

# The Chronicle

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# Editorial

Thanks this month to our regular contributors who found time in what must have been a very busy week to get all their material to us on time.

Many thanks also to the members of the Methodist Church, who kindly donated the collections from the carol singing concerts to The Chronicle - a sum of £19.21.

May we wish you all a very happy New Year and many good things in the 1990s.

*Caroline Lane*

*Gordon Smith*

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Deadline date for the February issue will be Friday 26th January. 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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# UPDATE



## WHAT'S ON IN JANUARY

- Wednesdays 3rd, 17th & 31st: Mobile library,  
The Green 2 - 2.30 pm  
Longmoor 2.35 - 2.50 pm
- Friday 5th: Parish Council Meeting  
Church Room, 8 pm
- Mondays 8th & 22nd: Aston Abbots  
Toddlers, Church Room,  
2.30 - 4 pm (please note  
new time)
- Thursdays 11th & 25th: Whist Drive,  
Church Room, 7.30 pm
- Thursday 18th: Bingo, Church Room, 7.30 pm
- Sunday 21st: Rambling Club members meet  
Cublington Crossroads,  
2 pm
- Wednesdays Fish & Chip van, outside  
Bull & Butcher, 8 pm

January 25th: please note that the film  
show All For Love at the Old Masters has  
been cancelled because the film has not  
been finished. Further information from  
Rosemary (681319).

## THE SUNDAY CLUB

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

## THE LADIES' CLUB

On 30th November we had a talk on the work  
of the Berks, Bucks & Oxon Naturalists'  
Trust. This was well attended. The Carol  
Service at Cublington on 14th December was  
less well attended, owing to ill health.

1990 meetings (2.45 pm, Church Room)....

## LONG PATH

LOCAL ramblers have been told that the proposed long distance footpath from Addington to Linslade should be routed via Shipton, Stewkley and Rock Lane. The news was broken at the Area Executive Meeting of the Ramblers Association at Wendover.

There were no objections to a proposed diversion of Wing Footpaths 19/29 which cross the old Wing airfield. It was felt the new route would be an improvement and better waymarked.

● Cublington Rambling Club members met at Whipsnade Tree Cathedral for a foggy Sunday walk led by chairman Doug Ward.

● Mr Colin Higgs was MC for a whist drive in Aston Abbots Churchroom when winners were Mrs Kempster, Mrs Evans, Mrs Hayward, Mrs Fenables, Mr M Shackshaft (snowball), Mrs Kempster (raffle), Mrs Scutchings, Mrs Hayward (2), Mrs Fenables.

12th Dec  
LBO

LBO  
28th Nov →

## Horses foiled

A pair of recently erected stiles are causing a problem near the village of Aston Abbots, it was reported at the parish council meeting.

The stiles have been put up on a bridlepath between Weedon Road and Rowsham and have blocked the path to horses and riders. The council is to ask the landowner to replace the stiles with gates.

The council was expecting the delivery of 40 assorted trees - rowan, lime and flowering cherries - which will be planted around the village including the recreation ground, the green and the churchyard.

● Mr Colin Higgs was MC for a whist drive in the churchroom when prize-winners were Mrs W Wesley, Mrs Naylor, Mr Shackshaft, Mr D Waite, Mr J Barber, Mr Gell and Mrs H Wesley. Raffle winners were Mrs E Naylor, Mrs Fenables, Mrs Jackman, Mrs Kempster and Mrs Barber.

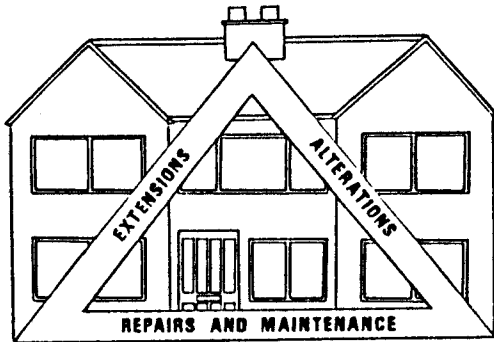
● Mr Scutchings was caller, Mr Waite, door steward and Mrs Waite in charge of the draw at a bingo session for the Poppy Appeal. Winners were Mrs Angryk, Mrs Hayward, Mrs Waite, Mr Snell, James Dixon, Mrs Pollard, Mrs Hogg, Mrs Dixon, Mrs Humphreys, Mrs Pollard, Mr Luxemburg, Mrs Matthews, Mrs Fox, and Mr Higgs.

11th January: Mrs Dufton will talk about the Aylesbury District Support Group

25th January: Miss Cuthbert will talk about land

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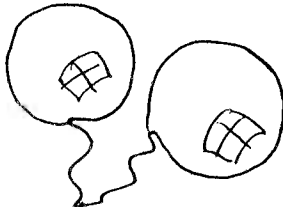
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# People

Our monthly column about village people, edited by BRIDGET BRANDON

## BIRTHDAYS

JANE PLESTED.....7th Jan  
SARAH PLESTED.....7th Jan  
JAMES CLARKE.....10th Jan  
TONY HINDS.....13th Jan  
FRED POULTER.....18th Jan  
ZOE JUDD.....25th Jan  
CLIFFORD PRICE.....28th Jan  
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## THANK YOU

to the Rector, for  
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of our houses with  
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lovely gesture, way  
beyond the call of duty,  
and much appreciated by  
us all.

## LOST SOME MONEY?

A sum of money was found  
in the road just before  
Christmas. If you realise  
that you have dropped it,  
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## RECTOR'S REPORT

I must begin by thanking people for all the cards and presents that we received at the Rectory.

I did try to write a resume of Christmas before it happened - but it wasn't right. But now it has happened I can say - yes, it was good! I didn't have the feeling this year that I had had enough of carols and mince pies. The feeling is not too bad when it happens on Christmas afternoon, but, when it comes on about the 11th of December, the festivities become hard work.

My very sincere thanks to all those who helped at the Church services at Christmas:- Decorators, bell-ringers, organists, singers, readers, providers of refreshments, the 'organisers', the congregations, in fact - everyone!

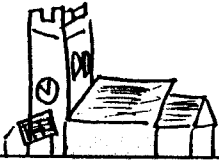
They say that the best way to learn anything is the hard way. I managed to find over seven hundred doors during December, and, whilst I didn't get to all the outlying farms, I think I now have a fairly good picture of the geography of these three villages. There were not many of the eight hundred cards left at the end of the exercise, but I'm very sorry if you were ones that I didn't find.

It is surprising how useful it is going from door to door - even if I did get a bit foot-sore in the process. For a start it helped me to appreciate those who do it much more frequently - the people who deliver the milk, the post, the newspapers. After all, I could stop (and did) when I got fed up or it started to rain!

But, of greater importance, it reminded me that behind each of these doors lived people. Each door was to a home that was uniquely different from every other home. Some of the people in these nearly eight hundred homes are happy, some are sad, some homes are bursting at the seams with life, whilst others have people who feel isolated and alone. But all of them contain people who are trying to work through the same question. People like you and me trying to make sense out of life. Working through the ups and downs of domestic life in the 20th Century.

Christmas is a time for families and the familiar. And they do matter. We shall never get anywhere if we pack up our relationships with our families when we pack away the Christmas decorations. You can't put people away till next year! Our own families, our Village Community, our nation, the Family of Man and the Family of God are all important - and they depend on you and me doing our bit all through the New Year.

A very happy New Year to you all.



# Church news

What splendid services we all enjoyed over Christmas. It was especially good that so many were at the Carol Service when the new kneelers were dedicated. What a labour of love they represent! We now have 101 and all given either by individuals or paid for by the profits from the whist. I understand about 25 people stitched away in a marvellous array of patterns and how well they look, showing how much the parish church is appreciated by so many. The materials alone cost well over £1,000, so a very generous gift indeed. I am sure no-one else will mind if in thanking everyone concerned I especially thank Len and Doris who were the mainspring of this endeavour.

On Christmas Day itself chairs in the aisle were once again necessary when no fewer than 138 attended the Family Service. The atmosphere was, as it should be, one of excitement and celebration with children very much to the fore. Yet amidst it all the Rector's address was a salutary reminder of the eternal message of love and peace and hope to a troubled world. It was good to be there, as so many can testify.

Now we are in the nineties. May God be with us in whatever lies ahead.

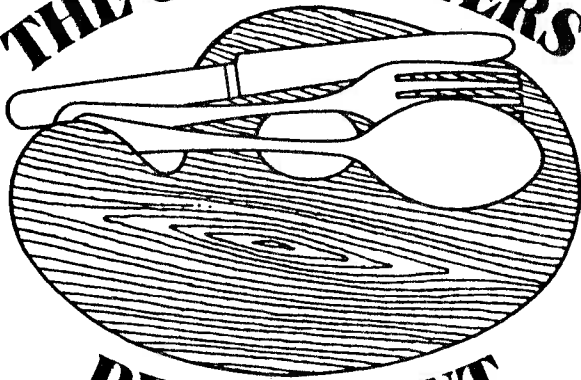
Peter Dines

## CHURCH SERVICES IN JANUARY

### Sidesman

January 7th:	FAMILY SERVICE	11.15 am	Alison Hewitt
Epiphany 1	Ephesians 2.1-10	John 1.29-34	(p.465)
January 14th:	HOLY COMMUNION	11.15 am	Alison Ford
Epiphany 2	Galatians 1.11-end	John 1.35-end	(p.469)
January 21st:	HOLY COMMUNION	11.15 am	Colin Higgs
Epiphany 3	Philippians 4.10-20	John 6.1-14	(p.474)
January 28th:	HOLY COMMUNION	11.15 am	Michael Hasler
Epiphany 4	Hebrews 12.18-end	John 4.19-26	(p.478)
February 4th:	FAMILY SERVICE	11.15 am	Sarah Lovell
Epiphany 5	1 Cor. 3.18-end	Matt. 12.38-42	(p.482)

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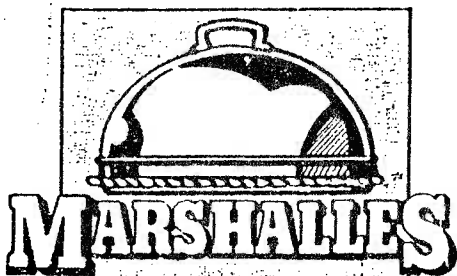
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Peter Dines, 87 The Green. (Tel:681459)  
Colin Higgs, 6, Wingrave Road. (Tel:681343)  
John Whyte, 14 Bricstock. (Tel:681685)

David Watts, 'White Wheels' (681376)  
Rosemary Franklin, 3 Church Row. (681319).





# INFO

## USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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Wingrave 681621  
Roy Malin 3 Ross Rd 681358  
  
CLERK: Margaret Chesher  
20 The Green 681201

The Recreation Ground is  
owned by the Parish Council;  
they have delegated the running  
of it to a subcommittee.  
Chairman John Whyte 681685

AYLESBURY VALE DISTRICT COUNCIL 395900

District Councillor Bryan Round 681621

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County Councillor Reg Keen 0525 27467

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# 13th Christmas show

Yet again a resounding success, with acts ranging from the sublime to the ridiculous. The sublime included Caddy on classical guitar, and Alison H on the keyboard. The ridiculous had to be the closing sketch which had Andy B and Tony removing parts of Chris's anatomy and throwing them to the audience, only to have most of them thrown back.

Songs which delighted the packed audiences were sung by Bridge, John, Shaky and Tony (in tune?). And Hannah!

A short play saw good performances from Gwyneth, Paul (his Christmas Show debut) and Margaret, and Fred Megram gave two of his ever-popular monologues.

Chesh, who went into retirement in August, came out of it in September and took charge of music, lights, Margaret, carpet tiles and M.C.

Karen captivated the audience when she lost a leg in a short sketch with Chris, and John's audience participation had everyone hopping mad.

The ageless Wobert and Helen yet again performed with their puppet, whilst Andy F and Alison did, well, it would be hard to describe what they did, but they seemed happy enough. In his solo spot, Andy did a completely different dance routine which took your breath away, and the other Andy proved he had a very vivid imagination by standing up and conducting a non-existent orchestra for five minutes, and took verbal abuse from his choir in the process.

As always, thanks must go to everyone who took part, helped, donated raffle prizes and watched what was probably the most successful show so far performed. Thanks also to Ray and Tony who ran the bar and John C for operating the video (copies of which can be obtained by contacting Tony on 681390).

As a result of the show, the Recreation Ground benefits to the tune of some £330. Not bad eh? See you next year. P. R. Ettygood (Mr Ettygood does less than justice to Chris, who performed nobly before being most unfairly disembowelled - Eds)



We want  
Wobert

Leagues of  
Laughter concert  
party, April 1949

We know Colin is  
there - anyone  
else?

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# TWINNING NEWS

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The Twinning Association is ready for 1990 with a full calendar. We start off with our Annual Open Meeting on Thursday 18 January. This meeting is at the same time a chance to air your views on what the Association should be doing, and a sociable get-together. There will be a bar and a photo competition. Those who went to La Bouexiere in October can enter photos in two categories; the Spirit of Twinning, and the photo with the funniest caption. All are most welcome, old members, new members, those wondering about becoming members, from Wingrave, Aston Abbots, Cublington and other villages that participate. The meeting begins at 8 pm.



Other dates for the 1990 diary are:

Family Visits: French visitors over here 5 - 8 May,

Our visit to La Bouexiere 25 - 28 October.

Youngsters' Exchange: Young people from La Bouexiere in Wingrave 14 - 22 April,

Our youngsters in La Bouexiere 21 - 29 July.

Three teams of young French footballers visiting us 19 - 22 April.

We are already organising the exchange of young people. If anyone aged 12 or over would like to take part, please contact Jean Keighley (681235) for further information. It's cheap, it's fun, it broadens your horizons and improves your French enormously.

Jean Keighley



# schools

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## WINGRAVE C. E. COMBINED SCHOOL

The above school takes children from the age of 5 to 12 largely from the villages of Wingrave, Aston Abbots, Cublington and Rowsham, although an increasing number of out of catchment area children are now being admitted.

Wingrave School has a flourishing School Association and close links with the local community. Parents of children at the school and School Governors are kept closely in touch with what is happening by means of a weekly newsletter.

The present policy of the School Governors is to admit children termly for the Reception Class as rising-5's, i.e. at the start of the term in which they will reach the age of five. Parents, who would like to consider the entry of their child to the school, are invited to make an appointment to see the Headteacher. They will then be given the opportunity to look around the school and be able to raise any questions. If you would like your child to be considered for admittance to the school, the procedure to adopt is as follows:

1. Telephone or write to the School Secretary or Headteacher when the child reaches the age of three or as soon as you move into the area if you have a child, aged 3 - 12 years.
2. An information pack will be sent to you, and a mutually convenient appointment arranged for you to meet the Headteacher and to be shown around the building.

If you have any queries concerning Wingrave C. E. Combined School, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the Headteacher.

**RATEPAYERS** in Buckinghamshire have given a thumbs up to the idea of children starting their schooling at an earlier age.

A survey into public opinion in the county on possible changes in the education system produced figures supporting four-plus education and changes to the age of transfer between schools.

The consultations were described as "highly successful", by Education Committee Chairman Mrs. Rosalind Wingrove last week, although only 2,500 replies were received to a widely circulated questionnaire.

The County Council asked parents, governors, teachers and the general public whether children in Buckinghamshire should start school before they are five and transfer between schools at 7 and 11, instead of 8 and 12.

Most favoured an earlier start and many favoured transfer at 7 and 11. The figures are to be given in a report to the County Council's Schools Sub-Committee today (Tuesday).

The consultations involved exhibitions at libraries throughout the county. Education Department officers attended to answer questions and record views. 1,000 people visited the exhibitions.

Nearly 2,500 individuals and over 200 schools wrote to the Council with their views for years ahead.

"We have to ask ourselves if the present system of schools, which has worked so well over the years, is best suited to meet the challenges of the future."

Mrs Wingrove said the consultations showed strong public interest in the possibility of changes. But the panel

of County Council Members who prepared the report want more information about how the changes would affect individual schools and the likely costs of any change before recommending the go-ahead for more detailed consultations.

The report will be discussed by the County Council's Education Committee in January and by the Council on February 22.

Some of you, like us, may have recently struggled with the forms consulting parents about changes in Bucks schools. Some initial results (left)

(LBO, 12th Dec)

We have been asked to publish the above information about Wingrave School on a regular basis.

Below, school news from 11th August 1939 (Bucks Advertiser).

## ASTON ABBOTTS

**SCHOLASTIC SUCCESSSES.** — Congratulations to Alice Beckett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alf. Beckett of Cublington, and to Victor Scott of Aston Abbots, on winning by the examination in March last, Free Places at Aylesbury Grammar School. Also to Elizabeth Carter of Cublington, on passing the same examination with sufficient marks to allow of her attending the Grammar School as a fee-paying pupil. All three are scholars at Aston Abbots C.E. School.

A MONTHLY LOOK AT FACTS YOU NEVER WANTED TO KNOW...



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After a long motor journey give the eyes a bath of warm boric acid lotion. The bath will remove all dust which may have settled in the corners of the eyes or on the roots of the lashes. To allow dust of any sort to remain on the lashes will cause them to weaken and fall out.

Also give the hair a thorough brushing. Even when a really close-fitting cap is worn, the dust from the roads will settle on the hair and rob it of its bright sheen if it is not promptly brushed out.

'WISE OLD GOAT'

OVER 100 trees have been allocated to Cublington as part of the National Tree week scheme, which will be planted around various parts of the village.

● At the November parochial church council meeting, chaired by the new Rector the Rev Bob Willmott, villagers were pleased to hear that Peter Binns, who helped so much during the interregnum, is now licensed as a non-stipendiary minister of the parish and to Aston Abbots and Wingrave.

It was hoped that in the New Year a greater variety of services could be introduced.

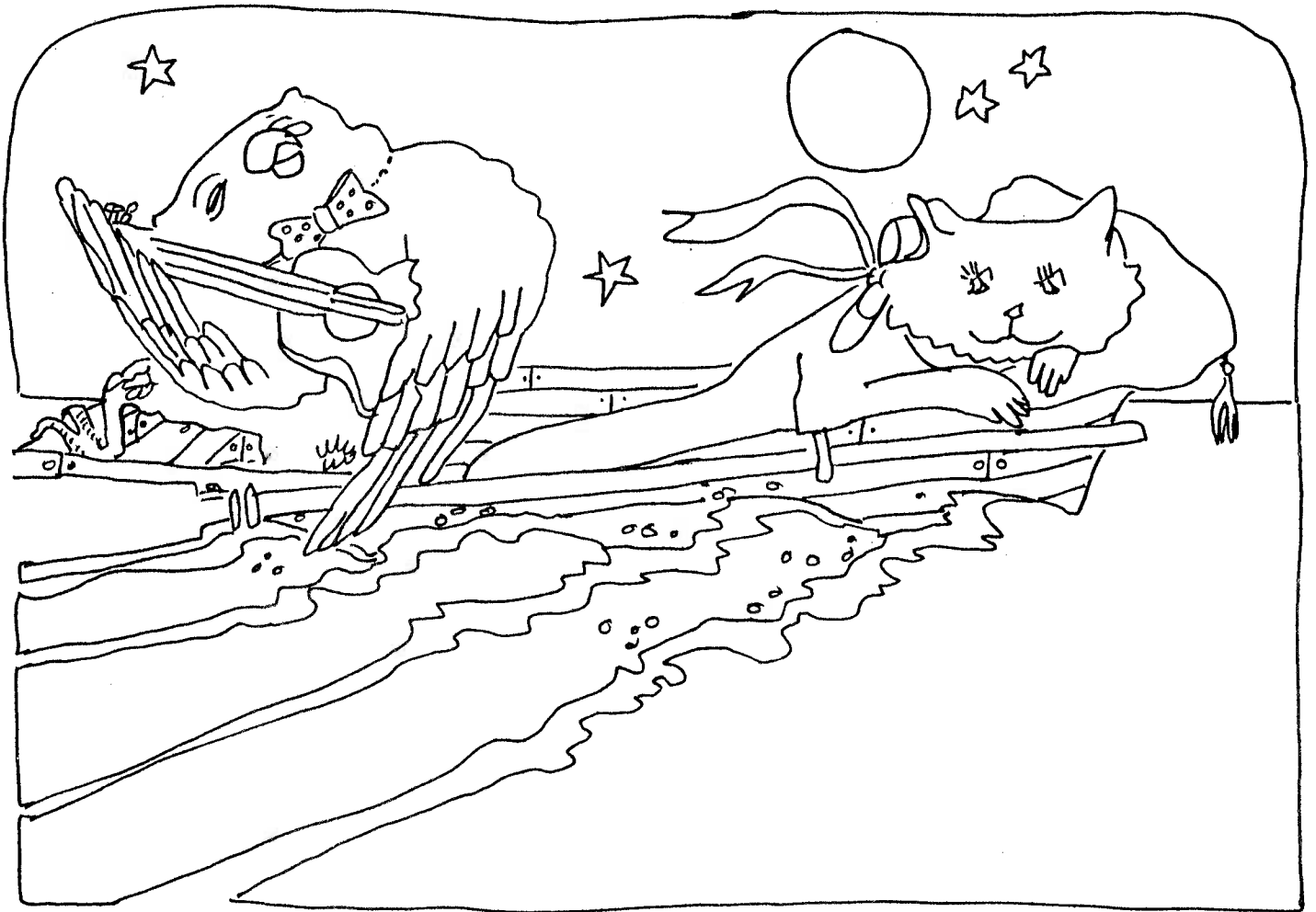
● Colin Higgs was MC for the Christmas Whist Drive at Aston Abbots Church room when winners were Mr Hogg, Mr J. Gell, Mrs Brackley, Miss V. Saunders, Mrs Kempster and Mr D. Waite. Other winners were Mrs L. Janes, Miss V. Saunders, Mr Pollard, Mr Hogg, Mr Higgs, Mrs Kempster, Mr Gell, Mrs Watkins and Mrs W. Lesley.

- Remember Alexandra Eccles-Williams? Of course you do. She is from Phillips and has sent us a list of prices realised at the Abbey auction. The prices are listed against lot numbers only, so you need a catalogue to make sense of it, but please ask if you want to see it.

- Have you been following the hooahaa about the proposed redesign of Leighton High Street? (Reducing traffic to single lane one-way flow, paving around the Cross and so on.) There is a plan on display at Leighton Library until 26th January - have a look if you can and have your say.

**TREE  
BONUS  
FOR  
VILLAGE**

- Old Crustie is sleeping it off



The Owl and the Pussy-Cat

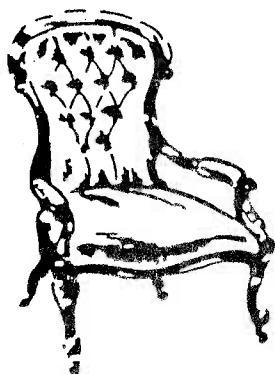
The Owl and the Pussy-Cat went to sea  
In a beautiful pea-green boat;  
They took some honey, and plenty of money  
Wrapped up in a five-pound note.  
The Owl looked up to the stars above  
And sang to a small guitar,  
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A page to colour - more next month

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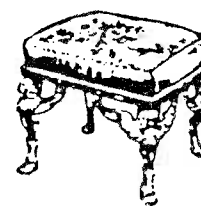
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 SAUSAGES    PIES    YOGHURTS  
 EGGS    BREAD    MINERAL WATER  
 SQUASHES    LEMONADE  
 PLUS MORE . . . . .

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