

Aston Abbots Parish Magazine



The Chronicle

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Editorial

First of all, we're sure we speak for everyone in thanking Graham for the splendid job he's done in editing The Chronicle for such a long time. We have only been around for a year's worth, but still we have looked forward to each issue dropping through the.. er.. cat flap. It seems a hard act to follow.

Much of this month's issue, you may notice, is lifted directly from the Beds & Bucks Observer. The paper has been paying an unusual amount of attention to Aston Abbots, on two counts: the festival, and the low-cost housing scheme. Even The Chronicle gets a mention!

Thank you to those who have wished us well, and even contributed items to our first issue. Keep them coming!

On a personal note, it is lovely to be back in Church Row after four months in a rented house in Aylesbury while the builders repaired the fire damage to our house. We left as three and came back four - Daniel Harry Smith was born on 24th July. Thanks again to all our neighbours for help while we were away, and for putting up with the noise from the builders.

Caroline Lane Gordon Smith

Deadline date for the October issue will be Friday 22nd September. Please bring or send articles, letters and information for the next issue to us at 2 Church Row, or telephone Aylesbury 681373.

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WHAT'S ON IN SEPTEMBER

- Sunday 3rd : Rambling Club members meet Woburn 2 pm
- Sunday 17th: Rambling Club members meet Salsey Forest 2 pm
- Thursday 7th: Bucks County Show
Special Bus departs
The Green 9.10 am
Book with Colin
- Thursdays 14th and 28th 7.30 pm
Whist Drive, Church Room
- Friday 22nd: Parish Council
Church Room, 8 pm
- Saturday 30th: Peterborough
Cathedral Flower Festival
Coach departs The Green 9 am
Book with Colin by 16th Sept
- Sunday 1st October: Rambling Club
Fungi Hunting (Whiteleaf)
2 pm

RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE

At a recent meeting it was noted that two benches suitable for summer use had been obtained. Bases would be put in place shortly.

The doors to the new shed in the Rec. were now available and would be fitted shortly.

An application had been made to AVDC for help with a tennis court. If favourably looked upon some further fund-raising locally would probably be necessary.

It was hoped to provide new nets for the five-a-side goals shortly and also to look at the provision of a climbing frame.

J. WHYTE
CHAIRMAN

30th September, Harvest Supper & Sale
See Church News for details

New clerk joins Aston

A NEW Clerk, Mrs Margaret Cheshire, was welcomed to the July meeting of Aston Abbotts Parish Council by the Chairman, Cllr Colin Higgs. He also welcomed co-opted member Roy Malin, replacing Cllr John Whyte who had resigned for personal reasons.

It was noted improvements were to be made to the A418 which would eventually help alleviate traffic problems through the village.

Cllr Malin asked when improved street lighting would be installed in the village. The chairman said this was in hand and would hopefully start soon.

• Aston Abbotts Rambling Club members met at Brill for a Sunday afternoon walk led by Colin Higgs. Starting from the Windmill, their route passed Ash Farm, Boarstall Woods and up to the church, returning via Honeyburgh and Touchbridge Farm for a picnic tea.

• Mr Higgs was MC for a Thursday evening whist drive in the Churchroom. Prizes were won by Mr Pollard, Mrs H. Wesley, Mrs Evans, Miss V Saunders, Mr J Gell, (specials) Mr D Waite and Mr Scutchings, (raffle) Mr J Gell, Mr N Tapping, Mrs L Brackley and Mr Higgs. The snowball remained frozen despite the hot weather!

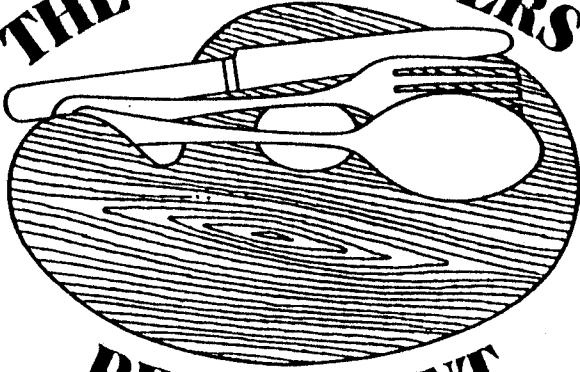
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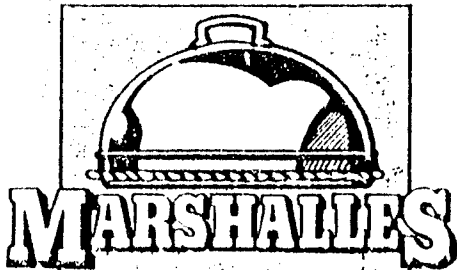
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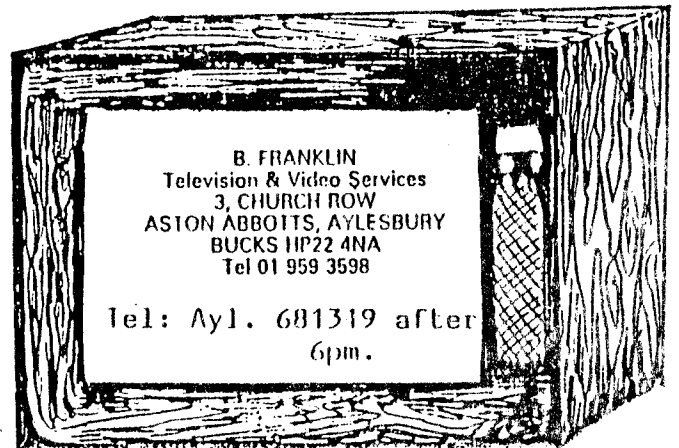


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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From Anthony Roberts
Longmoor Farm

Sir,

I have been interested to read about the low cost housing association, and through the Journal could I ask for the answer to two questions.

1. Who is eligible for membership does one have to be born in the Village or have lived here for a number of years?

2. Is the proposed land to be given free or at agricultural price?

The answer to these questions might influence how many in the village think about the suggestion. If people from outside the village can join, or if the houses can be openly sold, then the price will rise rapidly, and the inevitable result will be the demand for further sites, or no low cost housing for locals in need.

If the proposed land is being sold at greater than the agricultural price, is this not another way for developers to get around the planning ideals of village developments. If the land is being sold at a high price, would it not be better to wait to see what happens to the Abbey estate, as land there could become available within the village. This would have the advantages that older people and young Mothers with children in such a scheme would not be cut off and it would also have the advantage that strip development of all the roads around did not occur.

Many of us newcomers must have sympathy with those in the village that we are displacing, and support the basic idea - but I for one do not want all the local areas covered in houses, industrial sites or similar.

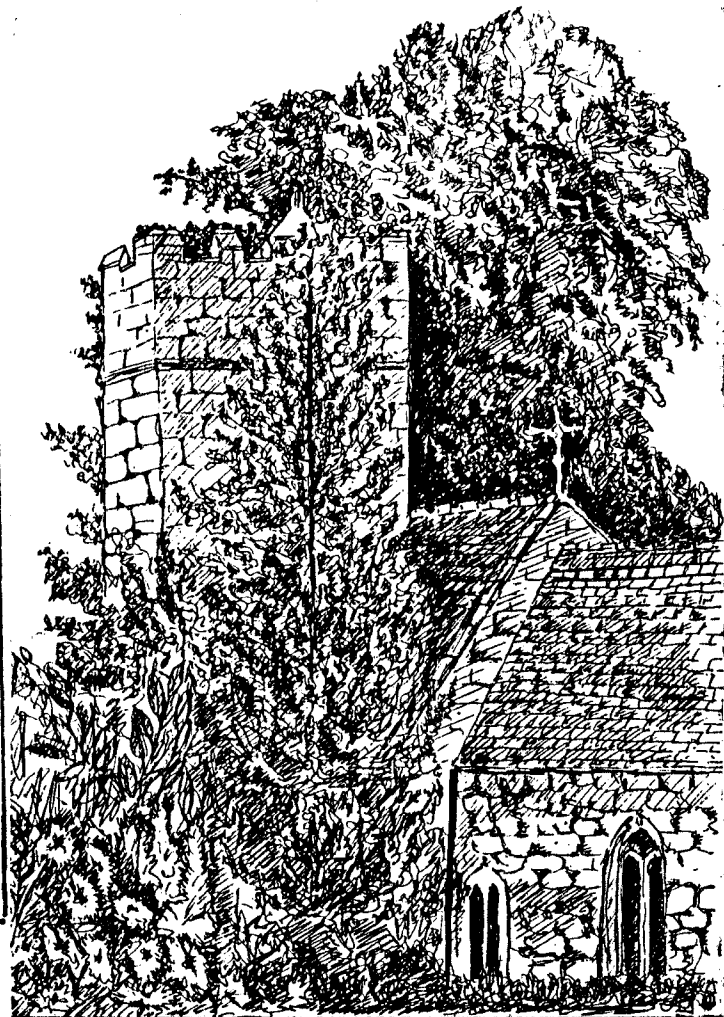
I look forward to the answers to my questions.

Rosemary Franklin has written a film which is to be shown at The Old Masters Restaurant on 25th January.

A three-course dinner will be served before the film is shown.

Entitled 'All For Love', the film has been made by Peter Gardener of the Aylesbury Movie Makers and the performers are from the Stewkley Players. The filming was done in Stewkley, beginning in April this year.

Ring Aylesbury 681319 to book (tickets are £12.50 each, including the dinner) or for more information.



People

Our monthly column about village people, edited by BRIDGET BRANDON

BIRTHDAYS

PIERS PARKER4th Sept
CHRISTOPHER FOX6th Sept
FIONA WHYTE6th Sept
SARAH SMITH8th Sept
JAMES DIXON10th Sept
MIKE COX20th Sept
HALISI DRYSDALE22nd Sept
ANNA PICKING24th Sept
ADRIAN DIXON30th Sept

THANK YOU

To everyone who has enquired about Hannah. The start of our Scottish holiday was delayed when we had to rush Hannah into Fort William hospital to have her appendix removed. Being young, she soon recovered, and now only has a tiny scar to prove anything was wrong. Although it's pretty doubtful that the staff of the hospital will ever read this, may I say, you were fantastic.

ANDREW FORD ran in the Wycombe Hall Marathon on July 16th. His finishing position was 72nd out of 1737 runners. His time was 1 hour 20 minutes, a personal best.

ANDY PARKER made a century in an inter-club Aylesbury Town cricket match:

With no Grant Thornton Cherwell League fixture on Saturday, an inter-club match was played instead between sides captained by Nigel Farrow and Steve Cooley, which Farrow's side won by 31 runs. A sparkling century by 16-year-old Andy Parker (103) was the main contribution to Farrow's side's total of 202, Mike O'Brien (4-16) the most successful bowler. Cooley's team replied with 171, Mike Beaumont making 57 of them.

DARTS

At the end of a poor season, where the Bull & Butcher ended up very much at the bottom end of the table, there was a spectacular performance by BRIAN LAWTON at the area finals. Despite a tough draw Brian triumphed in the Mens Singles, to bring to the Bull & Butcher the first major trophy since darts transferred there from the Royal Oak.

In many ways we were unlucky that it wasn't a double celebration. LINDA WHEATON reached the final of the Ladies Singles but unfortunately had to settle for the runners-up position. As Linda had won this trophy in the past everyone had great hopes for her when she won her way through. My reporter tells me she was very unlucky. Never mind Linda there is always next year.

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ASTON ABBOTTS FESTIVAL

Beds & Bucks Observer, 1st August

Festival fun in the sun

THE crowds who gathered in Aston Abbotts for the annual village festival were glad of the shade afforded by the trees as the sun beat down on the fun on the green.

The fête, opened by village Chronicle editor Graham Parker, had a number of stalls and games plus the unusual sight of a graphologist to read the handwriting of the festival-goers. There was musical entertainment from Great Horwood Band and the Aldbury Morris Dancers.

Village's busy weekend

A tug o' war challenge between teams from the village's two pubs raised tremendous support and ended with victory for the Bull and Butcher over the Royal Oak.

Competition winners were: Bowling, Mr L

Scutchings and Peers Parker; Home-made wine Mr C Higgs (wheat), Mrs P Page (grape and tea); Best decorated bike, Helen Watts, Paul Hewitt, Christopher Brown and Melissa Means; Fancy

dress, Samantha Talbot, Edward Picking, Nicola Talbot; Raffle, Mr G Hammond, Miss J. Culmer, Grayburn Owen, Mrs Turnham.

Saint James Church and the Methodist Chapel had both been decorated and provided visitors with some beautiful displays.

Saturday evening's entertainment took the form of a barbecue at the Bull and Butcher.

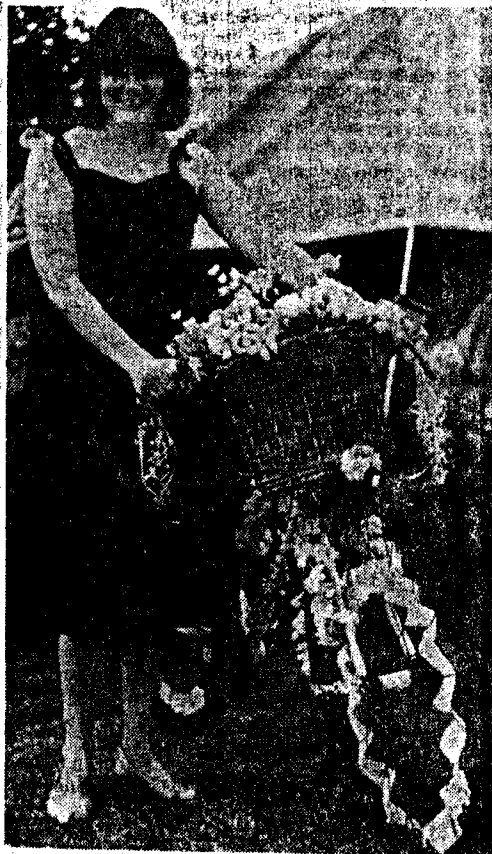
On Sunday a village treasure hunt caused some headaches for participants and the weekend's activities were brought to a close with a Songs of Praise in St James's, conducted by the Rev Peter Binns. Mrs Scutchings was organist.

• Aston Abbotts played host to an evening walk arranged in conjunction with Aylesbury Vale Holiday walks.

Mr Colin Higgs welcomed the 26 adults and seven children to the village and led them from the green, passing West Park, the equestrian centre and returning via Red Barn Farm and Longmoor.



• Just the headgear to wear for browsing through the stalls.



• Decorated bicycle competition winner, Helen Watts.

Festival report

A meeting was held on 15th August to arrange the distribution of moneys from this year's fête.

David Watts, Treasurer, presented a financial summary showing that total receipts amounted to £1602.43. A breakdown of the expenses and net position is shown below, together with an analysis of income.

TOTAL RECEIPTS

RAFFLE	£459.36	
REFRESHMENTS	£100.50	
STALLS	£569.16	
SIDESHOWS	£ 93.41	
		£1222.43
DONATIONS FROM SPONSORS		£ 380.00
		£1602.43
<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>		£ 363.07
<u>NET PROCEEDS</u>		£1239.36

The allocation of moneys, as decided by the Parish Meeting, meant payments as follows:

ASTON ABBOTTS PCC	30%	£372.00
" METHODIST CHURCH	20%	£248.00
" CHURCH ROOM	20%	£248.00
" REC. GROUND	15%	£186.00
" CHRONICLE	10%	£124.00
		£1178.00
RETAINED	5%	61.36
		£1239.36

Cheques were issued to all the relevant organisations and should by now be in their hands.

The Committee would like to take the opportunity to thank all persons involved with the fête in any way. As I understand it this is the best year by far, as far as raising money is concerned, and I am sure the considerable effort put in by many people is responsible. The weather was also kind to us and comments have been made that, with the band playing, the atmosphere that day reached a peak.

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Festival report

Could I specifically mention the sponsors. Their donations covered all expenses and, as promised, I mentioned details of who had been generous to the local press. This gave us a couple of lines but the press, as is their way, opted to give space to a rather more controversial issue - the proposal to build low-cost homes close to the village.

I would therefore like to list all of the small businesses approached, and I use this word in its widest sense, so that everyone else is aware of their good deed. The list is in no particular order.

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Thanks are also due to all persons contributing raffle prizes, selling raffle tickets (a thankless task) and helping with the village collection.

Other events worthy of note included the opening speech of Mr Graham Parker. There we were discussing the fact that the loud hailer had broken and wondering how loud he would have to shout to be heard, when we both suddenly noticed that the cake stall had sold two-thirds of its wares. You were under great pressure, ladies, we understand.

In the circumstances Graham did his best and my apologies to him for the lack of any means of making sure he could be heard.

The tug of war was a great success but can we have the holly hedge back lads. The Royal Oak team took about half of it away stuck to various parts of their bodies. A victory for the Bull & Butcher by two pulls to nil, but a much closer contest than it sounds. Given the amount of shouting that went on during the pulling this looks like something for next year's committee to build on.

Well done everyone on the stalls and sideshows. The sun brought out the crowds and they kept you busy all day, but the cash raised made the effort worthwhile.

With regard to the sweatshop i.e. the Church Room kitchen. I'm glad I was able to stay outside. The temperature really rose in there. Must have been the speed everyone was moving at to keep up with the queues. Look on the bright side, all you helpers, you not only raised money but you probably lost four or five pounds in weight.

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Festival report

The Morris Men went down well, as ever, and the suggestion has been made that as soon as the date is known, they and the band are booked again for next year.

I didn't get to see them but I'm told the flowers in the Church looked very fine. I'm sure the linking of the fête and the Church Festival is worthwhile. It means that there is some sort of activity over the whole weekend.

For next year's committee comments were made that the competitions should be planned earlier and that posters should be sited around the village. It was also suggested that a disco for children be held in the early evening next year, as it was felt this would end the day on a high note (no pun intended).

J. WHYTE
CHAIRMAN



The Aylesbury Plus, 27th July

Low-cost housing scheme on show at village festival



Behind the stall: Housing Association members Lawrence and Michelle Hinds, David Wheaton and Ray Wilkinson. Far left: Julie Robinson.

ASTON Abbotts fete on Saturday, part of a two-day festival, had all the trappings of a leafy Bucks fete on the village green.

But there was a difference, because one of the stalls attracting most attention was the one set up by Aston Abbotts Low Cost Housing Association.

Its objective is to provide no more than 20 permanent low cost houses, sympathetically landscaped, for villagers of Aston Abbotts, Cublington and Wingrave.

On display was a scale model of a scheme for which they have applied for outline planning permission.

With more than 40 members seeking this type of accommodation, the association believes it has widespread support, and on Saturday a model of the site they have bought off Cublington Road, Aston Abbotts was on view.

ATTRACTIONS

If planning permission is granted Omar Homes will bring the pre-fabricated homes to the site and assemble them. Buyers have the option of purchasing them already furnished.

The aim, explained member Ray Wilkinson, was to ensure young and retired villagers could afford to stay in the area.

For the first time the festival was sponsored by local businesses which chairman, John Whyte said was a big boost, attracting more visitors.

Among the attractions were stalls selling bric-a-brac, cakes, crafts, jumble and groceries, a tombola and skittles.

Traditional entertainment at the festival which dates back to 1972 in its form included Aldbury Morris Dancers and music from Great Horwood Silver Band.

COMPETITION

Teams from the two village pubs, The Bull and Butcher and The Royal Oak battled it out in a tug of war competition. The victors were The Bull and Butcher.

There were competitions for homemade wine, won by Colin Higgs, decorated bikes, won by Helen Watts and fancy dress, won by Samantha Talbot, as well as children's races.

About £1,150 was raised from the fete and the money will go towards the church, Methodist Chapel, recreation ground and various other groups.

On Sunday a village treasure hunt caused a great deal of excitement with Mrs. S. Ford, Alison Hewitt and Sarah Lovell winners.

The weekend was brought to a close with a Songs of Praise conducted by Rev. Peter Burns.

A RAY OF HOPE!



● Keen interest in the housing association exhibit at the Aston Abbots Festival — More festival pictures inside.

A group of local village residents are anxiously awaiting a decision on a low-cost housing scheme with which they hope will offer a ray of hope to would-be home buyers in their small community.

The group are trying to go it alone by forming their own housing association to build homes in the village of Aston Abbots at a price that local people can afford.

The association are currently hoping to get planning permission for their project which would mean £45,000 homes on land at

The smallest 2-bedroomed cottages fetch £90,000. People cannot afford them — Lawrence Hinds

By Lee Bearton

Badgers Oak Farm in Cublington Road.

The organisers have been able to push ahead with the scheme thanks to an offer by land owner Mr David Blake of Tring who has said he would sell the site to the association at a cut price if planning permission was granted.

Already 15 people have put their names down for one of the 20 proposed homes.

The association is being spearheaded by chairman Ray Wilkinson and secretary Lawrence Hinds.

They point to the rural housing syndrome, with local people unable

to buy homes in their own villages and being forced to move into towns, while newcomers move into the rural housing, pushing up prices even further.

Mr Hinds told the Observer: "At the moment even the smallest two bedroomed cottages in this village — built in 1854 — fetch £90,000. People just cannot afford them."

The homes the association want to build are Swiss-style.

The average price will be about £45,000 for the home and the land, and a percentage will

be set aside to pay for professional renovation and landscaping of the area.

Mr Hinds, a 30-year-old flooring contractor who lives with his mother in Ross Road, Aston Abbots, said he is keeping his fingers crossed while waiting for the planning permission decision.

He said: "I've lived here all my life and I would like a home of my own. But I don't really want to leave the village."

He added: "If the permission is turned down we will definitely appeal. We have over 100 signatures on a petition."

Committee rejects low-cost housing plan We'll appeal say pressure group

A council has refused permission for "cheap" homes to be built in Aston Abbotts. But the decision has been branded "a joke" by the village's Low Cost Housing Association.

Members of the pressure group said they were "disappointed" by the cavalier attitude of the planning authority.

The plan to build 20 Omar static Swiss-style homes was turned down by Aylesbury Vale District Council's Development Control Committee on Thursday.

The committee said:

- The proposal was against the County Structure Plan and district policy which opposes isolated development outside the village.

- It would cause danger and inconvenience to road users because of restricted visibility.

- There was not enough evidence to convince the authority that there was a need for low cost homes.

- There were problems with sewerage and fire protection provisions.

- The project was too far away from the village boundary.

District councillor Janet Roff explained to The Observer that the committee believed the site at Badgers Oak Farm in Cublington Road was too far from the village and would therefore be an "isolated" development.

And she said it had not been proved there

by Lee Bearton

was need for low-cost housing.

"For that to be proved there has to be a long council house waiting list, and there certainly is not," she said.

Chairman of the Low-Cost Housing Association Ray Wilkinson said, however: "Those who don't think there is a need for low-cost housing in the area obviously do not live there."

He stressed that the association had collected 104 names in favour of the scheme and done as much as it could to inform local people of what the proposal had in store.

He was annoyed that the conversion of some premises to industrial units 500 metres from the village boundary had previously been allowed, yet the housing scheme — only another 500 metres further away — was refused.

"We will certainly be appealing," he said.

And he added: "Just to have the plan brushed aside was certainly less

(no last line!)

Gipsy camp jibe irritates villagers

by Lee Bearton

AN anonymous article describing a proposed low-cost housing scheme in Aston Abbotts as "a gipsy encampment" has been angrily criticised.

The opinion appeared in the village's magazine The Chronicle — and has brought firm rebuttals from the Aston Abbotts Low Cost Housing Association and other villagers.

One letter to the magazine declared: "This project is a million miles away from being a gipsy camp."

And it told the anonymous writer: "You are obviously in a position to be able to afford to live quite comfortably in the village — but you haven't given very much thought to those who were born here and want to stay here, yet can't afford to buy property here."

Another letter said: "The term gipsy encampment generally seems to carry with it the stigma of dirtiness and litter, which I am sure the majority of real travelling people would take great exception to."

The low-cost housing scheme was featured on

the front page of the Observer two weeks ago.

The association, spearheaded by villagers Lawrence Hinds and Ray Wilkinson, is seeking planning permission for 20 Omar static homes off Cublington Road. They would cost about £45,000 each including land and a percentage for landscaping the area.

The critical article in The Chronicle referred to them as "mobile homes." One letter pointed out, however: "The word mobile is inappropriate because they are not caravans, but static homes."

Editor of The Chronicle Graham Parker called the plan "imaginative", pointing out that

the price-rise pressures of the past ten years had forced the price of property beyond the reach of the "real" villagers.

But he does not believe it is the right way ahead, adding that high housing prices are a national problem and not just one for Aston Abbotts.

Mr Parker fears the precedent it might set could lead to a "semi-urban, suburban sprawl of 'cavalier development' in Aston Abbotts.

He says he would like to see the parish council take the initiative and work with those already interested in setting up a housing association, to push for low-cost housing in the village. And he hopes people genuinely wanting to provide low-cost housing for those in need would join with the council to that end.

↓ Parish council report 28th August

Council urge improvements

THE parish council at Aston Abbotts has made several recommendations to improve a proposal for 20 Omar "cheap" homes in the village.

The plan, intended to provide housing that native residents can afford, has caused some controversy. Councillors made observations on landscaping, that there should be mains sewerage instead of septic tanks, and that entry to the site should be moved along Cublington Road, because of

poor visibility on a dangerous corner.

Their comments will now be considered by Aylesbury Vale District Council.

The village is also asking Bucks County Council to replace loose and missing kerb sets around The Green, fill pot holes and re-cut storm gulleys, following damage through the laying of gas mains.

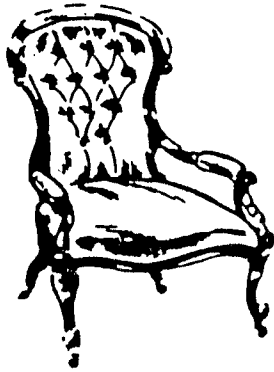
Pc Nichols was investigating rubbish dumping in Wingrave Road

↑ 15th August

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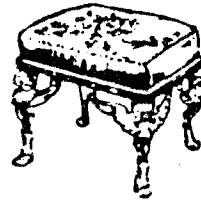
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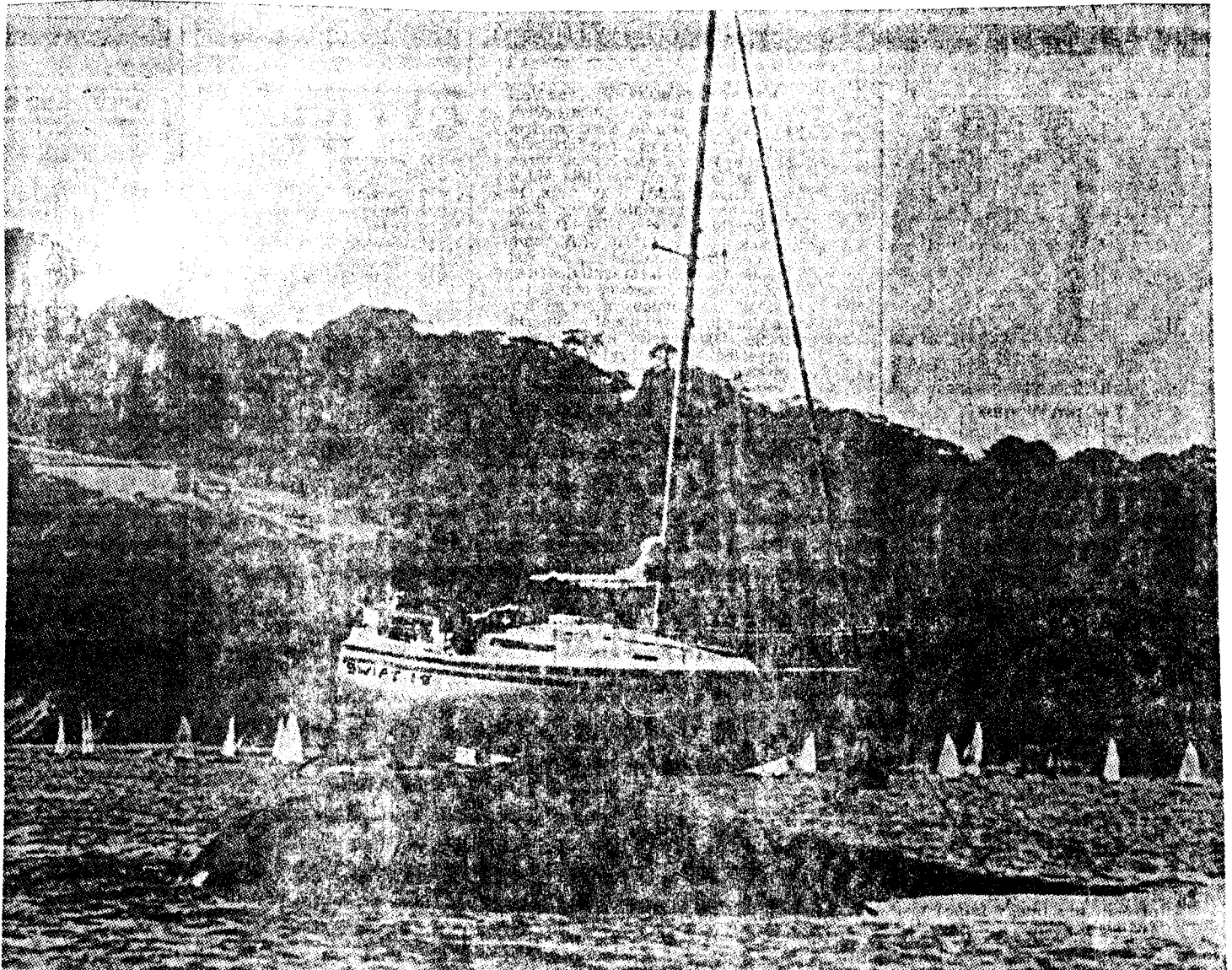
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CAPTAIN BIRDS EYE.....BATTERED !

Slightly balding, executive, father of two, lone yachtsman Neil Chesher explained to our ace reporter, that his single-handed attempt at crossing Ulswater, had not exactly failed since he had sighted the far shore. Confidently he explained that he now intends to spend the winter preparing for the next attempt, by studying that bible of navigation "The Art of Course Sailing" prior to making a further assault on this dangerous water during 1990. When asked about the difficulties he had encountered, he told our reporter that one major problem had been the language barrier. He recalled one incident which occurred shortly after the mast had accidently tipped overboard and he found himself and the boat drifting towards the local yacht club. Wryly he admitted he mistakenly assumed that the frantic gesticulations of the natives to have meant he should use both oars to row away ! Referring to his inadvertent landing as photographed by our staff, he intimated that this had been entirely due to the freak tides in Ulswater and in any event he did not mind, since it had given him time and opportunity to anti-foul his bottom. At this point Mrs. Chesher said she was'nt available for comment. In response to our question concerning his long awaited homecoming, Neil modestly stated that since he would now be considered a national hero, he would undoubtedly be welcomed back to Aston Abbotts by a tumultuous crowd, both of whom would be graciously allowed the privilege of buying him drinks all evening at the Bull and Butcher. "I will not let fame change my life style", he said.



Church news

First a thankyou to Graham Parker for being such a patient editor over the last six years. I wrote that for the last issue but he cut it out! I also thanked him for reminding me from time to time that I hadn't written Church News yet! I hope Caroline and Gordon will be as gentle!

It is good isn't it that the Chronicle continues for it is a valuable source of information although I must say, sometimes, I do wonder when, for example, people ask me what time the Church services are whether it is read!

So to this month's most important event, the installation of the new Rector. The Rev. Robert Willmott will be installed Rector of Wingrave with Rowsham, Aston Abbotts and Cublington on Wednesday, 20th September at Wingrave. The time will be confirmed on the Church notice board but will, I imagine, be either 7.30 or 8 pm. All are welcome to this service and to the refreshments afterwards in the Community Centre. There will, of course, be many visitors from Rev. Willmott's present parish as well as other clergy both from Buckingham and Mursley. If you have not heard the Bishop of Buckingham preach then come along just for that! Anyway let us make sure that Aston Abbotts is well represented.

The Sunday before then we shall suitably thank Rev. Peter Binns for the wonderful way he has looked after us whilst we have been without a Rector so let us all make an effort to come to the 11.15 service on 17th September.

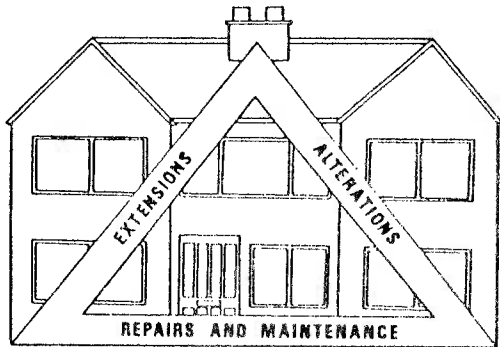
It is going to be a busy month because our Harvest Supper and Sale will be on Saturday September 30th with the Harvest Festival Family Service on Sunday October 1st. Please be generous with your gifts for the sale which can be brought to the Church Room on the Saturday morning or beforehand to the Post Office. After the Family Service the children's gifts and the flowers will be distributed as usual.

PETER DINES

CHURCH SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER

		<u>Sidesman</u>
September 3rd:	FAMILY SERVICE 11.15 am Pentecost 16. Romans 12.9 - end	Sarah Lovell 714 Luke 10 25-37
September 10th:	HOLY COMMUNION 11.15 am Pentecost 17 James 1.16-end	John Ford 718 Luke 17 11-19
September 17th:	HOLY COMMUNION 11.15 am Pentecost 18 2 Corinthians 8:1-9	Colin Higgs 723 Matthew 5 17-26
September 20th:	INSTALLATION OF REVEREND ROBERT WILLMOTT: WINGRAVE	
September 24th:	HOLY COMMUNION 11.15 am Pentecost 19 Hebrews 11 1-2, 8-16	Alison Ford 729 Matthew 6-24-end
October 1st:	HARVEST FESTIVAL FAMILY SERVICE 11.15 am	Alison Hewitt
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