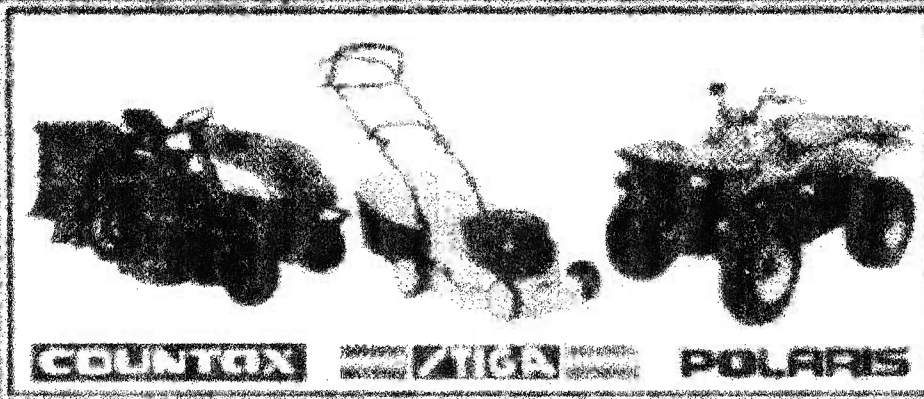
The same date saw the opportunity for prospective new members of the Aston Abbotts Parish Council to come forward. Apparently everybody is happy with the performance of our current Parish Council as no new candidates came forward for election. So, with all incumbents willing to continue in their role, there will not be an election at Parish level after all.

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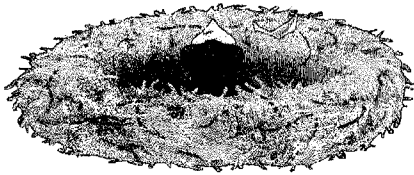
RARE VISITORS TO ASTON ABBOTTS

One morning just after Christmas there it was - a male Black redstart - sitting on our back wall jauntily flicking its fiery red tail.

I have seen Black redstarts many times on the Continent but never in inland Britain, although they had made a name for themselves in this country by nesting on bomb sites just after the war, just occasionally they still do breed here.

In fact, it has been suggested that work on 'The Dome' may be delayed because some of these strictly protected birds are showing an interest in the site (more interest than much of the human population apparently). It's a novel excuse anyway.

I am really writing this just in case anyone notices these attractive birds about the village, because having seen the male spasmodically throughout the winter, a female suddenly joined him to search for food in a neighbour's compost heap - did you see them, Percy?



From the back view, these birds look remarkably like Robins with similar shape and perky movements but the male is almost black apart from the ever-moving red tail. They are probably back in Switzerland or Austria by now unless they've decided to breed here - and who could blame, they love building sites!! Please do let us know if you see one.

Christine Scott

MARATHON DAY - THE CHRONICLE'S marathon reporter, Andrew Ford, reports.

My marathon day began with a 6am alarm call at the hotel in Pimlico where I was staying. An early breakfast had been laid out for the runners.

At 7am myself and 14 other runners were waiting to be picked up by coach and taken to Blackheath. We arrived at 7.35. Plenty of facilities in the park - refreshments, toilets, and changing areas - and athletes warming up.

At 9.10, all belongings deposited on the right coach, we then started to line up at the 'Blue' start. 18000 of us.

At 9.30 the klaxon horn sounded and off we went - it took 8 minutes to pass the starting line and then we were away. Spectators at the road side clapped and cheered us on. At the Cutty Sark corner people were standing 5 rows deep. The pace quickened - we passed bands, balloons, and entertainers. I felt good at 12 miles running over Tower Bridge.

There were many people cheering us along the Embankment and there in front of me Big Ben and The Houses of Parliament. Only a mile to go, my legs felt like jelly as I headed towards The Mall. I was not going to give up now, I sprinted to the finishing line, finishing in 3hours 42 minutes.

I received my medal, had a photograph taken, was wrapped in a foil blanket and handed sandwiches, an apple and a goody bag. After 4 months of training, the race run, and over £400 raised for The British Heart Foundation, it was worth it! Many thanks to all of my sponsors.

Andrew Ford.

Well done, Andrew. Ed.

SUMMER IS Y-COMEN IN ! (REALLY)

As it snows on the first cricket matches of the year, and those who are running low on winter fuel start thinking they'd better re-order after all, it seems odd to think that the summer Fete is creeping up on us - but there's now under three months to go.

Preparations are well under way. Many attractions are booked, including the Silver Band, Morris Men, and the wonderful Lions train that storms around the Grove.

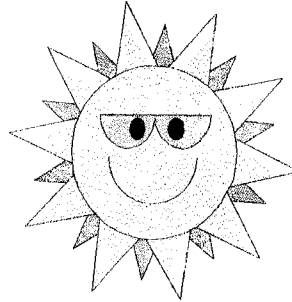
More volunteers will be needed! If you have any ideas for the Fete or are able to help in any way please let us know. In particular, in the last few years some of the kids have organised their own stalls or games and more would be welcome. Now is the time to start thinking what you might do and what you might need to run a game. But whatever your age, and however you might be able to help, let us know!

The people to contact are Barbara Bellingham/David De Silva (681689), Andy Bystra (681690/688125), Jackie Farrands (681182), Shirley Ford (681865), Chris Fox (682024), Ivan Greenaway (682605), Colin Higgs (681343), Gordon Smith (681373), David Watts (681336).

Gordon.

Watch out for **THE CHRONICLE** stall this year - I suspect many of you will be sampling our fayre, if last year is anything to go by!?? Ed.

ASTON ABBOTTS FETE NEWS



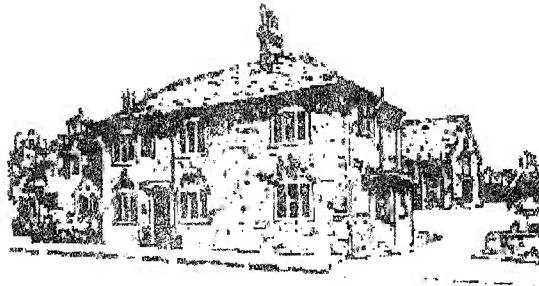
Make sure the date for the Fete
SATURDAY 24th JULY
is in your diary.

ASTON ABBOTTS & CUBLINGTON LADIES CLUB

Aston Abbots and Cublington Ladies Club is sad to hear of the death of Mrs. Kitty Kelleher who was a member and secretary for many years before retiring to live in Aylesbury.

On April 8th our members gave many gifts to the Florence Nightingale Hospice to be sold on their charity stalls. On April 22nd we had a guest speaker on 'the history of dolls'.

On May 6th the Church Hall is being used for the election so Jean Bliss is giving us lunch at her house in Buckingham. On May 22nd Mr Vic Botterill is giving a talk entitled 'if only I'd said'. Visitors are welcome.



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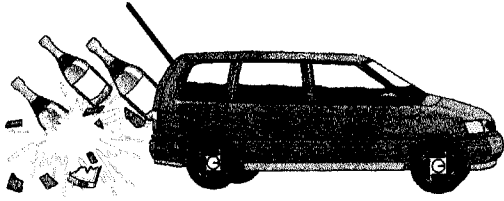


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IN THE VILLAGE 3.

CHAMPAGNE RUN!



It was kind of Ray Wilkinson to volunteer to drive us across to France for the day, although I didn't think so at 4.30am. on that last frosty morning in March. Ray of course was ready with the engine of the VW 'people mover' warming up sharp at 5.00am. Bob Bean however, took some persuading to leave his nice warm cottage. He did however come complete with a huge flask of hot coffee and packed 'breakfast' courtesy of Francesca for which we were all very grateful.

Driving into the dawn of what turned out to be a sunny day was very pleasant indeed. The VW (fitted with what looked like 'Formula one' tyres and Ray doing his Damon Hill impressions) got us down to Dover very quickly indeed and by about 7.00am we were sat in 'Duty free' enjoying a coffee and awaiting boarding instructions for the train. Getting 'the wagon' onto the train looked a bit tricky but Ray had done it several times before so no worries there.

It was only a short wait for other cars to board (during which we tucked into breakfast) and we were away. The smoothness of the ride made me realise what a great feat of engineering the tunnel is and with a journey time of just 35 minutes, it was all very 'painless'. Unloading took only a few minutes and suddenly we were on the 'motorway' heading for the nearby supermarket complex of Carfour (a bit like a French version of Milton Keynes).

The main objective was to buy all the champagne for the village millennium party so without further ado we armed ourselves with trolleys and set to. Cases of the better quality champagne were readily available at very advantageous prices so that part of the task was completed quickly.

Next was to take back a generous selection of French cheeses for a '630' cheese and wine gathering at The Bull & Butcher that evening and a few bottles of wine for ourselves. This shouldn't have been too much of a problem in itself but Bob became totally uncontrollable, rushing off like a thing possessed to buy armfuls of whatever took his fancy.

Eventually, we tracked him down and with one of us either side to stop him buying more and three large trolleys now full to overflowing, off we went to the checkout to do serious damage to our 'plastic cards'.

Duty Free on the French side is much better than the one at Dover so we made a brief stop for 'essentials'. A bonus in stopping there was that it has a proper bakery where we were able to buy freshly baked French bread for 'the evening

do'. The big mistake however was that we asked Bob to buy the bread so of course we ended up with enough to feed the entire village! Luckily it was packed out of reach in the rear of the 'wagon' because the smell was wonderful and it would have been all too easy to start eating it on the way home. The journey back to Aston Abbots was fast and uneventful and by 12.30 we were enjoying a lunch time pint at 'the Bull'.



On behalf of 'the Millennium party', many thanks to Ray Wilkinson for providing transport at no cost and doing all the driving. Thanks also to Francesca for breakfast and Ivan and Liz who arranged for the champagne to be safely stored away.



Following villagers' concerns about the safe-keeping of the champagne, we asked the Editor for his comments.....

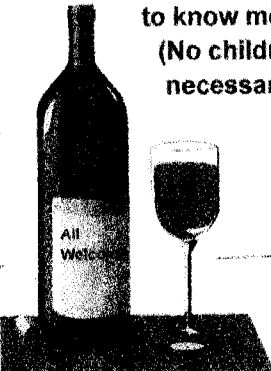
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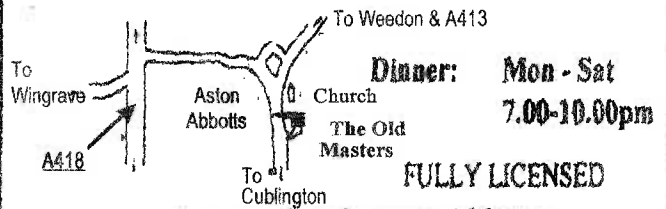
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THE PUB POEM REPRISE...

Last month I wrote about a sad villager, upset that the censor had banned his or her pub poem. Well, as promised I am delighted to print his or her follow-up poem. Unfortunately, as I have two anonymous pub poems I'm not sure which one was yours (though I can probably guess) - still, hopefully this will help to make you happy again (whoever you may be)!

ODE TO ED.

The Chronicle dropped in through the door
To add to the pile on the office floor.
I ran to get it like a man possessed
In my two tone slippers and holey vest.

My missus shouted 'Where you goin'?
'To see what I won with my pub poem'.
But when I opened up this issue
My missus handed me a tissue,

It made me want to yell and scream
My poem was nowhere to be seen.
It said the censor censored it -
I thought my poem was a hit.

Was this editor a nerd,
To not allow people to be heard?
Or is it just a vicious rumour
That he hasn't got a sense of humour?
If you can't laugh with the rest of us mate
You might as well live in Harrogate.
You see it wasn't written to offend -
When you've lived here long enough you'll understand.

We enjoy being witty, and taking the mick -
Frank can take it, he's a brick
(I think brick is the right word).

So put my poem on display
And see what the locals have to say.

(I'll be ever so Frank etc.)

P.S. keep up the good work. ANON.

Your prize of a half has been increased to a pint.
Claim it whenever you like! Ed.

WHAT A LOAD OF RUBBISH

A couple of reminders for you regarding rubbish :

- May 3rd is a Bank Holiday so rubbish collection for that week will be on FRIDAY, May 7th.
- The "Village Skip" will be back at the Bull & Butcher from the 10th May to the 13th May. You can take the opportunity to dump unwanted rubbish in the skip rather than by the roadside.

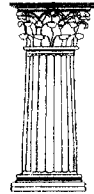
ROYAL MAIL DELAYS

At the Annual Parish Meeting I was asked (as Clerk) to write to the Royal Mail to complain about the postal service that the village has been getting. At the time, mail was not being delivered on most days until 1.00 to 2.00 p.m., occasionally later, and on one day not at all. In fact, it seems to me that towards the end of the month the service has improved a good deal. The reply I got from Royal Mail says:

"The standard of service for a rural area is 1400 hours. However, within this time we are unable to guarantee the precise time of delivery to any particular address. While Royal Mail endeavours to provide a service that meets the individual needs of our customers, it is not always possible to do so. However the Delivery Office Manager appreciates the service in the rural areas has been below the standard we would like to achieve, but I would like to assure you that every effort is being made to ensure this is improved upon. With regards to the time stated on a pillar box, this is not a guaranteed collection time, however we are not allowed to collect from the box any earlier than stated."

Anyone who wishes to comment further can write to Elaine Emmett, Customer Service Centre, Park Lane, Hemel Hempstead, HP1 1AA, or phone on 0345 740740. **Gordon**

TONY'S VILLAGE SPORTS COLUMN



I'm afraid we've blown our chances of winning, or even claiming runners-up spot, in the league as after playing very well against the top teams we lost 5-3 against bottom club The White Hart. Still, we did manage to beat them when

we met again the following week, despite forfeiting a game because of a lack of players. We then drew with The Swan at Westcott, another poor result.

The Bull & Butcher singles knockout is in progress - Andi (Ed.), Frank, Adrian, and Dean have got through to the semi-finals with some excellent play. I wonder if Dean will get knocked off his pedestal?

TONY

Thames Valley Crime Prevention Trailer

Spring has sprung and the crime prevention trailer is out and about. If you would like the trailer to visit your parish or attend a particular event then we will be delighted to do so. The trailer is manned by police officers who can offer advice on all your security requirements from your home to the safety of your family. We are happy to post-code bicycles free of charge and offer for sale ultra violet property marker pens and personal attack alarms.

If you would like more information please contact PC John Flowerdew at Aylesbury Police Station on 01296 396233.

SHAME ON YOU.

Whilst on the subject of crime, a mean-hearted individual has broken the seal on the electricity coin box in The Church Room and stolen the contents - estimated at about £30. No forced entry had been made to The Church Room - figure that one out. Ed.

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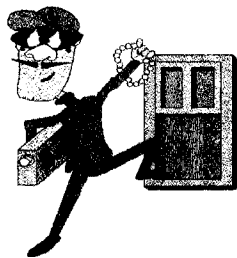
IN THE VILLAGE 5.

GOT IT OFF A BLOKE IN THE PUB?

A message from Thames Valley Police

Last year, in the Aylesbury Vale District Council area, there was approximately one million pounds worth of property stolen. Much of the property stolen is sold on again within hours of the break-in, leaving little hope for the victim that treasured possessions will ever be recovered.

Stolen goods may pass through many hands, and you may unwittingly be a receiver of stolen goods. Recent national research suggests that individuals and companies that have had property stolen from them are more likely to be approached and offered



replacement items which may be suspect.

Check first; has the item got a serial number? Is it security marked in anyway? **DON'T** be tempted by 'bargain' prices and think carefully before you buy; help the police break this chain of Misery.

You can earn a Crimestoppers **REWARD** if you inform **CRIMESTOPPERS** on **0800 555111** of any criminal offence or know of any information about the handling of stolen goods. Alternatively contact your local police station on 01296 396000.

The law takes handling stolen goods very seriously and it carries the same penalty as theft.

THINK - ARE YOU BUYING SOMEONE ELSE'S MISERY?

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING NOTES CONTINUED

Highways

- **Potholes and verges** RESOLVED to write to County Councillor Brenda Jennings regarding the generally poor state of roads in the vicinity of Aston Abbots.
- **Lamp post** The lamp post on the corner of Wingrave Road by the allotments is leaning. Eastern Electricity will be notified.
- **Dumping of rubbish** - A three piece suite has been dumped in the Village. A.V.D.C. will be asked to remove it.

Accounts

- The money given to the Parish Council by Banner Homes (after they 'parked' their port-a-cabins on the grass verge) will be donated to **THE CHRONICLE**.

Reports

- **Bulb and tree planting** Resolved to find out whether we can obtain any free trees/bulbs to plant around the village.
- **Ball games** Concern was expressed that young people are regularly playing ball games in the road near the Bull and Butcher. It was felt that this constitutes a hazard and should be discouraged.

ASTON ABBOTTS PARISH COUNCIL

UNOFFICIAL NOTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 7TH APRIL 1999.

Matters Arising

- **The Globe.** It has been agreed to return it to the village for our Millennium exhibition. Mr. Higgs is pursuing its return on a permanent basis.
- **Proposed new footway in Wingrave Road.** Bucks County Council requires a contribution of 80% of the cost from the Parish Council. Resolved that this is not currently financially viable.
- **Haybarn Industrial Park signposts.** A replacement sign has been ordered for the junction of Wingrave Road with The Green. The sign opposite the entrance to the Industrial Park has been deemed to be correctly sited.
- **Warning sign for concealed entrance to the Royal Oak** There is no sign available which conforms to the Traffic Signs Regulations.

County Council and District Council Matters.

- **Village Skip Service** A skip for villagers' use will be at the Bull and Butcher as follows:

<u>Delivery Date</u>	<u>Collection Date</u>
10th May 1999	13th May 1999
15th November 1999	18th November 1999
- **A.V.D.C. Perfect Village Sunday Tour** Resolved to put Aston Abbots' name in the draw to receive this service
- **Vote of thanks** A vote of thanks was unanimously given to District Councillor Brian Round as he retires from the Council this year. He has been our representative for sixteen years, and the Parish Council expressed gratitude for his help and support during that time.

Planning Matters

- Old Vicarage, Cublington Road - Felling of yew tree. The Parish Council had no comment to make on this application.
- Banner Homes - Nash's Farm. App no. A/9811255/APP. **With the houses half built Banner Homes have finally received official approval**
- Burston Ridge Farm - Renewal of A/9611691 - Mobile home and biodisc. **Approved.**
- Burston Ridge Farm - A/9910636/AGN - Agricultural building **The Parish Council had no comment to make on this application.**

Nash's Farm --Donation of Land. (Update)

Notes were circulated explaining the current position regarding the transfer of two plots of land adjacent to the recreation Ground from Banner Homes. They will both eventually become the property of A.V.D.C. RESOLVED to write to A.V.D.C. asking them to;

- a) ensure the land is ultimately adopted by the village
- b) maintain the plots on a regular basis (i.e. grass cutting)

Date of next meeting

- Wednesday 12th May 1999 at 8pm in the Church room. **Everyone is welcome to come along.**

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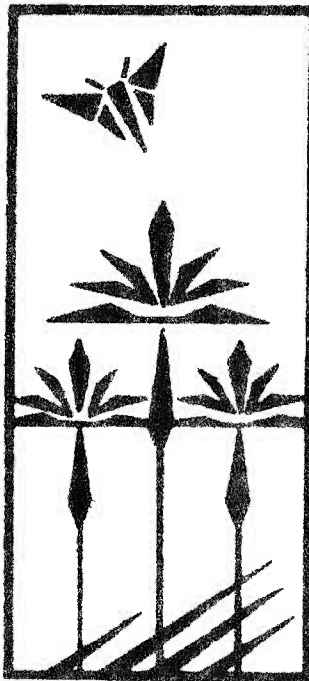
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IN THE VILLAGE 6.

AAH - ASTON ABBOTTS HISTORY

Aston Abbots - The Reality Unfolds

by Paul Ridgley 22nd April, 1999

I would like to share with you how working on the Aston Abbots History project is becoming much more than what, for me, it started out as - an interesting way to spend spare time whilst getting to know people in the village and indulging in my enduring passion, photography.

I have lived in the village for only nine months, so taking part in something as worthwhile as the Aston Abbots History project is giving me an insight into what is so good about life in small rural communities in general and Aston Abbots in particular.

Colin Higgs and myself are interviewing a few local people to gather a living history of the village and a picture is slowly forming to reveal how there used to be what would *now* be called an 'ecology' running perfectly naturally and smoothly of and by itself. It controlled itself by the seasons, the rising and setting of the sun and an ancient respect for, and connection with, nature. People worked *with* nature instead of against her.

People who have lived in the village for some years, remember with affection how life seemed to make more sense. I have heard stories of how villagers worked on the land surrounding Aston Abbots, or in the two big houses - The Abbey or The Firs, or the churches, or the school, or the village shop, or the smithy, or the bakery...

They spent their earnings buying produce they had seen growing in the fields, buying meat from the butcher who bought his stock from the local farms. Clothes were bought for work or for best, rarely for anything so temporary as fashion. Farm machinery was repaired by the smithy who could turn his hand to anything. In short it was a true, self-supporting rural community.

I was told an enduring saying by the wonderful folks at Oxley's Farm the other evening: 'If you look after the land the land will look after you'. They spoke of real farming using methods handed down from generation to generation, rotating field-use to allow the soil to recover naturally, dairy cows with names not numbers, pride in the appearance of the land, insecticides used only when absolutely necessary, in fact a healthy scepticism of chemicals in general. They told of hard, hard work and of a life with meaning and satisfaction.

Peter Knight told how the former estates were farmed and maintained not only for practical purposes but for the conservation of flora and fauna as well. He has seen the landscape change drastically, and farming and rural community decline seriously over the last twenty years.

Michael and Alfred Morton, the longest living born and bred Aston Abbots men who are 84 and 87 years old respectively told us of their life in the village with fascinating stories spanning two hundred years.

Victor Scott treated Colin and I to many hilarious boyhood stories and an eye-opening panorama of village life in his younger days.

Colin and I would like to thank all those interviewed so far for their kind hospitality and assistance.

I would urge anyone who is interested in helping with the AAH project to come along to the next meeting on 11th May in the Bull & Butcher at 8pm. We are a friendly bunch and can use lots of help.

If anyone has anything - maps, old birth certificates, old posters, work implements, household implements, photographs, stories, myths - that they think may be of use for the project please contact Sally Palmer on 681152.

May I remind everyone who has not returned a slip regarding photographs of you-and-house and you-in-group-by-church to drop a reply slip in to me at No.8 The Green stating your preferences. Many thanks.

My personal feeling is that the history project will not only produce a fascinating book and exhibition of times gone by but will highlight a need for everyone in the village to think about the role they play in village life today and in the future of Aston Abbots.

I for one enjoy the feeling of community here and it is fast dawning on me that I have to think about how my lifestyle affects my local community. For example, I found out from Michael Page at Oxley's Farm during our interview that I can buy tastier, better quality meat that is traceable to a local farm if I go to the right butchers. This also means that with a little local knowledge I can buy beef with confidence.

If I shop only at a supermarket I have no idea where my meat and produce come from or how fresh it really is. And why is lamb so expensive when farmers can't give the animals away at market? There are local farm shops which sell fresh vegetables, fruit and dairy produce. We have a village shop which is an important feature of Aston Abbots' community and needs to be supported.

Perhaps by shopping - and living - inquiringly, consciously and responsibly we can be part of the solution, rather than part of the problem.

Maybe The Chronicle can publish a list of good butchers and farm outlets in the local area? Would you be interested in this information? Do you have views on the points I have raised? Call me on 682058.

Paul Ridgley

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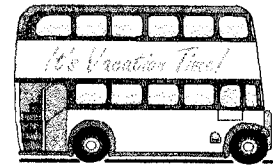


WHAT'S ON IN MAY 1999

Monday 3rd Bank Holiday 12.35pm	Coach outing to Swiss Gardens / Old Walden Departing from The Bull & Butcher Tickets £ 5 - Book with Colin (Tel 681343)
Thursday 6th 8am - 9pm	District Council elections at The Church Room, St. James Church, Aston Abbots - from 8am to 9pm
Friday 7th	Wheelie Bin's today (Bank Holiday week)
Sunday 9th 2.00pm	Rambling Club members annual Spider Walk (All club members meet at Aston Abbots for tea)
Tuesday 11th	Mobile Library The Green / Wingrave Rd / Oxley Farm
Sunday 16th 2.00pm	Rambling Club members meet Wendover
Thursday 20th 7.30pm	Whist Drive in The Church Room
Tuesday 25th	Mobile Library The Green / Wingrave Rd / Oxley Farm
Thursday 27th 7.30pm	Whist Drive in The Church Room
Sunday 30th 2.00-5.00pm 3.00-5.00pm	VILLAGE OPEN GARDENS DAY (See details below) Teas in the Church Room - Church open
Monday 31st	(Yet another) Bank Holiday
Tuesday 1st June	Aylesbury Vale Transport Meeting - Bus & Train queries to Colin

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9 th	Mr A Ford	30 th	Mr Hartnett
16 th	Mr G Kemp		

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As usual, a small monetary donation at your first 'garden gate' gains you entry to all of the sites, and tea and cakes (and perhaps some plants??) will be available at The Church Room. The Church is open throughout the afternoon.

- Caroline Murray The Vicarage
- Peter & Clare Shorrock Oak Farm, Wingrave Road
- Jane & Richard Plested 10, Wingrave Cottages
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MILLENNIUM MATTERS

Notes from the meeting at the Bull and Butcher on 20/4/99

• Finances

The final budget would include a 5% contingency. Although the price of tickets for teenagers and children would not change the adult ticket price would be increased by £10 to absorb the expenditure above the original estimate.

The final ticket prices are therefore :

- ◆ £65.00 for adults
- ◆ £40.00 for teenagers aged 18 - 13
- ◆ £15.00 for children aged 3 - 12

Andy Bystra will write to all attending to let everybody know how to make part payments in June and September.

• Live Band

The deposit for the band has been paid.

• Drinks

The Champagne has already been purchased (see **CHRONICLE Article. Ed.**) Andy Bystra will now purchase the wine and beer.

• **Food, Cutlery and Crockery, Linen and Decorations**
Arrangements are complete or well under way.

• Free Senior Citizens Party

Despite having been advertised twice in **THE CHRONICLE**, there has been no response from people wishing to attend. Margaret Kent has also spoken to a number of people without success. The meeting therefore regrettably agreed to cancel the event owing to the lack of support.

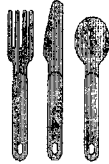
• Race Night

The meeting agreed that the race night was still likely to go ahead. It is proposed that we hold the race night in the Church Room during October or November. A final decision will be made at the next meeting and reported in **THE CHRONICLE**.

Date of Next Meeting

Monday June 14th 1999, 8:00 PM in the Bull and Butcher.

THE CHRONICLE ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE



Food

179.1 Galloway's Restaurant 22/23 Market Place, Woburn by Liz & Ivan

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Atmosphere: On entering the premises, you set foot into a small bar which serves bottled and canned beers. There is a good wine list and champagne by the glass, although it is quite expensive. There are several small dining rooms all decorated along sporting themes with signed photos of well known sports men and women, giving an intimate personal feel.

Food: The three course Sunday lunch menu is written on a blackboard in the bar. There are several choices for each course. Main courses included pasta, salmon, a savoury bread and butter dish (yes, bread & butter), roast beef and lamb. The smoked salmon and cream cheese starter with the house vinaigrette dressing was delicious. One night during the week there is a special pasta and steak evening.

Price: Sunday lunch - very good quality especially for £10.95 per person for two courses. Three courses cost a little more.

Visited: Sunday 28/2/99 - advisable to book on 01525 290496. Car parking on the roadside.



Food

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179.2 Lots of Spice North Street, Leighton Buzzard by John Whyte

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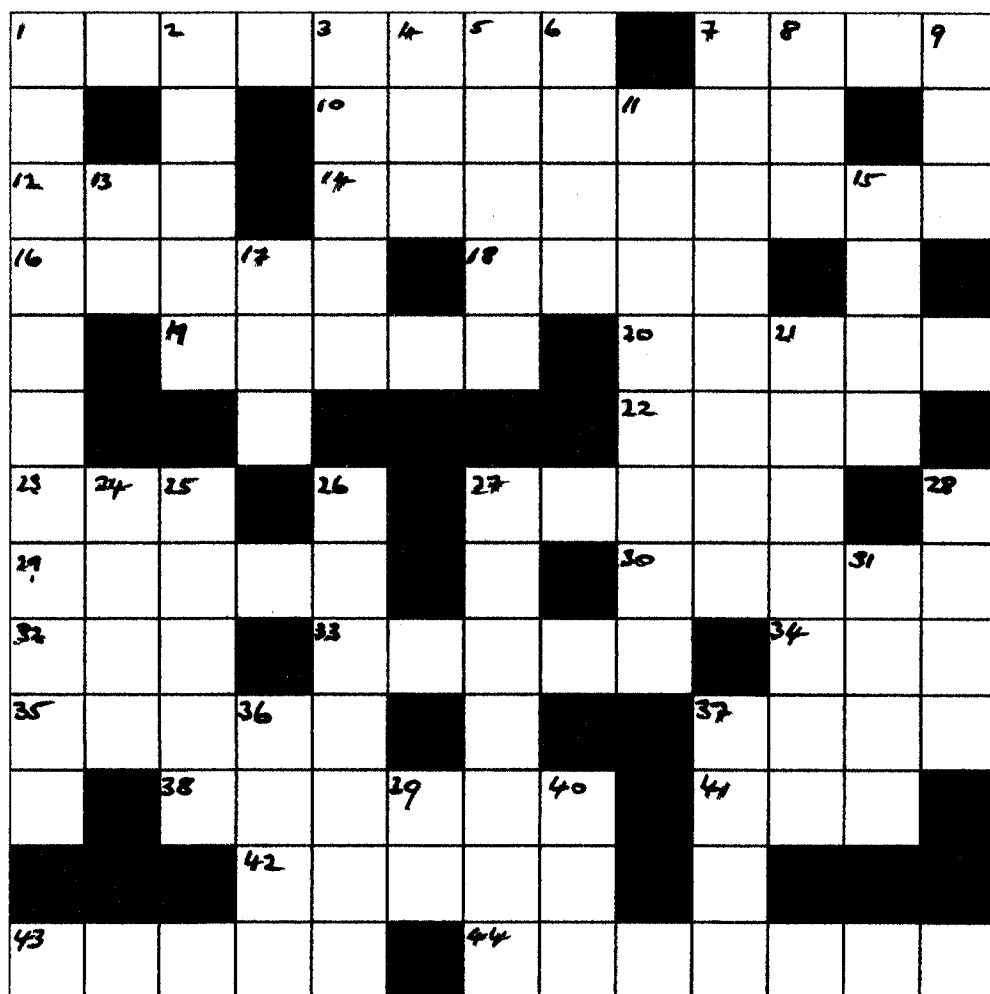
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- 18. A herb (4)
- 19. Girl's name (5)
- 20. Way in (5)
- 22. Female horse (4)
- 23. Recent (3)

- 27. A dwelling (5)
- 29. A month (5)
- 30. Approaches (5)
- 32. Mineral (3)
- 33. Party political member
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- 34. A sign; rod with tip (3)
- 35. Award for acting (5)
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- 38. Chess piece (6)
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- 43. Boy's name (5)

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DOWN

- 1. Battle of -- (7&4) 1644
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- 6. Volcano (4)
- 7. Entertain with music (8)
- 8. Organisation in Ireland (3)
- 9. --- of the door (3)
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- 15. Unusual (4)
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- 24. On the head (4)
- 25. To destroy (5)
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- 27. THE ROAN (anag 7)
- 28. Employs (4)
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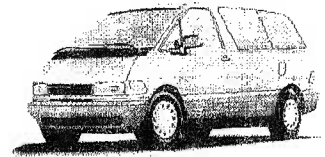
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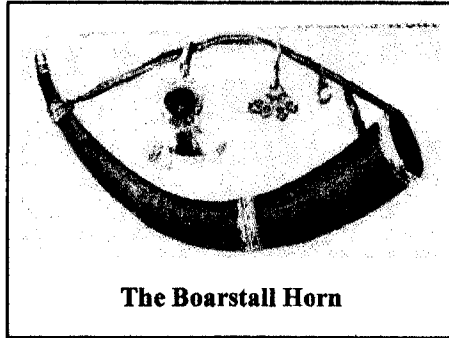
An historical article by Colin Higgs.

Wild Boars roamed the forests of Britain in the middle Ages. Strong, muscular animals, fast and savage when cornered, and obvious prey for hunters. In Britain they died out in the 16th Century but are still found in marshy wooded areas in Central Europe.

Centuries ago large parts of Buckinghamshire (which are now cultivated) were forest tracts made up of woodland, thicket and wasteland and a natural home for wild beasts. But gradual reclamation of these lands for agriculture deprived the wild pigs of shelter and food sources such as acorns, crab apple and bracken roots and together with the hunters overwhelmed the wild species in Britain.

In the Middle Ages the forest of Bernwood (Brill) covered a large area of north west Buckinghamshire and here Nigel (a famous forester) is said to have slain a huge wild boar, the terror

of the surrounding countryside, which had disrupted hunting parties arranged by King Edward the Confessor while at the Royal Palace at nearby Brill. In recognition of deliverance from the fearsome beast, the King granted Nigel a part of the forest woodland at Boarstall and appointed him custodian of the forest of Bernwood.



The Boarstall Horn

The monarch also presented Nigel with a great horn having a leather thong to hang around the neck. What is thought to be the original horn still exists, highly polished and dark brown in

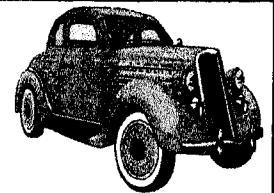
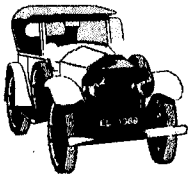
colour. It is 2ft 4inches long, the larger end is 3 ¼ inches across and is embellished at the ends and round the centre with bands of silver gilt, an old brass ring bearing a crude imprint of the horn, four small medallions and a brass plaque accompanying the horn.

Nothing remains of the 14th century mansion at Boarstall except the embattled gate house tower (now National Trust) and approached across an old moat, it is open to view.

Boarstall played a prominent part when Sir Owen Champion the Royalist was besieged there by Sir Thomas Fairfax Commander in Chief of the Parliamentary army during the Civil War.

But today the scattered village is at peace, the wild boar has lost its battle for existence, and the sound of cannon balls is heard no more at Boarstall Towers or in the surrounding woodland at Brill.

COLIN HIGGS



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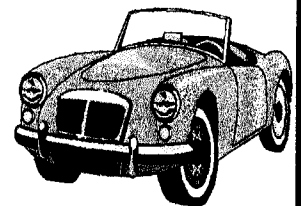
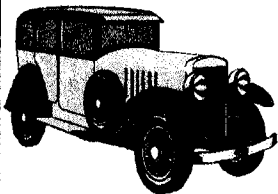
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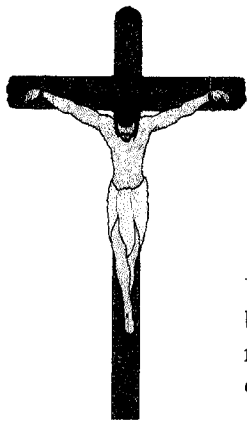
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RECTOR'S REPORT - MAY 1999

Unfortunately, as we go to press Bob has been unable to pass on his article - never mind, I'm sure that we will have a bumper double issue next month!

ST. JAMES CHURCH, ASTON ABBOTTS

Unfortunately as we go press the Church schedule for May is not available.

Please see the Church Notice Board for details.

THE STRANGE CASE OF THE DISAPPEARING ROAD

- an historical mystery by novelist A. Brannagh-Holme.

'I was finally here, then. Old Wilkes, the village sage and chief moaner had directed me through the putrid steam rising from Mad Franks kitchens to the very spot.

They told of strange things happening here - they said that things disappeared! But I had to find out the truth.'

For many years I had marvelled at the story told by my grandfather, of a village where, ancient legend had it, a cursed farmer had been driven out by wizards from afar - the feared Towen Plannus. They had descended on the village and stripped the farmer's property from him - they said to improve the general harmony of the setting with an architectural statement of great beauty.

'No-one knows what happened to the farmer - he disappeared.'

'Farmer Nasher - for it was he who had so earned the wrath of The Towen Plannus - had bequeathed unto the village a symbol of his good; ye barns. Ye barns had stood for centuries as a testament to Farmer Nasher's profession - a breed loathed by The Towen Plannus. Night had fallen dark over the village that day. In a mist. With much howling of dogs and villagers from Mad Franks Kitchens.'

'Next day, the village awoke generally to go about its business, as the crow crowed and the lark larked. As the swirling mists cleared from Nasher's farm, shock. Ye barns - so strong against the westerly winds - were no more. Overnight, the spot on which they had stood was reduced to nought. Zilch. Rien.'

'All that remained in their place was a solitary flag pole carrying the standard of the Carpenter, and around which danced The Towen Plannus. Quietly, the villagers slipped away in shock at what had gone on before their very eyes, never again to cross The Towen Plannus. Even the village youth - the brave swain - was no match for their untamed wit and viciousness, and down-right bad taste.'

And so here I found myself - in 1999 - sitting at dusk by the triangle of land that had once been Nasher's Farm; the very spot from where legend dictated 'Ye barns' had vanished.

Now I am not a cynic, but it can not be possible for two solidly built barns to vanish into thin air over-night. That doesn't even happen to

THE CHRONICLE would like to say a big thank you to Tom Manning and The Parish Council for its very kind donation towards production costs for the current year. I understand that this is in part thanks to the generosity of our local builder, Banner Homes, in recognition of the *second* architectural statement left on the grass verge earlier this year! Ed.

Mulder & Scully. But I had promised my grandfather on his death bed that I would visit the spot, to see for myself the fabled "Towen Plannus' Architectural Statement".

I sat in the drizzle, and mizzle, and quietness and waited, and waited. My eyes took in the outline of the Architectural Statement, strangely incomplete yet new looking, with a wide tract of land leading to the roadside. A pleasant, green tract of land with a familiar grassy look to it; and a wide, smooth road wide enough for three vehicles side-by-side. And beyond it stretched its three sisters - resting in place of 'ye barns' - silent, still. All was quiet, safe for the howling coming from a dog at Frank's Pub; the kitchen window was open and the cooking steam wafted out into the night.

The scene had an eerily familiar air about it. And through the quiet I dozed, and then I slept.

I awoke to the sound of crows crowing etc etc etc I stared in disbelief. This could not be happening again.

The green, grassy green, tract of land had disappeared over-night. In fact, so had much of the road itself, replaced by a strange grey concrete mound running the entire length of the Architectural Statement and its sisters. Where once three vehicles could stand, now only one could pass through.

The road had disappeared overnight, swallowed up and consumed by the Architectural Statement. Quietly the villagers slipped away in shock. And I swear I saw The Towen Plannus dancing around the flag pole.

Mr Brannagh-Holme will sign copies of his book at The Bull & Butcher at 6.30pm on Saturday. Ed.

1ST WINGRAVE SCOUT GROUP -MAY COMMUNIQUÉ

BEAVERS

The Beavers were busy at the end of last term taking part in several district events. Our team of six boys was selected after we held a quiz in our colony and James Alexander, Jamie Ascott, Thomas Bower, Michael Ellis, Thomas Ellis and Ben Harding did very well to come 3rd in the District Quiz. The boys spent an afternoon going around different bases answering questions on many things such as general knowledge, geography and famous people and they did well to beat some good opposition.

We entered six teams, each of three boys and one parent, in the Jardines' Ten Pin Bowling tournament for Beavers and one of our teams achieved 3rd place. Well done to Sam King, James McManus and David Thomson and also to Diane Grace who achieved the 2nd highest parent's score of the day (beaten only by someone who must be a league player!). After a well earned Easter break, the Beavers will be making the most of what we hope will be good weather and spending the first half of the term learning more about the animal from which we take our name.

Anyone who would like to know more about the Beavers can contact Sue Ascott 681878 or Jan Antsiewicz on 681430.

CUBS

March saw most of our Cubs gain their Scientists badge, for

this they had to carry out a number of experiments over two separate weeks. The joint swimming event at the John Colet was great fun and a number of Cubs were able to gain either their Swimmers 1 or Swimmers 2 badges.

We welcome our Cubs back after the Easter break and start an exciting programme, much of which will be relevant to their camp at Braggers Wood, in Dorset, at the end of May. On the 25th April all sections attended the St George's Day service and parade at RAF Halton, where we renewed the promises we made when we joined the Scouting movement. We paraded to the church carrying our section flags. An important day for all 1st Wingrave Scouts and one they are all asked to attend.

SCOUTS

March has been a particularly busy month for the Scouts! Not only did we have the Bowling Tournament and swimming evening as mentioned last month, we were also able to enter a number of Scouts in the 25K Challenge Hike at Wendover. All the boys did very well and gained plenty of experience during the day and had a good time too. The County Orienteering Competition in Wendover Woods was also a good day, all the boys were able to complete the course and did so with some very high placings.

All this has resulted in many of the Scouts obtaining their Orienteering badges, a number also gained swimmers badges following the swimming evening. Three boys have also gained their Scout Awards.

JULIA ELLIS

THE CHRONICLE BALL SPORTS 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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- Cricket
- Golf
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- Rugby
- Marbles
- Boules
- Snooker
- Pool
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- Hockey
- Water Polo
- Aussie Football
- Gaelic Football
- Table Tennis
- Handball
- Netball

THE LISTED WORD NOT IN THE GRID IS _____

THE SPORT FOUND IN THE GRID BUT NOT LISTED IS _____

IN THE VILLAGE 9.

JOTTINGS FROM THE CHALK FACE

On Tuesday 23rd March I was fortunate enough to attend the Bucks Primary Headteacher Conference. Over half of the entire primary Headteachers in Bucks were there. The Conference organisers had achieved quite a coup by managing to get Chris Woodhead, Her Majesty's Chief Inspector, to speak to delegates in the morning. Headteachers had the opportunity to ask him questions after coffee. This proved to be a very interesting and informative morning, as Chris Woodhead is not regarded by most Headteachers as being their favourite person. Many of them see a trail of broken colleagues who have quit the profession following the judgements made by one of his OFSTED inspection teams.

However, I have to say, that Chris Woodhead seemed to be charm itself and did appear to listen to comments made by the assembled heads; I asked one specific question. Why is there a section on the OFSTED summary sheet which a school and parents are given after an inspection, headed AREAS OF WEAKNESS? To me this is a very emotive term. I would not use such a category on a child's report as it sounds too negative and damning. I suggested that AREAS IN NEED OF DEVELOPMENT would be better unless there was an area of real weakness. Mr Woodhead took note but will anything change? I wonder?

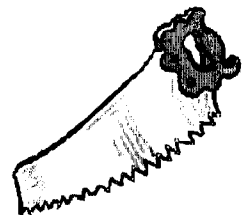
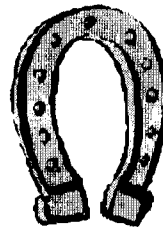
For many years it has been a tradition at Wingrave School to provide a week's residential educational visit for the top class. All the children are provided with the opportunity to go and help can be found for parents who might find it hard to meet the costs. Sadly some children don't go, often those who would have been most likely to benefit. So much can be gained from the opportunity of a week away from Mum, Dad and the family. Apart from the activities that have been planned for the children who take part there are those that just happen and are most likely to be remembered.

I recall, some years ago, taking a group of Lincolnshire school children to the cinema after a day's work involving a Farm Study. One boy couldn't understand why it was so dark inside which surprised me until his friends explained that he had never been to the cinema before! If he remembers nothing else about that week he will remember his visit to the cinema!

It is a combination of these unplanned events that are described as the 'hidden curriculum' of a school, the bits that are there but which you can't see. They certainly don't figure in the league tables!

Baird McClellan

CAN YOU HELP OUR MILLENNIUM EXHIBITION?



As you may know a group of villagers are working on a history of Aston Abbots and intend to mount an exhibition at the end of the year.

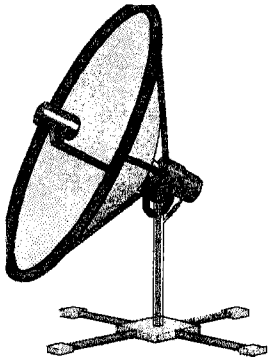
I will be collecting old photos and artifacts to display. These can be anything that tells us about life in the village in the past and might include farm implements, craft tools, war time memorabilia, things used in the school or old trophies but could be anything at all so long as it relates to the village.

I do not necessarily want things yet but it would be helpful if you could let me know what you might be prepared to lend. Everything will, of course, be returned afterwards.

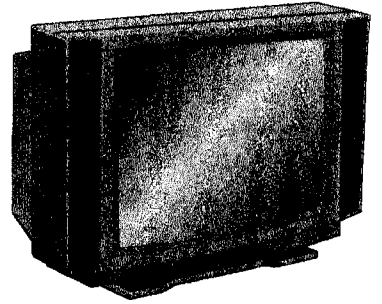
Please contact me on 681152 if you will be able to help.
Thank you - Sally Palmer

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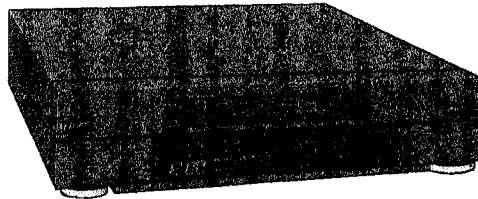


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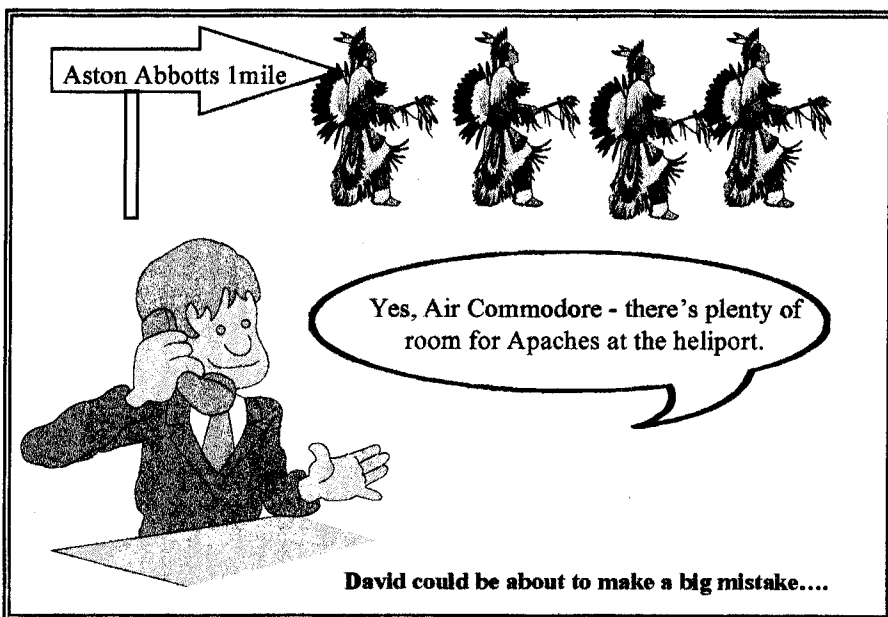
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