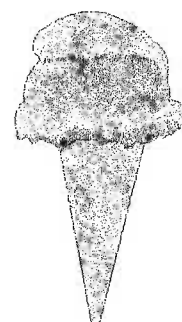
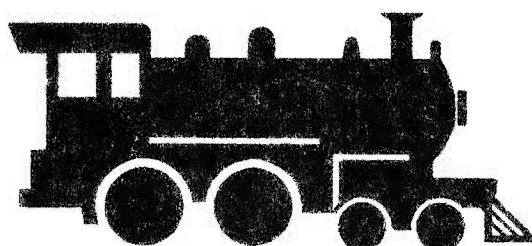
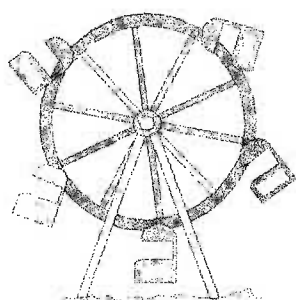


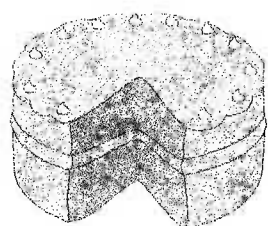
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THE MILLENNIUM - CAN
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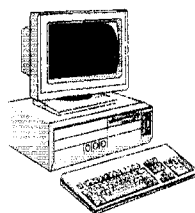
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**PLANNING TO DONATE
ITEMS TO THE FETE?
VOLUNTEERS WILL
COLLECT THESE FROM
YOUR DOOR ON THE
EVENINGS OF 19TH & 20TH
JULY -- PLEASE BE READY!**



Editorial -

Sunday 27th June 1999



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Our Web site will be ready after the Summer

Well, here we are - summer already. It's also the combined July and August issue which means I get a month off!

Personally, this is something of a milestone for me as it's now a year since I took over as Editor. Hopefully I've managed to maintain the high standards set by Messrs. Bystra and his predecessors.

Pretty much everything over the coming few weeks revolves around our annual fund raising event for village causes - the St. James' festival and Aston Abbots fete. It really is an opportunity for all of us to contribute - whether by donating gifts and prizes, running a stall, helping to set up on the day, or by selling even more raffle tickets than last year.

The best way to show your support is to turn up on Saturday 24th July from 2.00pm and to spend lots of money on the attractions - and bring lots of friends and family along as well. And remember, all profits go to village causes including the Church Room, Recreation Ground, Toddlers' club, and of course, **THE CHRONICLE!**

We can also confirm that there will be a celebrity appearance on the catering stand (burgers, hot dogs, etc.) by the latest TV cooking sensations and successors to the two fat ladies - **4 Fat Blokes** (as seen on *Lewis TV*, the new cable channel). Joking aside, your support on the day will be hugely appreciated.

If you are making a donation to the bric-a-brac, groceries, gifts, tombola, children's tombola stalls or to the raffle there will be a free collection of items on the evenings of Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th July. Please, please make sure that your goodies are ready by the Sunday evening so that our volunteers can collect everything as efficiently as possible.

Continuing the summertime theme, Aylesbury Vale Leisure has chosen our village for the Perfect Village Sunday event on Sunday

11th July - another chance to enjoy the surrounds of The Green and some free entertainment from 2.00pm onwards including Punch & Judy. All in all, we are doing rather well this year for village events!

Anyway, enough of my ranting - enjoy **THE CHRONICLE!**

Andi Swain

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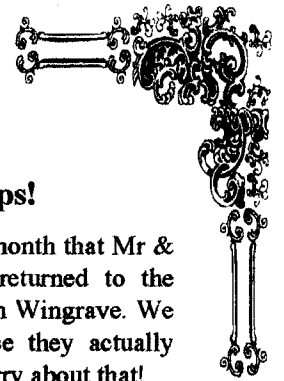
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RITA'S PEOPLE PAGE



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

George Fox	2nd	Andrew Plested	19th
Donna Wiggett	2nd	James Hartnett	21st
Margaret Kent	6th	Anne Brancker	24th
Nigel Palmer	6th	Daniel Smith	24th
Len Scutchings	7th	Deidre Whyte	27th
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Vic Scott	13th	Lawrence Hinds	29th
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Diane Lovell	17th	Julia King	31st
Ellie Williams	19th		

And also to those celebrating in **August**, including

Paul Fletcher	4th	Dorothy Hinds	14th
Ivor Belgrove	7th	Louise McManus	17th
Doris Turner	10th	Andrew Parker	21st
Christine Fox	10th	Jenny Howell	27th
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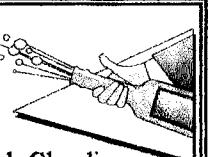
Whoops!

We mentioned last month that Mr & Mrs Holmes have returned to the area and are living in Wingrave. We stand corrected since they actually live in Winslow - sorry about that!

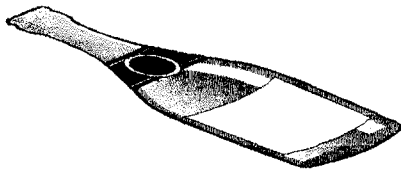
WELCOME!

Trevor, Liz, Isobel and Caroline Hall have recently moved into No.20 The Green. We would like to welcome them and hope that they will be very happy in Aston Abbotts.

Congratulations



to James Clarke and Claudine Smith who are getting married on July 3rd at Puttenham Church. I am sure that everyone who knows them will be wishing them every happiness for their wedding day and their future life together.



Best wishes - we would like to send our good wishes to Jack Turner who has recently been in hospital and is now back home and making a good recovery.

A PERFECT VILLAGE SUNDAY...

Aston Abbotts will be joining in with the Vale's Perfect Village Sunday on the afternoon of Sunday 11th July. There will be a band playing on The Green from 2.00pm, teas will be served in The Church Room and the Church will be open. **There will also be a Treasure Hunt** - entry is just £1.00 with forms available from Colin Higgs

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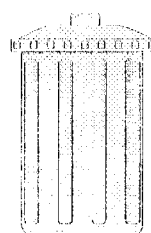
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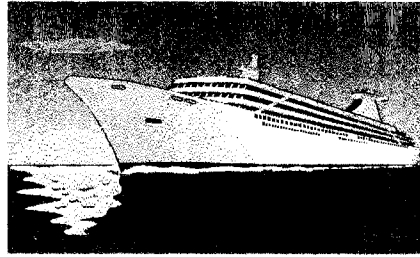
IN THE VILLAGE 1.

CANAL CRUISE

Ray Wilkinson and Captain Bob Bean had made such a success of a similar canal cruise last year that they were "persuaded" to organise another this year.

Accordingly, 35 '630' club members and their guests met at 10.30am at The Bull on Sunday the 20th June for a boat trip and lunch on the canal. Pete Harvey sportingly ordered a Minibus and drove us to Cheddington in two shifts. Since Ray had thoughtfully arranged for the bar on board the boat to be open when we arrived, there wasn't too much argument as to who was going to leave the pub for the first trip.

Once again we were on the very unique boat which is driven entirely by its own internal batteries. This is ideal for trips on the canal as it glides along making almost no sound at all. The same couldn't be said about the passengers who as the



Er... quite similar to our canal boat. Ed.

trip progressed made enough noise for several large diesel engines, no doubt shattering the peace of the normally tranquil canal.

A brief stop was made at the White Lion, Marsworth so that the hot meal (freshly cooked at the pub) could be brought on board, tables laid and the boat maneuvered up through the lock. The opportunity was not wasted by most members who promptly jumped ship and disappeared into The Lion. A few were

only extracted by the threat that the boat would leave without them.

It had rained early on the morning of the 20th. However, by the time we boarded the sun had come out and remained so all day. This minor heat wave may have accounted for the fact that despite the crew laying on additional stocks of beer and wine (based on their experience of our previous trip), there was very little left by the time we returned to Cheddington at 3.45pm. The Duke of Wellington did some good business while the 'second shift' waited for the bus to ferry them back to The Bull.

A big vote of thanks to Ray and Bob for all their hard work in organising this very pleasant and successful trip and many thanks to Pete for driving the bus and staying alcohol free to drive us back.



ONLINE REPORTS - VILLAGE OPEN GARDENS

Liz & Patrick Clarke speak on-line to astonmag@aol.com

My parents and I were some of the bedraggled people wandering the village on Sunday. Despite the rain, we enjoyed viewing the gardens and chatting to the owners.

Our garden seems to be the one known as the "the one with the round thing" since we re-designed the front garden last year. If people would like to view this and the rest of the garden at closer quarters, we would be prepared to join next year's open day and be considered by the village garden committee to see if we make the grade!

GARDENS OPEN DAY A SUCCESS DESPITE WEATHER!

The weather was awful - cold and very, very wet - but the village gardens open day was still a resounding success. After a slow start, hardy souls appeared and queues even formed at some gates!

This year broke with tradition (recent open days have been later in the year) and the display of blooms certainly seemed to support this decision (even if the weather didn't).

Well done to all of the villagers who sat out in their gardens to welcome the visitors - let's hope that next year's weather is better. It seems that we will have some new gardens to view as well! Ed.

IT'S A "MYS-TREE"

Whilst searching for a stop tap amongst the flora at the end of Badgers' Oak Drive a plaque was revealed. Staked beneath a beautiful oak, it reads

**"Planted by Dorothy Harris
in commemoration of the Silver Jubilee
of King George V and Queen Mary
6th May 1935"**

Do you recognise this? Curiosity drives me to find out more! Who is Dorothy Harris? And why was this tree planted at Badgers' Oak? Can you help? Curiosity (nearly) killed the moggy!!

**Haidee Mogford
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Walking wounded this month

Some of you may have noticed that Frank McManus had one arm and hand heavily bandaged. Ask Frank and he will probably spin you any one of a series of fanciful stories about how he sustained dreadful injuries quelling a riot single handed or rescuing a fair maid from a fate worse than death.

The truth is likely to be much nearer to the way Louise tells it. Apparently she sent Frank off to Stoke Mandeville for a rather serious operation entailing the removal of his wallet from his tightly clenched fist so she could get to the housekeeping. Best wishes Frank and we all hope the hand heals soon.

Although keeping a rather low profile, Neil Cheshier was spotted earlier this month nursing a large bump and quite nasty abrasions to the head. Allegedly these were sustained whilst wrestling with a rather large and stubborn pole. One assumes from this that his injuries were sustained during one of his many trips to Europe!!

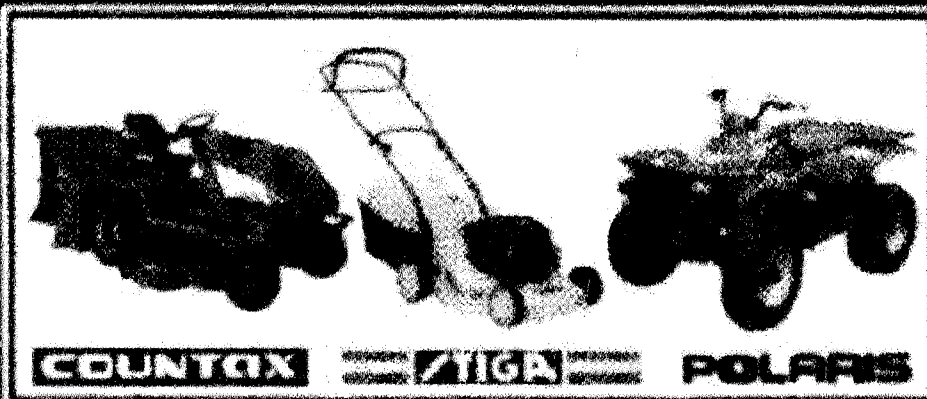
All of us Brooksidiers welcome Chesh to the enclave, especially as it means there will be more cooks at the Brookie bar-B-Q. Ed.



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IN THE VILLAGE 2.

FETE DAY LOOMS

Not long to go now until fete day - July 24th - and most of the plans are well and truly made. The provisional schedule has been drawn up (see next page) and this year's fete looks set to be the best yet.

We've everything from trains, bands, stalls, raffles and goodies for sale - and, as exclusively hinted at last month, Cordon Bleu catering by 4 Fat Blokes (Ray C, Paul, Andy S, and your very own Ed.).

Of course, the fete needs YOUR help to make it a success!

Here's how you can help -

- Donate gifts to any of the stalls - bric-a-brac, books, tombola, raffle
- Make a cake or contribute to the plant stall
- Sell loads of raffle tickets
- Help set up from 10.00am on the day
- **TURN UP AT THE FETE WITH LOTS OF FRIENDS**

IMPORTANT FETE NEWS - there will be a free collection of items donated for the fete during the evenings of Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th July - please make sure that all of your items are ready for picking up by then!

MARATHON MAN - Congratulations to Andy Ford for not only completing the London Marathon but in so doing, raising £500.00 for The British Heart Foundation. Most of you will have seen him around the village on one of his almost daily training sessions. Clearly all this hard work and preparation has paid off because he completed the course with a very creditable time of 3 hours 42 minutes, giving him an overall position of 9,028 out of the massive field of some 30,000 runners.

Well done Andy, and many thanks to those of you who contributed to his sponsorship.



VOTES OF THANKS.....

It's good to see that, as usual, the folks of Aston Abbotts have been helping out local good causes.

Anita Parker would like to say thank you to everyone who contributed to the Christian Aid house-to-house collection. A total of £44.87 was raised in Aston Abbotts.

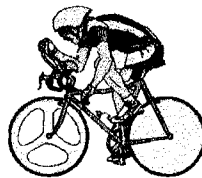
And **Jean Barnett** would like to thank Aston Abbotts' Tesco shoppers for passing their "computers for schools" tokens to her. In total, over 14,000 tokens were collected by Wingrave School, allowing them to buy a new digital camera and some software for classroom use.

Look out for another tokens appeal later in this **CHRONICLE**. And to really help local causes in a big way, make sure you come along to the fete on July 24th - all proceeds go to village concerns. Ed.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

On Monday 7th June, I spotted several people wandering around the village peering into gardens. On being challenged, it turned out they were the judges for the best kept village competition.

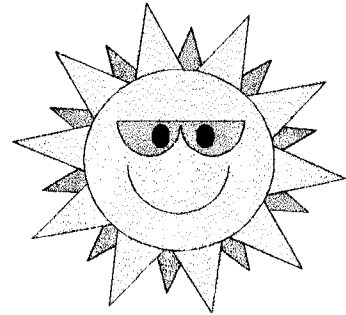
Of course, they wouldn't give me much of an indication as to how Aston Abbotts rated against the



competing villages, but as it was a nice day I dusted off the old push bike and had a look around for myself.

Overall, the village looked quite tidy with public places such as the

ASTON ABBOTTS FETE



Make sure the date for the Fete
SATURDAY 24th JULY

is in your diary and that of all your friends!



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church, playing field and verges well kept.

The fact that the building development at Nash's Farm was finished and very nicely planted with trees and shrubs etc., had at least got rid of that eyesore.

I judged that we should have a fairish chance of doing well although there is still litter about and one or two gardens which could be tidier.





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ASTON ABBOTTS FETE!

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We will have a great day this year, with even more stalls and entertainments than usual. For those who have not been before, we have a traditional village fete, centred on The Green with lots also going on in The Grove (behind The Abbey). There will be

- Morris Men
- The Great Horwood Silver Band
- Many children's activities including train rides around The Grove in the Lions Train, swingboats, and a roundabout
- Rare breeds of animals

Barrel organ!

Ice creams!

Burgers and Hot Dogs!

Pony rides Stalls and games Fire engine

The provisional timetable is

- 2.00pm Opening and Silver Band
- 2.45pm Morris Men
- 3.15pm Silver Band
- 4.00pm Raffle Draw
- 4.30pm Tug of War
- 5.00pm Tractor pull
- 7.30pm on Barbecue and Live Band (Tom Manning's 'One Way Out')
at The Bull & Butcher (band from 9.00pm)

There will be a collection around the village on the evenings of **Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th July**. Please have ready your donations for the following stalls: bric-a-brac, books, gifts, tombola (particularly bottles), children's tombola, toys, groceries; also, prizes for the raffle and games.

Plants, home-grown fruit and vegetables will be needed for the garden stall. Please bring these to the garden stall on The Green from 1.00p.m. on the 24th or contact Janet Biddle on 681102 if you want to hand them over earlier.

The home-made produce stall can never have too much stock!

Please take your cakes, jams, marmalades and pickles to the stall on The Green from 1.00p.m. on the 24th or contact Shirley Ford on 681865 if you want to hand them over earlier.

Volunteers are needed on the morning of the Fete to help set up from 10.00 a.m. onwards please

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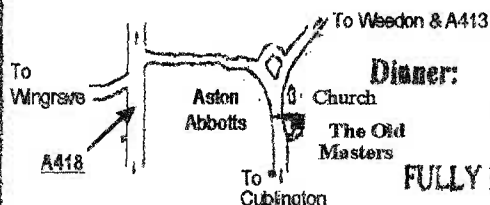
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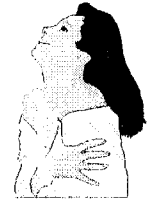
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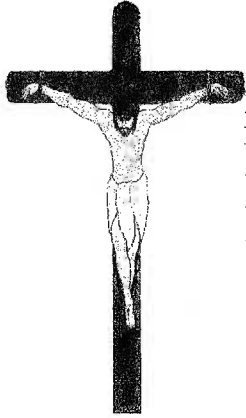
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RECTOR'S REPORT - JULY 1999

I had thought of writing a piece about the European Elections. But they have now passed and whilst I still think the system of voting for a political party rather than for people by name is very unjust, it is no use wasting more time and effort on that subject.

Some people have more of a problem that others with Europe. There is no doubt that some of the directives from Brussels have little to commend them. For example, the fire extinguishers in Wingrave Church have just

been serviced. The ordinary water extinguisher had to be fitted with a new hose that was about two inches longer than the one it had - because Brussels said so!

What difference it will make if we ever need to use it to fight a fire is unclear - but rules are rules!

It is tempting to argue that the simple way out is to stop having the fire extinguishers serviced and to leave them as they are. But that automatically cancels our Fire Insurance. It is one of those things where you just cannot win.

I do not know all the ins and outs of 'Duty Free' but I know that on future trips across the Channel, I shall not be able to replenish my stocks of whisky and tobacco. I expect that I can live with that. By the time this appears in print I shall have managed two foreign trips this year - both within the European Union. So my stocks will be

fairly high - even though I am suffering from 'Euro-stress' and attacking them more often than normal!

The first trip was a short break to Belgium to ride on steam trains. It was interesting to note that some of the Belgian engines had been converted from coal to oil. The purists were not too happy about this - declaring that it was no longer a 'proper' steam engine. But for most of the people who were enjoying the trip this seemed a sensible development. It took much less time to get steam up, it didn't need stoking, and whilst it was still not as efficient as a directly driven diesel engine, it was cheaper to run than when it was coal-fired.

We cannot just bury our heads in the sand, because the end of this Millennium is a time of rapid change. And even the Church is caught up in the changes. I have a feeling that in four years time, all church buildings should have been altered so that they are accessible by disabled people. There is a new set of Services in preparation - called Common Worship - and those I have seen so far seem to be very complicated. It is probably a good thing that they are coming out on computer disc - because that allows their many alternatives to be 'shuffled' on screen before deciding how they will appear in print.

We have to learn how to live with all these changes - and try to make them work for our advantage. I expect that we shall manage!

Bob Willmott

ASTON RECRUITMENT DRIVE RESULTS

Congratulations to all those listed below who successfully passed a gruelling series of interviews, initiative and aptitude exercises, psychometric tests, and a stringent technical competency exam prior to being selected for the very challenging and prestigious job of mowing the church grass. Following various 'negotiations', the rota for the remainder of this year is now as follows -

Saturday 3 July	Nigel Palmer
Saturday 10 July	Ray Wilkinson
Saturday 17 July	Gordon Kemp
Saturday 24 July	Andy Stefanczyk
Saturday 7 August	Andrew Ford
Saturday 21 August	Gordon Kemp
Saturday 4 September	Adam Shorrocks
Saturday 18 September	Ray Wilkinson
Saturday 2 October	Andy Bystra



If you are unable to mow the churchyard on your allotted date, please change with another person on the rota.

On behalf of the village, many thanks to all of you and to those who have already done their "stint" this year!

COME AND GET IT - LOCAL PRODUCE ON OFFER

Cast your mind back a couple of months and you may recall Paul Ridgley suggesting to **THE CHRONICLE** that we carry details of local produce suppliers. Well, I am pleased to report that Liz and Patrick Clarke from 2 The Acorns have taking up the challenge and can recommend the following :

- Peterley Farm Shop near Great Missenden for lovely fresh fruit and vegetables, and plants.
- Lower Icknield Nurseries at Meadle near Princes Risborough for plants - you can also take a walk around the owner's garden for inspiration
- Potash Nurseries at Drayton Parslow for unusual perennials & herbaceous plants. If you don't know much about plants, take a manual or a friend who does, or ask lots of questions as there are all sorts of things here that you don't see at everyday garden centres.

Let **THE CHRONICLE** know of your recommendations. Ed.

STOP PRESS .. MILLENNIUM PARTY - TICKETS UPDATE

Many thanks to those of you who responded promptly to my note and sent your cheques for full or part payment for your tickets. There are however still some of you who have not yet sent your remittance - I'm sure you know who you are, so could you please send me your cheque or cash soonest. We need to keep the accounts up to date to meet bills for the party.

It is likely that four tickets will become available in the near future. If you are interested, please let me know and I will give you details. They will be sold strictly on a 'first come, first served' basis. Contact Andy Bystra on 681690.

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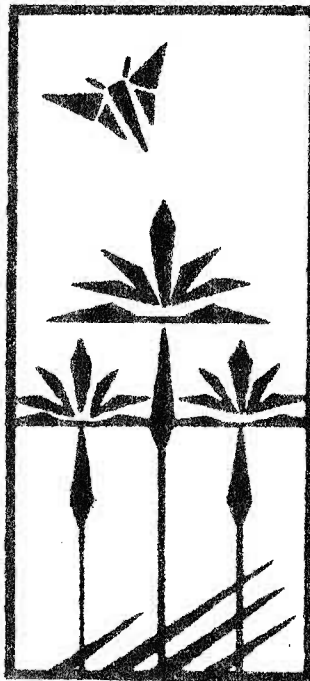
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During July and August Aylesbury Market Square will be closed to traffic due to roadworks. Buses serving the village (52 / 65 / X15) will not call at Kingsbury. See the local press for details.

GOOD NEWS ON THE BUSES FOR THE SUMMER!

Senior Citizens can now travel on an Explorer ticket for £2.50 if in possession of a bus pass - after 9am Monday to Friday and all day Saturday. If accompanied by a second passholder, two go for the price of one!

A £5 Family Explorer allows 2 adults and up to 2 children to travel cheaply!

These Explorer tickets can be used to travel from Aston Abbots via Aylesbury to Watford, Wycombe, Oxford, Thame (for the market), Buckingham and lots of other places.

KIDS BORED THIS SUMMER?

HERE A FEW LOCAL PLACES TO VISIT THIS SUMMER



- Wycome Caves and Chair Museum
- Aylesbury Museum
- Canal trips from Pitstone / Linslade
- Waddesdon Manor
- Quainton Rail Centre
- Rare Breeds Farm
- Woburn Abbey & Safari Park
- London sightseeing

HAVING BOTHER WITH YOUR BIN BAGS?

Parish Councillor Gwen Kempster would like to hear from anybody in the village who HAS received a supply of black bin bags from the Council since the "Wheelie bins" arrived.

Gwen points out that many of us still need these in addition to the bins and is concerned that the Council is no longer providing them free of charge.

If you share Gwen's concerns, call her on 681310 - she will be raising the issue at the next Parish Council meeting and would like to know villagers' feelings.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH - WARNING

DISTRACTION BURGLARIES

This week there have been distraction burglaries in several local villages. One or two men have gained entry by saying that they need to check the gas meter or water pressure.

Please be vigilant - do not allow unexpected callers into your home.

If you have any information or see anything suspicious call
AYLESBURY POLICE STATION ON 01296 396000

Jean Barnett NW Co-ordinator Telephone 688285



ASTON ABBOTTS & CUBLINGTON LADIES CLUB

On June 3rd we met in the Church Room where Avril had prepared a super game for us which tested our memories and knowledge to the full; and gave us a lot of fun and enjoyment.

On June 17th Mrs. Biddy Lagus invited the Club to tea in her garden at Cublington. The garden was full of interesting plants and blooms, and everyone enjoyed a delicious tea in pleasant surroundings.

On July 1st, the Club is going to Hatfield House by coach. It is picking up passengers at 10.45 a.m. from Cublington, and 10.50 a.m. from Aston Abbots. There are only a few seats left - if you are interested please ring 681200 as soon as possible.

HELP WINGRAVE SCHOOL TO RAISE MONEY

Nestle breakfast cereals are currently running a collect a token campaign in support of schools.

Specially printed tokens worth 10p each to the school can be found on the top of the packets - cut them out and pass them to Jean Barnett at 67 The Green.

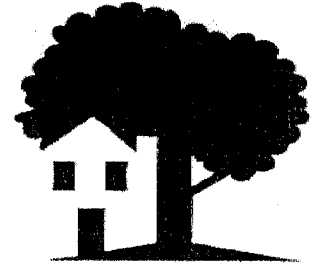
THANKS

RENA COLEMAN wishes to thank all who sent cards, flowers and get well messages following my hip operation. I am pleased to say that I am recovering very well.

Question - What's so important about the evenings of Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th July?

Answer - fete volunteers will be calling at YOUR house to collect your donations of goodies for the fete - bric-a-brac, tombola prizes, raffle prizes, books, and groceries.

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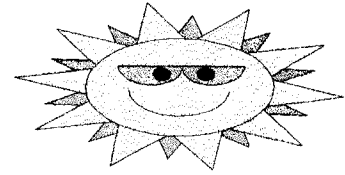
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BUMPER WHAT'S ON IN JULY & AUGUST

JULY

- Thursday 1st** 7.30pm Whist Drive in The Church Room
- Tuesday 8th** Mobile Library The Green / Wingrave Rd / Oxley Farm
- Sunday 11th** 2.00pm Aylesbury Vale Village Perfect Sunday - Gt.Horwod Band on The Green, Teas in The Church Room, and a Treasure Hunt - **ALL from 2.00pm on The Green**
- Thursday 15th** 7.30pm Whist Drive in The Church Room
- Saturday 17th** Coach Outing to Portsmouth - see opposite for details
- Sunday 18th** 2.00pm Rambling Club meets at The Civic Centre for a tour of Old Aylesbury - everybody welcome
- Monday 19th & Tuesday 20th** Items for the fete will be collected from your door during the evening - please have your items ready!
- Tuesday 20th** Mobile Library The Green / Wingrave Rd / Oxley Farm
- Thursday 22nd** 7.30pm Whist Drive in The Church Room
- Saturday 24th** 2.00pm **Aston Abbots St.James Festival & Fete on The Green- See page 8 of THE CHRONICLE for full details**
- Sunday 25th** Church Open - Teas - Songs of Praise (6.00pm)
- Weds 28th** 8.00pm Parish Council Meeting in The Church Room - Villagers are welcome to attend
- Thursday 29th** 7.30pm Whist Drive in The Church Room
- Saturday 31st** 5.00pm Rambling Club members celebrate 25 years - meet at The Green for a walk then meal at The Royal Oak from 7.30pm
- ## AUGUST
- Tuesday 3rd** Mobile Library The Green / Wingrave Rd / Oxley Farm
- Sunday 8th** 2.00pm Rambling Club members meet Lomond Drive, Linslade
- Thursday 12th** 11.15am Aylesbury Vale Holiday Walk - meet Cublington X-Roads
- Monday 16th/ Friday 20th** Church Room cleaning
- Tuesday 17th** Mobile Library The Green / Wingrave Rd / Oxley Farm
- Tuesday 24th** 7.00pm Aylesbury Vale Holiday Walk - meet The Green
- Thursday 26th** 7.30pm Whist Drive in The Church Room
- Sunday 29th** 2.00pm Rambling Club members meet 13 Moorland Road, Wing
- Monday 30th** Bank Holiday
- Tuesday 31st** Mobile Library The Green / Wingrave Rd / Oxley Farm
- Thursday 2nd September** is The Bucks County Show



ITEMS FOR THE FETE - FREE COLLECTION

Please have any of the following items for the fete ready for collection on the evenings of July 19th and 20th - bric-a-brac, books, gifts, tombola, children's tombola, toys, groceries, and prizes for the raffle and games

BE PREPARED!!



BOOK THESE DATES

Saturday 17th July

A Coach Outing to Portsmouth
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Weston-Super-Mare on Saturday August 7th.
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CHURCH SCHEDULES

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July	SIDESMAN	FLOWERS
4 th	Mr Hartnett	Mr C Higgs
11 th	Mr G Kemp	Mrs Ford
18 th	Mr C Higgs	Donated
25 th	Mr Hartnett	Festival
August		
1 st	No Service	No service
8 th	Mr G Kemp	Mrs Wyer
15 th	Mr C Higgs	Miss A Goodman
22 nd	Mr Hartnett	Mrs Parker
29 th	Combined Service Cublington	
September		
5 th	Mr A Ford	Mrs Doggett

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MILLENNIUM MATTERS

Arrangements are now well in hand for all aspects of the Millennium Party in the village.

At the latest AA2000 meeting the team reported that the band is confirmed, drinks are ordered and ready for delivery, food and cutlery issues are resolved, and insurance is in place.

Unfortunately, despite the valiant efforts of the team only a handful of Senior Citizens expressed an interest in their free afternoon party which has therefore finally been cancelled. However, in its place we will now be using the marquee to hold a "Promises" auction in aid of village funds. John has agreed to act as auctioneer - more details will follow in future **CHRONICLES**. The Race Night is also "full steam ahead" and will be held in The Church Room on Saturday 30th October - full details appear on page 10 of this **CHRONICLE**.

Andy Bystra reported that the vast majority of the 140 people attending have paid in full but that there were still some stragglers who need to pay as soon as possible.

1st WINGRAVE SCOUT GROUP

The Cheese and Wine/Open Evening on 25th May was well attended and those who came were able to see a wide variety of displays by each section and meet all the Leaders, our County Leaders and our District Commissioner.

June as a whole has been an active month. The Scouts and Guides had a joint evening of Backwards Cooking (cooking on an open fire). The Cubs joined the Scouts for a rounders evening, on the night before we went to camp - a good way for the Pack and Troop to get to know one another better.

Saturday the 29th, and 16 Cubs and 7 Leaders set off in glorious sunshine - a wonderful start (we thought!) to our Pack holiday. On the way we met a thunderstorm that was as dark as night, luckily it cleared up by the time we arrived at Braggers Wood in Dorset. Sunday was a boat trip to Brownsea Island (the birthplace of Scouting) and a walk around the Smugglers' Trail.

Monday was a day in camp spent making Kebabs to eat and knights' helmets to wear. Then followed a tournament of jousting, apple-bobbing and all sorts of team games, after which our "Queen" knighted each Cub in turn and presented him with a certificate.

Tuesday was very hot - perfect for our beach trip for sun, sea and a sandcastle competition - eventually won by The Yellow Knights. Then we visited the Knights of Christchurch for a Tourney - a tournament where Knights practised and showed off their skills. They had real horses and weapons and it was very exciting (plenty of crowd participation too!).

Back at camp we squeezed in an Archery session that we had thought would have to be cancelled (due to no suitably qualified leader being available until the 11th hour). Then there was just enough time to get into their tents before the rain came. Oh how it rained! With the Lightning and Thunder and more

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR NEW VILLAGERS

A few Millennium Party tickets have become re-available (4 at the latest count). These will be sold on a first come, first served basis. They are priced at just £65 which includes all food, drink, entertainment, and hire of the marquee for the black tie event on New Year's eve, 1999. For further details, please contact Andy Bystra on 681690.

A PERFECT VILLAGE SUNDAY

- Aston Abbots has been chosen ahead of other local villages to take part in Aylesbury Vale's "A perfect Village Sunday" series of events.
- A host of events will take place on The Green on Sunday 11th July with the Great Horwood Silver Band and Pugh's Punch & Judy Show taking centre stage.
- The afternoon's fun begins at 2.00pm (indoors if wet) and will go through until 5.00pm. Colin is also arranging a Treasure Hunt.

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rain lasting until after 2.30am! Our weary Cubs slept like Tops (or Knights) but the Leaders, keen to ensure no Cubs were upset safely by the huge storm, patrolled round the tents until it was all over. Striking camp the next day was long winded because we were hampered by the wet and it kept starting to rain. However we all made it home.

Friday saw the Scouts off to Lees Wood for their weekend camp- they were a very select bunch of just four of the younger Scouts and Rupert. This gave the boys a chance to learn new skills that the older Scouts already have, giving them more confidence for their major camp this summer.

The same weekend, on Saturday, the Beavers had a Fun Day at Braid Wood. They all took a picnic lunch and had a wonderful time taking part in all sorts of activities - a water-slide was one of the most popular activities! Once again a terrific day for all who went.

The Scout AGM on 8th June was well attended and the news was given that we have submitted an application to the Lottery. Our sincere thanks to Sue Ascott who has worked very hard on this. We hope to hear provisionally by the end of September. Those of you with children in the Group know just how desperately we need a habitable home for the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. We are all keeping our fingers crossed!

The Scouts helped once again with the Joint Netball tournament, particularly with the B.B.Q. and the bouncy castle. The Beavers and Cubs had a joint evening on the 22nd June allowing the older Beavers especially, to taste life as a Cub and to introduce them to the section.

As the good weather, for the moment, is here all sections are taking advantage of the opportunity for outside activities.

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JULY/AUGUST

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ACROSS

- 1. SAT ON (anag 5)
- 6. COLT INN (anag 7)
- 12. Glare (5)
- 13. A cover (3)
- 14. To mimic
- 15. A fruit (9)
- 17. A vegetable (3)
- 18. Else (2)
- 19. Fatty (7)
- 21. Famous car (2)
- 22. Short 10 down (2)
- 23. To pierce (4)
- 26. A tax (4)
- 28. PAY IT (anag1&4)

- 29. An insect (5)
- 31. To dwell (5)
- 32. To reproduce (5)
- 34. To take notice (4)
- 35. A confection (3)
- 36. Fitted shoes (4)
- 39. To take place (5)
- 41. RAT (anag 3)
- 42. To operate (2)
- 43. - - - - age (4)
- 44. Weapons (4)
- 45. Insane (3)
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DOWN

- 1&29. Bucks Village (5&7)
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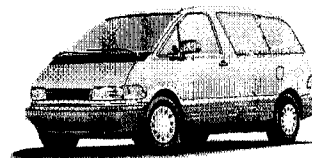
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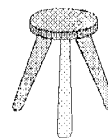
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	11.15	Aston Abbots	Parish Communion
11th July	10.00	Cublington	Family Service
	10.00	Wingrave	Parish Communion
	11.15	Aston Abbots	Parish Communion
18th July	08.45	Cublington	Parish Communion
	10.00	Wingrave	Parish Communion
	11.15	Aston Abbots	Parish Communion
25th July	08.45	Cublington	Parish Communion
	10.00	Wingrave	Parish Communion
	18.00	Aston Abbots	Songs of Praise
1st Aug.	10.00	Wingrave	Three Parish Communion
8th Aug.	08.45	Cublington	Parish Communion
	10.00	Wingrave	Parish Communion
	11.15	Aston Abbots	Parish Communion
15th Aug.	10.00	Aston Abbots	Three Parish Communion
22nd Aug.	08.45	Cublington	Parish Communion
	10.00	Wingrave	Parish Communion
	11.15	Aston Abbots	Parish Communion
29th Aug.	10.00	Cublington	Three Parish Communion
5th Sept.	10.00	Cublington	Family Service
	10.00	Wingrave	Parish Communion
	11.15	Aston Abbots	Morning Service
	18.00	Cublington	Evensong

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Baptisms

30 th May	Roxanne White at Aston Abbots
13 th June	Abigail Bowden at Aston Abbots

Marriage

12 th June	Jeremy Pugh & Julie Perkins at Wingrave
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Funerals

2 nd June	Phyllis Norm at Wingrave & Amersham
4 th June	Michael Wells at Wingrave

SUNDAY READINGS

4 th July	Trinity 5	Romans 7.15-25
	Peter & Paul	Acts 12.1-11 Matthew 16.13-19
11 th July	Trinity 6	Romans 8.1-11 Matthew 13.1 - 9, 18-23
	18 th July	Trinity 7 Romans 8.12-25 Matthew 13.24-30,36-43
25 th July	St. James	Acts 11.27 - 12.2 Matthew 20.20-38
1 st August	Trinity 9	Romans 9.1-5 Matthew 14.13-21
8 th August	Trinity 10	Romans 10.5-15 Matthew 14.22-33
15 th August	Blessed Virgin Mary	Galatians 4.4-7 Luke 1.46-55
22 nd August	Trinity 11	Romans 12.1-8 Matthew 16.13-20
	29 th August	Trinity 12 Romans 12.9-21 Matthew 16.21-28
5 th Sept	Trinity 13	Romans 13.8-14 Matthew 18.15-20

FOR SALE -

Good rotted compost - Collect your own from The Churchyard. A donation to Ann Goodman for Church funds would be appreciated.
Colin.

EXPLORING CHRISTIANITY ... WITH A VIEW?

The Bishop of Buckingham is coming to Wingrave Parish Church on November 7th to take a Confirmation Service. During September / October there will be discussion / learning / finding out evenings for adults who may like to be confirmed or simply to explore the Christian faith.

Interested ? See Siv Tunnicliffe or phone 681374.

“WINGRAVE: A Rothschild Village in the Vale”

We think that Wingrave is a very special village. We know that most villagers feel the same. And with The Great Upheaval selling 600 copies it seems that many of you want to know more about Wingrave's past. So our new book continues the story of Wingrave for another 150 years from the time of the great upheaval in 1798, when the parish was enclosed. It tells the story of the desperate struggle against poverty and disease. It includes an account of how strawplaiting, a cottage industry, helped to supplement family incomes, and describes how others resorted to emigration in the quest for a better life. It relates how the tide began to turn when Hannah de Rothschild came to the rescue in the mid-1870's. Other topics include: church and chapel, schooling, farming, the Rothschilds, amusements and recreational activities, everyday life, and village characters. A chapter is devoted to Rowsham.

Wherever possible we've included the recollections and views of people living as far back as the 1820's in their own words. They include a generous helping of Hilda Roberts' memories rescued from an attic in Worcester! Seventeen of our senior citizens have contributed recollections of Wingrave in their youth, including Moatin' the Ref (Joyce Sinnott), Helping on the Farm (Vic Clay, Frank King and Norman Brackley), Growing up in the Twenties (Ron Bignell), and Discipline at School (Frank and Grace King). Many more have provided photographs, comments and information.

While emphasising what went on in the parish, we have also looked at it in the context of the Vale and Buckinghamshire. And we haven't ignored the trivial! So find out: Why the lads shot the cats that ate the rats; which preacher told his congregation to "Go on" fourteen times; who thought the forward's heads were footballs; which vicar demonstrated ploughing to the allotment holders;

Based on four years of detailed research, this book should provide an enjoyable and intriguing read for villagers and all those who are interested in local history; a cherished memento for those who have moved elsewhere; and an invaluable source book for pupils studying the local history elements of the national curriculum.

The publisher is Paul Bowes, formerly of Wingrave, whose bookshop, The Book Castle at Dunstable, also publishes attractively produced books on the local area. "Wingrave" will be in hardback, and contain at least 288 pages plus 144 photographs (ISBN 1-871199-99-9). The bookshop price will be £25 but the pre-publication price will be £20. It would help the publisher to assess demand (and stay within budget!) if orders could be sent in as soon as possible. However, provided that orders are received not later than 4th September 1999, purchasers' names will be printed in the book as a Subscribers' List, as will the names of family and friends on whose behalf books have been bought** The launch and publication are planned for late November 1999: details later to all subscribers.

Ken and Margaret Morley

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To The Book Castle, 12 Church Street, Dunstable, Bedfordshire. LU5 4RU

I want to order..... copy/copies of "Wingrave" at £20 each (pre-publication price) I enclose cheque/money order # for £ payable to The Book Castle.

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Please delete either 'I hope to collect my volume at the Launch', or 'Please deliver free to my address within the parish'. Otherwise for post/packing in UK add £3.

If you prefer to pay cash, or have any queries, please call at 121 Winslow Road, Wingrave, or phone: 01296/681155

THE CHRONICLE CROSSWORD 2 - WITH A DIFFERENCE!

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The numbers in the grid represent different letters of the alphabet. You are given Q (23), S (6), & X (22). Place the letters in the X word in the corresponding numbers. Then work out which letters go in the empty squares. As you find out the missing letters fill in other squares of the same number (also putting them in the grid, and crossing them off the alphabetical list on the left to help you)

STOP SPEEDING IN OUR LOCAL VILLAGES

Following the recent review of the Buckinghamshire County Council speed limit policy, pilot speed limit schemes have been set up in four communities - Chearsley, Chenies, Fulmer and Northend. In these schemes, the four villages will be permitted to fund their own speed limits involving the promotion of a speed Limit Order and provision of traffic calming measures.

These measures may typically include gateways, coloured surfacing, enhanced signing or central islands. In this way the environment would be altered to such an extent that a lower speed limit, considered appropriate by both Bucks County Council and Thames Valley Police, could proceed.

The pilot schemes will be carefully monitored to assess

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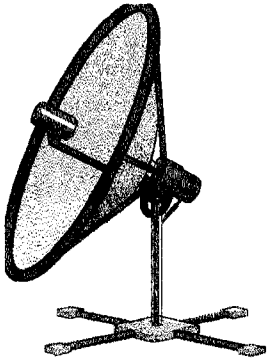
their effectiveness before other community funded schemes are considered. In Buckinghamshire we are working hard to reduce the overall speed of traffic with cameras and traffic calming.

We are asking individuals and communities to help by supporting the "Traffic Calming by Example" campaign. We launched this campaign in 1996 and asked individuals to make a commitment to drive within the speed limit and at speeds appropriate to the road conditions. It has been extremely successful in areas where Parish Councils and local residents have used it as an alternative to traffic calming.

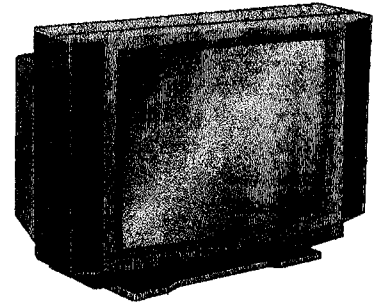
Interested in receiving more details about this campaign?
Call Val Goldie, Area Road Safety Officer on 01296 383431.

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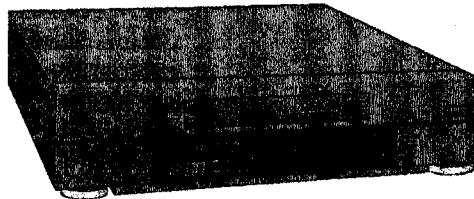


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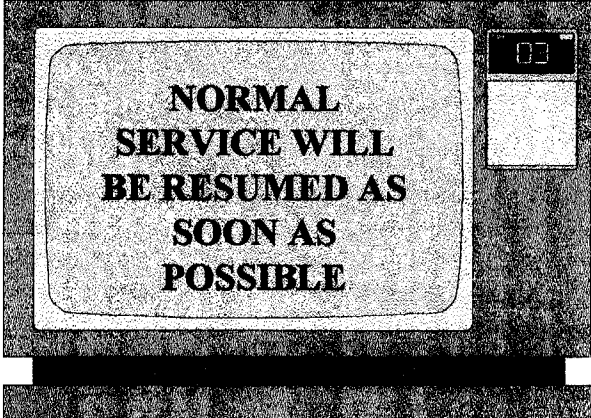
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