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Editorial

Crime Epidemic

Perhaps I shouldn't use the word 'epidemic'. However, we do seem to be suffering a spate of petty crime in and around Aston Abbots. After last month's articles on crime and vandalism we regrettably have to report more incidents this month. It's not just Aston Abbots. Local papers report distraction burglaries by bogus callers in Wing and garage break-ins in Wingrave. So be on your guard and report any suspicious individuals in the village to the police.

In his second article for the Chronicle PC Mike Buckle looks at vehicle safety. This is particularly relevant as there have been a number of attempted vehicle break-ins in Aston Abbots over the past few weeks. You can find PC Buckle's article on page 19.

Footpaths

I know many of you want to see the footpaths reopened as soon as possible. Bucks County Council are now speeding up the reopening process as the threat of foot-and-mouth diminishes. Some paths are being reopened with orange warning notices asking walkers to observe a code of conduct. We are reproducing the code of conduct on Page 6, but please do not use any footpaths until they have been clearly marked as re-opened with the orange "restricted access" sign.

You can find up-to-the-minute information on which footpaths and country areas in Bucks have been reopened on the Bucks County website www.buckscc.gov.uk

Open Gardens

Don't forget that several gardens in the village will be open on the afternoon of June the 10th. This is a great opportunity not just to admire some very well tended gardens but also to meet and chat with your fellow villagers. The gardens open to the public will include the Abbey, the Old House, Oak Farm and 11 The Green. Teas will be served in the Church room and there will be a plant stall. All proceeds raised from the ticket sales go to village causes.

Deadlines

My apologies for changing from the published deadline this month. Because we are printed at a school we have to work around the vagaries of school holidays and exams and I forgot to allow for half-term. So I am sorry if anybody missed the deadline, but your contribution will be included next month.

Next month's deadline for the July/August double-issue is also going to be earlier than usual, so please make a note of it: **Friday 15th June.**

Not long after you receive this Chronicle we will all be trooping up to the Church room to elect our parliamentary representative for the next four years. I am reminded of what Spike Milligan once said: "One day the don't knows will get in, and then where will we be?"

Phil

In This Issue

In this month's jolly June journal ~

- ◆ More Crime
- ◆ Astonbury 2001 Preview
- ◆ Chronicle Party Report and Pictures
- ◆ Bungee Jumping in New Zealand
- ◆ Vehicle Safety
- ◆ Diving in Sharm El Sheikh
- ◆ DIY Pop Quiz

and much, much more.....

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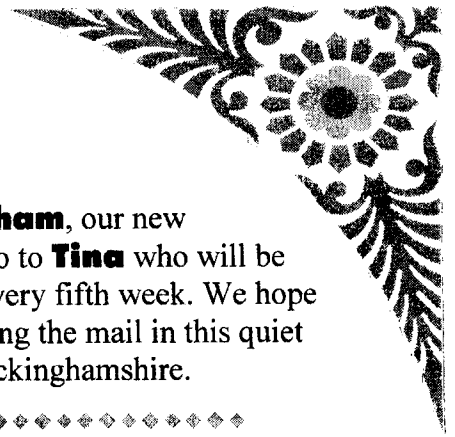
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Friday 15th June 2001

Please pass items to Phil Spooner at The Birches in Wingrave Road or to a member of the Production Team as early as possible.

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The Peoples Page



Happy Birthday

Fred Cross	6th
Emily DeLooze	17th
Bernard Osborn	18th
Dave Wheaton	21st
Paul Drysdale	21st
Rob Howell	22nd
Pat Stevens	24th
Sharon Wilkinson	26th
Kim Picking	27th
David Hewit	28th
Kirsty Lewis	28th
Adam Oldfield	30th

Welcome!

A big Aston Abbots welcome to **Yvonne**, (sorry we don't know your last name) who has recently moved into Bricstock. We hope you enjoy living here in Aston Abbots.

Special Birthday?

Family Celebration?

Wedding Anniversary?

Exam Success?

Happy Event?

Why not tell the Chronicle—then we'll tell Aston Abbots. Contact Tracey Hinds or any member of the Chronicle team

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

Welcome!

Welcome to **Graham**, our new postman—and also to **Tina** who will be doing the round every fifth week. We hope you enjoy delivering the mail in this quiet little corner of Buckinghamshire.



Hit and Run!

Best wishes to **Daniel Smith**, who was knocked off his bike on the road to Cublington by a driver who didn't stop. Fortunately Daniel was only shaken and could walk home, but what sort of driver fails to stop after knocking a child off a bike?



Welcome Home...

to **Victoria**, back temporarily from Australia. Victoria tells us she plans to stay as long as her (Dad's) money lasts out.



Making a Splash!

Is **Christine Scott** about to start running Aston Abbots diving classes? — see page 5.



Caught In The Act!

Was that **B.....** we spotted in the Royal Oak, tucking into a huge rib-eye steak with all the trimmings? "Don't tell the Weightwatchers" she said. We wouldn't dream of it....



Oh Dear

We spotted **Bob Bean** in the Bull, supporting himself by clutching the bar with one hand and his crutch with the other. Hope the knee gets better soon Bob.



"First you forget names, then you forget faces. Next you forget to pull your zipper up and finally, you forget to pull it down." ~ George Burns



Bloke walks into a pub. The barman says "you've got a steering wheel in your pants". Bloke says, "Yes I know, it's driving me nuts".

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In The Village

Petrol Crime

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Someone, maybe staying with a villager, pours petrol into his car fuel tank from a 2 gallon can. Not particularly odd - OK, the hour was a little early but perhaps the individual had to get to work and had run out of petrol.

Meanwhile, a householder nearby opens a door; smelling petrol, the householder investigates and finds a length of chamfered hose hanging from his car fuel tank, still siphoning petrol into a now absent petrol can.

And the man pouring petrol into his car? Gone, although his car was still parked there, minus its petrol cap. Coincidence?

Ah well, you may think....it's only a couple of quid's worth of petrol. But the petrol thief - whoever it was - had smashed off the external petrol cap of the car parked on the driveway - £30 for a new petrol cap. Then the tank had to be removed as parts of the smashed cap had fallen into it - the cost of this is not yet known, but it will be a few hours garage labour at the very least.

Then there was the fuel still flowing freely onto the road and into a drain....one discarded match, one half-finished cigarette, and.....

Someone reading this article probably knows who committed this crime...no matter, it's in the hands of the Police now. But the rest of us should be warned - there is a thief about and operating in this village. And it could be Your car next.

~ Andi Swain

Letter To The Editor

Phil,

Your [crime] article last month tempted fate as an unwanted visitor decided to steal a propane gas tank from our garden. It was chained but they conveniently had a set of bolt croppers to snip the chain and sharp knife to cut the tubing free. Just a word of warning for those others unfortunate enough not to have mains gas.

Following very swift advice from our Police I now have a very smart (well I think so) shed for the gas tank made very well by John Masters in Berton, with a few tricks to keep any would be intruder busy for a (very!) long while.

But in the scheme of things our crime rate is absolutely minimal compared to friends and colleagues round the country so I think we should look on the bright side and be thankful for such a great place we live in!

Colin Scott

Wingrave School Photos

Liz Hall is part of a group trying to build a website about the history of Wingrave school from a child's point of view. She would like to hear from anybody who has photos of school events in the 70s and 80s. Her particular interest at the moment is the official opening ceremony of the current school in 1974, but any photos of that era will be of interest. Please contact Liz on 682078.

Pond Life!!!

Not satisfied with being able to satisfactorily inspect their fish, frogs and newts from the edge of their pond, Christine Scott decided to take a closer look. Despite the obvious disadvantage of not having a diving board she completed a near perfect 'jack knife' entering the water with barely a ripple (or so we are told!). The temperature of the water was close to freezing so the planned inspection was cursory to say the least and therefore once free from the encumbrance of several kilos of pondweed she returned to dry land 'as gracefully' (or so we are told!) as she had entered the water!!

Little is known about the events which followed, other than when Vic returned he immediately spotted the watery trail leading from the French windows to the drinks cabinet. Nature lovers will be pleased to hear that the fish, frogs and newts are currently receiving appropriate counselling!!



Neighbourhood Watch

Following the Annual Parish Meeting Tom Manning has established that the Neighbourhood Watch scheme is indeed alive and well. Jean Barnett is still the village coordinator and she is posting Neighbourhood Watch information in Bernard's shop as she receives it.



The Neighbourhood Watch administrator at Thames Valley Police in Aylesbury is Helen Thomas, who can be contacted on 01296 396262.

It's In The Post

A number of people have commented to me that they miss Terry, our postie for five years, who was very popular. One villager told me "I'm sure there are many good Postmen & Women out there but my neighbours and I want Terry back - he was absolutely fantastic, friendly & knew the round inside out. In this day and age where customer is King (and we are the customer) we should have a right to choose who we want and don't want, not the Post Office with all their management politics."

However, there is more to the matter than an apparent arbitrary decision by the Post Office to change our postman.

Reorganisation of the sorting offices means that our post is now dispatched from Stoke Mandeville. Terry would have found it very difficult to get there in the early hours of the morning when there is no public transport, so it was better for him to change to an Aylesbury route.

It will take a little time for Graham and Tina to become as familiar with this round as Terry, but I am sure they will get to know it before too long. Let's give them a chance to settle down and wish them the very best of luck.

~ Phil Spooner

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- If you keep or handle farm livestock please stay off all other farm land.
- Otherwise you are welcome to use the re-opened paths in the countryside if you:
 - ◇ Stay on the path and leave gates exactly as you find them
 - ◇ Respect "no access" signs
 - ◇ Don't go near sheep, cows, goats, pigs or deer
 - ◇ Don't go into any field if you can't easily avoid those animals
 - ◇ If you come across them walk slowly away, retracing your steps if necessary
 - ◇ Don't leave waste food or litter anywhere and don't feed any animal
 - ◇ Keep dogs on a short lead at all times and off all land where livestock is present
 - ◇ Use disinfectant where provided
 - ◇ Clean your boots after each walk

Only the paths displaying an ORANGE "Restricted Access" sign are open at present.

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Chronicle 200th Issue Party

The Chronicle 200th issue party was held on Saturday May 12th in the back bar of the Bull and Butcher, which had been especially decorated with a selection of memorable Chronicle covers.

Partygoers arrived between 8 and 9 to enjoy a drink and a chat before the buffet was served at 9 o'clock. During this time Ray Wilkinson combined sophisticated marketing techniques with his native *stürmtrooper* instincts to raise an excellent £140.20 selling raffle tickets.

Louise McManus provided a delicious buffet, which was followed by a variety of deserts made by Francesca, Jackie, Rita, Anne and Carol. As soon as the buffet had been suitably laid to waste MC Andi Swain took the stage to announce a short performance by the cabaret team - not a full performance, but a "mini cab". The boys - Neil, John, Nigel and John - sung "Night of a 1000 Eyes" - and Anne and Sharon followed with "Dancing Queen". Andi reminded everybody that the cabaret performers would be among those taking part in this year's Astonbury event at Norduck Farm on the 7th July (contact John Whyte for tickets). Then the boys performed a spirited "Sweet Caroline", which they had previously performed at last year's cabaret.

For the final number the whole cabaret team took to the stage to perform "The Chronicle Is The Aston Abbots Mag", sung to the tune of Monty Python's "Always Look On The Bright Side Of Life". During the final choruses the Chronicle editors were

brought up onto the stage and introduced, with Anita Parker representing Graham Parker, Gordon Smith and Caroline Lane, Andy Bystra, Andi Swain, and yours truly all singing along by the end.

It fell to myself to make a (mercifully) short speech, during which I thanked the contributors; the distributors; the fundraisers and advertisers; the Parish Council for its financial support; and finally the readers. Then it was time to draw the raffle and Becky Lord won the Bushmills whiskey first prize.

Now Lol started to wind up the disco. Some people started to dance, whilst others spilled outside and chatted in the surprisingly warm May night air.

John Whyte's Gary Glitter impression is always a favourite at these events and was as popular as ever on this evening. (Before Aylesbury's finest turn up *en masse* to arrest John, we must hasten to point out that the impression is based upon the earlier part of Mr Glitter's career.)

A little after 11 the mystery prize draw took place and Bob Bean won a bottle of Champagne, generously donated by Ray and Jackie Coates.

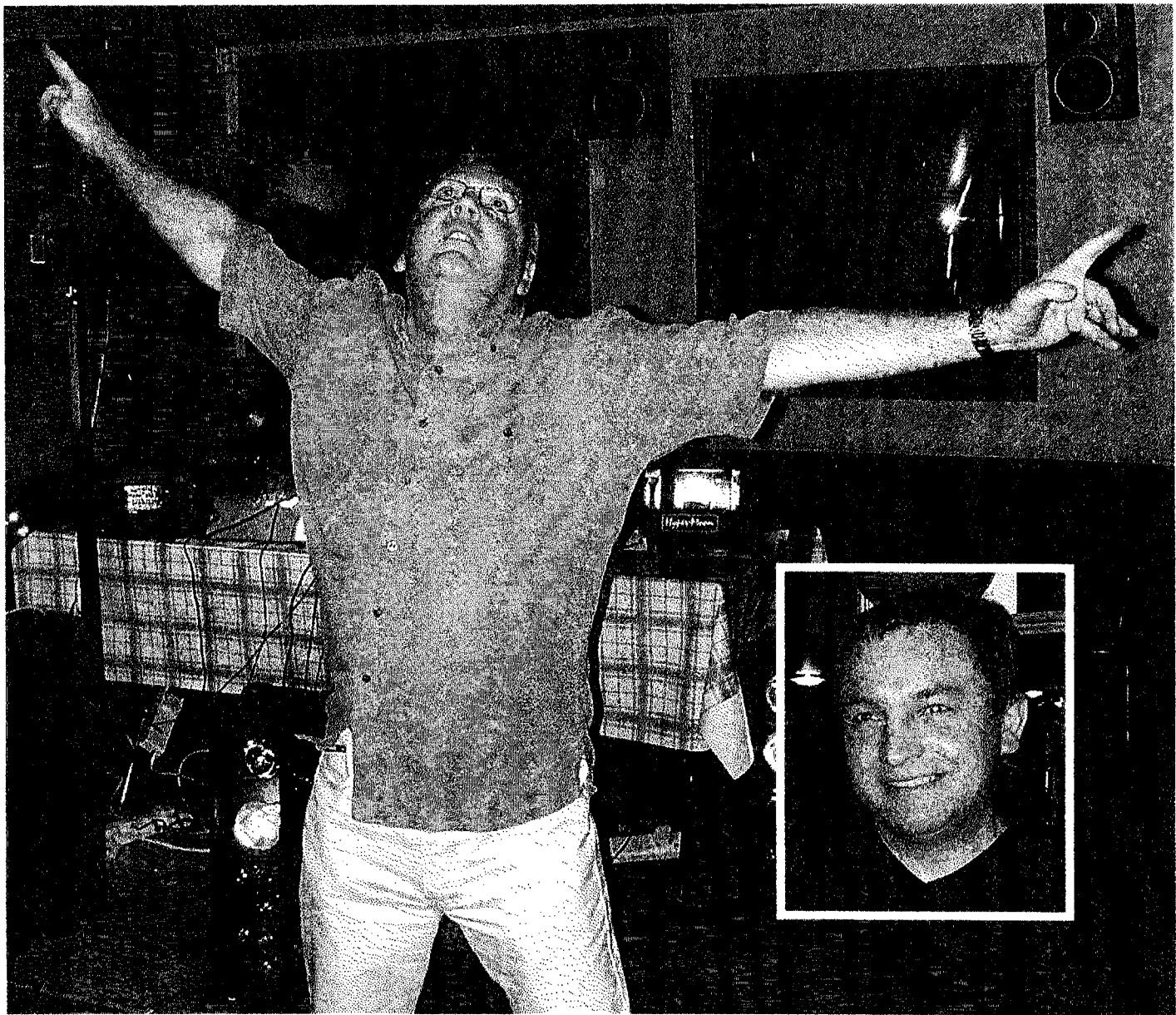
Once again Lol cranked up the disco and as the party entered its final stages most people were dancing, including yours truly.

[By 'dancing' I assume he means that peculiar, unsynchronised

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From left to right: Neil Cheshier, John Brancker, Nigel Palmer and John Whyte sing at the Chronicle party



John Whyte—Would you wanna be in his gang?

Inset: MC Andi Swain

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and strangely erratic jogging motion which, accompanied by a foolish grin, inevitably overtakes his body shortly after he loses count of just how many pints of lager he has consumed - Mrs Ed.]

Thank you to everybody who came and supported us that evening. I hope you had a good time. The evening made a profit of £180.50, which goes to Chronicle funds to pay for the printing of the magazine. The raffle takings were £140.20, which is all to be donated to the Church Room fund.

Some thanks are in order: Ray Wilkinson for an excellent job selling raffle tickets; maestro Neil Cheshire and the cabaret crew of Anne Brancker, Sharon Wilkinson, John Brancker, John White, and Nigel Palmer; Lol Hinds for the disco; Andi Swain for being the MC; Frank and Louise for use of their back bar and the delicious buffet; Francesca Bean, Jackie Coates, Rita, Anne Brancker and Carol Spooner for providing those lovely deserts; Ray and Jackie Coates, Andi Swain, and John White for donating raffle prizes; and last, but not least, my co-organiser Andy Bystra.

~ Phil Spooner



DJ Lol Hinds on the decks

The Chronicle Song

As performed at the Chronicle party. Words by Neil Chesher.
Sung to the tune of 'Always Look On The Bright Side Of Life'.

Some things in life are good
And it's really understood
That these things are done by maybe one or two.
While the rest of us just wait
and lazily anticipate,
The Editor does his monthly work for you...

(Chorus)
and... The Chronicle is the Aston Abbots mag (whistle)
The Chronicle is the Aston Abbots mag

If life seems jolly rotten,
And the bus times you've forgotten!
Its all there in this monthly paper thing
There's the antics down the pub,
And the 6.30 Club
Just open up your mouth and start to sing

(Chorus)

For life is quite absurd,
And the Editors final word.
As he puts the magazine to bed
It's your life that's published there
Listing folks who do and dare
And the people who have died or who have wed

(Chorus)

Does anyone known this man called Ivor Cheek.
Life passes all to fast
As we write our sordid past
But Village life is lots of fun, it's true,
Some things are all for show
But the neighbours always know.
That the Chronicle makes the last laugh fall on you!

Repeat chorus 9 times

You're Getting Old When...

- Everything hurts. And what doesn't hurt, doesn't work.
- You feel like the morning after, and you haven't been anywhere.
- You join the health club and don't go.
- You need your glasses to find your glasses.
- Your back goes out more than you do.
- Your knees buckle but your belt won't.
- Your mind makes contracts your body can't meet.
- Dialling long distance wears you out.
- Your children begin to look middle aged.
- The gleam in your eyes is from the sun hitting your bifocals.
- You look forward to a dull evening.
- You know all the answers but nobody asks you the questions.
- You have too much room in the house but not enough in the medicine chest.
- You stay looking forward to your next birthday, but you're glad when it arrives

~ submitted by Ann Dicken

Class of 2001

Mr Anthony Hinds of this Parish has a long since held the view that some of his fellow Astonians are culturally deficient. In an attempt to reverse this defect Anthony, along with his colleague Martin from Wingrave, has been organising one or two educational evenings. So the class of 2001 reconvened in early May with quite a number of parishioners and an eminent local doctor in attendance. This time the subject was anatomy.

Before the subject proper was introduced a well received introductory lecture covering a varied range of topics was given. Then the two main presenters took the stage and before long had stripped their subject down to the basics. The class were widely appreciative of this direct approach and soon difficult Latin phrases such as "maximus rumpus", "brestilium firma" and "o phworr" were tripping easily and enthusiastically off the class' tongues.

As the evening progressed it became clear that many of the class were yearning for some hands on experience, but of course they were to be frustrated. Finally, the presenters cast their eyes around for just a single volunteer to help demonstrate some finer points. Their eyes lit not upon the class swots Buzz, Helmut and Lanky sitting stiffly in the front row, but upon shy little Jake lurking quietly at the back.

With noisy encouragement from the rest of the class Jake was persuaded reluctantly up onto the stage where the presenters used him to massage their points home. Bashful Jake was perhaps a little intimidated by the situation - what should he do. 'Why - front it out' he thought. And so he did, although he perhaps failed to fully rise to the occasion.

When the lessons were over the class all agreed that it had been a worthwhile and enjoyable class and dispersed rapidly into the night. Such had been the effectiveness with which the presenters had communicated their subject that several of the class left with a firm resolve to undertake some homework at the earliest possible opportunity.



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Aston Abbotts Parish Council

Unofficial minutes from the meeting held on 16th May 2001
The meeting was chaired by Cllr John Sansome. Apologies were received from Cllr Sutton, Cllr Kempster and PC Mike Buckle. Four members of the public attended.

Election Of Officers

John Sansome was re-elected as chairman, with Tom Manning as vice chairman. Committees will be represented as follows: Police Liaison Officer – Tom Manning, Highways and Transport Committees – Colin Higgs, Street Lighting Officer, Gwen Kempster.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed as a true record. There followed some discussion, including comments from the floor, about the slow opening of footpaths in Bucks closed due to the outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease. On the subject of closed footpaths, District Cllr. Peter Cooper commented that he believes Bucks are acting in the interests of the County as a whole, not making a political statement as has been reported in the press. Peter also reported that the modernisation of the District Council has been completed, and business should now continue as normal.

Highways

It was noted that County Cllr. Jennings and Mr. Perrottet from BCC have 'walked' the village roads with Colin Higgs. Potholes have now started to be repaired, the kerbing on The Green has been reinstated and the white lining by the shop is complete. The PC agreed to the placement of some new kerbstones on The Green, in front of the Abbey gates. The

inspection cover outside the Royal Oak should be replaced by a heavy duty one, and the Clerk agreed to report this to the Water Authority.

Recreation Ground

The Clerk reported that repairs to the vandalised shed are now complete. A vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Peter Knight for clearing the debris left over from the bonfire on November 5th. The swing has now been repaired and replaced, incorporating two 'cradle' swings for younger children.

Reports

Tom Manning said he had agreed at the Annual Parish Meeting to investigate the local Neighbourhood Watch scheme. He has established that there is now a NW co-ordinator in the Aylesbury Police. Tom will publicise details to try and resurrect interest in the Neighbourhood Watch scheme in the village.

The bus shelter in Wingrave Road has been sprayed with red paint and had its window vandalised.

A litterblitz will be organised for June 9th.

The Council has reluctantly accepted the resignation of Cllr. Linda Sutton, tendered for personal reasons. A vote of thanks was given for all the work Linda has done for the Parish during the past few years.

Date Of Next Meeting 27th June 2001 at 8pm in the Church Room.

Everyone Is Very Welcome To Come Along

~ Kate Curry

1st Wingrave Guides

We recently returned from a lovely warm camping weekend. We had a beautiful site at Phasels Wood situated in clearing and surrounded by a carpet of bluebells. During the camp the girls and some leaders(!) had a go at climbing, abseiling, pot holing, dry tobogganing and the assault course. Along with open fire cooking and campfire evening it was a busy and very enjoyable camp.

We are now looking forward to the next part of the term when we shall be visiting Green Park for some team challenges and also taking part in water sports at Caldecotte and Longridge. We are also hoping to have a family Open Evening where you can take part in hike fire cooking and other activities, more details will follow.

1st Wingrave Brownies

The Brownies recently completed their Safety in the Home badge with a visit to the Milton Keynes Safety Centre, Hazard Alley. As well as Home safety, the girls also learnt about problems that could arise in other situations, for example on the street, near water, on building sites and in playgrounds. They all had to report an accident by dialling a '999' call. It was pointed out to the girls that this was the only time they had the chance to make a trial emergency call.

Now that the meetings are outside, athlete and agility badges are being prepared. There will also be discussion about the forthcoming 'pets' service, when the Brownies will be joining forces with the Sunday Club. There are some interesting ideas coming forward!

For information about Guides or Brownies contact Jane Muir 681513

~ Jane Muir



Bank Crisis

The Japanese banking crisis shows no signs of letting up.

The Origami Bank has folded, Sumo Bank has gone belly up and Bonsai Bank plans to cut back some of its branches. Karaoke Bank is up for sale, and going for a song.

Meanwhile, shares in Kamikaze Bank have nose-dived and 500 back-office staff at Karate Bank got the chop.

Analysts report that there is something fishy going on at Sushi bank and staff there fear that they may get a raw deal. They're feeling pretty gutted about things over at Harakiri Bank.

One bank chairman was seen to jump out of a 26th floor window. Analysts noted that there was a nip in the air.

"Japanese Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama apologized for Japan's part in World War II. However, he still hasn't mentioned anything about karaoke."

~ David Letterman

"A closed mouth gathers no feet."

~ Anonymous

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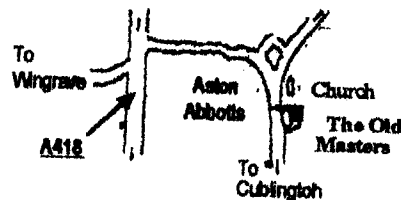
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New Zealand

was sitting in my office recently worn out from a busy morning surgery, visits, paperwork etc. etc. - sorry must stop whinging - feeling completely worn out and thinking that I need a break already, I had already forgotten about our recent travels to the other side of the world. It seems like ages ago since we were away and then I remembered—I said that I would write to 'The Chronicle' about the trip. This and the reminders at the St George's dinner prompted me to finally put finger to keyboard.

We set off on our long journey in chilly January. The prospect of a long haul flight with an infant and toddler was daunting to say the least, but we felt somewhat reassured as Poonam had already been to India with them last year—I thought it was a rather good idea to send her on a 'test flight' without me first!

The first leg of our journey was to Singapore 14 hours eastward bound. After a few days of rest with friends (and some shopping of course!) there was a 10-hour flight to Auckland then to Wellington where we were to stay with friends who have very similar aged children.

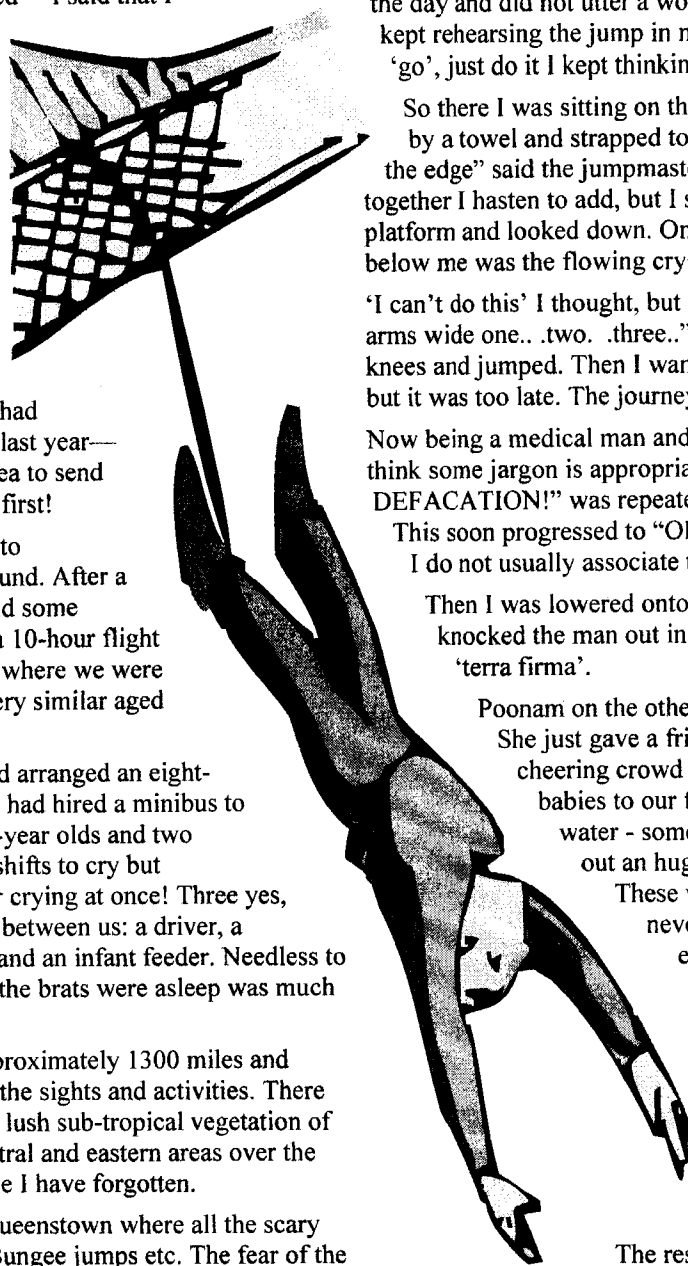
During our break our friends had arranged an eight-day tour of the South Island. He had hired a minibus to seat us all - four adults two two-year olds and two infants. They usually took it in shifts to cry but thankfully we never had all four crying at once! Three yes, four no! We had a good system between us: a driver, a navigator, a toddler entertainer and an infant feeder. Needless to say a drink in the evening after the brats were asleep was much appreciated.

During our tour we covered approximately 1300 miles and managed to see and do most of the sights and activities. There was a marked contrast from the lush sub-tropical vegetation of the West Coast to the dryer central and eastern areas over the Western Mountains whose name I have forgotten.

Our southern most point was Queenstown where all the scary stuff takes place - namely the Bungee jumps etc. The fear of the possibility of doing this crazy feat was in the back of my mind the closer we got to this adventure haven.

Fox's and St Joseph's Glacier's were two walks we managed, each with a toddler/baby attached to us in some form or another. It was hard work for someone so unfit but worth the effort. We even managed to cram us all into a helicopter to fly over Mount Cook (a name I do remember) the highest peak. This had its hairy moments of turbulence rather too close to the mountainside for my liking, but we lived to tell the tale. Luckily the noise of the engines drowned out the crying babies.

Then came Queenstown. Levels of anxiety were increasing. On the one hand you hear stories of detached retinas, on the other one has to retain an image of machismo - I was brought up in Essex you know. Another compelling reason to throw myself off the bridge was that a member of my staff and an Aston



Abbott's resident, both of the fairer sex and more senior to myself, had completed the task.

The white water rafting and jet boat ride were relatively non-bowel stimulating but exciting nevertheless. So we felt up to booking the jump for the following day. I was the first jump of the day and did not utter a word that morning - I kept rehearsing the jump in my mind. When he says go just 'go', just do it I kept thinking to myself.

So there I was sitting on the bridge having my legs bound by a towel and strapped to the elastic band. "Right toes to the edge" said the jumpmaster. Not easy with your feet tied together I hasten to add, but I shuffled to the edge of the platform and looked down. One hundred and forty two feet below me was the flowing crystal clear water of the river.

'I can't do this' I thought, but the jumpmaster said "look up, arms wide one.. two. .three.." Guess what? I did! I bent my knees and jumped. Then I wanted to get back on the platform, but it was too late. The journey towards the water had begun.

Now being a medical man and this being a family journal I think some jargon is appropriate at this stage. "OH DEFACATION!" was repeated many times on the way down. This soon progressed to "OH PROCREATION!"- (two terms I do not usually associate together).

Then I was lowered onto the boat below and almost knocked the man out in my desperation to get back to 'terra firma'.

Poonam on the other hand was really cool about it. She just gave a friendly wave to the camera and the cheering crowd who had just seen her hand two babies to our friends. Then she jumped, hit the water - something I opted not to do—and let out an huge scream for someone so petite. These were screams of ecstasy I had never heard before—and I will not elaborate further on that topic!

Despite the intense fear I really enjoyed it and may consider possibly given the right circumstances maybe doing it again. Poonam of course said next time it would be a bigger drop! She worries me sometimes.

The rest of the holiday was relatively relaxing including a 'whale watch' in which we saw three Sperm and a Humpback whale. Poonam also went swimming with the dolphins - that was a little too early in the morning for me.

So that was the brunt of our New Zealand expedition. Well worth the effort and we would thoroughly recommend it, although if you are making the effort, three weeks would be the minimum time to consider, as there is an awful lot to see.

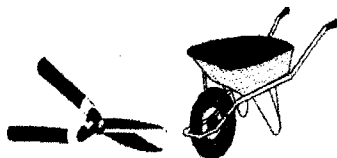
~ Avi Gupta

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Remember The Midsummer Madness?

In July 2000 a new phenomenon hit Aston Abbots. Originally entitled "Millennium Midsummer Madness", the inaugural Village Open Air concert soon became known as **ASTONBURY**.

Cabaret Musical Director Neil "Chesh" Cheshier had long dreamt of putting on an outdoor summer extravaganza and those of you who were amongst the crowd of 100 or so villagers will surely vouch for the fact he achieved his dream!

Set in the glorious natural amphitheatre that is Norduck House, Astonbury 2000 brought together a diverse group of musicians and singers of all ages in a showcase of Village musical talent.

Who can forget the sun setting behind the stage to the emotional sounds of "Summertime" sung by Cublington Tony Rees? Or the Bowling Trolls, Gerry and The 'Atrics, Hayley Wilkinson, Christina Tomlin and all of the many many other fine performers? And that tumultuous finale with the entire cast and the 100 strong crowd joining together, hands above heads, to sing "Sailing". Ahhhh.....such memories.

The event was a huge, huge success – the crowd partied until dark as they munched picnics and drank the odd bottle or two of wine. And acting as MC from the stage (and the edge of the pond for much of the time) I had the best view of all.....after it was over, everybody asked would it ever be repeated?

Well.....I'm pleased to tell you **IT'S BACK!!!!**

~ Andi Swain

Astonbury 2001

Back by popular demand, the village outdoor summer musical festival returns to Norduck House on Saturday 7th July 2001. For those of you unable to get a ticket for 2000, or new to the village, Astonbury was launched last year by Neil Cheshier (see opposite).

Chesh Had A Dream

It was "Chesh's Dream" that inspired the festival, so with his dream achieved I asked him, why the repeat? "To make sure we don't wake up!" he responds. "No seriously, we're one year on and people are *still* talking about it (Astonbury 2000). And given the extraordinary reaction to last year's show, I wanted to make it an annual do". Fortunately for all of us, Ann and Dickie Dicken agreed and will again host the event at Norduck House.

The aim is to build on the foundations of Astonbury 2000 and make this Astonbury bigger and even better. After all, this 'All Music' evening is great entertainment for the crowd, provides a showcase for local talent and raises funds for village causes like the Church Room improvements.

Picnic In The Park

The setting for Astonbury is truly beautiful. Norduck House, on the Western edge of the village, has a natural amphitheatre in its garden, providing a gently sloping grass terracing down to the stage. The backdrop is pure beautiful Bucks countryside, with the sun setting behind the performers. The evening kicks off early so bring a rug and chairs, a picnic and a drink or three and claim your space for the evening.

This is very much a family event (unlike the 'X' rated Cabarets!) and as we have the go ahead to at least double last years restricted numbers, you can bring all of the family *and* your friends along too. It's a well organised, well planned concert with ample car parking and posh port-a-loos.

It Could Be You

Chesh has already recruited some of last year's cast to wow us with a new range of songs from the 60's and 70's, through to the very latest hits. The ever popular (so they insist) Gerry and The 'Atrics will be back, some of the girls will make a second appearance and, fingers crossed, Lynn Manning may make her Astonbury debut.

But the event is also a showcase for new undiscovered talent. Out there in Aston Abbots are people who have thought "I can sing..... I think". Now is your chance! If you are a star waiting to be discovered, musical director Chesh would love to hear from you. Whether you are a solo singer or a group of friends in a band, or you play an instrument – give it a go!! Call Neil Cheshier on 681201 for a chat and audition.

Astonbury 2001 is a **top quality** outdoor concert with proper staging, lighting and a new powerful Band PA system. We have two sets – the first half showcases the youngsters (we need plenty of young stars for the future as some of our current cast will fall over one day and need replacing!). Then during the mid-evening break there will be an auction of a truly, truly special gift – you'll have to wait until the night to find out what it is, but bring plenty of cash!! In the second half we will hear from the Usual Suspects – the senior team – and after the grand finale we'll carry on the fun with the disco and a surprise DJ.

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~ Andi Swain

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Snorkelling & Scuba Diving in Sharm El Sheikh

In March six of us, The Branckers, the Lewises & the Judds (from Flackwell Heath), flew to Sharm El Sheikh—a resort on the Red Sea famous for its coral reef and amazing sea life.

We stayed at the marvellous Hilton Hotel (as advised by the Branckers who had been before!). The breakfasts were to die for and the rooms were huge and airy; I found the mini-bar particularly attractive!

The white sandy beach was a few minutes walk from our rooms and what a beautiful beach it is. Naama Bay, as it is known, is a large sweeping bay and the Sinai Mountains provide a marvellous backdrop, particularly near sunset.

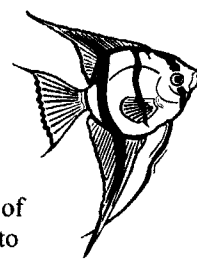
You only need to walk (backwards of course, if you are wearing flippers!) a few feet into the sea before you come across the coral reef. Mask on, snorkel in and off you go. There is so much to see. The fish are fabulously colourful – parrot fish, angelfish, wrasses, tigerfish, the list is endless. A couple of our members claimed to have seen a Moray eel, but I never saw it myself!

Dave and I took ourselves off to the Camel School of Diving because we wanted to finish off our Club Diver course that we had started at Green Park, Aston Clinton. We needed to do 6 dives, which meant 3 days at sea. As soon as we'd organised this I felt seasick! I didn't recover from this feeling until 4 days later!

The Scuba Diving in this area is wonderful. It is very well

arranged and safety is a very important factor. It's an international crowd that comes to the Red Sea and this gives it a unique flavour.

Dave loved the Scuba diving, I got better as the sickness lessened, and the course progressed. We did see dolphins and one shark. John came out with us for 1 day but I think he prefers the Maldives! The sea temperature is 22 degrees at this time of year, which does mean that you need to wear wet-suits.



There are plenty of restaurants in Sharm and all very reasonably priced but there aren't too many night clubs if you're into that. Alcohol is on the expensive side and white wine is generally to be avoided, so we were a pretty sober bunch, which I know you will find difficult to believe!

The desert is just behind the town so you can go on a safari via jeeps, quad bikes or camels. Day trips are limited to St. Catherine's Monastery, the site of the legendary burning bush and Ras Mohammed, a National Coral Park. There are trips further afield to Petra, Luxor, Cairo etc.

We all had a fantastic holiday and recommend Sharm El Sheikh for a great holiday.

~ Alison Lewis.



DIY Pop Quiz

Last month's grass-cutting pop quiz proved to be very popular (well, two people said they liked it). So here we go again.

I did a bit of DIY over the May bank holiday. We had our ugly 1970s banisters ripped out and replaced with nice spindles, which I had originally thought I would paint. However, they looked so nice I decided to stain them. After spending a day and a half sanding them down, I applied a coat of suitably coloured varnish. All looked fine... until the following morning. As I tripped blearily downstairs to fetch the morning tea, one glance was enough to tell me that all was not well. Perhaps Ronseal was not the best varnish to use on new pine, more likely my application was at fault, but a second glance at that golden yellow staircase with its day-glo orange blotches told me that this was not only un-liveable with, but also, probably, un-salvageable.

At times like this, when one's sense of humour is under immense strain, it is relaxing to have some music playing. So this month's pop quiz is music to do it yourself by.

As before, you have to guess the artists who recorded the original hits. In some cases, two answers are required—one is not enough. Here we go then, with "Now That's What I Call DIY".

1. I'm Still Sanding
2. Born To Be Filed
3. Wooden't It Be Wood
4. Saw Man's Son
5. Glue Monday
6. Wonderful Knife (2 answers)
7. Mama Told Me Not To Plumb (2 answers)
8. T'ain't What You Glue It's The Way That You Glue It
9. Sand By Me
10. I Got Glue (late70s/early80s)
11. Filed Thing
12. All I Wanna Screw (2 answers)
13. Lady Drill Power
14. How Do You Screw It
15. So You Win A Plane
16. B & Q and a Dog Named Boo
17. It's My Knife
18. I'm Into Something Wood
19. I Think I'm Paran-oiled
20. Only Glue
21. Filler (2 answers)
22. No Re-grouts (2 answers)
23. Lady Dab 'n' Seal
24. No Dowel-t About It
25. Wooden-t It Be Nice
26. Stain With Me Till Done
27. What Becomes Of The Broken Art Bit
28. I Saw Her Sanding Stairs
29. I Saw Him Sanding Stairs
30. You're The Vice
31. Indescribably Glue
32. Young Turps
33. Won't Get Tooled Again
34. Glue Glue Barabajagal
35. Nailing
36. I Just Don't Know What To Do With My Shelf

It's been requested that this time I should hold the answers back and print them in the next issue, so you have a whole month to try and work these out. Have fun!

~ Phil Spooner

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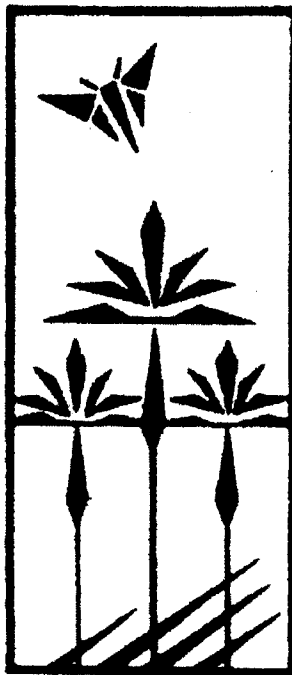
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Theatre Review: Confusions by Alan Ayckbourn

Milton Keynes Theatre 23.4.01

Well, I have to admit that this was not what I had expected. I had anticipated a farce given the play's title and Ayckbourn's previous work in this field.

Nonetheless this turned out to be an interesting and entertaining evening in which Ayckbourn used a number of theatrical devices in a series of short, self-contained 'playlets'. In each of these the audience glimpse various aspects of human behaviour and interaction. We felt the best two playlets featured a restaurant meal, as experienced by the waiter (Gary Wilmott), and a disastrous village fete.

In the restaurant two sets of diners, the boss and his wife, and an employee and his wife, are served by the same waiter. We only hear the conversations of the diners as the waiter nears their individual tables to serve them. From these snatches of dialogue the relationship between the two sets of diners and between each couple unfolds. Added to this is the finely observed behaviour of the diners and waiter, which is used to great comic effect. For example how do you take an order when the diners are verbally sniping at each other? How do you fill a wine glass when the customer is holding the stem and paying no attention to you because he is having a row with his wife?

The Village fete playlet was the nearest to farce in the production. Aston Abbotts fete organizer beware of the disastrous consequences of combining pregnant ladies in the tea tent, dodgy tea urns and PA systems, an over enthusiastic vicar wearing an ill fitting tweed suit and sandals, lady Councillors and a torrential thunderstorm. Not to mention drunken cub leaders, absent attractions, missing tent poles and collapsing speaker towers. Hilarious stuff much appreciated by anyone who has ever had anything to do with a summer event in England.

The other sketches centred on a woman so bound up in her domestic life as a housebound mother, that she treated everyone as children. This was very funny with an excellent performance

by Louise Jameson (otherwise known as Rosa di Marco in Eastenders), as her hapless neighbour. The least popular sketch was of a lonely businessman trying, unsuccessfully, to chat up a woman in a hotel bar.

The final playlet was a thought-provoking item on the subject of communication, or lack of it. Set in a park it begins with 4 people sitting alone on 4 benches. A fifth person arrives and chooses to sit on one of the benches next to a young woman. His attempts to engage her in conversation, forces her to move to the next bench occupied by an old man. She then tells him why she has moved to his bench and, the ice broken, goes on to tell him all about her recent break-up with her boyfriend. The old man says little to her and soon moves to the next bench where he begins to tell his troubles to its occupant. In this way the audience discovers much about the sad lives of the people but they learn nothing about each other. Very thought provoking but personally I thought Mr Bean's lunch in the park sketch, which explores the same ideas, is far funnier.

~ Sally Palmer

Blonde Stereotypes

A young ventriloquist is touring the clubs and stops to entertain at a bar in a small town. He's going through his usual run of silly blonde jokes when a big blonde woman in the fourth row stands on her chair and says, "OK jerk, I've heard just about enough of your denigrating blonde jokes. What makes you think you can stereotype women that way? What do a person's physical attributes have to do with their worth as a human being? It's guys like you who keep women like me from being respected at work and in my community, of reaching my full potential as a person... because you and your kind continue to perpetuate discrimination against not only blondes but women at large... all in the name of humour."

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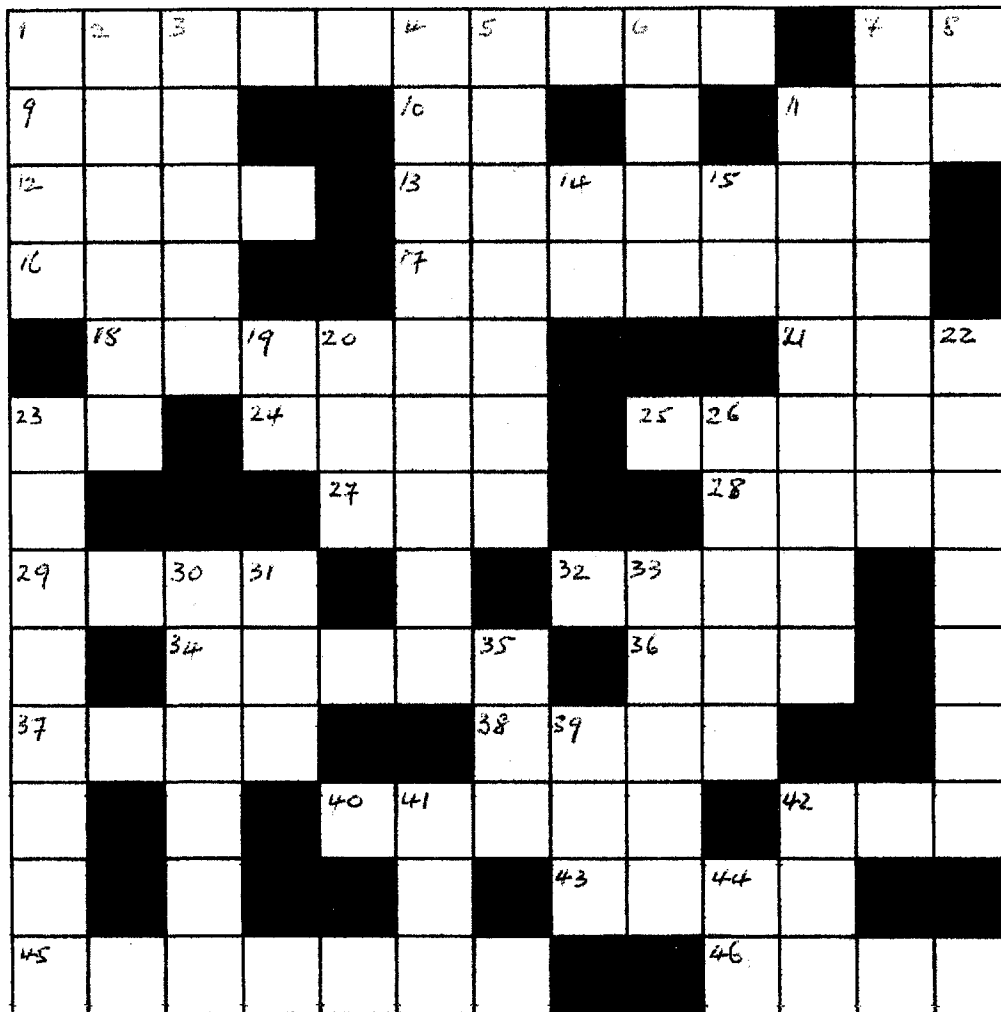
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12. Religious leader (4)
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- 16 Animal (3)
17. Crowns (7)
18. At rest (6)
21. Lubricate (3)
23. Exclamation (2)
24. Ended (4)

25. Measure of weight (5)

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29. Booty (4)
32. Null & ---- (4)
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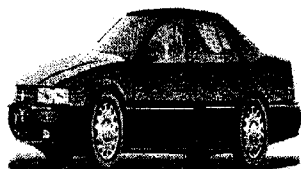
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Rectors Report

It is time to be rather careful in what I write to avoid being accused of political bias in the run-up to the General Election.

There was a bit of a thing a few weeks back about keeping race out of the election, and I wondered whether it might not be better to have an election that was entirely free from politics! Yet elections are inevitably something of a free-for-all, and it is very difficult to make distinctions between areas that are to be kept free from discussion.

Even comments on the Foot and Mouth crisis may be construed as being political – but the only thing that has intrigued me is the way in which at the outset farmers seemed so keen to protect their farms by using straw matting soaked in disinfectant at their gates. I can understand the thinking behind it – that it would prevent the tyres of vehicles bringing disease onto their property. Yet almost all the mats that I saw would not have disinfected a whole car tyre – let

alone a tractor tyre. Without actually doing any measuring, the circumference of a tractor tyre must be something like twelve feet! Passing over a disinfectant straw mat that was about six feet wide would not have adequately cleaned such a large tyre.

But, such is life!

Their presence obviously brought a sense of security to the farmers who felt that their whole livelihood was under threat. I am profoundly grateful that there were no cases of Foot and Mouth anywhere near here, because the implications are almost too horrific to contemplate. But the farmers are having to cope with far more than Foot and Mouth. The weather for the last year has been truly awful. The ground in many places is too wet to allow machinery into the fields. But having said that, it is refreshing to see the yellow fields of oil-seed rape. They may not produce quite such a good yield as in some other years – but at least they remind us that crops will still grow in this

country. The earth is still producing a harvest. All is not yet lost!

There has been talk of some farmers calling it a day, and of the changes that this will make to the countryside. If the land is not farmed, then inevitably the countryside will change. If there are no sheep and cows in the fields, the grass will not be cropped; we shall have to import yet more dairy produce and meat. If the conditions indicate that arable crops are no longer worth growing, more land will revert to wilderness. Ultimately this could lead us to changing our normal, basic diet.

But we know that the chances are that it will not come to this. Life will go on! We shall not be faced with such radical decisions. But there are decisions that we must make about our future – and the General Election on June 7th will present us with an opportunity to decide how that future should be shaped. An opportunity that we must use wisely.

~ Bob Willmott

1st Wingrave Scout Group

St Georges Day Parade

This year it was Wingrave's turn to be duty group. Akela kindly organised the whole event and wrote the service, which was based on the theme of 'thinking of others'. As we were the duty group, the leaders and some of the boys had pieces to read. Richard Vaughan (Beaver), Thomas Ellis (Cub) and Ed Hawkins (Scout), all delivered their prayers very well indeed, well done boys. I would also like to thank Akela for all her work on the service. We had a reasonable turnout, but really every boy in the group should have attended, particularly this year.

Beavers

We have been busy settling into our new home and getting to know our new leader Julie McMahon. We have also been working on Planets and have been making paper maché models of planets. We have also been learning about Beavers and how they live and survive in the wild.

Cubs

We have been busy preparing the entertainment for the parents at our A.G. M. on 5th June @ 7.30, where they hope to be playing to a packed audience of parents!!!!

Scouts

We had a hectic evening at Quaser in Hemel Hempstead, which was organised by one of the Scouts, they are taking it in turns to organise their own activities, not always as easy as it would appear, especially keeping track of numbers and money.

We also spent an evening playing wide games such as 'Search and Destroy and the 'Alphabet Hunt'".

~ Julia Ellis

If you would like to know more about Wingrave Scout Group, or possibly have a chance to help, please contact Jeff Pollard on 625454

Wingrave School

Wingrave School Association held a Promise Auction in the school hall on Saturday 12th May. Even though Saturday was a busy 'Football' day with the FA cup being played, approximately 30 people attended. Everyone seemed to enjoy the evening and had great fun bidding for some lovely promises. The catering, arranged by School committee members and Mrs Jenny Pipping, went down well, and not a crumb was left. But the best part of the evening was the fact that an amazing sum of £ 2059-04 was raised towards the Wingrave School Association fund. A very big 'Thank You' goes out to all the people who donated promises and to everyone who bought them. The Promise Auction is turning into an annual event, so keep watching the press for next years dates.

The next event by the Wingrave School Association is a Children's Fashion Show, by Brat's Clothing Co., to be held in the School Hall on 6th June at 7pm. There will be a short fashion show, featuring Wingrave pupils as models, followed by a clothing sale. The sale will be of new clothing, NO SECONDS, as found in major High Street stores, and at greatly reduced prices. Tickets will be available from the School Office and the Wingrave Village shop at £1 each.

~ Elske Gardner

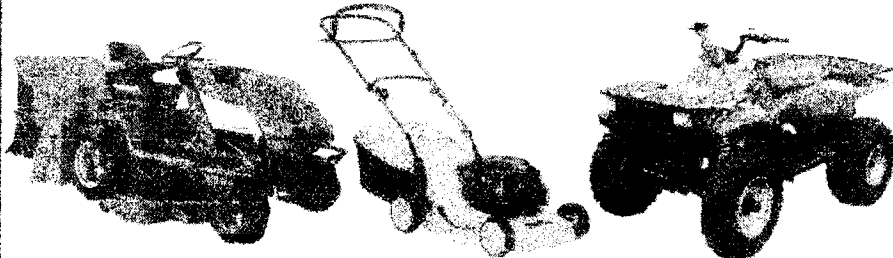
"Creativity is allowing oneself to make mistakes. Art is knowing which ones to keep." ~ Scott Adams, *The Dilbert Principle*

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Church Services

3rd June	10.00	Aston Abbotts	Three Parish Communion
10th	08.00	Wingrave	Prayer Book Style Communion
	08.45	Cublington	Parish Communion
	10.00	Wingrave	Morning Worship
	10.00	Wingrave	Sunday Club
	11.15	Aston Abbotts	Parish Communion
13th	10.00	Aston Abbotts	Franciscan Service
17th	10.00	Wingrave	Parish Communion
	10.00	Wingrave	Pet Service
	11.15	Aston Abbotts	Parish Communion
	18.00	Cublington	Songs of Praise
20th	10.00	Rowsham	Franciscan Service
24th	08.45	Cublington	Parish Communion
	10.00	Wingrave	Parish Communion
	10.00	Wingrave	Sunday Club
	11.15	Aston Abbotts	Parish Communion
27th	10.00	Wingrave	Franciscan Service
1st July	10.00	Service at Amersham	
	10.00	Wingrave	Sunday Club
	18.00	Wingrave	Choral Evensong

Church Sidesmen

3 rd June	Mr A Ford
10 th June	Mr J Hartnett
17 th June	Mr C Higgs
24 th June	Mr G Kemp

Church Flowers

2/3 rd	Mrs Ford
9/10 th	Mrs Wyer
16/17 th	Donated
23/24 th	Mrs Hartnett

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Sunday Readings

3rd June	Pentecost	Acts 2.1-21; John 14.8-17,25-27
10th	Trinity	Romans 5.1-5; John 16.12-15
17th	Trinity 1	Galatians 2.15-21; Luke 7.36-8.3
24th	John Bapt.	Galatians 3.23-29; Luke 1.57-66,80
1st July	Peter & Paul	Acts 12.1-11; Matthew 16.13-19

From The Registers

Baptism	14 th Apr	Clara Bracey at Wingrave
	29 th	Ashley Edwards at Wingrave
	29 th	Charlie Parker at Wingrave

Church News

Bridal Gowns Display

Thanks should be expressed to Clare Shorrock whose idea it was to stage the recent exhibition at St James Church of Bridal and Christening gowns. Also to Ann Dicken, Amanda Dewhirst and Valerie Osborn for the floral arrangements and to the ladies who served the afternoon teas in the Church Room.

Shirley Ford, Ann and Amanda Dicken, Clare Shorrock, Christine Scott, Margaret Kent, Shelia Smith, Louise McManus, Fred and Molly Poulter, and Valerie and Francesca Osborn lent the items on display.

The event brought many visitors over a very cold bank holiday weekend and raised £135 for Church funds. Thank you all.

Forthcoming Events

The next event is the village open gardens on Sunday 10th June, plus the plant stall and, of course, teas in the Church Room.

~ Colin Higgs

Congratulations to everybody on the successful exhibition. A number of people have commented to me about the impressive and beautiful display ~ Ed



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What's On In June

- Tuesday 5th** Mobile Library. The Green, Wingrave Road, Oxley Farm
Also:- Aylesbury Vale Transport Meeting (bus/train queries to Colin). Civic Centre 7.30 pm.
- Wednesday 6th** Childrens Fashion Show and sale (new clothes). Wingrave School 7 pm. Tickets £1 from the school or Wingrave Post Office.
- Thursday 7th** Election Day. Church Room
- Saturday 9th** Rambling Club members garden party. Link House. Great Brickhill. 7.30 pm
Also:- Litterblitz! Help clear up Aston Abbotts. Meet at the Church Room at 10 am.
- Sunday 10th** Village Open Gardens. 2-6 pm. Church open. Teas.
- Tuesday 12th** Fete Meeting. The Old House. 8pm
- Thursday 14th** Whist Drive. Church Room. 7.30 pm
- Sunday 17th** Fathers Day
- Tuesday 19th** Mobile Library. The Green, Wingrave Road, Oxley Farm
- Saturday 23rd** Fun Dog Show at Ashley Green Fete. 2pm. See advert on this page
- Thursday 28th** Whist Drive. Church Room. 7.30 pm

Book These Dates

Sunday 10th June Village Open Gardens 2 – 6.00pm (teas in the Church Room). Gardens which will be open include Oak Farm, 11 The Green, The Old House and The Abbey.

Saturday 7th July Astonbury open-air music event at Norduck Farm. Tickets from John Whyte on 681685.

Sunday 8th July Coach Outing to Eastbourne. Book with Colin.

Monday 16th/Tuesday 17th July Fete Collection - we need Bric-a-brac, bottles, gifts, etc.

Saturday & Sunday 21st – 22nd July Festival Weekend – The Fete.

Sunday 22nd July Church Tower open (weather permitting)



Classified Ads


Liz Hall is looking for **PHOTOGRAPHS OF WINGRAVE SCHOOL**—see page 5.

CLASSIFIED ADS ARE FREE in The Chronicle. Up to 50 words—just drop it in or email us and we'll do the rest.

CHILTERN DOG RESCUE SOCIETY are holding a Fun Dog Show at the Ashley Green Village Fete (1 mile from the Chesham turn off the A41) on Saturday 23rd June from 2 pm to 5 pm, with registration from 1 pm. Join us and enter your dog(s) for the waggiest tail class, the fastest sausage eating contest or one of the other classes.

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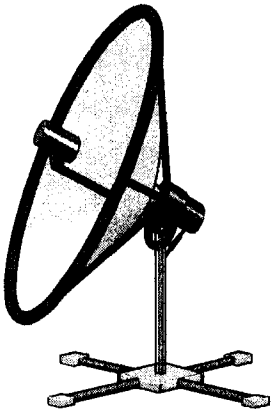
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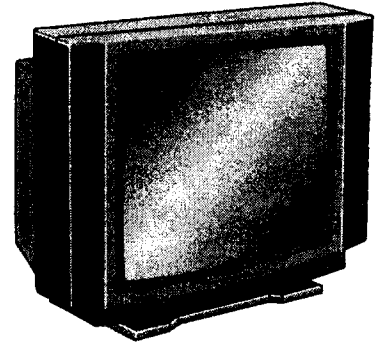
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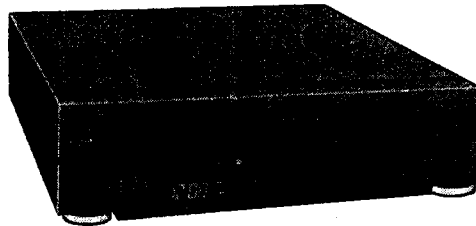


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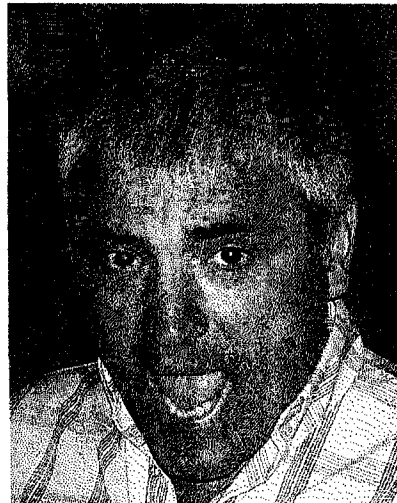
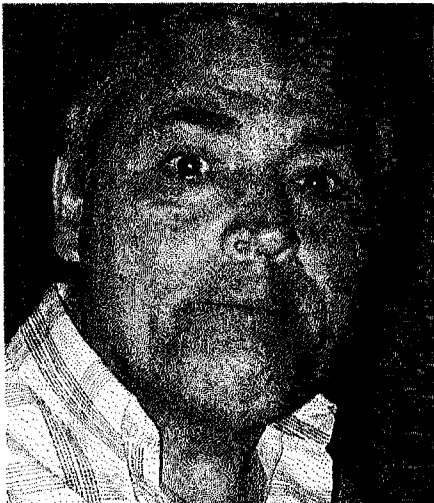


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