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# Editorial

## The Church Room—Have Your Say

The project to redevelop the Church Room has reached a crucial milestone. Now is the time to fully commit and go for it—or abandon the project altogether. This issue of The Chronicle contains details of the public meeting held in February to discuss the project (see page 11) and on pages 13 and 14 there are copies of the plans.

Apparently some people have voiced doubts over the plan. Although they did not attend the public meeting to make their views heard, the Committee are concerned to ensure that they have the support of the village before proceeding further. So it was resolved to have a vote to allow everybody in the village to have say in whether or not the project goes forward. Details of how to vote are on page 15. Please take a moment to vote on this important matter.

## The Fete Is Saved

Last month we faced the awful prospect of the fete withering away through the inability to find a coordinator. Fortunately, a heroine has come forward. Please take a bow—Barbara Bellingham.

Barbara has acted as fete coordinator twice in the past and knows how to do the job, but now that she has committed her time to do this essential task it is up to the rest of us to help her make it a success. Everybody can help. You do not have to give up a lot of time—it could be as simple as donating a few household goods, plants, bottles, or gifts when the collection takes place in July. Simply turning up on the day and spending a few pounds helps a great deal—and it's fun as well! Of course, if you can do a little more then it would be most welcome, so please read the item on page 9 for more information about how you can help.

## What's On?

A lot of people use The Chronicle to find out what's happening in Aston Abbots over the coming month. Our What's On page on the inside back cover is compiled by Colin Higgs and lists all the events in Aston Abbots—or *all the events of which we are aware!* If you are organising an event please tell Colin—or tell The Chronicle—so that we can make sure everybody in the village knows about it. It's a bit of free publicity that might help make your event a success.

## Anniversary

Next month is the 200th issue of The Chronicle and I hope to make it another bumper issue. If you have any articles, stories, funny tales, or anything else you would like to see in print, then please drop them in to me. Contact details are on the right.

Enjoy this month's Chronicle!

*Phil*

*In this month's bumper Chronicle ~*

- ◆ Good Health in Aston Abbots
- ◆ The Church Room Meeting Report
- ◆ New Church Room Plans
- ◆ Vote on the Church Room Improvements
- ◆ Restaurant Review
- ◆ Fete News
- ◆ The Village Interview

*and much, much more.....*

*In This Issue*

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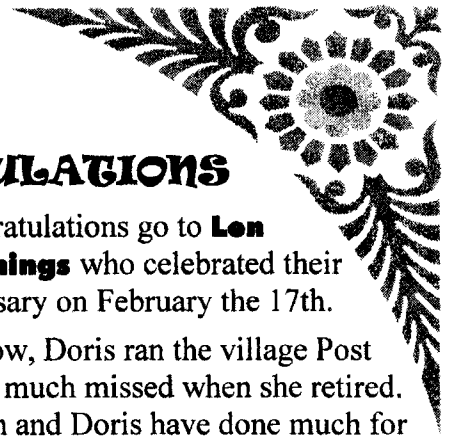
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# The Peoples Page



## Happy Birthday

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Andy & Lyn's Edward	5th
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Andy Bystra	8th
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Andrew Dutton	10th
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Ray Coates	22nd
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George Brandon	31st

### Instant Quiz

Who said ~ "One whiff of alcohol and there will be *no* wedding"?

Answers to the front bar of the Bull and Butcher please. Sorry, no prizes.



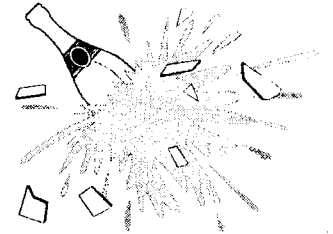
Let *TRACEY HINDS* know about your news, birthdays, or forthcoming events - or contact *The Chronicle*

## CONGRATULATIONS

Very special congratulations go to **Len and Doris Scutchings** who celebrated their Diamond Anniversary on February the 17th.

As many of us know, Doris ran the village Post Office, which was much missed when she retired. Over the years Len and Doris have done much for the village, running Fetes and other activities.

We wish you both many more years together and plenty of your favourite cruise holidays together.



### Sean Michael Arman

We were very sorry to hear of the death of Sean Arman. Aged 40, Sean lost his hard fought battle against cancer and slipped away peacefully on Friday February 16th.

Our Sympathy and thoughts are with his family.

### Mrs Marie Chandler

We were very sorry to hear of the recent death of Mrs Marie Chandler. Our Sympathy is extended to her family and friends on their sad loss.

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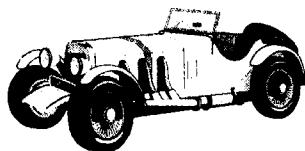
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# In The Village - 1

## Fete Committee Convened

The first meeting of the fete committee took place on Tuesday 20th February at The Old House under the expert guiding hand of fete coordinator Barbara Bellingham. Present at the meeting were Liz Barlow, Shirley Ford, Jill Wenble, Jackie Farrands, Chris Fox and myself.

A number of the attractions have already been confirmed, including the Great Horwood Silver Band and the Lion Train

As a result of the meeting most of the major tasks have been assigned, but the committee would still like to hear from anybody else who can help. Please see the panel on page 9 to see what you could do. It doesn't have to be a lot—any help is very welcome.

Of course, every one of you can help just by coming to the fete and bringing your family and friends. It's a traditional English summer fete and great fun for young and old alike. So make sure you put the date in your diary -

**Saturday the 21st July**

~ Ed

## Perfect Strangers

The fire in the front bar of the 'Bull' was fierce enough to have heated the boiler of Mallard during its record breaking run all those years ago. On such a freezing night however, it was very welcome (providing you stayed at a respectful distance).

To leave such comfort therefore, even if it was only to walk through to the back bar, didn't at first seem a very attractive proposition. However as the group (Perfect Strangers) got into their stride it became increasingly clear from the sounds drifting through from the 'back bar' that the 'trip' would indeed be well worth it.

There were just two in the group; a guitarist and a keyboard player and they entertained with an infectious mixture of 'pop', folk and Irish music. Their music clearly appealed to a wide age range and it was nice to see a good number of people get up to dance; youngsters and 'oldies' alike.



## Travel Notice

Bus passes are due for renewal at the end of March. These will now be FREE and still enable you to travel at half fare so long as you receive the OAP pension. Remember the new office from which you now collect these passes is at the Junction of High Street / Exchange Street.

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Colin Higgs

## Good Health!!!

On Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Feb, an announcement appeared in the national press, that there has been a substantial increase of those who are now considered to be officially obese.

An amazing coincidence therefore to find out that on the very same day, a health and fitness evening was to take place at the 'Bull'. Whether it was that morning's press release or the fact that more and more of us are seeking the 'body beautiful' was not clear, but suffice it to say quite a few turned up for this unique event. Of course, they could have just been there for the beer!

The introductory 'talk' was given by a very 'laid back gent' who set the scene with considerable humour and certainly focused everyone's attention towards some of the more interesting points which were to cause much enthusiastic discussion. later on. His attractive assistants demonstrated a series of exercises. A 'chosen few' were 'persuaded' to attempt (with considerable guidance) exercises on stage. Regrettably, whether it was 'nerves' or the excess quantity ale consumed by these 'volunteer's their coordination appeared somewhat impeded; providing a rather bizarre and humorous spectacle for the audience. They continued with their message by unequivocally laying bare the dangers to one's health associated with a fondness for too many dairy products and it's probably fair to say several of the audience have now been put off for life (or so they said at the time!).

Overall, the presentation tended to be rather 'in your face' but it has to be said the message that a healthy lifestyle has to be worked at, came across very clearly. The entire evening was certainly great fun and by and large most interesting.

Well done to Tony and Martin for organising it; particularly since an impressive £210.00 was raised which has now been handed over to Nigel to help the village hall renovation project.



An email received from one of the senior members of our community suggested that, at future events of this type, accommodation might be found at the front for older residents and OAPs in deference to their failing eyesight and fading memories. ~ Ed

## Aston Abbotts History

After months of Painstaking work on the part of Dickie Dicken, the village archive is now ready.

If you have something you want to research contact Colin Higgs (681343) or Shirley Ford (681865) who will help you find what you need.

## Annual Parish Meeting

This year the Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Wednesday April 25th, at 8pm in the Church Room.

This is your opportunity to have a say about what happens in your village. If you have any matters you would like to raise please contact me on 681137.

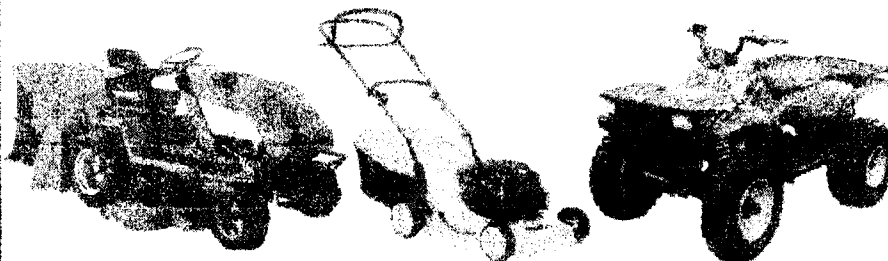
The agenda will be published in next month's Chronicle - meanwhile, please put this date in your diary.

~ Kate Curry

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# In The Village - 2

## The Ladies Club

On February 8th the club met in the Church Room to hear a talk given by one of our Cublington members, Bidy Lagos, about a holiday in Egypt. She went with several friends to look at archaeological sites, pyramids, sphinx and the Valley Of The Kings and the trip included visits to the Cairo shops and bazaars.

She showed us beautiful caftans, perfume, and spices she had bought in Cairo. The talk was made all the more interesting because of the lovely photographs she had brought along of the various sites visited.

Her talk was finished by giving us Egyptian food and drink. We had three different savoury dips with herb bread, Egyptian sweets and a delicious drink made from dried Hibiscus flowers.

This was an extremely enjoyable afternoon.

Our March events are :-

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| March 8th  | Our Annual Spring Lunch   |
| March 22nd | A talk on the 'Flower Islands which will be given by Mr G. Atkins |

*Shirley Ford*

## Cover Story

originally drew the sketch which is on the cover of this month's Chronicle in the spring of 1986 and it first appeared on the cover of the June issue of that year; issue number 34. It seems quite amazing that we will shortly be preparing for publication of the 200th issue.

Since I tend to be fairly slow at drawing, very few of the thirty or so sketches I have done around the village for the Chronicle covers have people in them. However, on this occasion Percy Rickard happened to be walking past and made some quip about me drawing him. I did manage the very quick 'few lines' which just about give an indication of how he looked as he wandered about the village; nearly always with his pipe and often with his little dog.

Percy had lived in the village for many years in the cottage next to the church room with his wife Ruby. She was a lovely lady who looked the picture of a farmers wife and was a very good cook. Her Sunday lunch guaranteed that Percy would leave the 'Bull' exactly at 2 o'clock on a Sunday. Percy had worked on farms in the area doing most jobs. He was a brilliant hedge layer and in latter years seemed to spend most of his time as a shepherd. He often boasted after a few beers that he had only ever left the village to attend horse racing events

He was a regular at The Bull & Butcher always sitting in 'his chair' in the corner by the front bar and the partitioning. If any regulars were sitting in his chair when he came in they always stood up so he could claim his 'rightful place'. Even 'tourists would vacate 'the chair' when asked.

'Percy's chair' is still in the 'Bull' but now resides in the back bar.

*~ Andy Bystra*



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## Flower Festival and Teddy Bear's Picnic

A Flower Festival and a Teddy Bear's Picnic will be held at St James church between 2.00 & 5.00 pm on Sat 5th & Sun 6th May. (The Teas and the Teddy Bears Picnic will be on Sunday only.)

Children, you are invited to bring your teddy along and, weather permitting, he will be able to parachute from the tower!!!

We are planning to have a display of wedding dresses and christening robes in the church at the time of the Teddy Bear's Picnic, with various nuptial flower arrangements.

Do you still have your wedding dress and/or a christening robe? Would you be prepared to lend them to us for the weekend of May the 5th/6th? Or do you have a dress maker's dummy we could use to display the dresses? If so, please ring Clare Shorrock on 681260.

A donation will be made to the Church Room from the proceeds.

*~ Colin Higgs*

## Watch Out

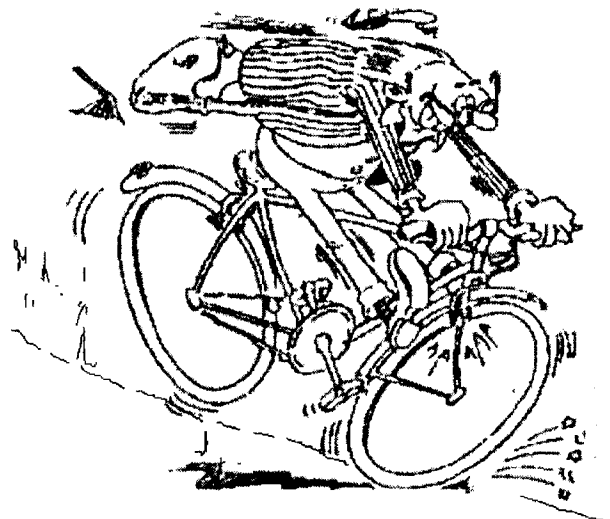
We found damage to a gate at the side of our house during February. The damage was too great to be caused by wind or animals and we can conclude only that someone had tried to force it. So watch out—there may be a thief about! *~ Ed*

## Cycling Awareness Course

Once again, I am planning a cycling awareness course on Sunday mornings in the summer term. The course will be open to all children aged 10 and over, and will be free of charge. Further details will be included in the School Newsletter after the half term break, or from myself on 01296 681513.

I am also looking for people to act as tutors. No experience required as training will be provided by Bucks County Council. Please give me a call if you can help.

*~ Andrew Muir*



*Colin on his way down Lines Hill!!*

# Photographs

by Paul Ridgley

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# In The Village - 3

## Food, Wine and All That Jazz

Culinary class has arrived in Aylesbury (at last) in the shape of new restaurant "MNA'S", located at the top of Kingsbury Square (31/33) opposite Pizza Express. But this is no ordinary restaurant as MNA'S combines excellent food and wine upstairs with live music in it's cellar bar, 'The Base'.

First to the restaurant, and what a pleasant surprise it is! Becky and I, together with Paul and Ellie Williams, finally managed to get a table on Saturday February 17th - I say finally because MNA'S had been fully booked on the two previous occasions that we had tried; reservations are recommended for most nights, and are absolutely essential for Saturdays. Although the restaurant was full, the tables are spaced well apart and you don't feel "hemmed in" or claustrophobic. And despite the large number of diners, the service was excellent, the staff very attentive.

To the food - a manageable choice of 10 or so different starters and mains, with a couple of specials thrown in for good measure. Starters range from pastas (linguine, tortelloni) and cold meats, to warm chicken, fish, mushrooms; all good value at around the £4 mark. Main courses were equally good - various pan-fried chicken dishes, pork or lamb cutlets, salmon, Duck, even Guinea Fowl - and my choice, a very nice chargrilled tuna steak (although just a little overcooked for my liking). And they offer a quite delicious assortment of roasted Mediterranean vegetables....costs varied from £8 for Cumberland sausage up to around £14 for some dishes. Worth every penny, in our opinions. I'm sure that the desserts would have been equally good, but we were all too full to try.

Booze? Well, another nice surprise here, given that this is, after all, an upmarket not-your-run-of-the-mill Aylesbury restaurant. We chose a perfectly acceptable, very drinkable, Chilean Chardonnay at a most commendable £10.50 - good enough for us to go back for seconds. There was also a decent looking

Chablis for £15....the sort of prices you would be hard-pushed to find even in a pub.

All in all, an excellent meal in extremely pleasant and comfortable surroundings and certainly good value. But the evening wasn't finished yet as diners can go downstairs to 'The Base' free of charge (non-diners pay only £3 after 8.00 pm). The Base is rapidly gaining a reputation for top quality live music every Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening and on Sunday lunch times. It's a purpose built, fully air-conditioned bar with a stage and decent sound system (and I should know...) where bands play a wide variety of Jazz, Blues, Funk, Soul and light Rock. *Niiiiiine*. Sets are usually at 10.00 and 11.15 - we listened (though many bopped) to "Out of the Blue" and their mix of jazz, soul and blues - sung by a lady with the most spectacular hairstyle! The bar was very busy but staff wander around the crowds taking orders and bringing drinks, so there's no bar-crash. This really is a great way to end the evening.

Our assessment? You won't find anywhere else like this in Aylesbury or surrounding towns; the food is top, and if you like live music you will have a wonderful time. You really must pay MNA'S a visit! Telephone 01296 710010 for reservations.

~ Andi, Becky, Paul & Ellie.

## Crossroads Crash

Dickie Dicken sends us the story of a crash at Wingrave crossroads that says, "Two gentlemen were thrown out of a trap at the crossroads, one having his arm broken and the other a shaking besides a cut on the head".

As this came from the local newspaper dated 26 October 1898 it appears that not a lot of progress has been made over the last 103 years!

## FETE 2001

### SATURDAY 21ST JULY

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**Raffle Prizes** ~ We need these to be offered to us now please, so they can be printed on the tickets.

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**Craft Displays And Unusual Animals** ~ If you, or someone you know, can demonstrate a craft or show an unusual animal then we would love to hear from you.

**Ideas For Stalls** ~ let us know if you have any ideas for stalls or new attractions.

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**Gifts, Bric-a-Brac, Bottles** ~ Start putting aside items for the gifts, household goods and Tombola stalls. These will be collected closer to the day.

If you can help in any way please contact one of the Fete committee:

**BARBARA BELLINGHAM - 01296 681689**

Anne Dicken	~ 688577	Jackie Farrands	~ 681182
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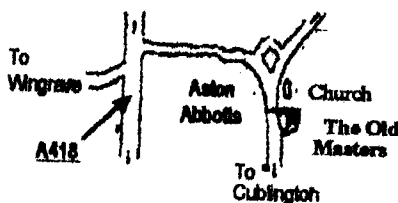
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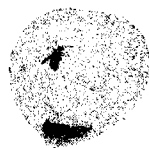
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# Minutes of the Church Room Public Meeting ~ 8th Feb 2001 8pm

Members of the fund-raising committee present were: Tom Manning (Chairman), Nigel Palmer (Treasurer), Liz Hall (Secretary), Liz Barlow, Roger Bellingham, Dickie Dicken, Clare and Peter Shorrock. Apologies were received from Caroline Lane.

There were a further 18 members of the community present. Apologies were received from John Sansome.

Tom Manning welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that the reasons for calling the meeting were firstly to let everyone know the current status of the project to modernise the Church Room and secondly that, as he was aware that there were some dissenting voices regarding the project as a whole, he needed to know whether it had the support of the majority of the villagers.

## Finance

Nigel Palmer, having recently attended a Village Hall Forum run by AVDC which covered access, health and safety, energy efficiency and funding sources, gave an account of the various external sources of funds which could be available. This includes a variety of small grants which AVDC itself can make for such things as village hall improvements and disabled access.

The largest source of funds is the National Lottery but they will not fund any building owned by a Parish Council or Church so a separate trust would have to be set up. Lottery money could be available within a matter of months.

Nigel has arranged to meet with AVDC and Buckinghamshire Community Action advisors on Village Hall finance and funding.

The amount raised to date by contributions from the village community stands at just over £6,000.

## Boundary with Old Vicarage

The new owner of the Old Vicarage has obtained planning permission to build a new boundary wall, which will be built before work starts on the Church Room. This will narrow the workspace available for building the end wall of the extension.

Tom Manning pointed out that, when the house was purchased, the new owner had not been aware of the offer of land for the Church Room extension made by the previous owner and so had been very generous in donating the land and discussing the plans. Tom then handed



*Chairman Tom Manning*

over to Roger Bellingham to explain the effect of the boundary wall on the Church Room extension.

## New Plans

Roger explained that the size of the extension to the Church Room will need to be reduced by about 3 ft to take account of the boundary wall but this will also reduce the building cost. He has produced a new set of plans and drawings of the hall which show how the work will fit into the character of the existing building. See pages 13 and 14.

The end wall of the hall extension will be about 1 ft away from the boundary wall of the Old Vicarage. A specialist in the type of foundation required for the wall, a piled foundation, has stated that it will give sufficient access to build the foundations. Using the boundary wall of the Old Vicarage as the end wall of the hall is not feasible due to the different timescales involved and structural and maintenance considerations.

## Legal Status

Peter Shorrock is still waiting for a reply from the Church Trustees solicitor with regard to finalising the details of the lease.

## Estimated Costs

Roger Bellingham estimated the total cost of the building work as £35,000, £25,000 for the extension to the hall and £10,000 to bring the existing building into line with current regulations. The cost of the extension is based on its area of 25 square metres priced at £1,000 per square metre. The work on the hall does not include internal refurbishments such as upgrading the heating system or

decorating. There will also be further fees associated with Building Regulation Approval.

Currently the area of the Church Room is about 75 square metres, so the final area once the extension is built will be about 100 square metres.

Tom Manning then said that he had heard suggestions that the project to extend the Church Room should be scrapped and a new hall built. He pointed out that if no improvements are made to the existing building it must be closed down. He then asked Roger to estimate the costs of a new building.

## A New Building?

To enable a meaningful comparison, Roger took a building of the same size as the extended hall, 100 square metres. Using the same price multiplier of £1,000 per sq m this would give a basic building cost of around £100,000 plus the cost of building a car park. Added to this would need to be the cost of the land for the building and car parking. Roger estimated that for a car park for 25 cars an additional area of 500 sq m would be required. Thus an area of approximately 600 sq m would be required. There is also access and provision of services to be considered. Without knowing where this land might be available it is impossible to give a definitive cost but it would be hundreds of thousands. Time scales would also be much longer.

## Conclusions

Tom Manning summed up and asked whether there was the support to continue with the project to extend the Church Room. There was some discussion which concluded that, should the project be abandoned, the building would be condemned. The discussion ended with the consensus that the risk of losing the existing hall was too serious to abandon the current project. It was also felt that should a larger hall be required sometime in the future, then that should be a new project. A show of hands showed that the overwhelming majority of those present supported the project to extend the Church Room.

As the number present were a very small percentage of village residents it was decided that the rest of the residents should be given the opportunity to vote whether to continue with the project. It was agreed that a voting slip should be placed in the Chronicle—see page 15.

~ Liz Hall

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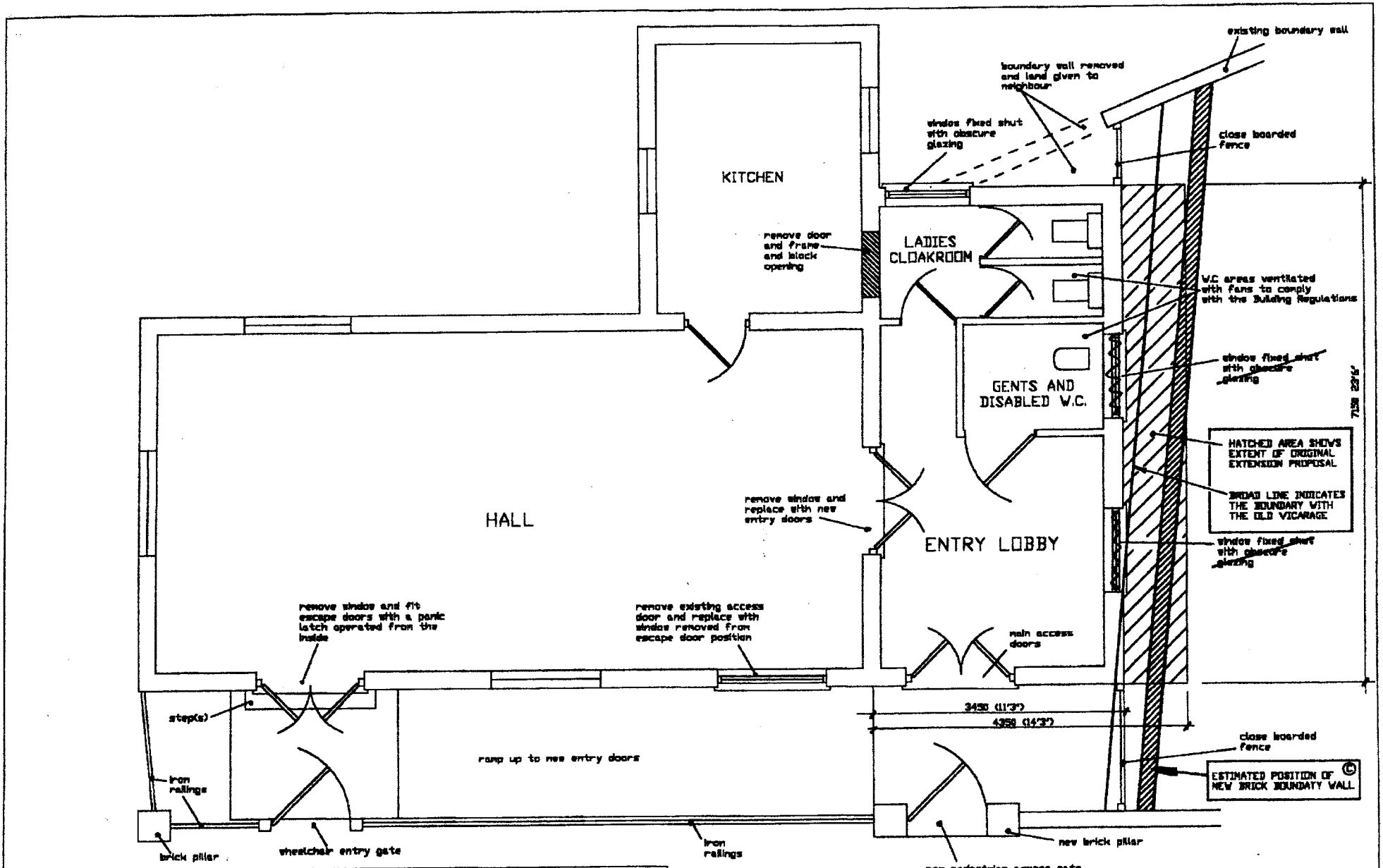
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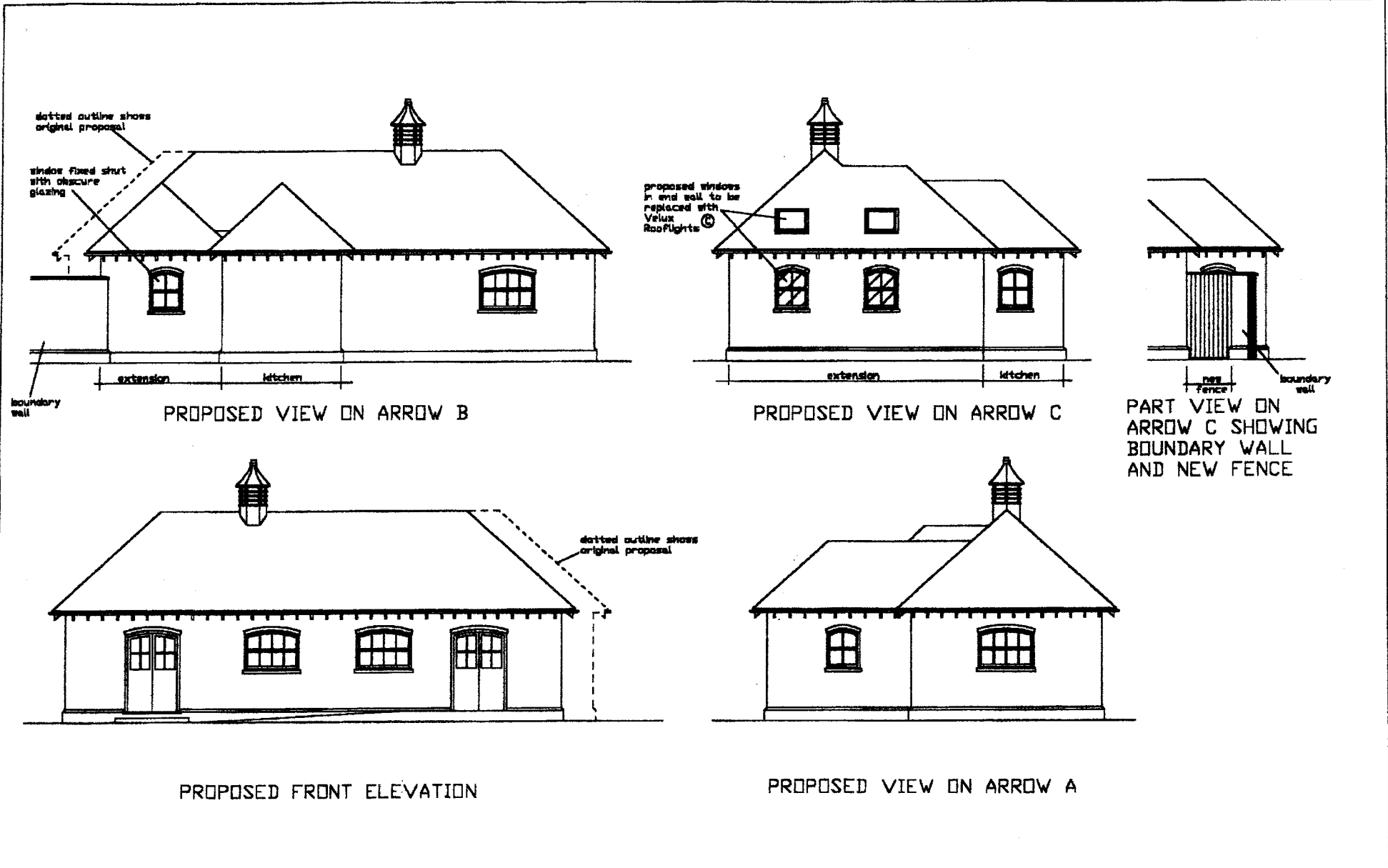


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PROPOSED VIEW ON ARROW B

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# Your Church Room Vote

## Why Must The Church Room Be Redeveloped?

If the redevelopment does not go ahead new regulations and legislation will force the Church Room to close in 2004. Lack of access for disabled people and inadequate toilet facilities are the main problems.

## Why Am I Being asked To Vote?

The Committee has reached the point of no return and are ready to move onto the next stage. We have a committee that includes an architect, solicitor and accountant. A generous donation of land from Mr Graffy-Smith at the Old Vicarage has made the project viable and we have planning permission. However, a few people have raised doubts over the plan and the Committee want to ensure that they have the backing of the village before proceeding.

## Do We Need The Church Room?

The Church Room is the only public meeting place in the village suitable for wide-ranging activities and meetings that cannot be held in the Pubs. These include the Toddler's Group, Ladies Club, Whist Drive, Coffee Mornings, Parish Council meetings—and many others.

## What Are The Alternatives?

There are no alternatives on the table. One or two people have voiced the opinion that a completely new Village Hall could be built on the recreation ground or on one of the fields surrounding the village. However, please understand that there is no plan to do this and there have not been any feasibility studies regarding the availability of land, planning permission, objections from nearby residents or finance. The Church Room Committee is minded that the current project to redevelop the

existing Church Room is the only practical way forward and they hope to confirm your support from this vote.

## What Happens If The Project Is Rejected?

The project will be stopped and the Committee will step down. The money raised so far will be held for other village projects. The Church Room will be closed to the public in 2004. Current advice is that it will not be possible to convert the Church Room into residential accommodation as both the building and the land plot are too small. Unless some private use can be found, it probably will fall into disuse.

## How Much Will The Project Cost The Village?

The project is being financed via fund-raising activities and, hopefully, some form of grant. After initial minor expenditure, there are no more Parish Council funds (from your Council Tax) being spent on this project. The budget is £35,000.

## How Do I Vote?

Use one of the voting slips printed below. Tick "Yes" if you want the committee to step up the redevelopment process, or "No" if you want the project scrapped. Drop your vote into Bernard Osborn's shop before Sunday March 19th. One vote per person please. If you need more than two voting slips, or if you don't want to cut up The Chronicle, then please call at the shop or at my house—The Birches—for extra voting slips.

## How Do I Find Out More Information?

Please see the minutes of the Church Room Committee meeting and the plans on pages 11, 13 & 14. If you need any further information please telephone the committee chairman Tom Manning on 682455.

~ Ed

**YES**

*I support the Church Room Redevelopment Project and I want the Committee to continue with it*

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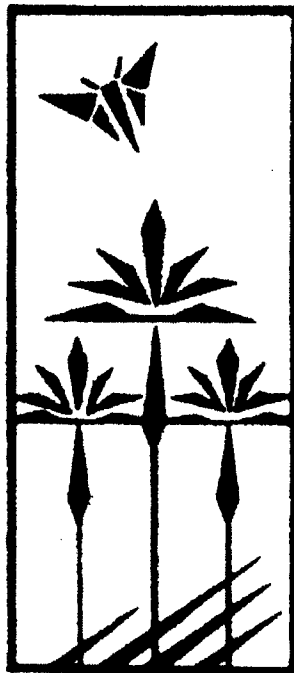
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## The Village interview

To the first time visitor, Aston Abbots is full of surprises. The attractive exterior of the Royal Oak, the quaint old shop, the hanging baskets of the Bull and Butcher, the pretty little church, a field full of Alpacas, the heliport, and finally one spies the "Old Masters" Spanish Restaurant in the converted old school building. So how did a little corner of Spain come to be located in Aston Abbots? I went to see Juan, who told me the story of how he came to fulfil his dream of running his own restaurant.

**Juan Gutierrez** was born in Madrid and spent all his life in Madrid until he came to Great Britain. "I came to work in a hotel called the Ivy Bush at Carmarthen in South Wales. I was in Spain for a year and a half trying to learn English but couldn't, so I decided the best thing to do was come to Great Britain for a couple of years. The day I came it was 10<sup>th</sup> February 1969 and I must have met Brigit the 11<sup>th</sup>." At that time Juan's future wife, Brigit, was a student at Carnegie College in Carmarthen and she dined at the hotel where Juan worked as they did cheap meals. "I came as a waiter and to start with they put me in the office. I spent there about 9 months.

"From there I went to Newcastle Emlyn. Wonderful Welsh countryside, fantastic. It was the best time of my life, you know you couldn't drink or go dancing. What to go? What to do? Everything. You had to break the law. But we knew where to go. Half of the village was dry on a Sunday and the other half was OK. And we used to go to the clubs and things like that and after that I went to a hotel by the seaside in Tenby and I was a waiter there for the season. I went home in September for about a month I think. I bought myself a Ford Cortina and went back with it. When I came back I started to work around here.

"I wanted to work for Iberia, that was the reason I wanted to learn English, and be a steward. But then, of course, life - I met Brigit. There were six thousand applications for 98 places and there were lawyers, solicitors, doctors, I mean everybody with huge qualifications and by then I was in England for a while. There was a general knowledge of what was going on in Spain and I was already out of Spain for a year and a half.

"(My family are all) still in Madrid. My second brother, he's an artist, he paints, very good with his hands." Another brother works at the Hotel Ritz in Madrid. "We started to work on the car because my father used to work on the car. He was a chauffeur and then I start working for him as a mechanic. My brother was a panel beater. I used to work in the garage from seven in the morning till three in the afternoon.

"At four o'clock I used to start working in a catering place until one in the morning. Two jobs - or three. We were hard workers! Six or seven days a week. It was unbelievable. I was in the Army and then I have an accident. Somebody knock me over on my motorbike so I was given some money and that is how I managed to get my ticket to England.

"I always loved cooking. In those days you didn't have fridges and so in the summer in Spain you used to go shopping every day. (It was) not possible to keep anything. My mother always

used to leave me in charge of dinner, things like that, even when I was six or seven. And later I did a course in Spain in cooking.

"I used to work at the Crows Nest in Tring where I was the head waiter but before that I worked in Oxford at a hotel on the M40, one day in the Randolph hotel, then I went to Bourne End near Hemel Hempstead. That was another place! I only stayed there one afternoon. They give me a room, I went to sleep in the night and when I go one of the guests was sleeping on my bed on the same room that I did. What!?"

After Juan was made redundant by the Crows Nest, he decided that he should open up his own restaurant. He looked at many potential sites before coming across the old school in Aston Abbots that had closed in 1975. Mr Hill, a landscape gardener, had lived there for nine years.

"The thing we did was sold our house in Tring, so we lived in a 14 foot caravan for six months. After I first came here I went back home and I said to Brigit this place is fantastic. So we came to see it and when we were going out she asked me, by the Green, what I was going to call it and I said the "Old Masters". And that was that. Everything was there. It just came to me. We moved 4<sup>th</sup>

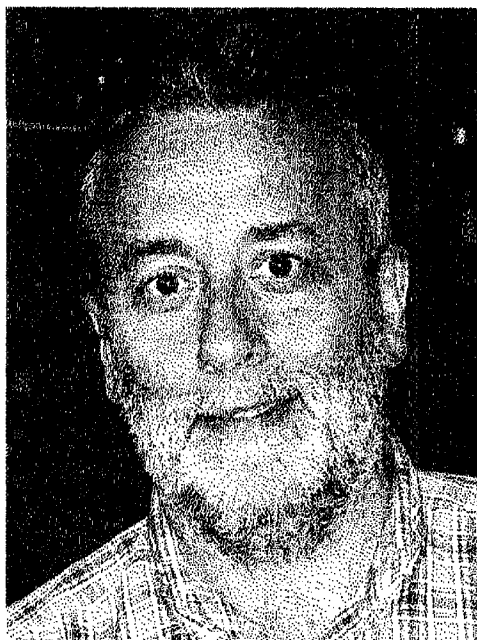
December and we opened the restaurant on 29<sup>th</sup> March 1985." As far as possible Juan has retained the original school building adding only the entrance porch. Otherwise the only way in would have been through the kitchen. The restaurant kitchen was originally another classroom and the garages used to be the dining room. Where their living quarters are now, stood the children's cloakrooms.

Do you create your own recipes? "Yes I do. I look at the portions and do my own thing. All the soups I make I use olive oil or sunflower oil. I never put in any stocks. All ingredients I know. Some I thicken with cornflower or potatoes, things like that. Some people are allergic to flour so I know (my soups) are safe. I like to use fresh food and things like that. Everything is home made. Not many restaurants do that now. Everything is boil in the bag."

"Of course many people expect a Spanish Restaurant to be a Tapas restaurant. But Tapas is not a restaurant, Tapas are snacks. That is fine when you are on holidays because you don't want to eat (a lot) you just want something to drink and eat, a little snack. There is no way we could do Tapas in Aston Abbots. You might be able to do it in Aylesbury, in a big town. But you need people passing by, walking, not in a car, they have to walk. Is no way you could do something like that in here."

"I would like to have a true Spanish restaurant but the problem is getting hold of the ingredients. The things I buy here are not the same as in Spain. The flavour is not there." Has anyone asked you for unusual food, apart from Dave Lewis? "To me nothing is unusual. If anybody wants it and I can do it, I will. For me it is a challenge. And I enjoy that."

*Juan Gutierrez was interviewed by Nigel Palmer.*



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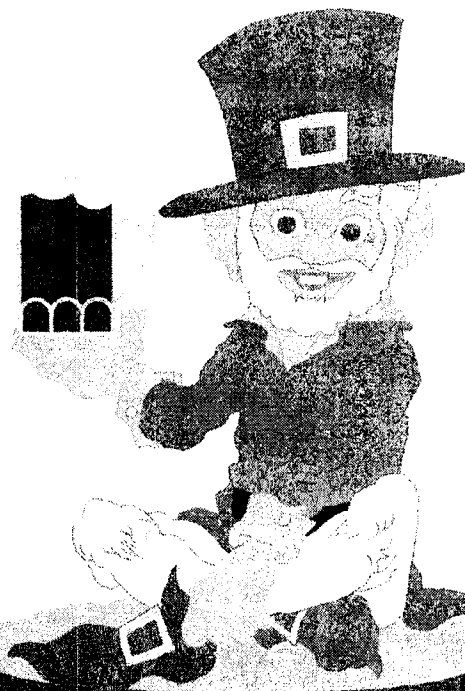
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## Rector's Report

It wasn't so much the harrowing pictures of the recent earthquake in India that struck me, rather it was the sight of the Hindu communities gathering together both to pray and to mobilise relief efforts.

Indeed the television recently has appeared to be more keen to show other faith groups at worship than Christian congregations. When there are pictures of Muslims at prayer, they never seem to be sparsely attended. When the Hindus are offering their worship, they seem to possess a sense of devotion that surpasses what we have come to assume to be the Christian norm.

Can it be that, because they are worshipping in a different way that the pictures seem more attractive than Christian worship? After all, people in this country seem to have a mental picture of Christian worship, and, whether it is accurate or not, that is what is portrayed. Maybe the time has come to "re-brand" the Church.

Years ago it was suggested that the brand-image of the Church was rather like a prune – it was old and wrinkled, and yet there was a feeling that, despite its appearance, it might - deep down - actually do some good. I have a suspicion that for an increasing number of people, that image has changed – and that the Church has lost what relevance it had.

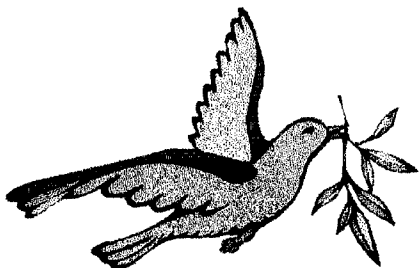
The decline of the Church may be due to an insistence that our human lives make little sense without reference to the God who made us and who loves us. Human beings now like to see themselves as self-sufficient. What matters is what I want. I am in control of my life. If, in order to have what I want means that others have to go without, then that is tough. We have become yet more and more selfish and self-centred.

Events like the earthquake in India remind us that we are not totally in control of the world in which we live. There are factors that are completely beyond our control. There are events for which we cannot effectively plan. There are situations that bring devastation on an enormous scale. By contrast there are also events that humble us by their sheer beauty – sights that fill us with awe and wonder.

We do not live (or die) just for ourselves. Our lives are inexorably bound together with the lives of those other people who share our human existence. In our better moments we can be aware of the needs of our fellow creatures – but we find it much harder to build a meaningful relationship with our Creator.

There will be those who will disagree with my championing of the Hindus, the Muslims, the Sikhs and the Buddhists – yet even they are prepared to recognise and worship something beyond themselves. As the Christian community enters into the annual season of Lent – the time of self-denial and discipline, is not this the time when we should be drawn to greater devotion? God loved the world so much that he sent his only Son to die on the Cross for us – shouldn't we be doing something in response?

~ Bob Willmott



## Jottings From The Chalk Face

### Wingrave C Of E Combined School Citizenship Award Scheme

The opening paragraph of the report based on our 1997 OFSTED Inspection stated that: "Wingrave provides a happy and caring environment for it's pupils, They are well behaved, work hard and enjoy their lessons, Their personal moral social and cultural development are good and these are strengths of the school."

Much of the above relates to Citizenship which has always been given a high priority at the school and achievement in this field is recognised by our most prestigious and coveted annual award - the Mason Raven Citizenship Cup,

However well you are doing you can always do that little bit better and with this end in mind I have introduced the Wingrave Citizenship Award Scheme to the school, This will encourage children in Y6 to become even more widely involved in issues which come under the overall umbrella of Citizenship and may help us to recognise and reward something that a child has been doing of which we might not otherwise have been aware.

Children in Year 6 will be expected to provide evidence of achievement in each of the following areas:

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3. Community Commitment
4. Personal Fitness Target
5. Awareness of Others

It is in the last area that you, as a parent or as a member of the community may be able to help. We have a book, generously donated by a friend of the school, in the school entrance foyer which is entitled "Wingrave C.E. Combined School Citizenship Award Scheme". I would welcome and encourage any parent or member of the community who witnesses a child from the school doing something good or helpful to come into school and write down the name of the child and what they have observed in this book. Although the Wingrave Citizenship Award Scheme will be targeted initially at Year 6 pupils the name of any child may be entered in the book. This way I will have a record of the many kind and unselfish acts that the children from the school are carrying out and can ensure that they receive recognition for them. I do hope that you will welcome this opportunity to call into the school to add your contributions to the book.

~ Baird McClellan

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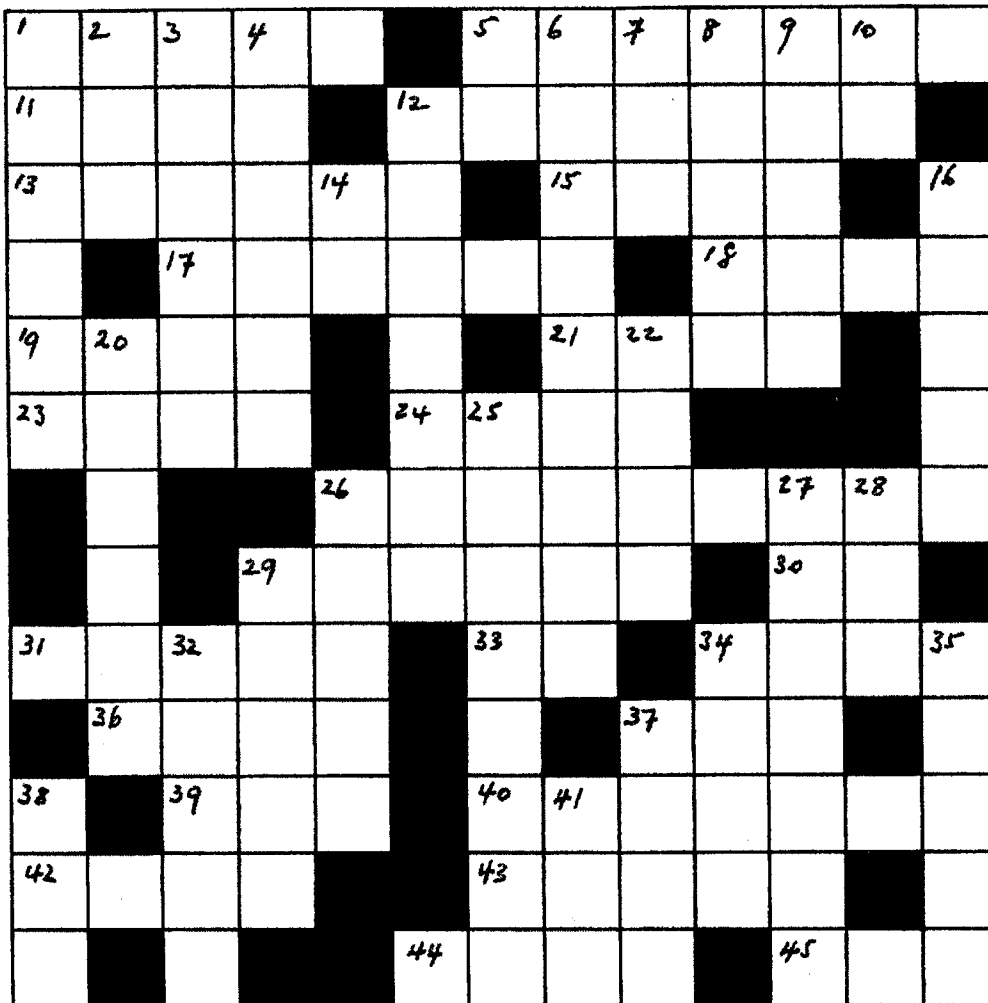
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# The Chronicle Crossword

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**Answers to February**

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**ACROSS:**

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| 1. Bucks Village (5)        | 29. Bird, swallow family | 2. Hurried (3)               | 22. God of war (4)     |
| 5. Decoration (7)           | 30. __ Mowlam (2)        | 3. 12 _____ equals 1 ft. (6) | 25 TEA TIMES (anag. 8) |
| 11. ---Turner (4)           | 31. Fire raising (5)     | 4. Indian tow n (6)          | 26. Teeth (5)          |
| 12. Conflagration (7)       | 33. In charge (2)        | 5. Body odour (2)            | 27. To copy (7)        |
| 13. Used to moor boats (6)  | 34. Discover (4)         | 6. Full of beans (9)         | 28. A weight (3)       |
| 15. Volcano (4)             | 36. Going for a _____    | 7. Behind (3)                | 29. Boy's name (5)     |
| 17. Good name (6)           | 37. TAB (anag 3)         | 8. Eater (5)                 | 32. Dirties (5)        |
| 18. Engrave (4)             | 39. It is (abbr 3)       | 9. Angry (5)                 | 34. Renown (4)         |
| 19. Singer (4)              | 40. DATA MAN (an 7)      | 10. Compass point (2)        | 35. Obsolete (5)       |
| 21. Pierce with horn (4)    | 42. Merely (4)           | 12. Relation (7)             | 37. Young child (4)    |
| 23 SHOE (Anag 4)            | 43. Asian Country (5)    | 14. ___ and off (2)          | 38. Happiness (3)      |
| 24 To take notice (4)       | 44. Disclaim (4)         | 16. Unsteady (5)             | 41. Noise (3)          |
| 26 Rejoicing; celebratation | 45. Finish (3)           | 20. Lingers: hesi tates (6)  |                        |

**DOWN:**

1. To make pale (6)

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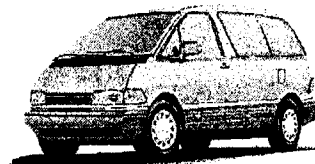
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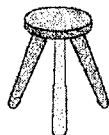
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## Disabled Children Database

Thousands of families of children with disabilities are being asked to contribute information to the Buckinghamshire Planning Database for Children with Disabilities which was launched in February.

Parents, carers and young people were involved in developing the Planning Database and clearly expressed their need for more information about services available in the county. The Planning Database will provide useful information through a newsletter which will include articles about, for example, facilities and events in the county - and may also feature contributions from children and young people with disabilities and their families. Occasionally the Planning Database will provide a mailing list which can be used by the County Council or Health agencies to contact families and consult with them about new developments.

There are two 'record forms' in which parents are asked to provide some details about their child. One of the forms is quite brief and asks for information about preschool age children, the other form is for older children, is slightly longer and asks for more detailed information. The information from these forms then goes onto the database. Once a child is on the Planning Database parents will be sent a copy, every 12-18 months, of the information held about the child so that they can let us know about any changes that may have taken place.

The Children Act 1989 requires all Social Services Departments to keep a database of children with disabilities. The information on the database will help service planners in Education, Health and Social Services to work together to plan appropriate services for the future. The information is confidential, and service planners will only be given statistical data which does not identify individuals.

Children do not have to be on the Planning Database, registration is by voluntary agreement of parents. However we hope that as many parents as possible will agree to the registration of their children to help make future planning as accurate as possible.

If you would like to register your child, or just want to know more, please get in touch with:

Nain Hussain (Planning Database Co-ordinator), Buckinghamshire Planning Database for Children with Disabilities, Room 511, County Hall, Walton Street, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire HP20 1YU. Telephone 01296 382356 or 01296 383036 or e-mail [nhussain@buckscc.gov.uk](mailto:nhussain@buckscc.gov.uk).



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dangers and how to handle the different situations safely.

Two boys, Ben Harding and Jordan Grace and a new leader, Nicky Reeve, have been invested and welcomed to the Pack and with the District quiz and Ten Pin bowling competitions and a Swedish evening coming up there will be plenty going on in the coming month.

### Beavers

The colony has been busy this month thinking about their favourite books. Activities have included printing, stories and games and making 'gingerbread men' The boys took part in the district handicrafts event at Wendover Memorial Hall on 10 February and joined over 100 boys from other colonies in the Aylesbury Vale for an afternoon of crafts from biscuit making to sewing and clay modelling to junk modelling.

We are delighted to have the help of two venture scouts Richard and Ben, who are working towards their Duke of Edinburgh service award and whose help really does make a difference!

We have welcomed Ross Thomson and Alex Denton to the colony through their investiture and are currently looking for a new leader to run the colony from the beginning of the summer term. If you are interested or know someone who is then please contact Sue Ascott (681878).

*~ Julia Ellis*

## Village Freighter Service

As reported last month the new Refuse Freighter will be provided on Monday 14th May 2001 from 12.00 to 16.00 and Monday 19th November 2001 from 12.00 to 16.00. This replaces the old village skip service.

The service is provided for the collection of Household Waste, but is *not* provided for the collection of the following:

1. Fridges and freezers:- In order to remove CFC's from these items a special collection must be arranged.
2. Clinical Waste:- Due to the special requirements for disposal a special collection must be arranged.
3. Tyres, Batteries, Oils etc:- Such waste must be taken to a Civic Amenity site where special disposal arrangements are available.
4. Hazardous Waste, Asbestos etc:- Due to the special requirements for disposal a special collection must be arranged.
5. Commercial Waste and any waste generated as part of a business:- The disposal of such waste must be paid for, therefore special collection arrangements must be arranged.
6. Building Rubble etc:- Such waste must be taken to a Civic Amenity site where special disposal arrangements are available.
7. Paint, Liquids etc:- As waste deposited in the freighter will be crushed containers of liquids should be taken to a Civic Amenity Site where special disposal arrangements are available.

Should you wish to arrange a special collection please telephone: 01296 585510



Wingrave Guides are running a.....

## RED NOSE DAY DISCO

Friday 16th March at Wingrave Community Centre

7.00—9.30 pm

Tickets £2.00 join and leave when you wish

All proceeds to Comic Relief

Everyone (ages 5 to 95) Welcome

Wear something red

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Tickets from the shop,

Pam Pickering 3 Baldways Close 688978

Jane Muir Windmill Hill Farm 681513

Jose Ricketts 4 Orchard Close 681847

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Longmoor Farm ~ 681010

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**TOM MANNING**

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**GWEN KEMPSTER**

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# St James Church

## Church Services

4th Mar	10.00	Cublington	Family Service
	10.00	Wingrave	Parish Communion
	11.15	Aston Abbots	Morning Service
11th	08.00	Wingrave	Prayer Book Style Communion
	08.45	Cublington	Parish Communion
	10.00	Wingrave	Family Service
	11.15	Aston Abbots	Parish Communion
18th	10.00	Wingrave	Parish Communion
	10.00	Cublington	Family Communion
	11.15	Aston Abbots	Parish Communion
25th	10.00	Wingrave	Parish Communion
	10.00	Cublington	Family Service (Note change)
	11.15	Aston Abbots	Parish Communion
1st Apr	08.45	Cublington	Parish Communion (Note change)
	10.00	Wingrave	Parish Communion
	11.15	Aston Abbots	Morning Service

## Church Sidesmen

4th	Mr A Ford
11th	Mr J Hartnet
18th	Mr G Kemp
25th	Mr C Higgs

## Church Flowers

NO FLOWERS DURING LENT



## Sunday Readings

4th Mar	Lent 1	Romans 10.8-13; Luke 4.1-13
11th	Lent 2	Philippians 3.17-4.1; Luke 13.31-35
18th	Lent 3	1 Corinthians 10.1-13; Luke 13.1-9
25th	Lent 4	2 Corinthians 5.16-21; Luke 15.1-3,11-32
1st Apr	Lent 5	Philippians 3.4-14; John 12.1-8

## From The Registers

Funeral	23rd Jan	Ada Males at Cublington
	29th	David Feasey at Amersham

## ST JAMES CHURCH

### ASTON ABBOTTS

#### PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Rev Bob Willmott	681623
Gordon Kemp	681763
Shirley Ford	681865
Ann Goodman	681763
Andrew Ford	681865

## QUIZ EVENING



In aid of St James Church  
**Friday 16th March**

7.30 pm in the Church Room

**Tickets £2.50**

**(includes supper)**

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# What's On in March

- Thursday 1st** Bingo in The Church Room 7.30 pm  
Also Toddlers Group in the Church Room 10.00-12.00
- Sunday 4th** Rambling Club members meet High St. Aylesbury - Tesco 2 pm.
- Thursday 8th** Whist Drive in The Church Room 7.30 pm  
Also Toddlers Group in the Church Room 10.00-12.00
- Tuesday 13th** Mobile Library The Green / Wingrave Rd / Oxley Farm
- Thursday 15th** Bingo in The Church Room 7.30 pm  
Also Toddlers Group in the Church Room 10.00-12.00
- Friday 16th** Quiz Evening (in aid of St James) Church Room 7.30 pm  
Tickets £2.50 inc. supper from Shirley or Colin.
- Sunday 18th** Village footpath walk. Meet the Green 2.00 pm.
- Tuesday 20th** Floral class Church Room 7.00 pm.  
Also, Fete Committee meeting at The Old House. Any volunteers and helpers welcome. 8 pm
- Wed 21st** P.C.C. meeting, Church room 7.00 pm.
- Thursday 22nd** Whist Drive in The Church Room 7.30pm  
Also Toddlers Group in the Church Room 10.00-12.00
- Saturday 24th** British Summer Time – Clocks go on an hour
- Sunday 25th** Mothering Sunday – Service with poses - St James Church 11.15 am. (Bring Mum and Gran!)
- Tuesday 27th** Mobile Library The Green / Wingrave Rd / Oxley
- Thursday 29th** Bingo Church Room 7.30 pm  
Also Toddlers Group in the Church Room 10.00-12.00

## Book These Dates

- Wed April 25th**—Annual Parish Meeting. 8 pm. Church Room.
- Sat 5th & Sun 6th May** Flower Festival and Teddy Bears Picnic
- Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June** Open Garden's Day.
- Saturday & Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> July** Festival Weekend – The Fete.

## Easter Prize Bingo

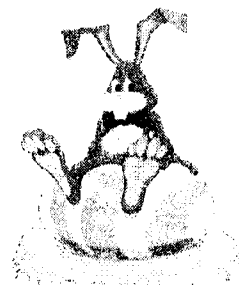
**Wingrave School Hall - in aid of the School Grounds Fund**

**Wednesday 4th April**

**7.30 pm for 8.00pm start**

**Raffle**

**50p entrance - includes refreshments**



## Classified Ads

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## The Mobile Library Service

The Mobile Library visits the village on alternate Tuesdays. The dates are always shown in the Chronicle 'What's On' section but here are a reminder of the times:

The Green, Aston Abbots	10.25am - 10.55am
Wingrave Road, Aston Abbots	11.00am - 11.15am
Oxley Farm	12.55pm - 1.10pm

For further information or enquiries, contact Buckingham Library on 01280 813229

*Please use the service or we will lose the facility!*

## WINGRAVE SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

# QUIZ NIGHT

**SATURDAY 24<sup>th</sup> March 2001**

*In the school hall*

Doors/Bar open from 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm start

**TICKETS £7-50**  
*incl. warm meal*

Tickets from Wingrave Village Shop or /  
School Office

or

Liz Hall on 682078

Elske Gardner on 681830

\*\*\*\*\* *Limited tickets* \*\*\*\*\*

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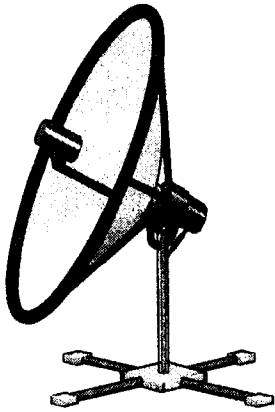
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*Individuals welcome*

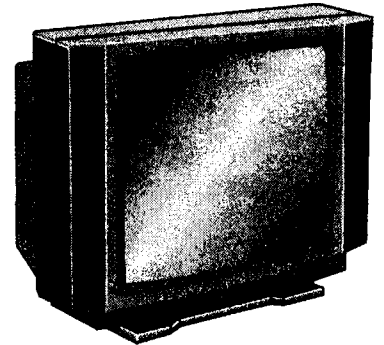
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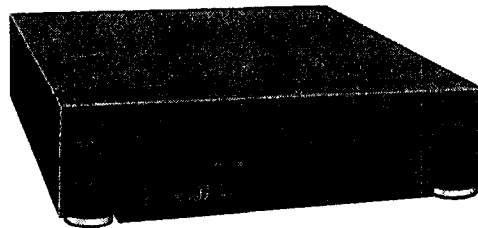


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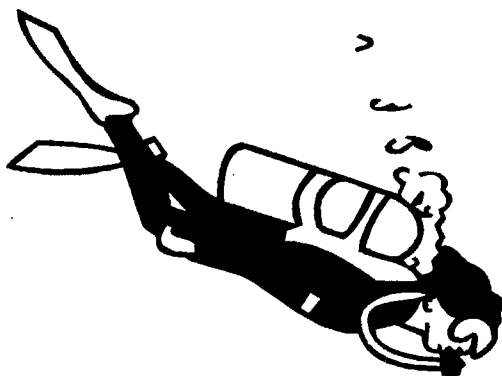
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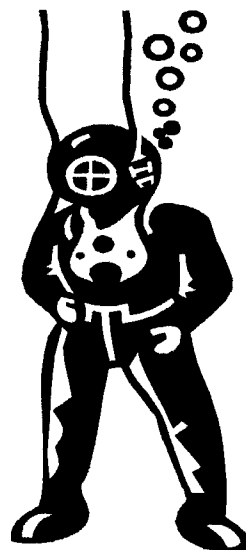


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