



# The Chronicle

Aston Abbots Parish Magazine

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# Editorial

Ever thought of writing something for the Chronicle, but somehow not got round to it? Come on - do it - nobody will laugh (much). Poems, recipes, drawings, stories: everything welcome. We'd especially like to have more to publish from Aston Abbotts children, so send us your stories, drawings (black and white only - colours are too difficult to reproduce) and jokes (keep them clean)!

As this is being typed the wind is whistling in the chimneys again; we hope it will not be as violent as on 25th. Commiserations to all who suffered damage on that day. We are feeling rather sad at the loss of two apple trees just outside the back windows of our house; so are the bluetits who used to fiddle about in them, and our cats who used them as climbing frames.

Just as well we had a tree-planting session in the village recently. Perhaps we are going to need another.

*Caroline Lane*

*Gordon Smith*

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Deadline for the March issue will be Friday 23rd February. Please bring or send items to us at 2 Church Row, or telephone 681373.

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# INFO

## WHAT'S ON IN FEBRUARY

Thursday 1st & 15th: Bingo, Church Room  
7.30 pm

Monday 5th: Toddlers, Church  
Room, 2.30-4 pm

Thursday 8th & 22nd: Whist Drive, Church  
Room, 7.30 pm

Friday 9th: Family Evening,  
Methodist Chapel,  
7.30 pm (see below)

Sunday 11th: Rambling Club  
members meet Great  
Brickhill, 2 pm

Tuesday 13th: Rambling Club AGM,  
17 Woodside,  
Linslade, 8 pm

Wednesdays,  
14th & 28th: Mobile Library:  
The Green, 2-2.30  
Longmoor, 2.35-50

Friday 16th: Parish Council,  
Church Room, 8 pm

Monday 19th: Toddlers, Church  
Room, 2.30-4pm

Thursday 1st  
March: Bingo, Church Room,  
7.30 pm

Wednesdays Fish & Chip van,  
outside Bull &  
Butcher, 8 pm

### METHODIST CHAPEL FAMILY EVENING

- Victor Scott will show slides, of special interest to children
- Bring & Buy
- Refreshments

Methodist Chapel, 9th Feb, 7.30  
(in aid of Chapel funds)

## LADIES' CLUB NOTES

11th Jan: twenty-one members attended to hear Mrs Terry Dufton give a talk about the Aylesbury District Victim Support Scheme.

25th Jan: Owing to bad weather, only 17 members heard the talk on the Island of Iona by Miss Cuthbert.

### February meetings:

8th Feb: Mrs Kay,  
"Song of a Shirt".

22nd Feb: Betty Hill,  
"Love and Marriage".

Both meetings at 2.45 pm  
in the Church Room.

## ASTON ABBOTTS TODDLERS

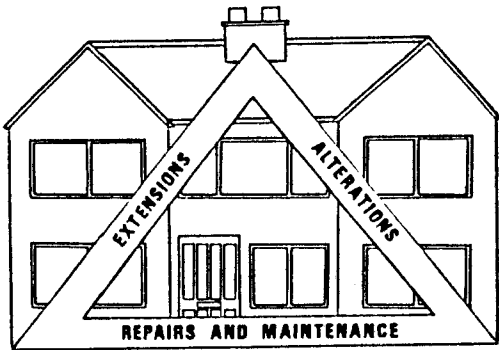
Meet alternate Monday afternoons, 2.30 - 4 pm. Something for children of all ages 0-5, whether you live in Aston Abbots or not. Please come and join us. 50p for parent and one child; 15p each extra child, includes a drink.

## 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 at the Church once a month. The Club is for children aged 3 upwards, all are welcome.

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# advance news



## CABARET NIGHT

This year's Cabaret Night has been arranged for 17th March. Tickets - again priced at £5 - give you hot food, a glass of wine and entertainment. We are limited to 50 people, so if you want a ticket you must book early with John on 681685. A sure way to guarantee a seat is to take part in the cabaret. If you would like to, please contact our musical maestro, our jovial master of ceremonies, the Kit Kar Kid - Chesh, on 681201, and do it now.



## BUCKETS & SPADES...



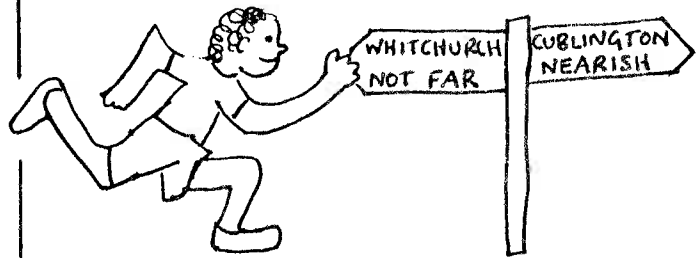
Any Aston Abbotts children been to the seaside last year? Write and tell us about it, better still draw us a picture (black & white only) and we'll put it in the Chronicle.



Bucks Advertiser 4th August 1939 →

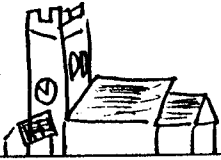
## FUN RUN

A fun run will be held on 25th March (Sunday) at 10 am. The route will be via Weedon, Whitchurch and Cublington, but you don't have to go that far. You just run as far as you wish round the course, as there will be a back-up car, or cars, to run people over, sorry, home, when they've had enough. No entry fees, no forms to fill in, just for fun. Why not join us? More details next month.



## ASTON ABBOTTS

GOING TO SEASIDE.—On Thursday last the children of the Church Sunday School had their annual summer outing to Southend-on-Sea, accompanied by their teachers, Mrs. Brock and Miss Childerley. The members of the local Ladies' Club also patronised Southend so that in many cases the excursion was a real family affair. The journey was made in two Red Rover coaches and Southend was reached about 10 a.m. Fortunately the tide was in on arrival, enabling paddling and dips to be indulged in. The other seaside attractions including a steamer trip round two battle-ships—"The Resolution" and "The Royal Sovereign" were anchored at Sheerness were well patronised. At 3 p.m. forty-eight of the party sat down to an acceptable tea. Home was reached about 10 p.m. after having, as many expressed it, "had the day of their lives" in brilliant sunshine.



# Church news

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As many of you will have seen the church roof by the porch had many tiles ripped off in the severe gale of 25th January. They say 'lightning never strikes twice' but this is the third time the same patch has been lifted in the last four years, and no-one can recall it ever happening before in at least fifty years! Proof if any is needed that our climate is changing and the winds are stronger. So if anyone reading this would like to contribute to this unexpected extra expense we should be very grateful.

The Annual Church Meeting will be held in the Church Room on 20th February at 7.30 pm. This is when the Churchwardens are elected, the accounts received and all is seen to be in order. All are welcome.

PETER DINES

## CHURCH SERVICES IN FEBRUARY

### Sidesman

4th February Epiphany 5	FAMILY SERVICE 1 Cor. 3.18-end	11.15 am	Sarah Lovell Mark 6.30-34 (p.482)
11th February Septuagesima	HOLY COMMUNION 1 Cor. 2.1-10	11.15 am	Alison Ford Luke 8.4-15 (p.488)
18th February Sexagesima	HOLY COMMUNION 2 Cor. 12.1-10	11.15 am	Colin Higgs Mark 7.24-end (p.493)
25th February Quinquagesima	HOLY COMMUNION Col 1.18-23	11.15 am	Michael Hasler John 8.2-11 (p. 497)
4th March Lent 1	FAMILY SERVICE Heb. 4.12-end	11.15 am	Alison Hewitt Luke 4.1-13 (p. 506)

## SERVICES AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

4th February	Family Service	11.15 am	Preacher Mrs Larner
11th February	6 pm		Preacher Mr Stuart
18th February	3 pm		WEEDON
25th February	6 pm		Preacher Mr Carter



# Church news

## RECTOR'S REPORT

I seem to be spending an awful lot of time driving these days.

Of course, I know that having three parishes makes some of this inevitable - but I wish I knew where all the other miles that appear on the 'clock' come from. Maybe it is that since we have lived here our family life-style has changed - Jane needs taking to Whitchurch to catch the bus to school in the morning and collecting in the afternoon, and Penny finds it easier not to have to drive to and from the station. That would account for some of it, and is probably a phase that will pass. The other possible cause is that we are now mainly using one car, whereas we used to regularly use two.

We live in an age that takes easy transport for granted, and we only begin to notice when either the car breaks down, or when weather conditions make driving hazardous.

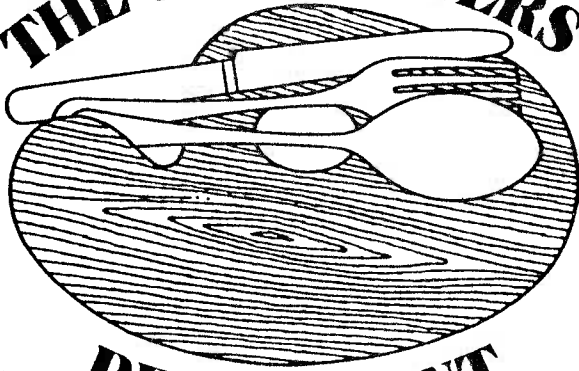
There was a time - not that long ago - when people used to walk almost everywhere. If you met someone, you could stop for a few moments to say 'hello' (and maybe a few more to catch up with local news). This system even worked quite well when - to save time - people rode bicycles to get from A to B. But can you imagine the chaos that would be caused if we stopped our cars whenever we saw someone we knew so that we could have a gossip?

The best we can now manage is a quick wave as you go your way and I go mine. Sometimes we even wonder whether we have upset people who have stopped waving to us - especially if we have recently changed our car! We can still recognise them - so why can't they recognise us? Is it any wonder that we find community life much harder than the people of previous generations?

Yes, our cars are very convenient, but I'm not sure that they really are a good thing. They get us from A to B faster than other modes of transport - but what about the time they are supposedly saving us? Yes, what happened to all that time that we used to have before we all started driving everywhere?

Bob

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Les Smith, 'Gatesgarth', Lines Hill (Tel:681366)  
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).





## LETTERS

5 The Green  
Aston Abbots  
Bucks  
HP22 4LX

8th January 1990

Dear Caroline,

With reference to last December's Chronicle I noticed a couple of lines relating to the new orange street lights on the Green. I wish to make a comment as I'm probably one of the three people mentioned who are dissatisfied with the new lighting. (I'm sure there are more people who agree with me but haven't said as yet.)

When I read that new lighting was coming to the village back in the Autumn, I wrote to the Parish Council saying that I thought new lights would be fine but I hoped they would not be of the orange type as found outside The Acorns or, more commonly, on a motorway. Having been reassured that this was not the case, I was horrified to see that, during October, two new lights appeared in the heart of the village and were of the "orange type", I wrote again to the Parish Council, I still have had no written reply to either of my letters.

We have been informed indirectly that white lights are no longer obtainable. However, Value Electrical Contractors of Wing, suppliers of the two new orange light fittings say that white tubes/bulbs are available for this type of light at the same price.

There has been no need for orange lights in Cublington, Weedon or Soulbury and new white lights have been recently installed in Long Marston and Wilstone.

Would the Parish Council please look into this for us.

In an earlier edition of the Chronicle, I remember reading about a villager who walked to the edge of the village one evening and could see the orange glow of Milton Keynes getting ever nearer. Perhaps it won't be too long before Milton Keynes can see the orange glow of Aston Abbots!

Yours sincerely

Helen Dowling

- A copy of this letter has been passed on to the Parish Council for discussion at the next meeting; we hope to have a response in our next issue.

# ASTON ABBOTTS CHURCH ROOM

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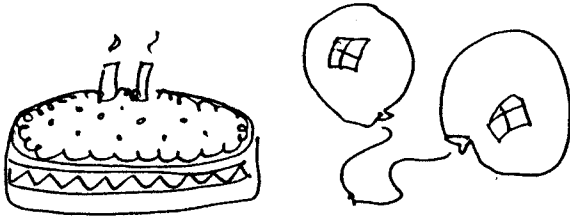
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# People

Our monthly column about village people, edited by BRIDGET BRANDON

## BIRTHDAYS

Ivy Brandon.....5th Feb  
Shona Matthews.....7th Feb  
Pablo Gutierrez.....7th Feb  
Vika Drysdale.....7th Feb  
Charlie Griffin.....13th Feb  
Richard Clarke.....13th Feb  
Paul Hewitt.....14th Feb  
Iain Webb.....21st Feb  
Diana Kent.....22nd Feb  
Tracey Lovell.....23rd Feb  
Linda Wheaton.....25th Feb



## CONGRATULATIONS

and good luck to Helen Watts and Neil, who are getting married on 24th February.

## CONGRATULATIONS

to Esther Chesher on gaining her Duke of Edinburgh silver award.

## GET WELL SOON

Mrs Martin, who broke her wrist when she fell during the terrible winds of 25th January.

## OUR SYMPATHY

goes to Herbert Goldney, Philip and family following the recent death of Joan, who suffered so much with arthritis.

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### TOY & BOOK SALE

Well done Alyson and Sian Reid, and their friends Catherine and Emma, for raising £30 at the Bull & Butcher on Sunday 28th January. The money goes to Aylesbury Vale Hospice.

## Walkers inspect country sites

ON New Year's Day, 39 walkers met in Stewkley parish at the Cublington (W.A.R.A.) spinney for a 3 1/2 mile walk round the country lanes in the Littlecote area.

They were met at the Littlecote junction with Dunton Road, by five others who had come field-way from Stewkley church and whose round trip involved 6 1/2 miles.

Between Littlecote and Kingsbridge attention was drawn to the site of the deserted medieval village of Lidcote and to the plantation of 100 oaks recently put in to mark the centenary of Bucks County Council.

At Kingsbridge there was interest in the car-park/picnic area now taking shape, and in the new footpath sites

which the county council is installing.

The 44 walkers completed the return to Cublington spinney before the rain which had been forecast arrived.

**Picnic Site** Three Locks Picnic Site is situated beside the Grand Union Canal and is open all year round. It is owned and managed by Buckinghamshire County Council.

**Refreshments** There is a post office and general store in Great Brickhill as well as two public houses. The Old Red Lion and The Duncombe Arms, both of which serve lunchtime food and have gardens. The Three Locks pub serves food and also has a children's room.

**Parking** The Three Locks Picnic Site provides the easiest parking but Great Brickhill village also offers limited street parking. Please park with care and consideration.

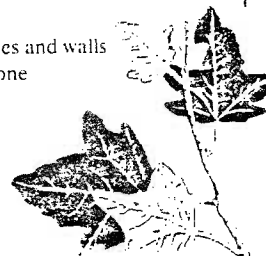
**Buses** A limited service runs between Milton Keynes, Leighton Buzzard and Luton via the Three Locks (no Sunday service). For further information phone the County Busline Enquiry Service on Aylesbury 382000.

**Footwear** Many of the paths on this walk can be wet and muddy at any time of the year and therefore waterproof footwear is recommended.

**Maps** This leaflet can be used in conjunction with Ordnance Survey 1:50,000 Map No. 165 (Aylesbury) or 1:25,000 Pathfinder Map No. SP82/92.

#### PLEASE FOLLOW THE COUNTRY CODE

- Enjoy the countryside and respect its life and work
- Guard against all risk of fire
- Fasten all gates
- Keep your dogs under close control
- Keep to public paths across farmland
- Use gates and stiles to cross fences, hedges and walls
- Leave livestock, crops and machinery alone
- Take your litter home
- Help to keep all water clean
- Protect wildlife, plants and trees
- Take special care on country roads
- Make no unnecessary noise



White Poplar

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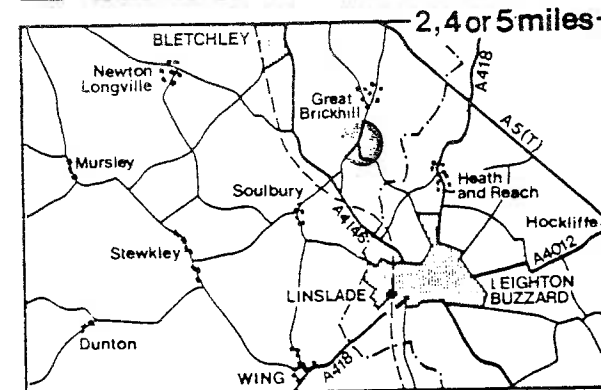
**Countryside**  
COMMISSION

This leaflet was produced by the County Engineer's and County Planning Departments with assistance from Bucks County Museum and the Countryside Commission.

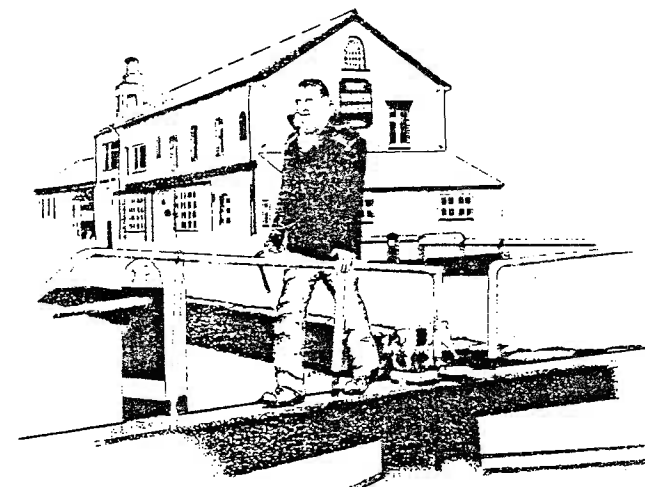
Further leaflets or comments on this walk, please contact Tom Hynes, Recreational Paths Officer, County Engineer's Department, County Hall, Aylesbury, Bucks. HP20 1UY or phone Aylesbury 382845.



### THREE LOCKS/GREAT BRICKHILL



The circular walk combines a length of the Grand Union Canal towpath in the Ouzel Valley, with the hilly wooded countryside of the Greensand Ridge. The Three Locks Picnic Site makes a convenient starting place or a shorter walk starts from Great Brickhill village.



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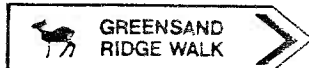
**Waymarking** The route is waymarked at every gate or stile or at any major change in direction. The following arrows should be followed:



yellow arrows for footpaths

blue arrows for bridleways

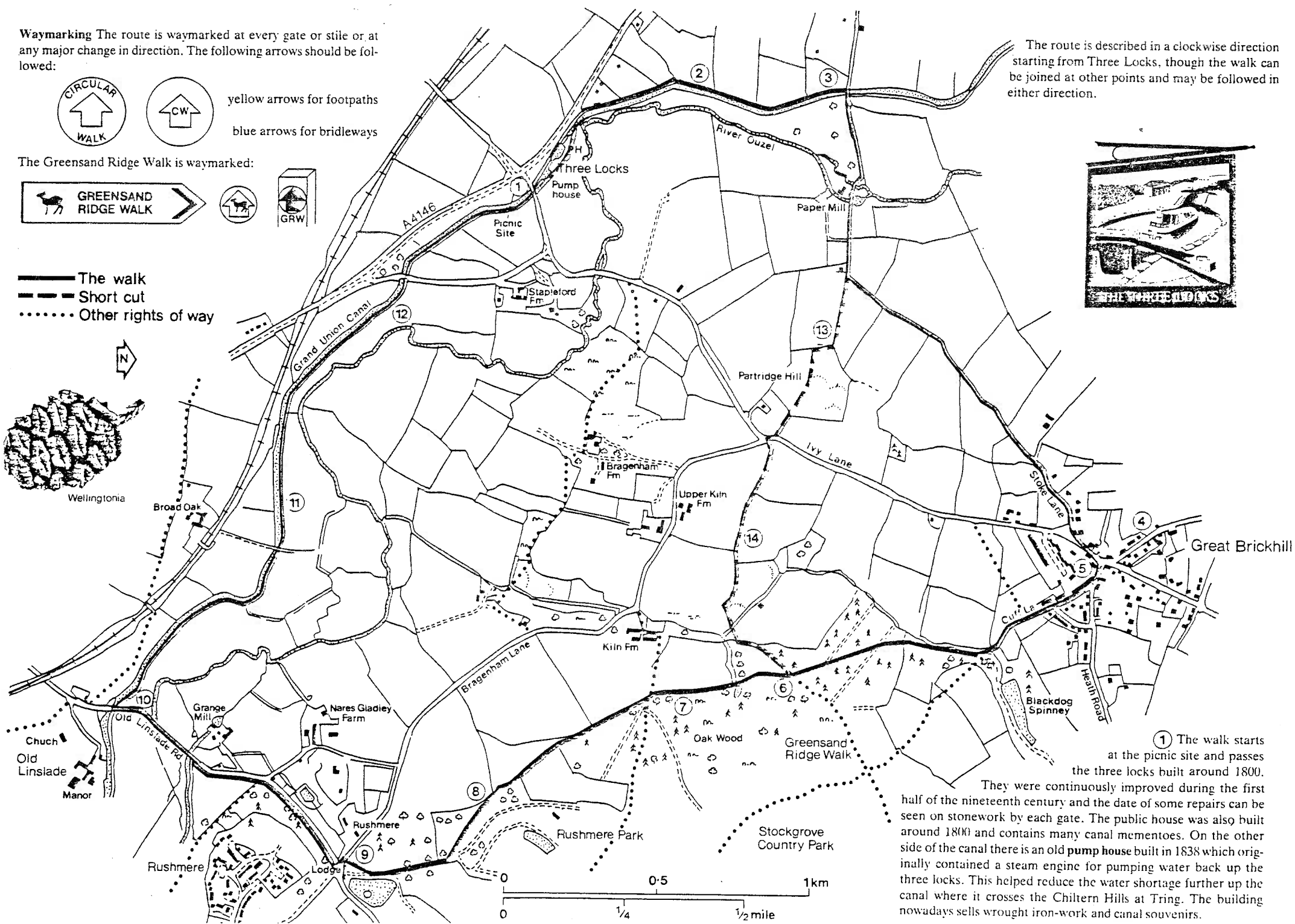
The Greensand Ridge Walk is waymarked:



— The walk  
 - - - Short cut  
 ..... Other rights of way



Wellingtonia



The route is described in a clockwise direction starting from Three Locks, though the walk can be joined at other points and may be followed in either direction.



① The walk starts at the picnic site and passes the three locks built around 1800.

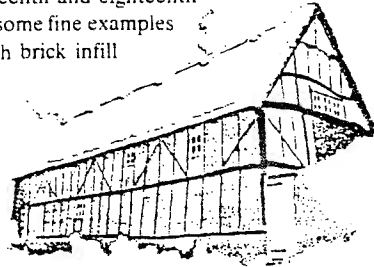
They were continuously improved during the first half of the nineteenth century and the date of some repairs can be seen on stonework by each gate. The public house was also built around 1800 and contains many canal mementoes. On the other side of the canal there is an old **pump house** built in 1838 which originally contained a steam engine for pumping water back up the canal where it crosses the Chiltern Hills at Tring. The building nowadays sells wrought iron-work and canal souvenirs.

② A line of grey poplars, with distinctive grey bark, can be seen beside the towpath. The leaf stalks of many poplars are flattened and therefore offer little support to the leaves, which flutter in the lightest breezes.

③ At the first bridge turn right over the canal towards Paper Mill Farm.

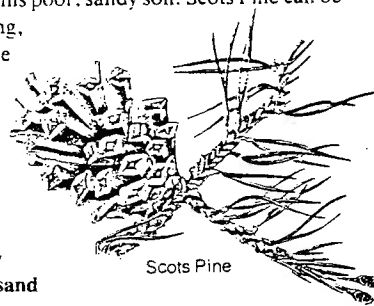
Cross the small bridge over the original line of the Ouzel and then cross the main stream by a larger bridge near the farm buildings. Originally this was the mill stream but has now become the main course. **Paper Mill Farm** is situated on or near the site of a water mill mentioned, which was mentioned in the Domesday Book. Paper milling is thought to have started in the eighteenth century but has not been carried out here for many years. Continue on the bridleway past the farm buildings. Now there is a choice of routes, continue straight on for the short cut (see section 13), or turn left towards Great Brickhill. There is a slow steady climb up this old 'green lane' and from the top there are good views across the Ouzel Valley and Milton Keynes.

④ **Great Brickhill** is an attractive village with a variety of architectural styles including many seventeenth and eighteenth century buildings. There are some fine examples of timber framed buildings with brick infill including the thatched barn conversion, opposite the top of Stoke Lane, called **Cromwell Cottages**.



Cromwell Cottages

⑤ At the main road in Great Brickhill turn left and then right along Ivy Lane opposite the Old Red Lion public house. Turn right along Heath Road and immediately down Cuff Lane, out of the village and into **Blackdog Spinney**. The trees are mainly Scots Pine which are well suited to growing in this poor, sandy soil. Scots Pine can be recognised by its two inch long, paired needles and the bronze coloured bark that develops at the top of trees after approximately 20 years.



Scots Pine

⑥ The short cut rejoins from the right and from here carry straight on along the **Greensand Ridge Walk**. This long distance route runs from Leighton Buzzard to Gamlingay along the prominent ridge of hills across Bedfordshire. Much of the walk is wooded and this length is adjacent to the largest patch of deciduous woodland left in Bedfordshire some of which forms the nearby **Stockgrove Country Park**.

⑦ An animal frequently seen in the woods is the **muntjac** or barking deer. It comes originally from South East Asia but was introduced to Woburn Deer Park by the Duke of Bedford in 1900. Some of them escaped and they have now become well established in Southern England. Muntjac are small deer (22" - 23" high) and have a chestnut coloured body, blackish-brown legs and a white chin and throat. The muntjac is the symbol of the Greensand Ridge Walk.



⑧ Follow the Greensand Ridge Walk down to Rushmere Lodge, around which many exotic trees have been planted, including an avenue of **Wellingtonias**, or **Sierra Redwoods**. The bark of these trees is spongy to protect them from the fires of their native California and Sierra Nevada.



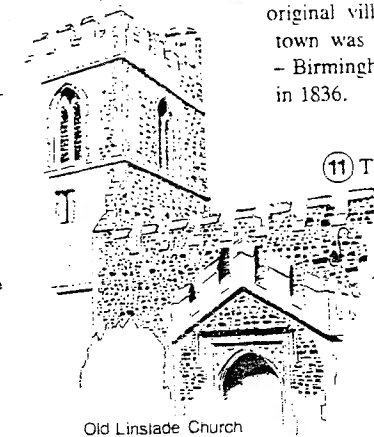
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⑨ At **Rushmere Lodge** turn left along the road and then right at the cross-roads. Walk above the road through the beech woods and then rejoin it to cross the River Ouzel, taking great care on the bridge. The second bridge crosses the original course of the river.

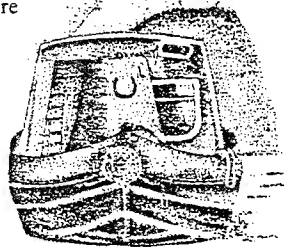
⑩ At the canal bridge turn right along the towpath. The Church of St Mary and Old Linslade Manor and Farm are all that remain of the original village of Linslade. The present town was developed around the London - Birmingham line station, which opened in 1836.



Old Linslade Church

⑪ Three important transport links run along the **Ouzel Valley**. As well as the Grand Union Canal there is also the London - Birmingham/Glasgow railway line and the A4146 Hemel Hempstead to Bletchley road. Though busy, the valley is still beautiful and the wet meadows are attractive to a great variety of wildlife.

⑫ Work on the **Grand Junction Canal** commenced in 1793 and it was to substantially shorten the journey time from Birmingham to London. It runs from Braunston, in Northamptonshire to Brentford, on the River Thames, a journey which before was 154 miles via the Oxford Canal and Thames but was reduced to 93 miles with the construction of the Grand Junction Canal. The canal was later renamed the Grand Union Canal when it merged with several others including the Regents Canal in 1929. The walk continues along the canal and ends back at the picnic site at bridge number 107.



⑬ **Short Cut** As you climb up the hill the view opens up. The large patch of bracken grows well in the freely drained acidic soil. At the top of the hill, saplings have been planted on the left of the bridleway to replace a line of elms that died from Dutch Elm Disease. Many thousands of trees were lost in North Bucks and the landscape was dramatically altered.

⑭ Cross the road and go down the bridleway opposite. Just before the lake on the left there is a large patch of **Great Tussock Sedge**. The tussocks, which built up from dead vegetation, can grow up to three feet in diameter and three feet high and they form an attractive habitat for insects and spiders. The path then follows the edge of the lake and on the opposite side after an open area, turn right to rejoin the main route (see Section 7 to 12).



**Stockgrove Country Park** Situated nearby it consists of 74 acres of woodland and parkland open to the public for informal recreation. It is jointly managed by Buckinghamshire and Bedfordshire County Councils.

**Greensand Ridge Walk** Leaflets describing the long distance walk and circular walks off it are available from Leisure Services Department, Bedfordshire County Council, County Hall, Bedford MK42 9AP, (price 20p each, plus SAE).

**Walking Around Soulbury** A booklet describing walks from the village is available (price 50p + 20p S.A.E.) from David Miller, 1, Chapel Hill, Soulbury, Leighton Buzzard.

**Grand Union Canal** British Waterways Board manage 2,000 miles of canal and waterways all over the country. For more details about recreation on the canals telephone British Waterways Board on Watford (0923) 31363.

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



How often can Shrove Tuesday fall on 29th February?

Shrove Tuesday can only fall on 29th February in a leap year in which there are five Tuesdays in February, and in which Easter Day falls on 16th April. This conjunction will happen in 2028 and again in 2180. So the interval between two such conjunctions is just 152 years.

(Meanwhile, we'll just have to put up with Shrove Tuesday on 27th February this year. Ed.)

## Talks on village play

**POLICE** Constable Nichols reported to Aston Abbots Parish Council's January meeting that only one person in the area had been found to be over the drink-driving limit at Christmas and New Year. It was agreed this was a pleasing result.

Cllr John Ford gave details about grants for recreational facilities. The chairman Colin Higgs asked him and Cllr Richard Speakman, who represent the council on the recreation ground committee, to call a meeting to decide what equipment the village needs before applying for a grant.

Mr Speakman reported that faulty street lighting in Aston Abbots had now been rectified, except for a lamp in Moat Lane, which was awaiting cable repairs by Eastern Electricity.

Cllr Roy Malin said that several items on the Conservation Plan were incorrect, and District Cllr Bryan Round agreed to take these points up with Ayles-

bury Vale Council.

The chairman expressed concern to County Cllr Reg Keen about the new drainage project in Wingrave Road/A418 junction, doubting it would ever work when completed.

Planning applications for Moat Lane were discussed and Clerk Mrs Margaret Chesher was asked to point out to Aylesbury Vale's Planning Department that several important trees and a hedgerow in the Conservation Area were not shown on the plan.

Concern had been expressed about people using the Norduck footpath and bridleway allegedly being abused by the occupants of the farm.

Cllr Higgs pointed out these were all legal rights of way, waymarked and for everyone to use on foot or horseback, and he had asked the county council to advise the residents of the farm accordingly.

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14 Leighton Buzzard Observer, January 2, 1990

# TREES PLANTED AND DRAINAGE IS IMPROVED

## ASTON ABBOTS REPORTS

ALL trees allocated to Aston Abbots for National Tree Week have been planted in the recreation ground, churchyard, Bricstock and on The Green.

This was reported to the December Parish Council meeting, chaired by Cllr Colin Higgs. It was also understood that new drainage was under way for Wingrave Road and the junction of the A418, and the damaged storm drain cover in Ross Road was being dealt with.

The meeting granted £50 to the parochial church council towards churchyard upkeep.

Councillors made observations on various planning applications, contending that the bridlepath would suffer extra traffic if a proposed farmhouse is built at Norduck, and the design would be an intrusion on the landscape over the Vale of Aylesbury.

An application for a cable duct to be installed in Bricstock by British telecom was referred to Aylesbury

Vale District Council as owners of the land.

District Cllr Bryan Round was asked to look into a request for a street lamp on the footpath in Bricstock.

● A Sunday carol service at St James' Church, Aston Abbots, was attended by 90 people. The Rev Bob Willmott officiated and the Sunday Club, assisted by Miss A Hewitt and Mrs De Loozie, sang carols to the congregation.

Lessons were read by Cllr Colin Higgs, Mrs Lovell, Mrs Harris, Mrs Downing, Mr F Poulter and Miss A Hewitt. The organist was Mrs Scutchings.

During the service Mr Willmott dedicated 100 prayer kneelers which had been donated by the whist club and worked or given by people connected with the village.

## Useful information

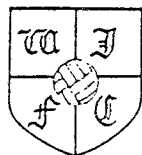
There was no dentist in last month's list. Here is one: David Thomson, The Dental Surgery, Bunkers Lane, Linslade. Tel 0525 371511, Monday-Friday.

## YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

Colin Higgs (Chairman)  
6 Wingrave Rd 681343  
John Ford 2 Ross Rd 681865  
Richard Speakman  
79 The Green 681042  
Bryan Round 11 Nup End Lane,  
Wingrave 681621  
Roy Malin 3 Ross Rd 681358

CLERK: Margaret Chesher  
20 The Green 681201

WINGRAVE JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB



THE SEASON SO FAR

WINGRAVE J.F.C. U12s

As several key players in last seasons successful side move on to the U14's we have begun building our new U12's around the 'veterans' James Marsh, Ali Duncan and Nick Kuh. With some strong teams in the league this year we find ourselves leaving 1989 behind us with only 2 wins under our belt. Some gutsy team performances of late (which featured our most recent and successful signing, Ellis Habel), suggest that we will be rewarded by some more wins in the new year. Our U10s 'nursery squad' entertained us with a very good 7 - 4 win over Arrows, with Ben Loades and Chris Duncan scoring the goals. From the team and the management (Tony White, John Scott and Jack Kidd) thanks, and a happy new year to all of our supporters.

Tony White.

WINGRAVE J.F.C. U14s

The under 14's have reached the half way mark in the season riding high at the top of the table. Match postponements and some player registration problems have left us with a number of games in hand on the other teams. However, the team is currently unbeaten and favourites to lift the championship for the first time in the clubs history. Notable individual performances to date are the superb goal scoring feats of Darren Springett, 21 goals in 8 league games, the domination of midfield by Greg Sorace and the solid defensive work of David Arnold, Stewart Bundoock and Robert Godfrey. More important, the quality of football is at times outstanding - a credit to all the boys and coach Richard Pretty.

Carl Sorace.

WINGRAVE J.F.C. U17s

We are now well into the seasons matches and after making such a promising start result wise we find ourselves only 2 points from the bottom of the league. It might have been too good a start to beat Chiltern Athletic 5 - 2 with a hat trick from our new signing Mark Edwards, and one each from Richard Hickson and Mathew Simmonds; because we lost the next 4 games! The 2nd win for the team in The Gazette Hemel Minors League came with goals from Mathew Simmonds, Simon Meagram and Danny Scott when Tring Town Colts were beaten 3 - 2. The remaining league games of the year have all ended in defeat. The match against Tring Tornados at home looked to be going our way with a lead of 3 - 1 well into the second half, however we lost concentration in the last few minutes and lost 4 - 3; the scorers being Richard Hickson 2 and Simon Meagram. The same team had beaten us 3 - 1 in the cup the week before, but there was still cause for celebration as Steven Brackley scored his first ever goal for the club! Well done Steve!! Despite these results it certainly hasn't killed the spirit of the team and we are looking forward to meeting Emerald Vale on the 7th January in the Recreation Ground, kick off 2pm.

Fred Meagram

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WINGRAVE JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB



LEIGHTON & LINSLADE JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE COMPETITION

LEAGUE TABLES (up to 21-01-90)

Under 12s	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Aston Clinton	11	11	0	0	75	3	22
Pitstone	9	8	0	1	71	4	16
Foxes	9	6	2	1	24	10	14
Woodside	10	4	2	4	38	24	10
Wing	9	4	1	4	32	27	9
Brooklands	10	3	1	6	27	53	7
Wingrave	9	2	0	7	14	40	4
Corinthians	10	2	0	8	9	40	4
Arrows	9	0	0	9	1	90	0

Under 14s (up to 28-01-90)

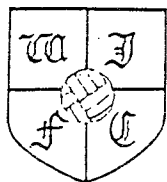
Wingrave	8	8	0	0	33	5	16
Wing	10	7	1	2	25	10	15
Stocklake	12	7	0	5	34	22	14
Arrows	10	6	0	4	34	13	12
Cheddington	10	2	1	7	13	30	5
Pitstone	12	0	0	12	8	67	0

CUP TABLES (up to 21-01-90)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	GD
<u>Under 12s Cup A:-</u>								
Aston Clinton	2	2	0	0	16	0	4	+16
Woodside	1	1	0	1	5	0	2	+5
Wingrave	1	0	0	1	0	7	0	-7
Corinthians	2	0	0	2	0	14	0	-14
<u>Under 12s Cup B:-</u>								
Foxes	3	2	1	0	16	6	5	+10
Pitstone	2	1	1	0	9	7	3	+2
Brooklands	1	1	0	0	6	0	2	+6
Wing	2	0	0	2	5	8	0	-3
Arrows	2	0	0	2	0	15	0	-15
<u>Under 14s Cup A:-</u>								
Wingrave	2	2	0	0	5	0	4	+5
Stocklake	2	1	0	1	8	2	2	+6
Cheddington	2	0	0	2	1	11	0	-10
<u>Under 14s Cup B:-</u>								
Arrows	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	+2
Wing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pitstone	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	-2

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FEBRUARY FIXTURES

1990

Result

Sunday February 4th

U12s - away Pages Park - kick off 2.15pm - v Woodside! :-  
 U14s - home Wingrave Rec. - kick off 2.15pm - v Cheddington! :-  
 U17s - away Pennine Way - kick off 10.30am - v Tigers Juniors:-  
 ! = cup match

Sunday February 11th

U12s - spare  
 U14s - away Stocklake - kick off 2.15pm - v Stocklake! :-  
 U17s - Spare  
 ! = cup match

Sunday February 18th

U12s - home Wingrave school - kick off 2.15pm - v Woodside :-  
 U14s - home Wingrave Rec. - kick off 2.15pm - v Stocklake :-  
 U17s - away Chesham - kick off 10.30am - v Chiltern Ath. :-

Sunday February 25th

U12s - home Wingrave school - kick off 2.15pm - v Pitstone :-  
 U14s - away Pages Park - kick off 2.15pm - v Arrows :-  
 U17s - home Wingrave Rec. - kick off 10.30am - v Berko Dynamo :-

JANUARY RESULTS

Under 10s:- Wingrave v Arrows - Won 4 - 3  
 ----- Ben Loades 2, Chris Duncan, Greg Pretty.  
 Wingrave v Beaudesert - Draw 3 - 3

In their third friendly of the season Wingrave under 10's drew a hard fought game with Beaudesert (L. Buzzard). Coming from behind with good goals by Chris Duncan (1) and captain Ben Loades (2); Wingrave held on to a 3 - 2 lead until virtually the last kick of the game when the visitors slid in the equaliser. Fixtures to come include Berkhamsted and a return with Beaudesert.



Under 12s:- Wingrave v Woodside - cancelled  
 ----- Wingrave v Aston Clinton - Lost 7 - 0  
 Wingrave v Corinthians - Won 9 - 2  
 James Marsh 3, Alastair Duncan 2,  
 Stuart Lucas 2, Adrian Kennedy, Nick Kuh.  
 Wingrave v Corinthians - Won 3 - 0  
 James Marsh 2, Alastair Duncan

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JANUARY RESULTS

Under 14s:- Wingrave v Pitstone - Won 7 - 0  
 ----- Darren Springett 2, Greg Sorrace 2, Nick Jones,  
 Lee Bracey-Wright, Chris Brown.

Wingrave v Cheddington - Won 3 - 0  
 Darren Springett 2, James Perret.

Wingrave v Stocklake - Won 2 - 0  
 Darren Springett, Lee Bracey-Wright.

Wingrave v Pitstone - Won 4 - 1 (pen)  
 Kevin Pretty 2, Lee Bracey-Wright.  
 (1 own goal)

Under 17s:- Wingrave v Emerald Vale - Cancelled

Wingrave v Tring Town Colts - Lost 6 - 2  
 Gareth Callender, Simon Meagram

Wingrave v Tornadoes J.F.C - Won 5 - 1  
 Gareth Callender 2, Richard Hickson,  
 Simon Meagram, Barry Miles.

Wingrave v Berko Dynamo - Draw 1 - 1  
 scorer ?

WINGRAVE UNDER 12 SQUAD

	Goals 1 to 28-01-90)
James Marsh	- 9 - Captain
Alastair Duncan	- 7 - Vice Captain
Nick Kuh	- 1
Timothy Mean	
Ellis Habel	
Andrew Bandy	
Mark Cooper	
Richard Godfrey	
Adrian Kennedy	- 1
Gareth Brown	- 3
Stuart Lucas	- 4
Steven Clarke	
Mark Nicholls	- 1
Stephen Wilkinson	
Stuart Huke	
Paul Snell	- Goal Keeper

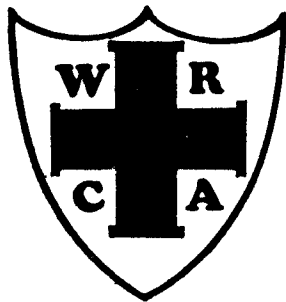


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## NEWS FROM THE ASSOCIATION

FEBRUARY 1990

Activities for the fund raising for 1990 are well underway, and our first event, the Bingo Night held on Saturday 13th January, was a great success raising £165. A good start to the year. Due to popular request another one has been organised for Saturday 10th March for eyes down at 7.30 p.m. The diary looks like this for 1990 so far:-

QUIZ EVENING  
BINGO EVENING  
PROMISE AUCTION  
MAY FAYRE AND 60/70 DISCO

Saturday 3rd March at 7.30  
Saturday 10th March at 7.30  
Saturday 24th March at 6.30  
Saturday 19th May. All day  
and evening event.

The Quiz Evening is £4.00 a ticket, and O.A.P.'s and children 9-16 £3.00 with a Licensed Bar and a hot supper is included in the price of the ticket. The Bingo Evening, entrance at 30p includes tea and biscuits.

The Promise Auction is a new idea, and should anybody in the village wish to give a 'promise', please contact Trish Webb. Parents are being contacted separately about this event, but the promises so far received include vouchers from big Aylesbury Stores, babysitting, and a cottage in the country! All offers welcome.

The May Fayre will be held at the School with stalls, competitions, and music, and other attractions still to be organised. The day ending in a disco for the parents to let their hair down, with a theme to the late 60's and early 70's.

SO SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL AND HAVE SOME FUN TOO!



The Owl and the Pussycat (2)

Pussy said to the Owl, "You elegant fowl!  
How charmingly sweet you sing!  
Oh, let us be married,- too long we have tarried,-  
But what shall we do for a ring?"  
They sailed away for a year and a day  
To the land where the Bong-tree grows,  
And there in a wood a Piggy-wig stood  
With a ring at the end of his nose,-  
His nose, his nose,  
With a ring at the end of his nose.

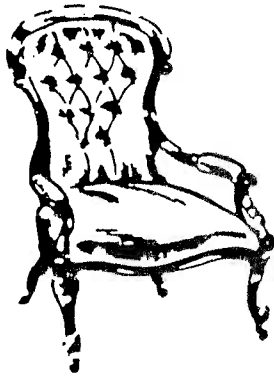
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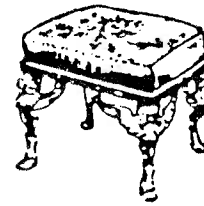
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