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Editorial

Many thanks this month to George and Doreen Liddle/
Cublington Crier for permission to lift large
chunks of their article on recycling. Much of
this came in turn from Friends of the Earth, so
thanks to them too.

It's amazing how much we can avoid putting in
our rubbish sacks if we think about it. However,
it's still very much up to individuals, and
particularly individuals with transport (not very
good for the environment either, a procession of
private cars driving to different places with
loads of this and that). How nice it would be if
the District Council could arrange more specialised
collections. In the meantime, we do try to cut
down on what comes into the household. I'm getting
known in Waitrose as that peculiar woman who brings
her own assortment of motley plastic bags for
putting the fresh fruit and veg into...

Caroline Lane

Gordon Smith

Deadline for the June issue will be Friday 25th May.
Please note that due to school holidays the Chronicle
will not reach you until about 8th June. Articles,
letters and so on should be brought to us at 2 Church
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INFO

WHAT'S ON IN MAY

- Thursday 3rd: Ladies Club: Mrs Miller, 'Victorian Underwear' Church Room, 2.45
- Thursday 3rd: Whist Drive Church Room, 7.30
- Sunday 6th: Sponsored walk in aid of Church clock. Forms from Post Office. Green, 2 pm
- Wednesdays 9th & 23rd: Mobile library The Green 2.2.30 Longmoor 2.35-50
- Friday 11th: Annual Parish Council Church Room 8 pm
- Saturday 12th: Green Jumble Sale Cublington Village Hall, 2 pm (in aid of pond)
- Sunday 13th: Rambling Club meet Wendover Station 2 pm
- Mondays 14th, 21st, & 4th (June) Toddlers, Church Room, 2.30-4 pm
- Wednesday 16th: Wing Assoc P/Councils Village Hall Cublington 7.15 pm
- Thursday 17th: Ladies Club Not So Young Tea & Outing; coach dep. Green 2.30
- Sunday 20th: Coach outing to Windsor, dep 12.30. Book with Colin
- Tuesday 22nd: Rambling Club meet Gt Brickhill 7.15 pm
- Thursday 24th: Bingo, Church Room, 7.30 pm
- Thursday 31st: Whist Drive Church Room 7.30 pm
- Tuesdays: The Trawler mobile fish shop, The Green, 1.40-2 pm
- Wednesdays: Fish & Chip van outside Bull & Butcher 8 pm
- Thursdays: Refuse collection

Forthcoming

Saturday 16th June: Cublington village fête

THE SUNDAY CLUB

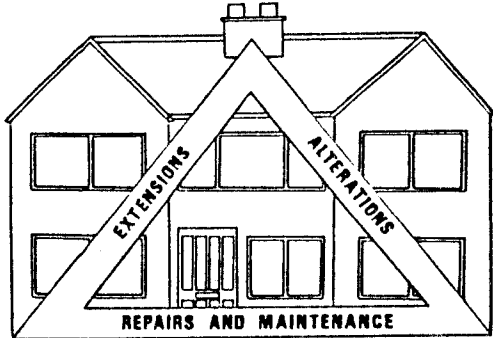
The Sunday Club is held at the Methodist Chapel at 10 am on Sunday mornings. We are also involved in a Family Service in the Church once a month. The Club is for children aged 3 upwards, all are welcome.

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Bingo on Saturday 21st April raised £100 for its Branch Funds. Thanking everyone for their help.

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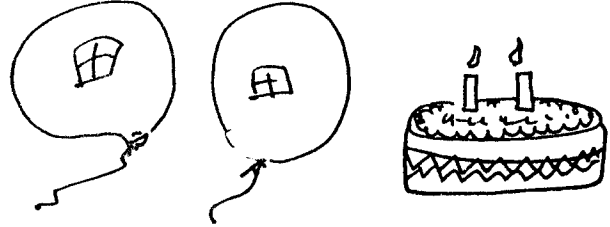
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People

Our monthly column about village people, edited by BRIDGET BRANDON

BIRTHDAYS

ARKLE O'SULLIVAN 4th May
ROSINA WEBB 11th May
PERCE RICKARD 11th May
CHRIS BRANDON 11th May
HANNAH BRANDON 12th May
TOM MANNING 22nd May



BENJAMIN KING 22nd May
NEIL CHESHER (55) . . . 26th May

GET WELL SOON

Mrs Tuplin, who at the time of writing was in hospital.

Mr Golney, who is also in hospital.

WELCOME TO

Barbara and David De Silva (Bellingham) and their son Louis, The Old House

Karen and Barry Whyte and their sons Daniel and Jason, Longmoor

YOUTH WORK

If anyone is interested in helping to run a Youth Club, please contact Hilary Solway, on Aylesbury 688314, or come along to a public meeting in the village hall on 23rd May (Wednesday) at 7.30 pm.

ROUNDABOUT

The mobile Youth Club will visit the Green at Aston Abbotts on 15th May at 7.30 pm. All young people (and older ones) are welcome.



● Pupils of Mary Bassett School who welcomed Spring with flowers at their annual pageant — JC9688.

Twenty-five years ago in the Beds & Bucks Observer. Now she lives in Aston Abbotts.

(clue: the grin's still the same)

Answer on p.18

"Wise Old Goat"



HEADS

The best shaped heads will generally be found when the bodies are also well made. It is not for nothing that men love Beauty and crave for it.

Although small or ill-proportioned heads are sometimes found on well shaped bodies, an awkwardly made body is seldom seen with a good head.

Tall men (six feet and upwards) have comparatively small heads; and short men comparatively large ones.

The head of a grown up person ought to measure 21in. round, at the very least, if that person is to make any progress in the world.

A woman's head may measure 1in. less than a mans, with the same comparative ability. Thus, a fairly efficient female may have a head that measures 22in. round; but seldom indeed is a 20in. head found on an intelligent woman.

A big head bespeaks a big brain and plenty of ability; but the size of the head has nothing to do with the moral qualities.

Narrow heads lack energy; wide heads have too much energy.

The wide, low head is very prone to violent anger.

Owners of heads that lack height on the crown, as compared with their width, are not, as a general rule, endowed with much natural or innate morality.

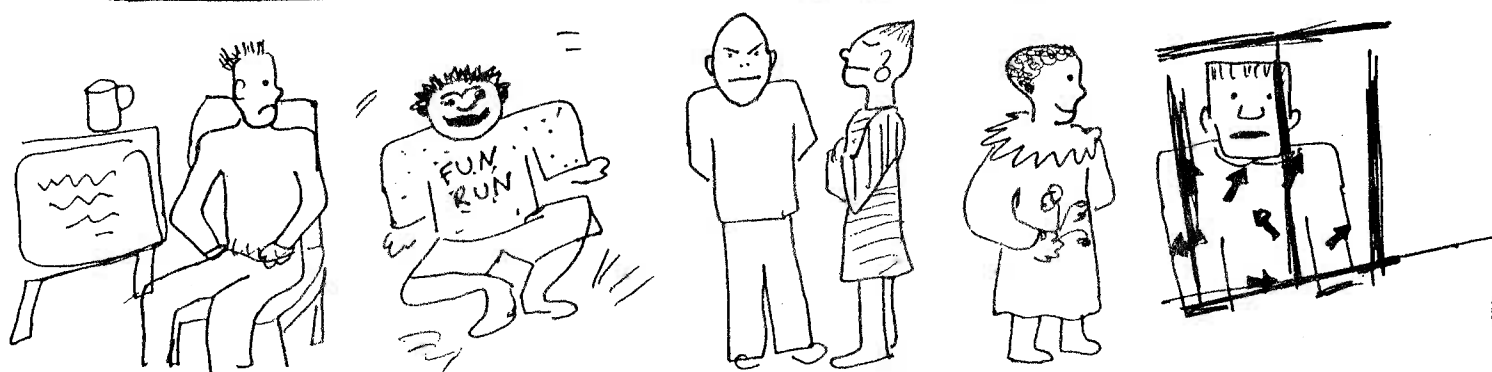
Heads rounded at the top belong to persons who are naturally religious; they seek an object to worship; they venerate what they find to be better than themselves.

The head that is pointed at the top inclines to obstinacy - a very different quality from true firmness.

A head well developed at the back - a loving nature; well developed at the top of the back - a good father and friend; when large at the base of the back, the more animal passions are strong. Such a one makes an exacting husband or lover, but always a loving one.

A head flat at the back bespeaks a selfish and cold man.

Flat heads, very full over the ears, are, fortunately, rare; for here are the organs of destruction. These heads belong to liars and hypocrites, if all the signs of nobility are absent from the top of the head and the brow.





ASTON ABBOTTS VILLAGE FETE

The Fête will be held on Saturday 21st July. This year's Fête Committee has started to plan it. We are once again looking for sponsors to help with expenses, e.g. Morris men, Orchestra, raffle prizes, stalls and competitions. It will be run on the same lines as previous years with some new ideas. We shall once again need items for the Bric à Brac, Tombola, Garden Stall and Groceries. There will be a village collection on the evening of 16th July. Any prizes for the Raffle would be much appreciated. Should you wish to help in any way contact Shirley and John Ford on 681865 or Richard Speakman on 681042.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE?

We have applied to enter the Best Kept Village competition. The first round of judging takes place in mid May.

Remember: No litter please. Hedges and verges trimmed. Bus shelter clean. Other areas judged are allotments, recreation ground, churchyard, the Green, approaches to public houses, shops, halls, and war memorials; so please do your bit and let's WIN.



Villagers want help with clock

ASTON Abbotts Church clock is to be restored, including repairing the dial and re-gilding the figures, at a cost of £2,700.

But when villagers discussed it at their annual Parish Meeting in the Church Room, not all were in favour of supporting fund-raising for the clock project. So it was decided to ask the Historic Churches Trust, English Heritage and the Enhancement Grants if they will donate towards the cost.

At the meeting, which was attended by 22 members of the public and chaired by Cllr Colin Higgs, the 1990 Aston Abbotts Festival Committee was elected. It was agreed that the proceeds will be divided between St James' Church, the Methodist Chapel, the Church Room, the recreation

ground and the toddlers' group.

● A normal parish council meeting followed and the chairman welcomed Mr Keith Miller from Bierton to discuss a proposal by Hales Waste for a tip off Rowsham Road.

This would affect the village's panoramic view across the Vale of Aylesbury from Lines Hill and cause a further increase in traffic because of cars using the village as a rat run.

● Cllr Roy Malin requested that Benskins be asked to make safe loose tiles on The Bull and Butcher pub and outbuildings.

● Cllr John Ford offered to supervise the Litter Blitz Day and the chairman urged more people to take part. Cllr Richard Speakman reported faulty street lighting in Church Row.

● It was decided to enter the Bucks Best Kept Village competition, although Cllr Higgs pointed out several areas around the village needed to be tidied up, considerably.

● District Cllr Bryan Round promised to look into getting a "Residents Only" notice put up at the Wingrave Road garages because of a problem of parked cars belonging to non-residents. He would also request that Aylesbury Vale repair the Wingrave Road nameplate.

● Aston Abbotts Rambling Club members met at Buckland Wharf for a Sunday afternoon ramble led by Alan Bower.

Their route followed the towpath of the Wendover Arm of the canal to Wilstone Reser-

voir, where a stop was made at the bird hide to view herons, curlews, sandpipers, mallard, grebe and many other waterfowl.

● Mr Higgs was MC for a Thursday evening whist drive in the Church room. Prizewinners were: Mrs Kempster, Mrs Banks, Mrs Scutchings, Mr Pollard, Mr J Gell (special), Mrs L Janes (lucky ticket), Mrs D Evans (raffle), Mr C Griffin, Mrs Norwood, Mrs Banks, Mrs Turner and Mr D Waite.

● THE Chairman of Aston Abbotts Rambling Club Doug Ward, and their Press Officer Colin Higgs represented the group at an area committee meeting in Amersham.

Walkers from Bucks to West Middlesex were present and it was noted that membership in the district had risen to 2,500.

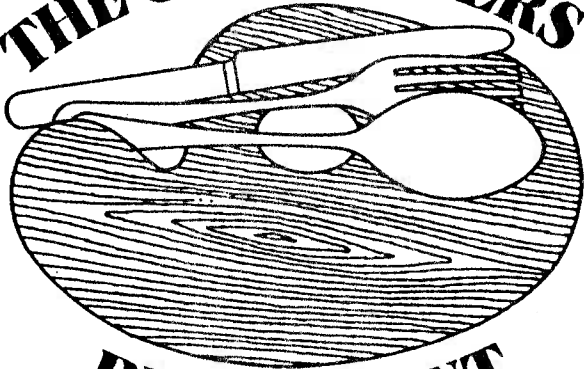
Rambling for the disabled was discussed and areas such as the Boarstall Duck Decoy, Coombe Hill, Tring Reservoirs and Stockgrove Park were thought to be suitable, but each group was asked to try to devise another route in their areas.

The Winslow Ramblers had asked for a Sunday bus service to be introduced from Aylesbury to give better access to the Buckinghamshire countryside. The request had been referred to Bucks county Council's Leisure Services Dept for investigation.

● Mr Higgs was MC for a Thursday evening whist drive in the Church Room, Aston Abbotts. Prizewinners were Mr Gell, Mrs Griffin, Mr Higgs, Mr Scutchings, Miss V Saunders (also lucky ticket and snowball). The raffle was won by Mr Gell, Mr D Waite, Mrs Banks, Mrs Turner and Mrs Scutchings.

LBO, 3rd & 17th April

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John Whyte, 14 Bricstock. (Tel:681685)

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



buses

AROUND THE MARKETS BY BUS

Buses leave	ASTON ABBOTTS to AYLESBURY	7.48	9.30	11.40	2.00	3.00
	AYLESBURY to ASTON ABBOTTS	12.38	4.00	5.50	(+ 3.00 Sats)	
	ASTON TO LEIGHTON BUZZARD	8.35	9.16	1.00		
	LEIGHTON TO ASTON ABBOTTS	11.05	1.35	2.30	(4.05 Sats)	

MARKETS

Tuesdays	LEIGHTON BUZZARD	see above				
	THAME	10.01	10.35	12.35	ex Aylesbury	
		11.43	2.43		ex Thame	
	BUCKINGHAM	10.10	ex Aylesbury			
		1.35	3.10	ex Buckingham		
Wednesdays	AYLESBURY	see above				
	OXFORD	8.35	10.35	12.35	ex Aylesbury	
		2.05	4.15	ex Oxford		
	READING	8.40	ex Aylesbury			
		2.44	ex Reading			
Thursdays	MILTON KEYNES	9.12	ex Aston Abbotts, change at Leighton			
		1.25	ex Milton Keynes, change at Leighton			
		4.50	ex Milton Keynes, direct to Aston			
Fridays	BICESTER	8.50	ex Aylesbury			
		1.40	ex Bicester			
	HIGH WYCOMBE	8.40	10.15	12.15	ex Aylesbury	
		2.15	2.45	3.45	ex High Wycombe	
Saturdays	AYLESBURY; LEIGHTON BUZZARD;	see above				
	NORTHAMPTON	9.22	ex Aston Abbotts			
		10.35	train ex Leighton Buzzard			
		2.40	train ex Northampton			
		4.05	bus ex Leighton Buzzard			

**Busmen say
farewell to
a regular**

THE five drivers who operate on the Aylesbury-Leighton X15 and 65 service have got to know their regular passengers very well.

And they had a particular soft spot for one lady explained Luton and District Transport's Branch Manager, Nick Knox.

"Mrs Halliford used to catch the 5.40pm out of Leighton every day, and get off at Wingrave Crossroads which was about a mile and a quarter from where she lived in Wingrave End.

"The drivers arranged for the 65 from Aylesbury to wait for her at the crossroads because that bus goes to Wingrave End.

"She caught the bus for eight years and when the drivers heard that she and her husband were moving to Northumberland, they clubbed together to buy her a cut-glass rosebowl.

"They're a good crew," he added.

LBO 17th April

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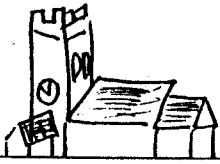
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Church news

As readers may know Kay and I have just spent three weeks in Japan. I was surprised to learn that 10 per cent of the population are professing Christians which, if that means, as I suspect it must, that they attend church most Sundays, must be very similar to England! However that may be it was strange to have by one's bedside not only a New Testament but a Works of Buddha. Apart from giving lectures which was the reason for my invitation we had time for sightseeing and the Buddhist temples with their surrounding gardens were wonderful to see. The tranquillity was evident and the importance of quiet and an opportunity to pause and think paramount. Certainly we came home with much to ponder. We also came home knowing that my mother had died whilst we were away. She would have been ninety in September and was a lifelong member of the Congregational church. Her funeral, therefore, was a time of celebration of a long life well lived and with eighteen direct relatives and many friends there it was an occasion to treasure. May mine be the same.

PETER DINES

Church services in May

Sidesman

6th May	PRAYER BOOK COMMUNION 8 am	Alison Hewitt
Easter 3	FAMILY SERVICE 11.15 am Methodist Chapel Colossians 3.1-11; John 11.17-27 (p. 616)	
13th May	HOLY COMMUNION 11.15 am	Alison Ford
Easter 4	2 Corinthians 4.13-5.5; John 14.1-11 (p. 620)	
20th May	HOLY COMMUNION 11.15 am	Colin Higgs
Easter 5	Romans 8.28-end; John 16.12-24 (p. 625)	
27th May	HOLY COMMUNION 11.15 am	Michael Hasler
Ascension	Ephesians 4.1-13; Luke 24.45-end (p. 633)	
3rd June	FAMILY SERVICE 11.15 am	Gillian Ford
Pentecost	Acts 2.1-11; John 14.15-26 (p. 636)	

From the Registers Funeral, 14th April, Eliza Jane Whinney

Methodist Church services in May

6th May	Mrs Pape Family Service 11.15 am
13th May	C. W. Lemmon 6 pm
20th May	Weedon 3 pm
27th May	Mr Carter 6 pm

● A large congregation attended the Mothering Day service held at St James Church, Aston Abbots, and conducted by the Rev Bob Willmott.

Assisted by Mrs De Loozie and Mrs Drysdale, the Sunday Club sang a song and give a recital, and then presented mothers and grandmothers with posies. Posies were also sent to the sick. Mrs Scutchings was the organist.

LBO, 10th April



Church news

RECTOR'S REPORT

Parts of an oil pipe-line, or parts of a gigantic gun?

Your guess is as good as mine! But the question which has been thrashing around for the past few weeks only highlights other questions which we would rather not have to answer. For there are so many things that can have both good and evil uses. The innocent kitchen knife that can become a murder weapon. The aerosol paint that improves the appearance of a car yet also be used to spray graffiti on a wall. The drug which, medically prescribed can restore health, but in the wrong hands can become addictive and lead to a breakdown of normal life and hasten death.

Food and drink are capable of use and abuse. We know that if we eat too much we destroy our bodies - and, with Christian Aid Week coming up, we are urged to think of those whose lives are threatened by having insufficient resources to live on. We all know too of the problems of alcoholism - but do we ever stop and think of those who cannot even rely on a safe water supply? It is actually not very difficult to pollute a water supply with easily available agro-chemicals.

Most of the time you and I manage to act in a responsible manner. We try not to misuse the things we have at our disposal. But, there is always the risk - albeit small - that sometime we may not as responsible as usual. When we have lost our temper, who is to say what we might or might not do!

The real fear is those who are in positions of power. For with power comes the responsibility, the duty to see that that power is not abused. The pages of history are littered with people who have not managed to cope with the power that they had.

Sadly even Church History has been affected by those who could not handle power. This is especially sad when the Church claims the victory of Christ over Sin and Death and to be led by the Power of the Holy Spirit.

Apart from learning from its mistakes, there is not much we can do about the past. But that does not stop us from doing something about the present - and also having a concern for the future of our planet.

Bob Willmott



recycling

Most of these ideas are taken from the list published in the Cublington Crier; many thanks. If anyone has further suggestions, let us know.

<u>ITEMS</u>	<u>PARTICULARS</u>	<u>AGENT/OUTLET</u>
Aluminium foil	Milk bottle tops, ring pulls, containers washed and compressed	Mrs Scutchings Post Office (Guide Dogs for the Blind)
Bottle Banks	Aylesbury: Tesco, Station Way, Exchange St, Rabans Way Leighton Buzzard: Library Car Park, Duncombe Drive Car Park, Shenley Hill Tip	
Cans (washed please)	1. Aluminium only (don't stick to a magnet) 2. All sorts (but <u>not</u> aerosols) (sorting machine)	Leighton Town Council Bossard House, West St 0525 371920; Aylesbury Scrap Metal, Griffin Lane CROP (see below for address)
Car batteries	These are hazardous and contain heavy metals; should not be thrown in with other rubbish	Shenley Hill Tip, LB (special tip) Rabans Lane, Aylesbury
Cardboard	Boxes of all weights (packing to tissue boxes) compressed (clean)	Rabans Lane; Smiths Do It All, Aylesbury; Bucks Railway Centre (see below); CROP
Coins	Old and foreign	Oxfam
Furniture	Saleable Will collect	Dunstable Oxfam shop Tel. Dunstable 601686
Material and wool	Oxfam will supply patterns to anyone willing to make items	Oxfam
Metal	1. Copper, brass and solid aluminium 2. Iron and scrap metal	Bucks Railway Centre (melt down for recasting) Will collect heavy items Shenley Hill Tip
Oil	Illegal to pour down drain	Rabans Lane; Shenley Hill Recycled
Paper	Newspaper and magazines stapled but not stitched or glued Computer paper, office paper	CROP Bucks Railway Centre (check first) CROP
Plastic bags	Clean	Safeways, Leighton - recycled
Stamps	Foreign & British (trimmed)	Colin Higgs, 6 Wingrave Rd (for Lifeboats) Oxfam

Cont.



<u>ITEMS</u>	<u>PARTICULARS</u>	<u>AGENT/OUTLET</u>
Spectacles	In any condition Professionally reconditioned and sent to Third World	Mr J. Dudmesh 2 Roses Close Cublington
Tools	Unused or broken handtools, saws, chisels, files etc. Sewing machines Repaired & sent to Third World	Dr Tom Bolton Ring 681313 to arrange collection

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CROP will pay for some items if donated by fund-raising groups;
ring for details. They no longer pay for newspaper, although they
do still take it. Starting in June, they hope to take some types
of plastic for recycling; ring for details.

Bucks Railway Centre, telephone Quainton 720.

What else can be done?

Think before you buy!

Buy recycled writing paper, greetings cards and wrapping paper
(most charities sell these now)

Buy re-use labels and use old envelopes again.

Buy items with minimum packaging and refuse the extra plastic bags.

Try to avoid aerosols (even CFC free ones) as they cannot be recycled.

Choose paper, cardboard or glass instead of plastic packaging.

Request/encourage the Council to introduce schemes such as collecting
household rubbish pre-sorted by householders into glass, paper, cans
etc; even the occasional village bottle bank or can bank would be
an enormous help. At the moment it is quite difficult to recycle
large amounts without having private transport.

VIVIAN HARRIS, M S S Ch, M B Ch A

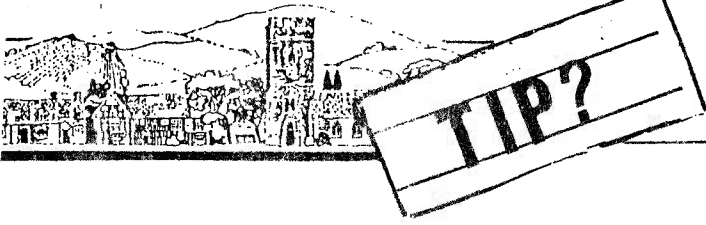
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TIP?

We have received a letter from our MP, George Walden, outlining his opposition to the application from Hales Waste for a tip at Bierton. Mr Walden writes as follows:

'I was appalled to hear of yet another entirely unsuitable land-fill site in my constituency, and I recently wrote to Mr Peters (the District Planning Officer) in strong terms...I have also approached the County Planning Officer, Mr Schoon. In my opinion there are far too many proposals of this type being put forward. A tip would have severe environmental effects on Rowshan, Weedon and Bierton. It is simply not acceptable to dispose of rubbish so near to people's homes.'

enclosed copies of letters from the District Planning Officer and Hales Waste. I'm afraid they are unlikely to reassure anyone. Hales Waste:

'My Company has an extremely high reputation with all the statutory authorities...our sites are operated to the very highest standards and over the years we have pioneered a number of new processes in land-filling...we progressively restore our sites to ensure that there is a minimum acreage of land open at any one time...it has taken over ten years to find a site in Bucks and our site at Bierton is both geographically and geologically suitable for our needs. The nearest house is approx. a quarter of a mile from the site.'

The DPO (the District Council is to advise Bucks County Council, who will actually make the decision) comments:

'The District Council will consider the proposal against the background of its planning policies and government advice and issues raised by local residents. The main issues appear to be the effect that

the proposal would have on the visual amenity of this area of open countryside, the residential amenities of neighbouring residents and additional traffic on the adjacent roads and villages. It should be noted that this site lies outside the Area of Natural Beauty and is not designated as an Area of Attractive Landscape...Several of the matters require specialist advice. For example matters of pollution and health and safety are the concerns of the Waste Disposal Authority and the Pollution Inspectorate. Any issues of ecological impact will be pursued by the County Planning Officer as a part of the processing of the application.'

The precise position on 27th April was as follows. Bucks CC have formally received the application via AVDC. Bucks CC have asked Hales Waste for an 'environmental impact assessment'. This should provide HW's view of the likely impact of the tip on local ecology. HW have three weeks to provide it or to appeal to the Department of the Environment for exemption. If they do neither the application lapses. HW have also notified Bucks CC that they wish to provide further information, probably not until June. If so this will probably delay discussion of the application until after the Council's summer recess, ie until October. If HW have really waited ten years for this opportunity, doubtless the delay won't worry them much.

Watch this space; and if you haven't already, write now to the Chief Planning Officer, AVDC, Fowler Rd, Aylesbury.

YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

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- 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

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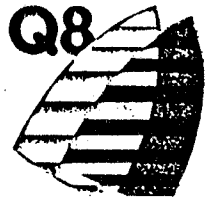
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Further excitement was in store, because on 14th May everyone was on holiday, for the visit to Aylesbury and Waddesdon of Queen Victoria.

'On the occasion of this event the older children of Aston Abbotts school were taken to Aylesbury by their master and mistress in a waggon drawn by two horses, most kindly lent, together with a driver, by Mr Jas Roads of Norduck Farm. On arriving in Aylesbury a substantial meal of bread and cheese and milk was partaken of, then forming a procession, led by the school banner, a tour was made round the market square, etc to see the decorations, proceeding then via Kingsbury and Buckingham St to Bicester Road, where an uninterrupted view of Her Majesty and the Royal procession was obtained. A return was then made to the town, when, after another look round, refreshments in the shape of tea and plum cake were partaken of...'

The Bucks Herald published a special supplement to commemorate this occasion, and could barely

contain its excitement. The Queen arrived by train, received a royal address in the Market Square, went in procession out to Waddesdon, had a substantial dinner (see overleaf), returned to Aylesbury, and thence back to Windsor. The loyal citizenry cheered her every inch of the way, the town and station were covered in floral tributes, and the day was finished off by a firework display after the Queen's departure. The Bucks Herald provides an extraordinary amount of detail of the occasion, including the following complaint from the visiting journalist from the Daily Telegraph:

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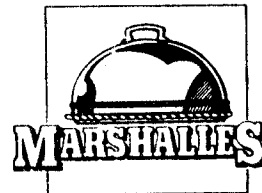
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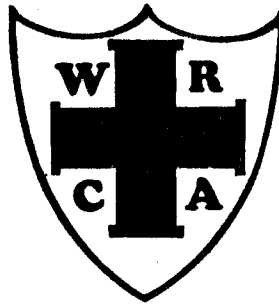
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NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Our main objective - fund raising is in full swing, with the ever popular Bingo Evenings bringing people from Cublington, and Aston Abbotts, as well as Wingrave. They enjoy an entertaining evening with lovely prizes and refreshments.

The Auction of Talents was a memorable success. It raised £2038.00 on items as diverse as a 'Load of Manure', to Piano Lessons. Bidding was slow to start, but very quickly the items were selling fast and at good prices. Highest bid of all was achieved for tickets to a rock concert for £115! Bottles of wine, a day's clay pigeon shooting, a visit to Luton Air Traffic Control, and a villa in the South of France, were all snapped up by villagers from Aston Abbotts, Wingrave, Cublington, Stewkley and places further afield. A licensed bar and food helped to keep the bidders going till well after 11 p.m. All the proceeds from the Auction are going to replenishing the School Library, so all the children will benefit from new books.

The old books that are taken from the Library will be sold at the MAY FAYRE on 19TH MAY. There will also be live music, a BBQ, a bouncing castle, side shows, stalls with home produce, plants and a Bran Tub for the younger children. Country Dancing is also planned, so come along for a relaxing and fun day and a last chance to spend your money to the benefit of the School, before the summer term ends!

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Often voluntary projects in villages fail to get off the ground because of the lack of initial funding. To help with this problem BCVS, in conjunction with the Rural Development Commission and local sponsors, set up the Village Projects Fund to provide small pump-priming grants to help get worthwhile schemes going.

Almost any new scheme in a community with a population of less than 6000 is eligible for consideration. The project must be run on a voluntary basis for the benefit of local people. Grants are usually only up to £100, but this may be enough to help get things going. Recently the committee awarded grants to a playgroup, a village newsletter, a nature reserve, a village appraisal and a youth group.

If you want to know more, please contact:

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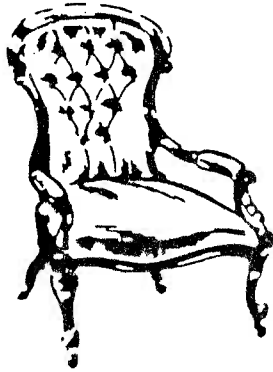
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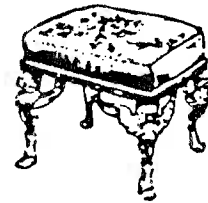
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