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## Editorial

I'm sorry but if it had not been for Anita I think this month might well have been a 'no show' for The Chronicle. My apologies for the late arrival but for me this is the marking season and huge packages of scripts have been arriving regularly by post.

At the time of writing this there is no Church News which is largely because I have not got round to reminding Peter that it is due - if it is here ... well done Peter for getting it done so quickly.

The article on the 'Blight of the Countryside' should raise a few hackles .. at least I hope it does. If I can get down to it I will try and my own views on paper as a farewell self-indulgence.

Talking of farewells .... one more issue and as far as I am concerned that is it, seventy issues and six years of trying to meet the monthly deadline (O.K. so it was missed more often than not) will be over. There has been an expression of interest from two villagers to take over ... more of this next month when I hope (but hope is all it is at the moment) I will be able to tell you that the magazines future is safe and introduce you to your new editor(s).

*Graham Parker.*

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# INFO

## WHAT'S ON IN JUNE

SUNDAY 4th : RAMBLING CLUB - LITTLE HAMPDEN

TUESDAY 13th: RAMBLING CLUB MEET AT SLAPTON VILLAGE HALL at 7.15 p.m.

THURSDAY 8th & 22nd : WHIST DRIVE CHURCH ROOM at 7.30 p.m.

THURSDAY 15th : EUROPEAN ELECTIONS  
CHURCH ROOM.

FRIDAY 16th : SKIP ON THE GREEN

SATURDAY 17th : CUBLINGTON FETE at the OLD RECTORY starting at 2.00 p.m

SATURDAY 24th : RAMBLING CLUB MEMBERS WEEK AT WHITBY - MAKE OWN TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS.

NOTE : As from week beginning the 5th June the Wednesday Tesco bus will depart Aston Abbotts at 10.30 a.m. and return at 12.45 p.m.

## BOOK THESE DATES

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 22nd & 23rd JULY  
ASTON ABBOTTS FESTIVAL WEEKEND.

SATURDAY 30th SEPTEMBER  
VISIT TO PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL  
FLOWER FESTIVAL, COACH DEPARTS FROM  
THE GREEN AT 9.15 a.m. BOOK WITH  
COLIN 681343.

## PARENTS

Please note that while the 'shed' is being erected in the Recreation Ground children should not be allowed near it for obvious safety reasons.

## CHRISTIAN AID

Shirley Ford would like to thank all who contributed to this years collection for Christian Aid which amounted to £42.50.

## WITNEY '10'

Andrew Ford would like to thank everyone who sponsored him in the recent Witney 10 in which he came 97th out of an entry of 750 recording his best ever ten mile time of sixty three minutes.

## POLICE WARNING

The police have been making enquiries about the tyre slashing incidents. They are convinced someone in the village is responsible. If this is so could that person take this warning that a regular watch is being kept!

## Keeping a cool head after TV role



Donna Wilkinson

**PRETTY** Donna Wilkinson, of Aston Abbotts, had the experience other girls only dream of when she was approached in a pub by a film director and offered an audition in a TV play.

The 15-year-old, who is taking her GCSE in drama at Wing Secondary School, travelled to Nottingham to audition for a part in a story of an albino girl taunted and bullied by her fellow schoolmates.

She was offered the role of one of the bullies, and spent nearly two weeks filming the play, which will be screened this August.

Film director Geoff Husson, who lives in the village, said that she was very good.

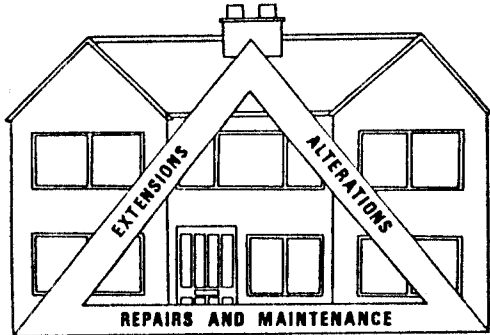
But down-to-earth Donna, who enjoys ice-skating and swimming, said that her ambition was still to become a fully-qualified hairdresser.

And instead of the smell of the greasepaint and the roar of the crowd, she believes her future lies in the roar of the hairdryer and the smell of shampoo.

She said that she now looks at her favourite television programmes, like EastEnders, in a new light, because she knows about the time and effort behind the scenes.

"People take telly for granted," she said.

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# People

OUR MONTHLY COLUMN ABOUT VILLAGE PEOPLE

Edited by Bridget Brandon.

## BIRTHDAYS

FRED CROSS .....	6th JUNE
JULIAN BAILEY .....	9th JUNE
KATE OAKES .....	10th JUNE
DAVE WHEATON .....	21st JUNE
PAUL DRYSDALE .....	21st JUNE
SARAH LOVELL .....	25th JUNE
SHARON WIGGETT .....	26th JUNE
KIM PICKING .....	27th JUNE
DAVID HEWITT .....	28th JUNE

## CONGRATULATIONS

Julia and Mervyn King on the birth of their son Benjamin on 22nd May.

Esther Chesher for gaining her Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award.

Mark Hewitt on being awarded 'Most Improved Player of the Year' Award at the Wingrave Junior Football Club's presentation evening. This keeps the trophy in the village as James Dixon was the winner last year.

Andrew Parker who scored in the drawn Cup Final between Aylesbury United and Risborough Rangers and then went on to score two outstanding goals in Aylesbury's 4-0 victory in the replay. Andrew is also opening the batting on a regular basis for Aylesbury Town first eleven

## Final success

DUCKS U-16s brought a ray of sunshine to the club whose senior side was relegated.

They won the Wycombe Star League Cup final by beating Risborough Rangers 4-0 in the replay.

Aylesbury took the game by the scruff of the neck, scoring straight from the kick-off, when Wragg intercepted a pass to send Parker away to hit a fierce drive that the Risborough keeper was unable to hold.

With only five min-

**Aylesbury U-16s 4  
Risborough 0**

utes gone, Aylesbury went two up through Donny Rodgers.

Minutes later, Aylesbury were denied a third when the Risborough keeper tipped a Rodgers drive round the post.

Midway through the second half, Seeley crossed for Parker to head a stunning goal.

Rodgers netted the fourth following a Wragg corner.

At the Aylesbury United presentation evening Andrew was awarded the Clubman of the Year Award.

## Obituaries

### Mr. D.F. Hinds

DONALD Frederick Hinds, known to family and friends as 'Sailor', has died aged 65 at his home in Ross Road, Aston Abbots.

Born and raised in Aston Abbots, Mr. Hinds worked as a chicken farmer after leaving school. The son of a builder's labourer, he later followed in his father's footsteps and entered the building trade.

During World War Two he served all round the world with the Royal Marines.

After the war he became a coach driver, first with Buckmasters, in Leighton Buzzard, and later with Todds, of Whitchurch.

In 1947 he married Dorothy May. A keen gardener, he is survived by his wife, six children and 10 grandchildren.

The funeral takes place at St. James's Church, Aston Abbots, tomorrow (Friday).

Arrangements are by K. Y. Green.

### Mr. A. Tuplin

KEEN vegetable gardener and fisherman Arthur Tuplin of Bricstock, Aston Abbots, has died at the age of 75.

Mr. Tuplin was born in Tattwell, Lincolnshire, the sixth son in a family of 12.

During the war he served with the RAF and it was during that time he met his future wife, Dorothy, at the Royal Oak, Aston Abbots.

They married in 1943 and settled in the village after the war when Mr. Tuplin worked for the Aylesbury building firm of Webster and Cannon.

After 10 years he left to join gas and water maintenance firm William Press before retiring at the age of 62.

In his later years Mr. Tuplin tended his two allotments in the village and went fishing with his two grandsons.

He leaves a widow, a daughter, three grandchildren a brother and two sisters.

The funeral is today (Thursday) at Oxford Crematorium.

**MANNING.** — On 1st June peacefully at home William John (Bill) aged 82 years, beloved and loving husband of Beryl and the late Joy. Loving father of Richard, Sheila, Virginia and families. Funeral service at The Church of The Holy Cross and St. Mary, Quainton on Friday 9th June at 2pm. Family flowers only but if desired donations for Parkinsons Disease Society may be sent to: S.R. Dillamore Ltd, 16 Old Road, Linslade, Leighton Buzzards, Beds. LU7 7RF.

We must also announce the death of Mrs SHARP who died at The Lodge in Wing.

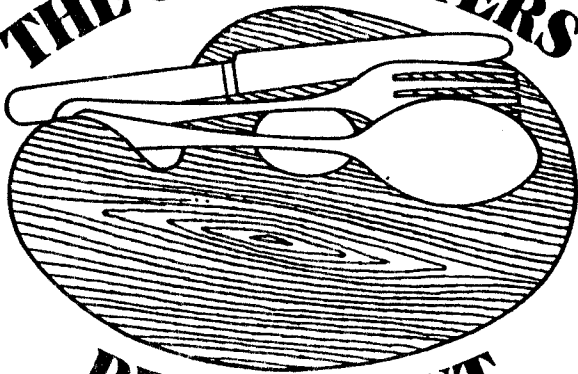
**THANKS :** I would like to thank all those who attended the funeral of my husband Don, and for all the lovely flowers and the condolences we have received.  
Dorothy Hinds

**AYLESBURY Town battled out a drawn match with Knebworth Park on Sunday on a good batting wicket.**

In beautiful warm conditions Aylesbury batted and Mike Beaumont and 16-year-old Andy Parker made 86 for the first wicket to put Aylesbury in a strong position.

Then Nigel Farrow joined Beaumont and they made a stand of 126 before Farrow was out for 48. Simon Cooley made 48 in the second innings closed.

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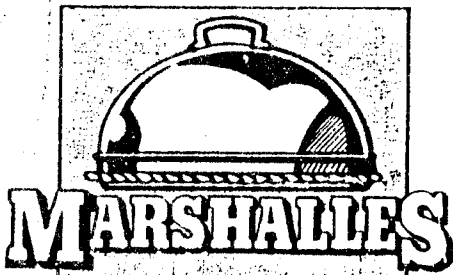
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## HELP LINE

Les Smith, 'Gatesgarth', Lines Hill (Tel:681368)  
Peter Dines, 87 The Green. (Tel:681459)  
Colin Higgs, 6, Wingrave Road. (Tel:681343)  
John Whyte, 14 Bricstock. (Tel:681685)  
Graham Parker, The Cloisters, Church Row (681325)  
David Watts, 'White Wheels' (681376)  
Rosemary Franklin, 3 Church Row. (681319).



The Blight on our Countryside.

Mobile Homes and Gypsies



s an observer at the May Parish Council meeting I was stunned to hear of the enquiries being made to build what amounts to a brand new 'village' between Aston Abbotts and Cublington.

Not only that, but that 'village' is going to consist of mobile homes. Now to me 'mobile homes' is a euphemism for gypsies encampment and we have all seen the terrible problems created in the location of the campsite up at Cublington. The area of Aston Abbotts and Cublington has always been under attack. Not so long ago it was the airport, then insidious bits of infilling and now ...

South Fork

In addition to the mobile homes it was also announced that Badgers Oak had been given permission to build something that amounted to South Fork.

This was reported to have passed because of the claim that it was a farmhouse and that the initial application was made before the legislation was changed controlling the size of the farmhouse that could be built.

So South Fork and the expansion at Badger's Oak causes even more grief and simply paves the way for the villages of Aston Abbotts and Cublington to be joined up.

SURELY THIS IS NOT WHAT THE CONSERVATION PLAN INTENDED.

We were told that any planning application in a conservation area had to improve that area not just not detract from that area.

What is the motivation behind this move. Is it real concern to provide low cost housing or is the move simply one of greed and exploitation of the potential homeowners and us the custodians of the countryside?

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THE SUNDAY CLUB

The Sunday Club is held at the Methodist Chapel at 10 a.m. on Sunday mornings. We are also involved in a Family service in the Church once a month. The Sunday Club is for children aged 3 upwards, all are welcome.

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If this scheme worries you; if the loss of open country concerns you; if you have a view about mobile homes and the potential of yet another gypsies encampment on your doorstep then you must do something about it.

What can you do ?

Write to your MP. His name is George Walden and simply address your letter to him at the House of Commons.

Write to your Councillors. they are Reg Keen (County Council) and Bryan Round (District Council).

Write to the Chronicle.

BUT MOST OF ALL TRY NOT TO DO NOTHING !

[ The author of the article prefers to remain anonymous but has forwarded name and address. The issues raised are not new and if such developments took place it would merely confirm fears I have often expressed at Parish Council meetings. The reference to the conservation area is perhaps misplaced as it can only have effect in the area that is defined, anything outside that is 'fair game' for those to whom development is money. Your views on this and the whole issue of rural development would be welcome. ED.]

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YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

Colin Higgs (Chairman) 6, Wingrave Rd. 681343.  
John Ford, 2 Ross Road. Tel: 681865.  
Richard Speakman, 79 The Green. 681042.  
Bryan Round, 11 Nup End Lane, Wingrave  
Tel: 681621.

VACANCY (Following the resignation of John Whyte).

CLERK : Margaret Chesher, 20 The Green,  
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# Real people drinking in a real pub

AS soon as I stepped across the threshold of the Bull and Butcher, Aston Abbots I knew I had found what I have been looking for since this series began — a good old-fashioned village pub.

There's none of your fancy chintzy bits, or fake frip frap, just tables to sit at and chairs to sit on. There are quarry tiles on the floor, the paintwork's cracked and dull and the ceiling could do with sand-blasting, but it's a real PUB.

At the time of my visit David Parsons and his wife Tonia were nine hosts, but they have since left so that David could pursue other business interests. As David was absent Tonia told me about the pub and its activities.

Pool is the number one game with darts a very strong second. Any activity that requires team effort however is well supported. It's that sort of pub. It's sociable, that's the word I think best describes it.

The outbuildings,

**Where once you supped while your bread baked**

which are listed, were once the village bakery and apparently the ovens are still in working order.

One of the pub's customers who can remember when you could have a drink while waiting for your crusty cob is Percy Rickard. Percy 71 was born in Burcott.

Wing, but has lived in Aston Abbots for 51

years. For 46 of those years he worked the land for Major Morton, rightly Percy objects to the term farm labourer.

Not only were the ovens used for baking bread, for on Christmas Eve the villagers would gather to roast their festive fowl. Can't you just picture the scene. Men, in rough work sturdy clothes, their faces and

hands chapped and ruddy, their wives and mothers perhaps, flushed with excitement and a little port wine, all bathed in lamplight and fireglow. From out in the cold black night would come the sound of hissing fat and the delicious aroma of next day's dinner.

Percy told me of landlord past Tom Humphreys who kept pigs in the backyard and loved a drop of scotch. How he would, "come to the bar covered in pig \*\*\*\* to see if he had any customers."

If he had three or more he would, "tear upstairs to wash and change." I can only surmise that if there were less than the mystic three Tom served them in all his aromatic glory. Best bitter is Percy's favourite. He recalled for me the night he won six pints in bets by killing and plucking a chicken to two minutes. Plucking is his little sideline now, he plucks and prepares pheasants for local shooting clubs during the season, he does his garden and generally potters about, keeping busy. He lost his wife recently after a long battle against cancer during which he nursed her day and night. Despite this sadness and you can see his eyes moisten when he talks of her, he loves to chat about times gone by and his, "wonderful life".

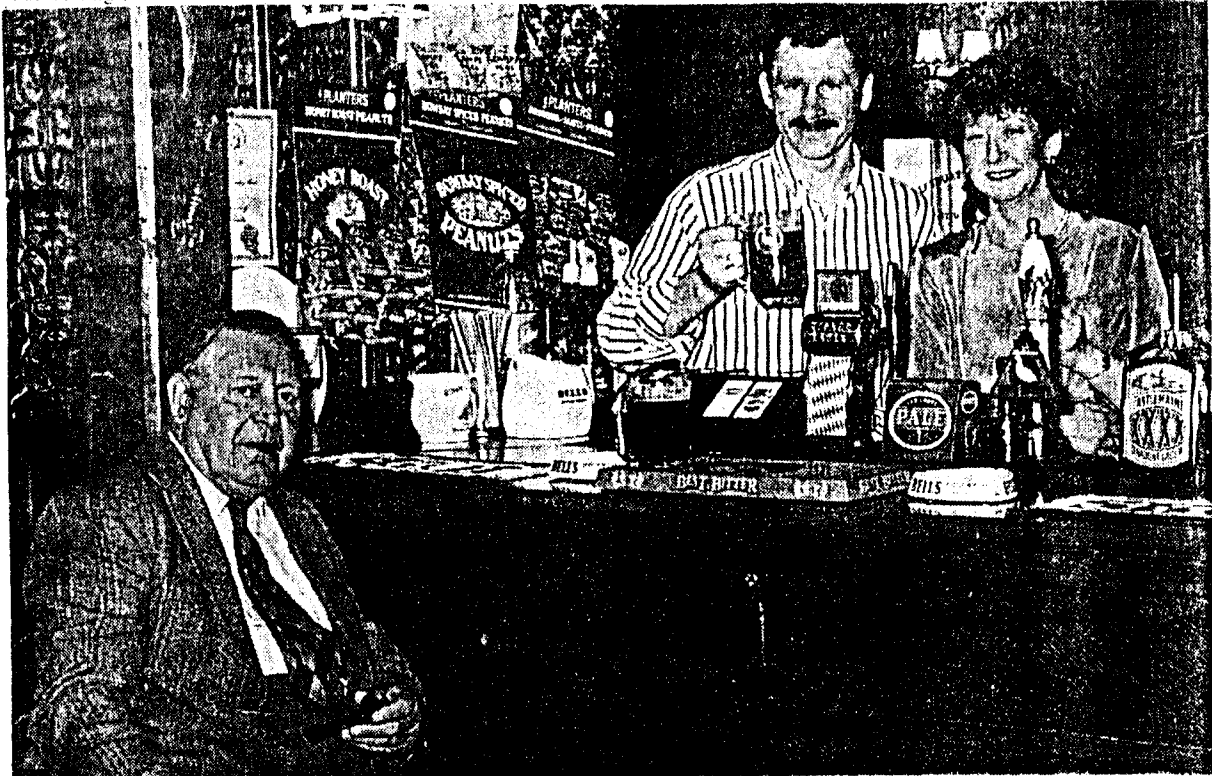
So if you venture into

the bar of the Bull and Butcher look out for Percy, he'll be sitting in his corner, smiling probably, with his huge spades of hand resting on his knees. You needn't say "hello", he'll speak to you first.

When I arrived at the Bull I noticed a Rolls Royce in the car park, this turned out to be Geoff Husson's company car.

Geoff is a film and television, producer director, who also, along with his wife Terry runs a free range chicken farm in Aston Abbots. 12,000 hens produce for them over 10,000 eggs a day, which is by no means chicken feed. I asked Geoff, why, if they could achieve this, were hens still caged in batteries. Of course, what it boils down to is, someone who has no trouble sleeping at night wants to make an even bigger profit.

While we talked I kept my best profile to him, well you never know, I have been likened to many famous faces, and I don't mean Lassie (more like Pluto — Ed). He has been freelancing for Central TV for eleven years, directing such top rating programmes as Boon and Minder. Currently he and Terry, (his wife, not McCann) are working on a programme concerning a young albino girl and the prejudices she has to suffer, for Dramarama, which is networked. Terry — (Father hoped I would



● New hosts at the Bull and Butcher Barry and Denise Ward, have moved in since Mick made his first visit. They are pictured with regular customer Percy Rickard. It's the first pub venture for the couple — Barry was a warehouse manager for Polar Electronics in Leighton and Denise worked for a finance company. Originally from Drayton Parslow they say they are "getting on well with the locals."



# ASTON ABBOTTS FESTIVAL



SATURDAY 23 AND SUNDAY 24 JULY OPENS 2 PM ON 23RD

The Festival Committee has been hard at work and attractions booked for this years Festival include:

MORRIS DANCERS

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COMPETITIONS

SIDESHOWS

RAFFLE

BARBECUE \*

AND ALL THE REGULAR ATTRACTIONS

\* BARBEQUE AT THE BULL & BUTCHER STARTING AT 4.30 p.m.

John Whyte is this years Festival Committee Chairman and has written to local businesses and businessmen asking for their help in sponsoring one or more of our attractions. For example the Band will cost in the region of £50, the Morris Men £60, even the printing of the Raffle tickets will set the committee back £50. I believe John has already been promised sponsorship for these major items but perhaps YOU COULD HELP by sponsoring other Festival expenses - the cost of the teas that are provided (say £10), the competitions (£10) the kids games (£10), or one of the many stalls at say £5 each. If you would like to be associated with the Festival in this way please let John know on 681685 or perhaps you would consider donating a raffle prize - or would be able to help out on the day - again contact John or any of the Festival Committee Members (Chris Brandon; Shirley and John Ford; Brigette Gutierrez; Richard Speakman; Janet Biddle and David Watts.).

## THE BULL & BUTCHER (Continued from previous page)

be a little boy) helps Geoff with script editing among other things. This may mean simple cutting or scene changes but sometimes she will have to write extra copy if the projected script falls short of time, television is a very exact science.

I was curious as to why they chose the Bull when they could obviously go somewhere far posher. "We love the unpretentious atmos-

phere, a game of pool and because it's a lot of fun."

Sitting quietly on his own was Frederick Neave, (don't call me Fred or Dick), who learned to drive as a young man in the RASC. After leaving the forces Frederick spent his life as a chauffeur to various notables until his retirement.

The first car he drove was a Rolls Royce

Phantom 3, I think that was also his first driving job. By this time the evening was wearing on and ABC's best bitter was confusing my note taking arm. I asked if he had any funny stories of his life behind the wheels, you, know, confessions of a chauffeur, that sort of thing. He looked at me and grinned: "Yes lots of them, but I'm not telling you." Oh well, nothing ventured nothing gained.

I was just deciding whether there was anything to be gained by interrupting the Hells Angel talking to his mate, apart from a broken leg that is, when he decided to leave.

Reluctantly so did I. My thanks to all the customers at the Bull and Butcher for making me welcome and Mr and Mrs Bearton, (Lee Bearton's mum and dad) for providing the transport.

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The Wingrave Twinning Association's next family visit to La Bouëxière will be Thursday 26 to Sunday 29 October. We have a 52-seater coach booked, which is already two-thirds full. We shall leave Wingrave very early on 26 October, to catch the 9 am ferry Portsmouth to Cherbourg, and should arrive in La Bouëxière around 6 pm. We stay in families. We do not yet know the details of the programme, but there is likely to be a day-trip on the Friday, while the French are at work. In any case this will be a SPECIAL weekend. Their newly elected Mayor, Albert Hay, and his team of councillors, are entirely in favour of the twinning, which the previous Mayor was not, and it will become "official" during this weekend. (It has been official on our side since 1985, so this will regularize a hitherto silly situation!) We know we shall all be invited to a reception at the Town Hall. The weekend should be a grand occasion and we are promised a SURPRISE EVENT, but of course have no idea what it might be!



Our weekend visit is open to all, not only present members of the Twinning Association. Newcomers to the village and area would be most welcome. Families will be found in La Bouëxière to accommodate everyone. You will, of course, be expected to accommodate them when they return here. The cost is lower than for years: £39 for an adult (aged 14 and over), £23 for a child aged 4 - 13, children under 4 go free. Please book with Julian Humphrey, Mollards Cottage, Nup End Lane, tel 681018. A £10 non-returnable deposit secures your place.

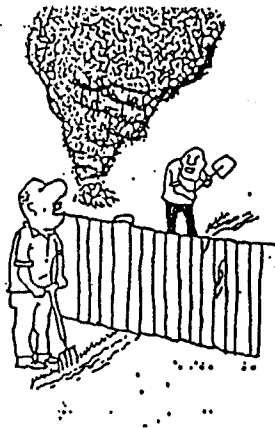
By the way, the village is full of people who say they are going on the October trip, but who have not signed up and paid their deposits! First come first served, you know.....

Jean Keighley





## You... and your Bonfire



Every year the Environmental Health Division receives numerous complaints concerning the smoke from garden and allotment bonfires and whilst there are at present no bye-laws covering this matter it is an offence under the provisions of the Clean Air Act, 1956 for smoke of this nature to cause a nuisance to the inhabitants of the neighbourhood. There are no specific times laid down when or when not a garden bonfire may be lit and therefore smoke from a bonfire at any time of the day which causes a nuisance to other persons is an offence. Bonfires can be a nuisance. Unless the material to be burned is dry and readily combustible it is more than likely to generate smoke which in turn could cause discomfort to your neighbours. If you feel you must burn garden waste make sure that the conditions are favourable, the wind is in the right direction, no washing hanging on neighbours lines, and form and attend the fire to ensure quick and complete combustion. Do not leave fires to smoulder.

Modern composting methods make it unnecessary to burn garden waste and the use of the Civic Amenities Sites available in some areas can be used for disposing of material such as tree prunings and other non readily combustible material. There is also available for purchase at a small cost special plastic sacks in which garden refuse can be placed and collected by the domestic refuse collection service.

Should you wish my Department can provide a further leaflet which explains in detail the method of constructing a garden compost box.

DIRECTOR OF HOUSING AND HEALTH

## NOISE AND YOUR NEIGHBOURS

Every year the Environmental Health Department receives hundreds of complaints about noise from neighbours. These range from loud stereos and frequent parties to barking dogs and DIY work.

### How much noise is allowed?

Inevitably there are occasions when neighbours will be heard and the law is not meant to ensure that all noise is excluded. It should also be appreciated that there are no laid down times of day when noise can or cannot be created at the same time unreasonable noise need not be tolerated.

The law is basically concerned with noise which is unreasonable by virtue of loudness, type of noise, how often it occurs, the time of day, and which is also avoidable.

### What should I do?

If there is a noise dispute always try initially to settle it with your neighbour on a friendly basis. Go to see them and speak politely but firmly and do not become aggressive. If you end up having to go to Court it will do your case no good if you started an argument.

Although there are no hard and fast rules you should really make at least three approaches. The first one to inform the neighbours of the complaint, the second as a reminder if the problem persists and the third, if appropriate, as a final warning that legal advice will have to be obtained.

It is also a good idea to invite your neighbours to listen to the noise in your house as they may be genuinely unaware of the problem. In some situations, the problem may be due to low sound insulation rather than unreasonable behaviour. It may then be a matter of achieving a compromise to make the best of the situation.

Irrespective of how the noise problem is dealt with you should start to keep a written record of noisy instances so that you can demonstrate how frequently nuisance is caused.

### What is the legal situation?

The law on noise nuisance is contained in the Control of Pollution Act, 1974. If you do have to consider legal action, Section 59 of the Act enables an occupier affected by noise to request a Magistrate to summons the person causing the nuisance to appear in Court, when the case will then be heard. The Clerk of the Court is your initial contact. If you are the only person affected by the noise the Council will normally expect you to take legal action. However there may be circumstances when it will be prepared to act on your behalf.

If the noise nuisance is affecting several neighbours or the neighbourhood at large, then the Council may well take legal action if informal approaches have failed.

### For further information

The Environmental Health Department has a great deal of experience in dealing with noise nuisance and if you require advice please do not hesitate to contact the Environmental Health Officers at:-

84, Walton Street,  
Aylesbury,  
Bucks. HP21 7QT

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# 1989 OXFORDSHIRE, BERKSHIRE and BUCKINGHAMSHIRE VILLAGE SHOP COMPETITION

Throughout the three counties of Oxfordshire, Berkshire and Buckinghamshire there are many hundreds of village shops providing the rural community with a vast array of goods and a wide range of services.

This competition is aimed at highlighting these services and, in particular the people providing the service; the men and women behind the shop counter.

What makes a successful village shop "successful"? Is it the choice of products, attractive presentation or just competitive prices? Or, is it the friendly helpful service that is so valued in a neighbourhood shop? Being local, is the shop convenient and open long hours? Does it offer other services to the community such as prescription collection, message-taking or is it just a handy meeting point, a place for a warm and friendly greeting and a kind word?

The 1989 Oxfordshire, Berkshire and Buckinghamshire Village Shop Competition is open to all village shops in parishes with a population of less than 6,000. The shop can be a general store, a post office, or of any other kind, providing that it can truly be described as a village shop.

In each county the winning shop will receive :

- A Voucher to purchase a selected range of Happy Shopper products - worth £175.00 at wholesale value
- Ceramic Plaque mounted on wood

If you are pleased with the service your local village shop provides why not complete this nomination and return it to the relevant county address shown overleaf. You will automatically go into a Free Draw in each county for a £25 "Happy Shopper" Voucher and, who knows, maybe the shop you nominate may win your county competition!

PLEASE COMPLETE THE NOMINATION FORM OVERLEAF AND RETURN NOT LATER  
THAN 30th JUNE 1989

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# VILLAGE SHOP COMPETITION

*Use this nomination form for your favourite village shop*

<p>I nominate my village shop for the following reasons: (Tick as appropriate)</p>	<p>Please return this form no later than June 30th to the relevant address shown below.</p>
<p>A CLEANLINESS</p>	<p>NAME OF SHOP.....</p>
<p>B COMMUNITY SERVICE</p>	<p>Type of Shop.....</p>
<p>C SPECIALISED GOODS</p>	<p>Address of Shop.....</p>
<p>D DELIVERY SERVICE</p>	<p>.....</p>
<p>E RANGE OF GOODS</p>	<p>.....</p>
<p>F LONG OPENING HOURS</p>	<p>Tel. No:.....</p>
<p>G HELPFULNESS</p>	<p>Shopkeeper's Name.....</p>
<p>H OTHER (Specify in not more than 20 words. Print in CAPITALS PLEASE)</p>	<p>Your Name.....</p>
<p>.....</p>	<p>Your Address.....</p>
<p>.....</p>	<p>.....</p>
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<p>.....</p>	<p>.....</p>
<p>.....</p>	<p>Your Telephone No:.....</p>

The 1989 Oxfordshire, Berkshire and Buckinghamshire Village Shop Competition is sponsored by Nurdin and Peacock Plc. and organised by the Rural Development Commission in conjunction with:-

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Reading, RG7 4JR  
Tel: Reading 713507

Buckinghamshire Council for  
Voluntary Service,  
Walton House, Walton Street,  
Aylesbury, Bucks, HP21 7QO.  
Tel: Aylesbury 21036

Through the Rural Development Commission at Wallingford a team of retail consultants is available to provide business advice and know-how to shopkeepers. Training courses and local meetings are also provided in supporting village shopkeepers in the three counties.



The Rural Development Commission Business Service,  
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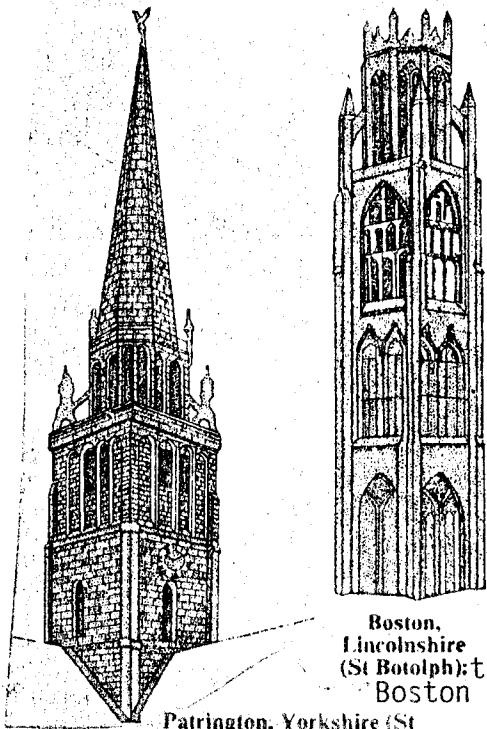
# CHURCH NEWS

At a recent meeting of the PCC it was decided to go ahead with three major pieces of work on the fabric of the church. First we are having a new gate, second the top three courses of the churchyard wall must be relaid and third the window guards are to be renewed. All this is necessary if we are to keep the building in good shape for generations to come but, and it is a big 'but' there is little point in having a well preserved museum in Aston Abbots. The church building is there

as an active place of worship. This is a holy place set aside for the whole village to use when they feel the need. Such needs are obvious at christenings, weddings and funerals but it is good to see how many, now, find attendance at, say, the Family Service, a source of uplift and a reminder that whatsoever is good, but anything, is from God. No doubt all of us have some good things to thank God for so why not come to Church or Chapel to say so? Two special opportunities soon: first the Family Service in the Chapel on July 2nd and the second is the St. James's Festival Songs of Praise at 6.00p.m. on 23rd of July. Do come to one or better still both.

Next month I hope to be able to share some good news about a new Rector.

Peter Dines.



Boston,  
Lincolnshire  
(St Botolph): the  
Boston Stump.

Patrington, Yorkshire (St  
Patrick): The "Queen of  
Holderness", its tower and  
spire a landmark  
for miles around

## CHURCH SERVICES FOR JUNE

### Sidesman

- JUNE 11th. : HOLY COMMUNION 11.15a.m. John Ford.  
St. Barnabas: Acts 11(19-end) John 15(12-17)
- JUNE 18th. : HOLY COMMUNION 11.15a.m. Alison Ford.  
Pentecost 5: Ephesians 5(1-10) 660 Matthew 19(16-26)
- JUNE 25th. : HOLY COMMUNION 11.15a.m. Tony Hewitt.  
Pentecost 6: Colossians 3(12-17) 664 Luke 5(11-end)
- JULY 2nd. : FAMILY SERVICE in the METHODIST CHAPEL at 11.15 a.m.

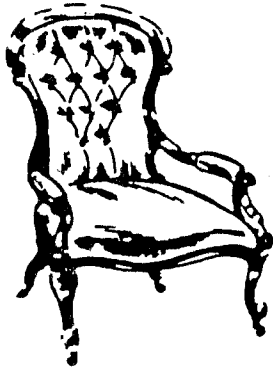


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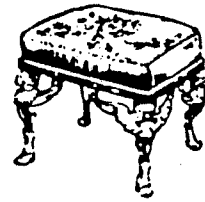
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