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# Editorial

## The Auction

You are an amazing lot, you Astonians. Not only did many of you make promises and offer items for auction, but large numbers of you turned up and joined in the fun, bidding so generously that an incredible amount was raised for the Church Room. It was nice to see quite a few visitors from outside the village as well. You can read all about it on page 11.

This is not really the place to be singling out individuals for praise, but I would like to mention the help given by Juan and Bridget at The Old Masters who willingly turned over their facilities to the auction organisers and helped make the whole thing possible. By the way, Juan always offers a special festive menu during December, a copy of which you can find on page 21, along with the menu for his special Christmas Breakfast on page 22. Go on—give yourselves a treat!

## Another Busy Month

There is plenty happening in November as well. We have our annual fireworks display on the 5th—details are on page 15. This is always enjoyed by many Astonians, regardless of the weather. Entrance is 'free', but it would be much appreciated if you could bring a large firework with you as 'price of entry'. You can put wood and other combustible materials on the bonfire in the recreation ground prior to the 5th.

A few days later Vic and Christine Scott hold their annual slide show and quiz—details on page 7. Their slide shows are always extremely entertaining and the quiz is great fun (and not always easy). Refreshments are included in the admission price, but many people have been known to take a bottle of wine and a couple of glasses—just to lubricate the little grey cells, you understand.

This year Remembrance Day has a special poignancy, as pointed out by Bob Willmott in his report on page 27. There are special Church services of course.

So with these things, along with the coffee morning, bingo sessions, churchyard tidy-up, Ladies Club, Toddlers Group, Ramblers Club, Whist Drives, village walk, two pubs and a restaurant, I think you folks should be kept pretty busy in November. Details of all the events are in these pages.

## Golden Jubilee

Next year is the golden jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II. I wonder if anybody has had any thoughts about how we, as a village, should celebrate this special and rare event?

If you have anything planned, or you would just like to put forward some suggestions, why not drop The Chronicle a line. The village might be able to obtain a grant for something serious that marks the occasion and, on the lighter side, I've never known a true Astonian pass up an excuse for a party! Please let us know what you think?

*Phil*

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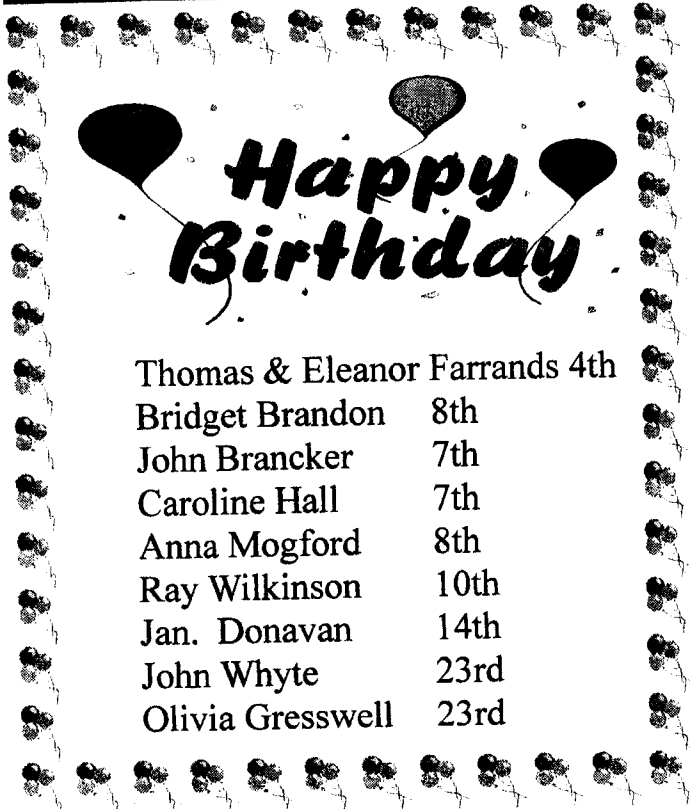
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## Happy Birthday

- Thomas & Eleanor Farrands 4th
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- John Brancker 7th
- Caroline Hall 7th
- Anna Mogford 8th
- Ray Wilkinson 10th
- Jan. Donovan 14th
- John Whyte 23rd
- Olivia Gresswell 23rd

**Welcome to Geoff and April Curnow** who moved into Leafy Oaks on October 31st. Jackie and Ray say they know they would like to be involved in village activities. We hope you enjoy Aston Abbots and look forward to meeting you.



**Andy Ford's** Great Northern Run (as described in last month's Chronicle) has raised the grand total of £223.00.

Andy is donating this to 'Children Nationwide' a charity which supports research into a wide range of children's illnesses. Well done Andy!!!

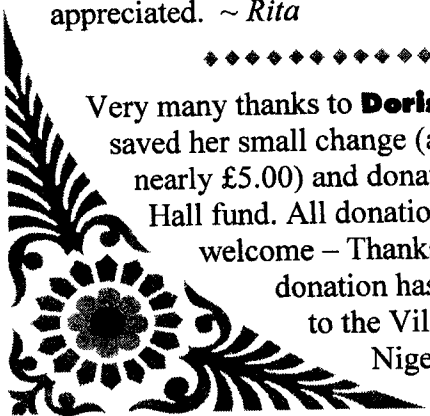


### Kidney Appeal

On behalf of the Kidney Research Fund, many thanks to those who contributed to this charity. A sum of £25.00 was raised, which is much appreciated. ~ Rita



Very many thanks to **Doris Turner** who saved her small change (amounting to nearly £5.00) and donated it to the Village Hall fund. All donations are most welcome – Thanks Doris, your donation has now been passed to the Village Hall Treasurer, Nigel Palmer. ~ A.bee



### Bye Bye

It is with some sadness that we say farewell to **Ray and Jackie Coates** who will be moving to Portugal in mid November. They have many friends in and around Aston Abbots and always joined in village activities. We will miss you. Not for long though. Hopefully we will see you both when you come back to visit AA. In any event, I am certain that as soon as the word gets about that your house is built there will be a queue from here to Cublington of folk wanting to come and visit.

~ A.bee



### Marriage Proposal!!

I've always felt the Chronicle is a real influence on our tiny community and last month's issue (focusing as it did on marriage) was certainly no exception. So strong an impact did it have on one village 'bachelor', that in front of dozens of witnesses he appeared to be making a proposal of marriage. Well!! In truth he was overheard asking a photographer "whether she did weddings?"

So! What with the photographer 'lined up' and a trial run in the horse and carriage, we look forward to an official announcement. ~ Anon

*[It must be that bachelor's sax-appeal. I can hear the Torremelinos stag crew packing their golf bags as we go to press—Ed]*



### Thank You

From the girls, a **BIG** thank you to all the kind people who have left goodies on the doorstep at 87. As our owners are on the move, we have now been adopted by a nice family in the village – Adrian, Vanessa, Sam and Charlie at 1 Longmoor Farm Cottage - with beautiful views over the countryside. If anyone would like to continue leaving any goodies for us, these can be dropped off at 22 The Green (Andy Bystra's abode).



Ray and Jackie (owners of the ducks and chickens above) are on the move to Portugal. They will be taking up residence from 31 October for a couple of weeks at 79 The Green, until their move to Portugal.

They have enjoyed their time at AA (no not alcoholics anonymous, although sometimes!!! .....), and will be sad to leave so many friends that they have made over that time. However, it is a new chapter in their lives. They won't say goodbye, just au revoir and would love to see anyone that would care to visit. They will keep you posted of progress with their building.

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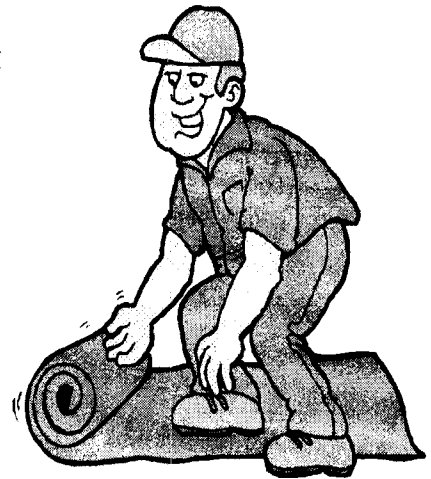
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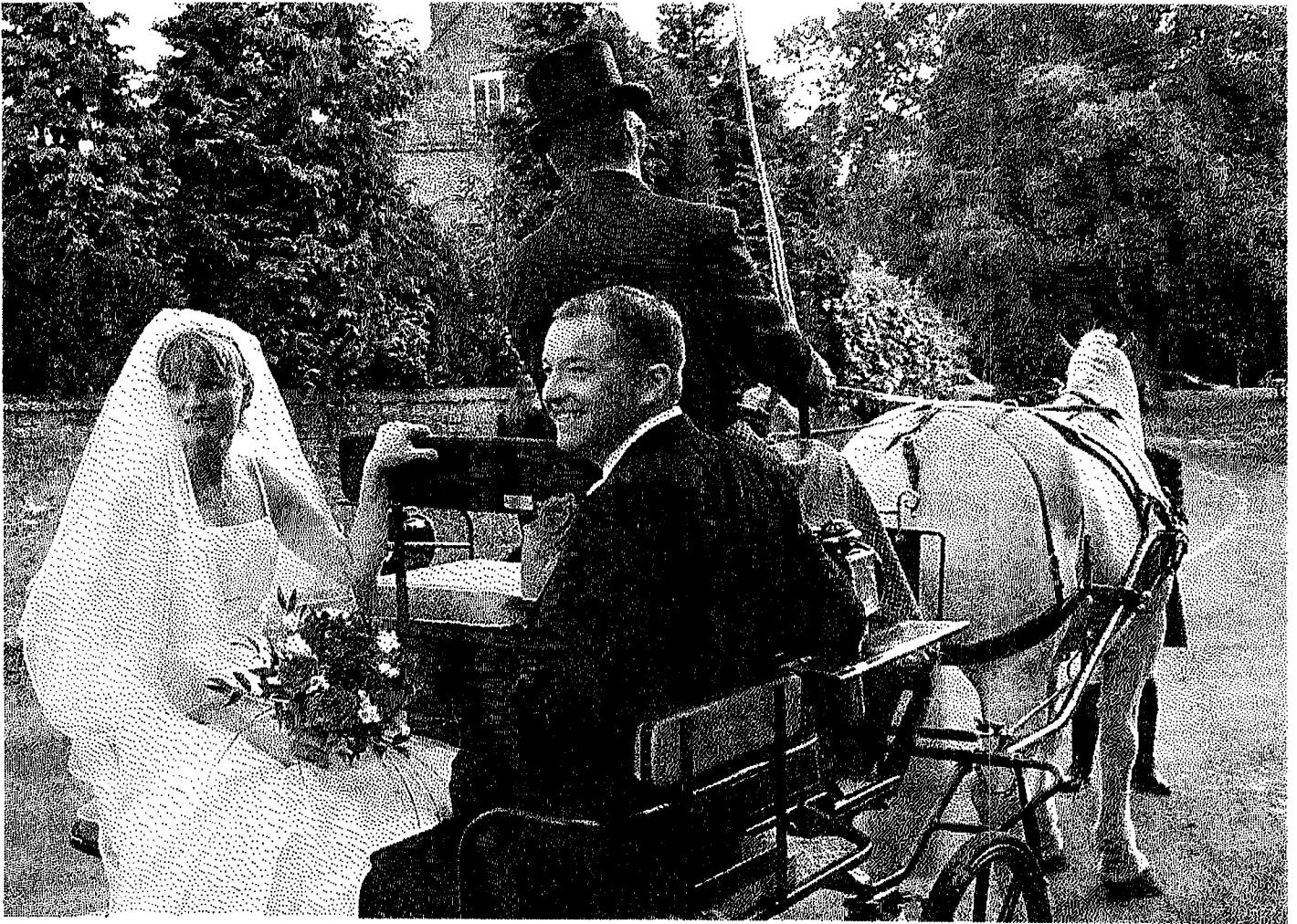


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# In The Village - 1



## The Wedding

Every one knew it was going to be one 'heck' of a wedding and it was from start to finish.

The groom, Andi Swain was supposed to arrive from his hotel in Aylesbury by helicopter but a combination of aviation and security jitters prevented it actually happening. Still, he did manage to get to the church on time!

Most of the village were at the church gate to see the bride Becky Lord arrive, which she did in tremendous style on board Mandy and Geoff's horse and carriage. Although an un-promising day, the sun came out just in time for her arrival resulting in a definite 'upturn' in Kodak shares. The combination of the bride looking 'drop dead' gorgeous, that beautifully turned out carriage (not to mention the 'Driver' and 'groom') and the church and trees being bathed in autumn sunlight ensured everyone captured quality pictures. One problem though!! In her rush to be at Andi's side, she had forgotten her bouquet!!

Resourceful (and fit) as ever, off sprinted Anita Parker, back to the house to get it. What followed could have been a scene from an Ealing Studios film. The horse and carriage with Mandy and Geoff's coat tails flying, followed Anita and I swore I saw sparks coming from the horses hooves. Back at the church gate conversations became hushed for a while, but then, the eagerly awaited sound of carriage wheels heralded their return. A tremendous cheer went up when the entire assemblage arrived with a triumphant, and rather 'radiant' Anita hanging on grimly to the carriage with one hand and bouquet in the other. (She'd make a lovely bride for someone!). More photos then into church.

Inside, it was pretty well packed with Andi and Becky's families, and friends. Our vicar, Bob Willmott conducted the service and right from the start it was evident he had tailored it to suit Andi and Becky's liking for a humorous approach. Of course the actual ceremony was treated with the solemnity it deserved but his

'preamble' and advice to the couple after the 'knot' had safely been tied was given with great humour.

As we arrived at the evening 'do' in the very up-market marquee attached to the Old Masters restaurant, it was clear that the wedding guests had thoroughly enjoyed their wedding breakfast and were ready to 'party' the evening away. Given the good company, supper and the excellent band, we all enjoyed an excellent evening until Mr and Mrs Swain's retirement to an 'unknown' destination.

Congratulations again to you both and thanks for a truly great day.

Words by Andy Bystra  
Picture by Emma Lord

*Andi was, of course, our editor for two years—and all of us at The Chronicle wish both Andi and Becky every possible happiness in the future.*

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## Surprise Surprise

It certainly was a real surprise for Ray and Jackie Coates on Saturday 20th October. Invited around to Andy Bystra's for a meal to wish them *bon voyage* for their imminent emigration to Portugal, they were surprised to find his dining room undergoing redecoration. Apologising profusely, Andy plied them with a champagne and explained that he would take them out to eat.

Walking them through the village in the general direction of the Old Masters he suddenly stopped as he passed the Church Room, saying that something appeared to be going on inside. Dragged inside to investigate, Ray and Jackie were stunned to find around fifty of their friends gathered for a surprise party to wish them well and thank them for all that they have done for the village whilst they have been living here.

We hope they enjoyed their special night, which had been secretly planned for about a month. Francesca and Rita laid on a delicious supper with a huge vat of Chilli Con Carne and the party went on until late with many people dancing by the time it came to an end.

Many will be sad to see Ray and Jackie leave us, but pleased that their plans are finally coming to fruition. We wish them well and hope they will come back to visit us soon.

~ Phil Spooner

## Curry Nights At The Bull

Frank and Louise have come up with an excellent idea—Thursday nights are now a special curry night at The Bull and Butcher.

A number of different curries are on offer: Beef Madras, Chicken Balti, Lamb Kebab, and Vegetables in Coconut Cream Sauce.

Nigel Palmer and I popped down to try them out a couple of days ago. We both had the Beef Madras and very tasty it was too! A big plate of curry served with poppadums, Indian pickles and nan bread for a very reasonable £6.25. Not *too* hot, but spicy enough to have a bit of a kick. I can thoroughly recommend it.

Remember, that's Thursday nights from 6.30 to 9 (I think those are the correct times—check with the Bull and Butcher on 681520).

~ Phil Spooner

## SLIDE SHOW and QUIZ

On Friday 9th November Vic and Christine Scott will be hosting one of their extremely popular quiz evenings at the Church Room. Proceedings start at 7.30 pm. Tickets, priced £3 including refreshments, can be obtained from Shirley Ford (Ross Road - 681865) and Ann Goodman (4 Church Row - 681763).

## New Streetlight? (an update)

You may remember reading in October's Chronicle that the Parish Council is considering whether to install a new streetlight outside the entrance to The Abbey, to illuminate The Green better during the winter months.

Official quotes have now been obtained, and the cost to the village would be around £900. This represents an increase of 20% on the village precept (part of your council tax!), and would be in addition to any increase the Parish Council needs to impose to cover its day to day expenses.

Much lively debate has already taken place on this issue, with views both in favour and against the idea being aired. As the expense involved is quite high the P.C. has asked me to seek your views once again on the issue – so PLEASE contact me, either by phone (681137), in writing (2, Norduck Cottages, Moat Lane) or by attending the next Parish Council meeting (December 5th). What you think really matters!

~ Kate Curry

## Wheelie Bin Vandals

Wheelie Bins (both full and empty) are being taken from outside houses and are being dragged by youths in a car down Lines Hill at speed at night. This results in them being dumped in the road by the gate causing a traffic hazard.

Anyone missing a wheelie bin should contact the council as we have asked them to collect the bins.

~ Maggi Searles

## Autumn Churchyard Tidy-Up

A churchyard tidy-up will take place on the morning of Saturday 17th November

We plan to rake up the leaves and clear gutters. If anyone has an hour or two to spare and can help out we would much appreciate it. Please bring a rake or wheelbarrow. Thank you. ~ Shirley Ford

## October's Crossword

A lot of people noticed that last month's crossword had no numbers in the grid. You can blame the fiendish mind of Don Bellingham for that as he thought it added an extra dimension and made it more fun. It should have been possible to complete it—did anybody manage it? However, Don has resisted the temptation to do it again this month and normal service has been resumed.

~ Phil Spooner

Following the very successful promises auction and 50/50 sale the Aston Abbots Parish Hall Fund has now reached a total of

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~ Nigel Palmer, Treasurer

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## Nocturnal Visitors

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We realised that our garden had a nocturnal visitor bigger than the hedgehogs we fed, and this proved to be a fox (or more). Could this be the culprit? When we planted a small tree, we took advice of the gardening gurus, and covered the soil round the stem with a circle of old carpet, as a mulch and to suppress the weeds. Imagine our surprise when one morning the carpet was missing, and no sign of where it might have been dragged out of the garden.

So if you find a fox's den with wall-to-wall carpet, and the cubs playing frisbee, don't return them, just take a photograph, and let us (and the Editor!) have copies.

The Watts, White Wheels, Wingrave Road

## Gobsnacked

Gobsnacked is the only polite word to describe the devious goings-on of friends scheming behind our backs. We did not suspect anything untoward, like lambs to the slaughter, going along with all the porky pies Andy (B) provided - they rolled off his tongue effortlessly.

Thank you to all of you that came along to the village hall to say 'bon-voyage'. It certainly was a **BIG** surprise. A truly lovely gesture and something we will always treasure. It was a rarity to be ushered out of the kitchen and not be involved in food or the dreaded washing up!!!

Many, many thanks again to you all.

Ray and Jackie

## Boer Collection

Dear Mr. Spooner,

From time to time, a copy of The Chronicle is sent to me by a friend who lives in Aston Abbots. I seem to remember in one edition, that somebody was compiling a history of the village. I thought, therefore, the enclosed photocopy of a section of The Times newspaper, dated 1st January, 1900 might be of interest to whoever is dealing with the history.

I have highlighted the relevant piece from which you will see that somebody in the village was engaged in a house to house collection, which was in aid of the Widows, Orphans and those Wounded in the Boer War.

I hope it may be of interest to those concerned.

Yours sincerely,

R.H. Miller. Woodlands farm, Aston Clinton.

*Thank you for your letter Mr Miller. The entry reads:*

**House to House collection at Aston Abbots  
Aylesbury, Bucks, per Mr. J. Roads ... 100 shillings**

*For those of you too young to remember, 100 shillings was equal to five pounds—a princely sum indeed in 1900. - Ed*

## A Fairy Tale

Dear Editor

Through the pages of your journal we would like to thank everyone in Aston Abbots for making Becky's wedding day so special. As soon as Becky announced she was getting married it seemed that Aston Abbots was the right place to hold the wedding, the actual day proved how right that was.

Thank you to the ladies who arranged the flowers in the church and the Old Masters restaurant, they were out of this world, to Jeff and Mandy for providing the horse and carriage which added a touch of real romance, to the vicar the Reverend Bob Wilmott for making the service so happy and relaxed, and to all the residents who welcomed Becky at the church.

Thanks also to the staff at the Old Masters who provided one of the best wedding receptions we have ever attended, and Frank and his staff at the Bull and Butcher who provided a great Sunday Lunch for about fifty of the guests the following day.

All in all the whole day was like a fairy tale and the people of Aston Abbots were largely responsible.

Yours sincerely

Robin and Jill Lord

## Auction Gratitude

Dear Editor

We would like to express our gratitude to :-

1. Andi and Becky and Juan for providing such a wonderful venue for the Aston Abbots Auction
2. Francesca and Jackie for slaving over hot stoves with such delicious results.
3. Bridget and Mary for working so hard for us.
4. John Whyte for his sparkling auctioneer's act.
5. All those "helpers on the day".
6. Above all, everyone who donated items and made promises, and to all who came, made merry and bid so generously.

Without you all our efforts would have been in vain - you made it the success it was!

Liz and Clare

*See page 11 for a full report - Ed*



## Christmas Carol Service

*Last year, many people were disappointed that Aston Abbots did not have a Carol Service at St James' church. There will be a Carol Service this year on*

### Sunday December 23<sup>rd</sup>

*commencing at 3.00 pm*

**Please do come along**

## Aston Abbotts Parish Council

Unofficial minutes from the meeting held on 24th October 2001  
The meeting was chaired by Cllr Tom Manning. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed as a true record.

### Matters Arising

Repairs to bus shelter – we have been advised that repairs are not currently necessary.

The letter of complaint to Royal Mail has been acknowledged.

The overflowing sewer at 83, The Green is still being monitored.

### Comments From The Floor

The manhole cover outside the Royal Oak has still not been repaired (it has now!)

### County Council And District Council Matters

District Cllr. Peter Cooper told the meeting that the travellers who have been occupying the lay-by at Rowsham have now departed, leaving behind quantities of rubbish and abandoned vehicles. The gap has been closed and a "clean-up" team will clear the mess. Peter Cooper has tabled a question to AVDC concerning cost, and how further encroachments can be avoided.

Wingrave Park is now fully operational, and residents of Aston Abbotts can book the facilities if they wish.

### Planning

**Home Farm** – revised plans. Mr. A. Cole of Cole Flatt, the developer, was present to answer questions about the amended plans, and after some discussion it was resolved to make no further comment. Gordon Smith thanked the P.C., on behalf of the residents of Church Row, for its support regarding retention of the orchard wall and other planning issues on the site.

**3, Ross Road** – Conversion of existing outbuildings to family room and shower room and erection of replacement garage. After discussion the Council had no comment to make on this application.

### Highways

Proposed new streetlights – quotations have been obtained for the light outside The Abbey, amounting to around £900. Much lively discussion took place on the subject, with representations both for and against the installation of a new light. It was decided to put another article in The Chronicle before making a

final decision. It was resolved not to proceed with putting a light in Wingrave Road at present.

Broken fingerpost on The Green – a quote has been obtained for the arm.

The Clerk agreed to try once more to have Lines Hill added to the "gritting list" for this winter.

It was noted that the repair to the road outside nos. 7 and 9 The Green has been ineffectual as water is still collecting at that spot.

### Recreation Ground

Safety check – It was reported that the small goal is unsafe. It should not be used until repairs have been carried out.

The purchase of new nets was agreed, and Cllr. Cooper suggested we might be able to secure a grant from AVDC for this purpose.

The climbing frame has been inspected and deemed safe to use, so it was resolved not to replace it at present.

### A.O.B.

The bus shelter in Wingrave Road has been vandalised. Its window is broken.

Will there be a grant available to us from AVDC to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee?

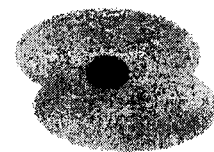
### Date For Next Meeting

Wednesday 5th December – EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO COME ALONG

~ Kate Curry, Parish Clerk

## REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

This year's Royal British legion remembrance service will be held at Wingrave War Memorial at 10.45 am on November 11th, followed by a service at The United Reform Church Wingrave  
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# The Aston Abbotts Auction

**W**OW! What a result! I don't think anybody was too sure what would happen at the Aston Abbotts auction of promises and the fifty-fifty auction on October 7th. The weather was awful. Quite a few people were hung over from the wedding reception the night before. Would anybody bid? Would we make any money for the Church room?

Yes! You did bid! We did make money for the Church room! The event raised -

## £ 3257.70

That's an outstanding result. It's given a big boost to the Church Room fund raising effort and our thanks must go out to the organisers Liz Barlow and Clare Shorrocks and to the many other people who helped with the event - not least Francesca Bean and Jackie Coates for cooking the delicious meal. Most of all, thanks go to all of you who came and bid. Many people bid generously as it was for a very good cause, but there were still some bargains to be had. One item - a lesson in making genuine Indian curry promised by Poonam Gupta - proved so popular it was sold 20 times with each person paying £15! Here is a selection of some of the other items and promises that were sold:

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*~ Phil Spooner*

### View From the Floor

Liz Barlow seems to have been the moving force in this 'inspired' event, aided and abetted by her 'partner-in-crime' Clare Shorrocks. The pair had not only managed to elicit 'promises' to be auctioned from many of us in the village but had also got a good number of quite desirable items to be auctioned on a 50/50 basis. The 'icing on the cake' was that the entire event was held the day after Andy and Beckie's wedding and so, with their 'blessing', was held in the same marquee.

The marquee (complete with chandelier and flower arrangements) and the auctioneer (John Whyte) resplendent in D.J. created a very 'Sotheby's'-like atmosphere.

Many bargains were had from the 50/50 auction and this was followed by a very pleasant 'Old Master's' lunch prepared by Francesca and Jackie. Good food and a glass or two of wine later and everybody was raring to bid their lives away for the excellent 'promises' being auctioned. Our Ed will be giving details of what these were in detail but they varied from a juggling lesson to foreign holidays and trips in and on exotic vehicles. See Ed's article for details.



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## Torremelinos With Swain

*This month we are finally able to bring you our much-threatened report on the trip to El Staggero Grande in Spain, but is it just a whyte wash?*

### Day One

5:30am. Approach Bull and Butcher. Disappointed to see it closed - suppose Frank must sleep. Quick check on number by our leader - The Swain - only one missing. Who could it be? Quickly identified by everybody as Alan K Swain and collected by Lol Swain.

6:45am. Arrived at Luton airport. Party split into two camps. First party led by The Swain make for the bar and down three pints before flight. Second party (the boring old Swains) head for the cafe for coffee. Avi Swain sets his tone for the event - drink, drink, drink.

8:30am. Flight uneventful apart from Polish Swain, who turned hyper due to a combination of the three pints and thin air. Also John B Swain, who told everybody that the stewardess had given him three brandies - so "Yah, boo, sucks to you all!"

13.00 hours. Malaga airport. Golf clubs and luggage collected. John W Swain wins the prize for the biggest golf bag. Dave Swain negotiates taxi fares for all - 1000 pesetas and a free telly repair.

13.30 hours. Arrived at hotel. Sharp intake of breath - nowhere near as bad as The Swain had said.

13.32 hours. Meet in bar. Meet Manchester contingent and agree how to have fun.

15.00 hours. The Swain pack moved out to explore. First stop is to be the beach. Arrive at the front and decide we need to discuss next move. Need somewhere to go. Ahhh - a bar. Everybody into the bar for a *Swain meeting*. A few pints and a burger later onto the beach for the first Swain game, keeping the ball up in the water - too exciting eh!

After a while suggestion is made that if we can keep the ball in the air and pass it between us for 20 times, then we can go to another bar. Success took an hour, but the wait was worth it.

A game of football later and back to the hotel. Twenty minutes' rest and down to the bar. Another Swain meeting - where to eat? Small split. A few boring old Swains head for the hotel restaurant. The thrusting young Swains head for the front.

### Day Two

Notes compared at breakfast between those who got there. The Swain holds the record - bed at 4am. Off to golf - for the record, won by sub Mariner Pete Swain. Highlight of the round is The Swain trying to play over the water, encouraged in his ten minute 'setting up to hit the ball ritual' by Lol Swain and others, only to fire it straight into the deepest part of the pool. Daddy Swain (yes there is one) proves to all that golf is nearly his game.

Back to hotel for water polo. Star is Simon (best man) Swain, who can still touch the bottom even in the deepest part of the pool - a decided advantage. Back to some restaurant. The Swain pack take it over. Much food and wine consumed. Stray females strolling along the front subjected to humorous remarks and very loud cat calling - but they seemed to enjoy it.

Rita's bar then discovered, right opposite Hotel. Cheap, cheerful, and open. What more can you ask? Another 4am finish.

### Day Three

Rain, rain and more rain - but it will be off by the time we get to the track for go-karting. Wrong! When the sand bags appeared, we gave up.

Back to hotel. Mix of shopping and tenpin bowling for the afternoon. Taxis at a premium. Dave "Telly" Swain under orders to get "piggy" teaset. Gets lost with Phil Swain for the afternoon. Bob Swain leads the others in hiding from Dave. He says "piggy" tea sets aren't for him.

Big dinner at night. The Swainsworld T-

shirts appear. Off to the restaurant. Tablecloths, proper waiters and good food. Simon (best man) Swain pulls off a success. The Swain has clothes pulled off and is tied to a bench. The official photographer Phil Swain goes through two films. Does he have blackmail in mind? Spanish stag party in a restaurant opposite complain. Manager comes out to say he has never seen anything like it, or was it "Look everybody, it's a man with no willy". After much discussion and arguing The Swain agrees to put his clothes back on. [*Trust the Spanish to make a big fuss over such a little thing—Ed*].

Off to the bar. The marina is the place to go, but more rain. Beach washed away in places, so back to Rita's bar - for some, not for all. Some boring old Swains are feeling the pace and retire at 2:30am. The Swain, fresh from visit to the casino, gets back to hotel at 5am. Too late even for Rita's bar.

### Day Four

The airport. Everything on time. Everybody very quiet. Polish Swain slept all way back - says it was something he ate that upset him!

Average recovery time - about four days, then it was off to the Bull on Friday to reminisce.

~ John W Swain

*It certainly was quiet at the airport. The Swain bought a pint of beer and sat down. One hour later he was still sitting there—and so was the beer. I well remember hearing the silence of twenty-one hangovers kicking in simultaneously.—Ed*



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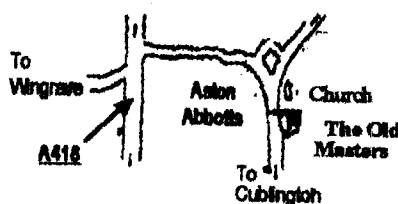
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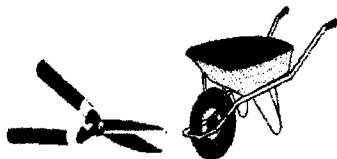
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### The Firework Code

This code is to ensure that you have a safe and enjoyable bonfire night.

1. Keep the fireworks in a closed metal box - take them out one at a time and put the top back on at once. When the box is open, keep it well away from fires and cigarettes.
2. Follow the instructions on each firework carefully. Read them by torchlight, never by a naked flame.
3. Light the tip of the firework fuse at arms length, preferably with a safety firework lighter or fuse wick.
4. Once lit, stand well back.

5. Never return to a firework once lit, it may go off in your face.
6. Never throw fireworks.
7. Never put fireworks in your pocket.
8. Keep all pets indoors, warm and safe.
9. Never fool with fireworks.

The safest way to enjoy fireworks is to go to a properly organised display.

**Finally, it is an offence to throw fireworks in the street or in a public place, and it is an offence to buy fireworks unless you are 16, plus it is an offence to sell fireworks to anyone under 16.**

If you wish to discuss anything relating to this article or any other matters, please contact me on the telephone number below.

PC Mike Buckle, Wing Police Office,  
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## Scuba Doobie Doo

Elsewhere in this Chronicle John Whyte tells how the second day of the Swainsworld trip to Torremelinos was spent playing golf. A few of us non-golfers decided to go scuba-diving instead.

Of the four of us who went - Dave Lewis, Bob Bean, Robin Lord (Becky's dad) and myself - only Dave had dived before. One or two others in our group had planned to give it a try, but failed to materialise early enough due to excessive partying the night before.

We started at the hotel pool where Anna, our instructress, demonstrated the equipment and outfits we would wear. Fortunately the green string bikini was not obligatory, as it would not have looked so good on any of us. Donning the gear we nervously entered the pool, finding after a very short while that we could all sink to the bottom like natural stones. An hour or two's training later we were all deemed fit to be let loose in the Mediterranean, under close supervision, that afternoon.

Following a sensible (and non-alcoholic) lunch Anna took us to a beach an hour's drive away. Here we once again donned our equipment and unsteadily paraded down the beach towards the water, to the mirth of a few sunbathers. The equipment adjusted, we set off to explore the deep.

It was fabulous! Although Dave has seen much better - he has been diving in the Red Sea - it was absolutely wonderful to be down amongst the fishes, even if many of them were just sardines and not exotic species. We dived down to approximately 20 feet, leading to the name for our little party of "The Six-metre Club". The 40-minute dive passed all too quickly, and after stowing away the equipment we retired to the beach bar for an *apres-dive* beer.

If you haven't tried scuba-diving and you get an opportunity, preferably in warm Mediterranean waters or similar, I urge you to give it a go. I really had not expected to dive in the sea on my first day's diving - and I loved every minute of it.

~ Phil Spooner

"Setting an example for your children takes all the fun out of middle age." ~ William Feather

"The optimist thinks that this is the best of all possible worlds, and the pessimist knows it." ~ Robert Oppenheimer

"Women say they have sexual thoughts too. They have no idea. It's the difference between shooting a bullet and throwing it. If they knew what we were really thinking, they'd never stop slapping us." ~ Larry Miller

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# How To Sing The Blues

*It's that time of year when Maestro Neil Chesher is looking to pressgang villagers into joining the cast of the Christmas Cabaret. Neil is always looking for singers, so in another of our series of 'How to do it' articles the Chronicle is pleased to bring you this guide on How To Sing The Blues.*

## Getting Started

Most blues begin with you waking up this morning. After that, it is permissible to pass comment on your woman. "I got a good woman" is a bad way to begin the blues. If you got a good woman why the hell you singing the blues? The only way around this is to stick something nasty in the next line. For instance: "I got a good woman / With the meanest face in town / Got teeth like Margaret Thatcher / And she weigh 500 pound." Then you repeat it. We don't know why. You just do.

## Getting Around

The first thing to remember about the blues is they not about choice. Your car stuck in a ditch today, your car stuck in a ditch tomorrow - ain't no way out. Chevys, cadillacs and broken down trucks are the blues. Volvo estates, Ford Mondeos and anything made in Japan are not. When John Lee Hooker wrote Cool Little Car he sure weren't thinking of no damn Nissan Sunny. If you got no car, other permissible transportation includes a Greyhound bus or southbound train, preferably in the company of hobos. EasyJet or Virgin Express ain't doing it. Walkin' plays a major part in blues. As does fixin' to die and meeting the devil at the crossroads. Getting stuck in a 5 hour traffic jam on the M5 is not the blues. Just unfortunate.

## Locations

Blues can take place in New York City, but not in Hawaii or anywhere in Canada. Hard times in Oklahoma is plain depressing, but hard times in Chicago, St Louis or Kansas City is the blues. Losing all your American Express travellers cheques on vacation in Acapulco is just a pain in the butt. You cannot have the blues any place that don't get rain. Good places for the blues: highway, jailhouse, empty bed, bottom of whisky glass.

## Who Can Sing The Blues?

Teenagers and schoolchildren cannot sing the blues. They ain't fixin' to die yet. Blues is for adults and adulthood means being old enough to get the chair if you shoot a man in Memphis. Blues is not a colour thing. Tiger Woods cannot sing the blues. Colin Montgomerie probably could. A man with male pattern baldness ain't the blues. A woman with male pattern baldness is. Breaking your leg while skiing in Val d'Isere is not the blues. Losing your leg to an alligator in a Louisiana swamp is. You cannot wear a suit and sing the blues unless you happen to be an 80 year old ethnic person and you slept in it. Also, no matter how tragic your life, if you own a laptop computer you cannot sing the blues. Maybe your big ol' mean woman done sit down on it. We don't care. You ain't going nowhere with blues like that.

## Do You Have The Right To Sing The Blues?

Yes, if: you're older than dirt / you're blind / you shot a man in Memphis / you can't be satisfied. No, if: you have all your own teeth / you were once blind but now can see / it turned out to be a flesh wound / you have a retirement plan, company pension or trust fund.

## Lifestyle

If you asked for water and baby done give you gasoline, it's the blues. Other acceptable beverages are: Thunderbird wine, whisky or bourbon, muddy water, black coffee. On no account ask for gin and tonic, a Bacardi Breezer, Snapple, Tokay-Pinot Gris Grand Cru furstentum 1998 or camomile tea.

## Flxin' To Die

If it occurs in a cheap motel or a shotgun shack, it's a blues death. Stabbed in the back by a jealous lover is another blues way to die. So is the chair, substance abuse, or lonely on a broken down cot. A heart attack playing squash, bizarre liposuction mishaps or being electrocuted while strimming the lawn is not the blues.

## Your Name

Some blues names for women: Sadie, Bessie, Big Mama, Fat River Dumpling. Some blues names for men: Willie, Big Willie, Little Willie, Blind Willie. Persons with names like Sierra, Sequoia, Auburn, Rainbow and Kevin cannot sing the blues, even if they take a machine gun to the men of Memphis.

## Make Your Own Blues Name

A. Take name of physical infirmity (Blind, Leadbelly, Lame etc), size of person (Big, Little, Tall, Shorty) or special ability (Howlin', Screamin', Mumblin'). B. Add first name (as above) or name of fruit (Lemon, Lime) C. add the last name of president (Jefferson, Johnson, Washington etc.)

Important note: This system is not entirely foolproof as, while Blind Lemon Jefferson is considered a perfect name for a bluesman, Big Strawberry Bush, whilst using the same procedure, sounds somewhat unsavoury and is very likely to get you banned in exactly the sort of states that that would appreciate your music best.

*Lame Mango Washington  
Professor of Blues  
Memphis Tennessee U.S.A.*

## Ist Wingrave Brownies

The Brownies have had a busy start to the term. We were delighted to welcome six new Brownies who have been working on their enrolment preparations. The rest of the girls have been working on their Jester and Hostess badges. The group of senior Brownies held a dinner party for Mr McClellan, Mr Smith, the dinner ladies and Tawny. There were excellent table decorations and delicious food which was served with great care.

The girls discovered the importance of teamwork which is not always easy to achieve. The younger Brownies are acting as Hostesses at the enrolment and the parents of the new Brownies will be entertained by the Jesters.

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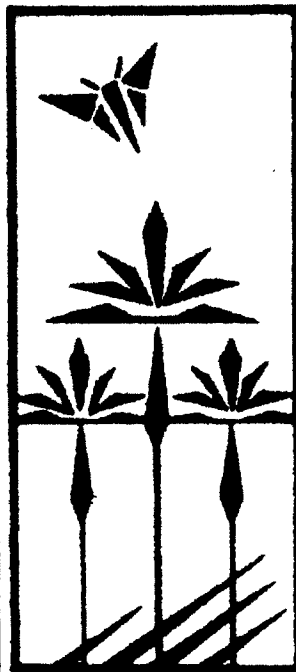
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Although most patients have cancer, they also care for people with conditions such as motor neurone disease, HIV and AIDS.

A third Hospice shop, in Winslow, has just been opened and this complements the two original shops in Aylesbury and Wendover. Volunteers are always needed for the shops - please ring on 01296 622311 if you would like to help.

The fund-raising team have to raise £309,000 each year to support the work of the hospice. In addition to the shops, the hospice run a number of events and appeals throughout the year. They also sell cards at Christmas. Details of the Christmas cards and the organised events (which include trips on the Orient Express, coach trips to London, bingo evenings, and a trip to the bulb fields of Amsterdam next spring) can be found on the notice board in Bernard Osborn's shop. Alternatively, you can contact the hospice on the address below.

At the moment they are specifically recruiting volunteers to work in peoples' homes, and people under the age of 68 for our transport service. For more details please ring Carolyn Naish at the hospice.

Florence Nightingale House  
Stoke Mandeville Hospital  
Mandeville Road  
Aylesbury  
Bucks HP21 8AL  
Tel: 01296 394710  
Fax: 01296 392813

If you would like information on any of the following events organised by The Friends of Florence Nightingale House, please complete the slip, a copy of which is available from Bernard Osborn's store, indicating the appropriate event. Please use the event code given i.e.. "L" for weekend in Bruges trip etc. Then send the slip to:

The Friends of Florence Nightingale House  
Manor House, Birtton Road, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP20 1EG  
Tel: 01296 429975 / 504474

- L. Fri - Sun 9,10 ~ 11 Nov WEEKEND IN BRUGES
- M. Sat. 17 November CHRISTMAS BAZAAR at Wendover Memorial Hall
- N. Fri - Mon 23 - 26 Nov TURKEY AND TINSEL WEEKEND in Isle of Wight.
- O. Sun 2 December COACH TRIP TO LONDON with tour of Christmas lights
- P. Sat. 8 and Wed 12 Dec STREET COLLECTIONS IN AYLESBURY (Town Centre and Jansel Square)
- Q. Sat 8 December CHRISTMAS BINGO EVENING in the Main Hall, Manor House
- R. Tues 11 December CHRISTMAS BAZAAR in Main Hall, Manor House
- S. Wed 12 December TREE OF LIGHT CEREMONY at Florence Nightingale House
- T. Thurs - Sun 20-23 Dec CHRISTMAS PRESENT WRAPPING in Friars Square Shopping Centre, Aylesbury

### 2002

- U. Sat 16 February VALENTINE DANCE at Grange School, Aylesbury
- V. Sun 24 February AFTERNOON TEA on the Orient Express
- W. Sat 9 March MUSIC QUIZ at Hawkslade Farm Community Centre
- X. Sun 24 March BRUNCH AND AFTERNOON TEA on the Orient Express
- Y. Fri 5 - Mon 9 April WEEKEND IN DUTCH BULBFIELDS
- Z. Wed 19 June DAY AT ROYAL ASCOT
- AA. Fri - Mon 22-25 Nov TURKEY AND TINSEL WEEKEND in Torquay

## 1<sup>st</sup> Wingrave Guides

Hike - Two Guide teams and one Guider team took part in the Bucks Guide Association Competition Hike. This is an annual event with a hike of 20km through the Chilterns. Using maps and compasses the teams walk on their own between check points. This year the hike was very demanding as there was heavy rain for most of the morning so the paths became very muddy. The team with Monique Ricketts, Amelia Pashley, Helen Muir and Lois Gardener were the second Guide team home.

The Guider team Jose Ricketts, Pam Pickering and Jane Muir were the first 'veteran' team home, but not without a few stiff muscles!

It was a very challenging but enjoyable day for all those who took part. For 10 and 11 year olds embarking on such a long walk on their own is a huge challenge and all our guides who took part should be congratulated.

Forthcoming Events - We have a District bonfire night (the guys are already made) and a games evening at Ivinghoe coming up, also a coach visit to a Wembley pop concert at the

end of half term. Despite this hectic time, as Guides like to enjoy themselves and do things for others, they are planning a fund raising disco. This is supported by the WCA and is at the Community Centre on Friday 30th November. The charity and the theme are still under discussion at the time of going to press but it will be a fantastic event. Look out for posters.

### Disco - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November

#### Christmas Prize Bingo

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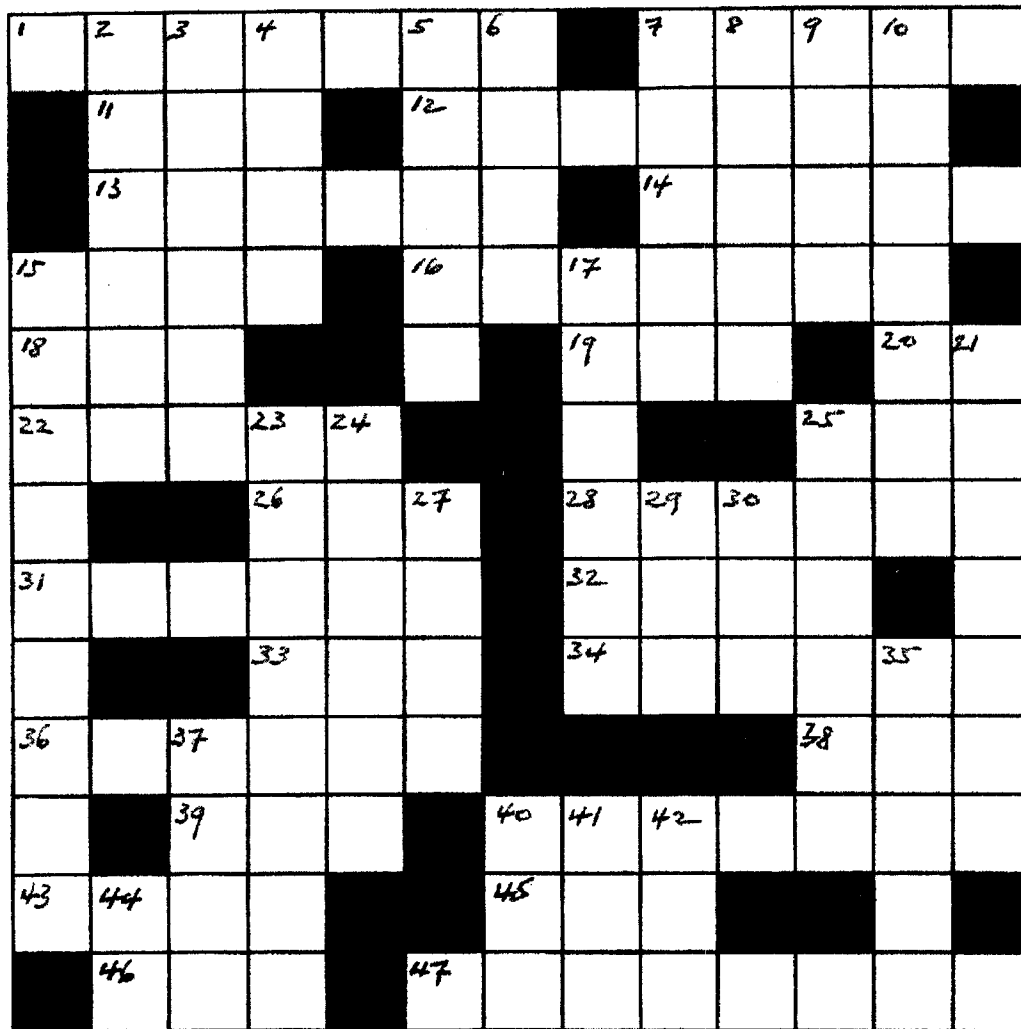
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# The Chronicle Crossword

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## Answers to October

ACROSS: 1 Channel. 7 Four. 10 From. 11. Anuran. 12 Lamp. 13 Bun. 14 Cent. 15 Ameliorate. 17 Berets. 19 Beef. 22 Owl. 24 Orgy. 25 Iota. 28 Les. 29 Intended. 31 Antic. 34 Tate. 35 Noise. 36 Or. 37 Laid. 41 Tisane. 43 Falcon. 45 St. 46. Incur. 48 TA. 48 Dole.

DOWN: 1 Cram. 2 Home. 3 Amplify. 4 Nabob. 5 Enure. 6 Lunar. 7 Facet. 8 One. 9 Rituals. 10 Flamboyant. 16 Tenant. 18 Sole. 20 ER. 21 Egotist. 23 Wed. 25 In. 26 Otto. 27 Tearful. 29 Icenl. 30 Dells. 32 Noise. 33 ISA. 38 AC. 39 Iota. 40 DNA. 42 End. 44 Are. 47 CO

### ACROSS:

- 1&12. Local Village (7&7)  
 7. HEART (anag 5)  
 11. Beer (3)  
 13. Crown (6)  
 14. Rope fibre (5)  
 15. Jetty (4)  
 16. REDFACE (anag 7)  
 18. Race (3)  
 19. Cereal (3)  
 20. Carry out (2)  
 22. Donkeys (5)  
 25. Crafty (3)  
 26. --- West (3)  
 28. Relations (6)  
 31. Form of transport (6)  
 32. Blunt weapon (4)  
 33. Small drink (3)  
 34. Continent (6)  
 36. THY SEC (anag 6)  
 38. Over (poetic 3)  
 39. You do it! (3)  
 40. FEEL SAM (anag 7)  
 43. Indicates Chinese (4)  
 45. Earlier (3)  
 46. Cooling device (3)  
 47. STORE OFT (anag. 8)

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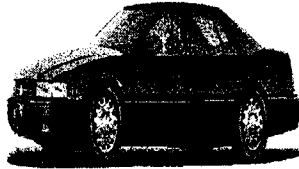
2. Forearm bone (6)  
 3. Foreigners (6)  
 4. Period of time (4)  
 5. Musical drama (4)  
 6. Title (4)  
 7. Literary composition (5)  
 8. --- in Wonderland (5)  
 9. Flower (4)  
 10. Senseless talk (7)  
 15. Exercises: action to improve skill (9)  
 17. European country (6)  
 21. Edible molluscs (7)  
 23. Discharge (7)  
 24. TIN SAY (anag 6)  
 25. Learning establishment (6)  
 27. Observe (4)  
 29. Debt (3)  
 30. European Space Research (abbrev.3)  
 35. Peeps (5)  
 37. Girl's name (4)  
 40. Food & Agriculture Organization (Abbrev. 3)  
 41. Self esteem (3)  
 42. Car document (3)  
 44. Whether (2)

Compiled by Don Bellingham

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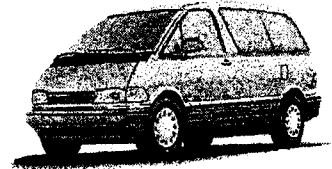
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## Rectors Report

November has become very much the month for remembering – especially those who suffered and died in the two World Wars of the Twentieth Century.

But I suspect that Remembrance Sunday this year will have a rather different feel. For it will be exactly two months from the atrocities in New York and Washington that happened on September 11<sup>th</sup>. What, for many people, started out as just another day turned into a nightmare of enormous proportions with repercussions that will affect our lives and the lives of others for many years to come.

The callous killing of such a large number of innocent people cannot be seen as anything but an act of great evil. That it was supposedly some kind of religious duty beggars belief. Yet it was an act that ought perhaps to make us think about the values and the standards by which we live.

For those who died, there was no time to put right the little things (or big things) that were bugging them. We all have those little things that we somehow forget to do as well as those words that we either should or should not have said. Unfinished personal business which cannot now be completed.

Then perhaps we should question the way in which our materialistic society works. We may aim to have very high standards, but are they always as ethical as we might wish? The more you look, the more dirty hands that become apparent. There are places where the veneer of respectability and acceptability is painfully thin, and there are places where what should be clearly transparent has become concealed by conceit, subterfuge and arrogance.

There is an old saying that when you point the finger at another, you point three fingers at yourself. We are all to some extent guilty for the problems of our world. The question is, have we the will to face up to the evil in our world and in our own lives? Rooting out the evil will be a painful process – but Jesus died to show us that it can be achieved.

~ Bob Willmott

## Wingrave On The Web!

Over the last six months, two teams of Wingrave school parents have been working on projects to research and construct web sites on the history of the village. These projects have been funded by the Millennium Commission and have been managed by the Open University and the Milton Keynes Living Archive.

The two web sites are called “Wingrave School Days” and “Wingrave Celebrations” and can be found on the web at [http://clutch.open.ac.uk/schools/wingrave\\_school01](http://clutch.open.ac.uk/schools/wingrave_school01) and [http://clutch.open.ac.uk/schools/wingrave\\_cele01](http://clutch.open.ac.uk/schools/wingrave_cele01). The School Days website looks at school life in Wingrave since the 1850’s “through the eyes of a child” and contains a wide range of written material, photographs and extracts from tape recorded interviews with past pupils. The Celebrations website concentrates on customs and celebrations that surround the Church’s Patronal Festival on June 29<sup>th</sup>, and how they have changed over the years. This, too, contains extracts from tape recorded interviews, and a video clip of distributing hay in the Church.

Both of the web sites have drawn extensively on the memories and recollections of Wingrave residents, and the teams are grateful to Margaret Morley, Prue Goodwin, Joyce Whipps,

## 1st Wingrave Scout Group

October started well for the group, we had a working party at the HQ and a number of parents turned up to help out. We really appreciate their help and managed to achieve a lot. There is still a much to do to finish off the hut and we are holding working parties on the first Sunday of every month, any one who can give a little of their time will be very welcome- phone Jeff Pollard on 625454.

The programme for the boys has started off with visits for both the Cub and Scout sections to the new Aquavale pool in Aylesbury. One of the Scouts first meetings was to plan the activities that they want to do for the rest of the year. They have already been on an evening hike to Rowsham and back again; they are also working on a web site for the group, which the boys are finding very interesting.

The Cubs have had an interesting half term, with a visit to Blackberry farm (RSPCA centre) and a Norwegian evening, along with many of the boys gaining their Swimmers 1 badges at Aquavale. The Beavers have taken part in the District quiz at Stoke Mandeville; they have also been visited by PC Buckle (our local bobby) and continued their theme of “Fun and Friends”.

We are always happy to welcome new members to the group (girls as well as boys), either phone Jeff pollard, or come along one evening. Do phone the section leader in advance, as you can see from above we are often out and about and we wouldn't want to miss you.

Beavers	Monday	6-7pm	Jan Antiosewicz	681430
Cubs	Tuesday	6.30-8pm	Nikki Reeve	681372
Scouts	Friday	7-9pm	Jeff Pollard	625454

Note the new time

~ Julia Ellis (681118)

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“The Americans have need of the telephone, but we do not. We have plenty of messenger boys.” ~ Sir William Preece, Chief Engineer, British Post Office, 1876

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Michael Tunnicliffe, Pat Roberts and many other Wingrave people for their help and encouragement during the course of the projects. We would also like to thank the staff at Wingrave School, who acted as “mentors” for the projects.

The two teams hope that Aston Abbots residents will enjoy browsing the websites and finding out more about the history of the village; we are also aware that many people do not have access to the internet, and we are currently thinking about how best to share our work with “non web” people in Wingrave and surrounding villages- watch this space!

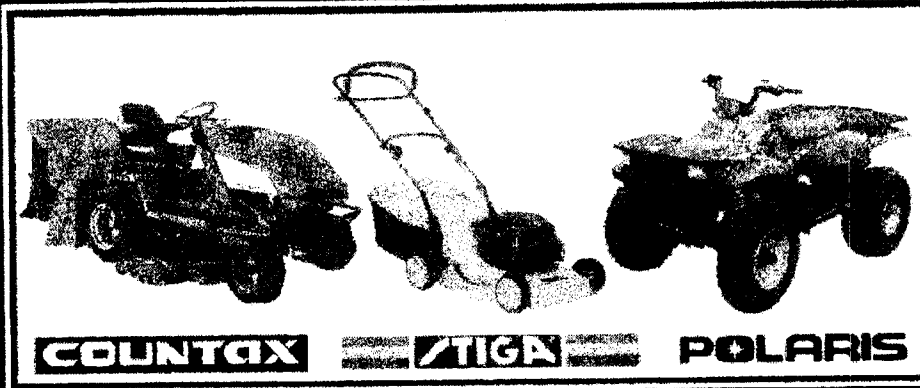
We are very pleased that the Open University has now agreed to a “permanent loan” of the computer equipment which we have been using. This loan will enable us to continue our work, and to combine forces with the Wingrave Archive Group and with Wingrave School to ensure that the social history of the village will be well documented for future generations.

The teams are: Wingrave School days - Caroline Castle, Julie Djuric, Julia Ellis, Elske Gardner, Liz Hall, Andrew Muir, Pam Pickering; Wingrave Celebrations - Janet Biddle, Philip Earwicker, Caroline and Don Kirkup, Paul Vaughan

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	10.00 Cublington	Family Service
	11.15 Aston Abbots	Morning Service
11 <sup>th</sup>	08.00 Wingrave	Prayer Book Style Communion
	08.45 Cublington	Parish Communion
	10.45 Wingrave	Remembrance Service (URC)
	11.15 Aston Abbots	Parish Communion
18 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 Wingrave	Parish Communion
	10.00 Cublington	Family Communion
	11.15 Aston Abbots	Parish Communion
25 <sup>th</sup>	08.45 Cublington	Parish Communion
	10.00 Wingrave	Parish Communion
	11.15 Aston Abbots	Parish Communion
2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	10.00 Cublington	Family Service
	10.00 Wingrave	Parish Communion
	11.15 Aston Abbots	Morning Worship
	18.00 Wingrave	Advent Carols

## Church Sidesmen

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

## Church Flowers

3rd /4th	Mr C. Higgs
10th/11th	British Legion
17th/18th	Donated
24th/25th	Mr I Belgrove

## 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

## Sunday Readings

4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	4 before Advent	2 Thess.1.1-12; Luke 19.1-10
11 <sup>th</sup>	3 b. Advent	2 Thess. 2. 1-5,13-17; Luke 20.27-38
18 <sup>th</sup>	2 b. Advent	2 Thess. 3.6-13; Luke 21.5-19
25 <sup>th</sup>	Christ the King	Col 1.11-20; Luke 23.33-43

## From The Registers

Baptism	30 <sup>th</sup> Sept	James Fairhurst at Wingrave
	7 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Lily & Henry Horton at Wingrave
Marriage	6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Andi Swain & Becky Lord at Aston Abbots
Funeral	24 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Alice Wodey at Milton Keynes
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Cecil Rickard at Milton Keynes
		Ella Hunter at Wingrave & Milton Keynes



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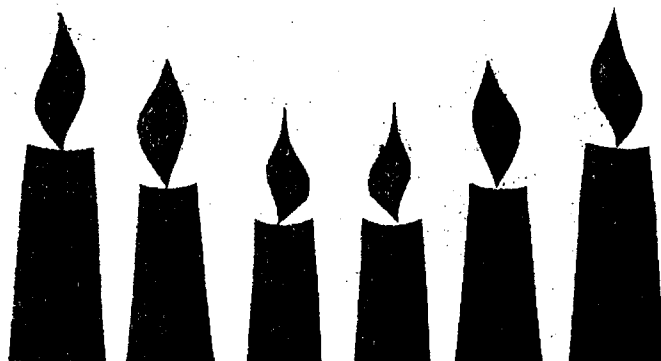
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# What's On In November

- Thurs. 1st** Toddlers Group in the Church Room 10.00-12.00  
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- Sun. 4th** Coach trip to Brighton for the London to Brighton 'Old Crock's' race. Book with Colin
- Mon. 5th** Fireworks Night Bonfire lit at 6.30 – Fireworks at 7.00 pm
- Tues. 6th** Mobile Library The Green / Wingrave Rd / Oxley Farm
- Thurs. 8th** Toddlers Group in the Church Room 10.00-12.00
- Sat. 10th** British Legion coffee morning Church Room 10.00 am.
- Sun. 11th** Remembrance Day – Parish Communion 11.15  
Also Rambling Club members meet Bierton church 2.00pm.
- Thurs. 15th** Toddlers Group in the Church Room 10.00-12.00  
Also The Ladies Club in the Church Room. Guest: Mr Paul Holton "British Waterways". Contact Shirley Ford on 681865.  
Also Whist Drive in The Church Room 7.30pm
- Sat. 17th** Bingo (in aid of the British Legion) Church Room 7.30
- Sun. 18th** Village footpath walk – meet at Green 2.00pm.
- Tues. 20th** Mobile Library The Green / Wingrave Rd / Oxley  
Also Aylesbury Vale Transport Meeting (train & bus queries to Colin please)
- Thurs. 22nd** Toddlers Group in the Church Room 10.00-12.00
- Tues. 27th** Floral class Church room 7.00 pm.
- Thurs. 29th** Toddlers Group in the Church Room 10.00-12.00  
Also The Ladies Club in the Church Room. Guest: Mr Roy Collis "The Royal Star & Garter Home". Contact Shirley Ford 681865.  
Also Whist Drive in The Church Room 7.30 pm
- Sat. 1st Dec** Christmas shopping trip to Southend (Book with Colin)
- Wed 5th Dec** Parish Council Meeting Church Room 8.00 pm.

## NOTICES

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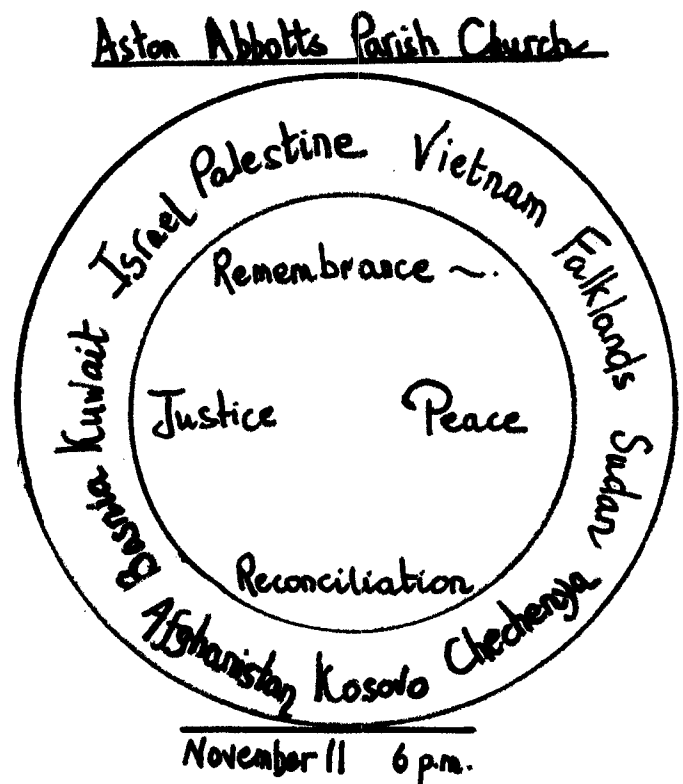
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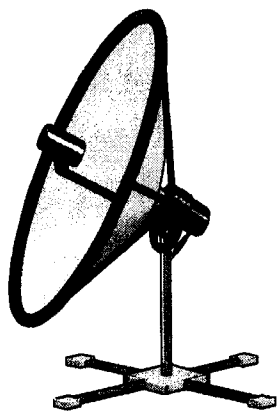
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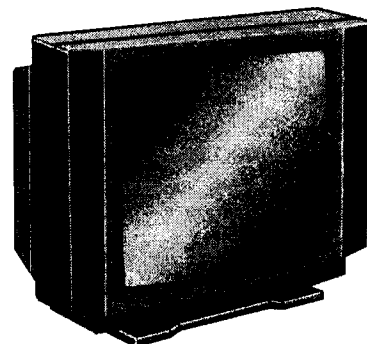


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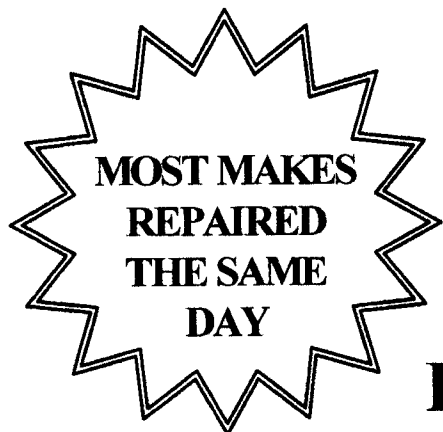
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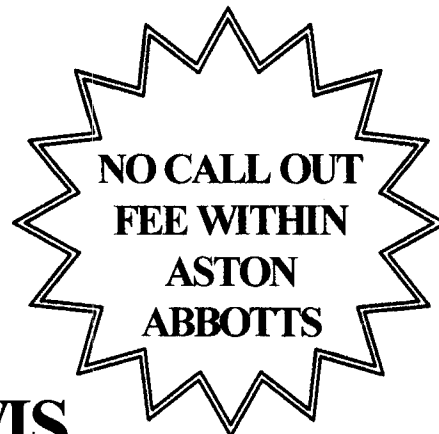
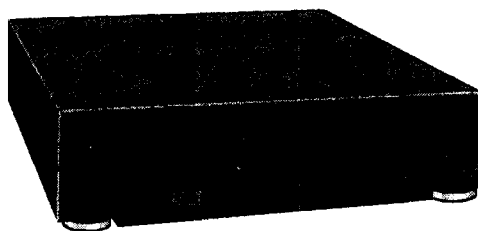
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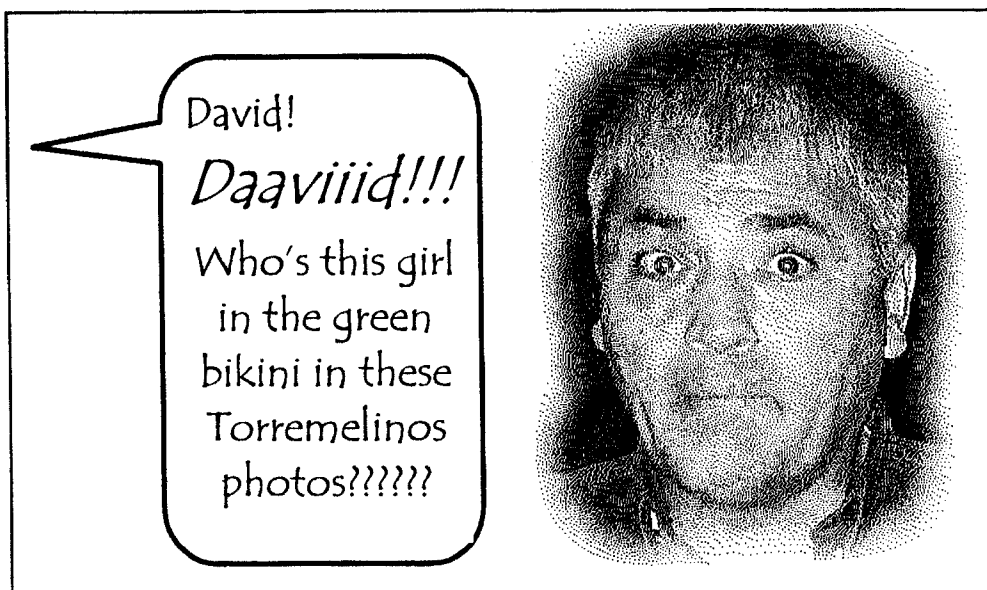


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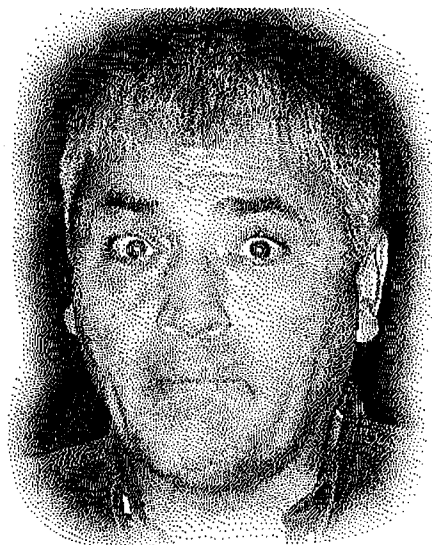
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