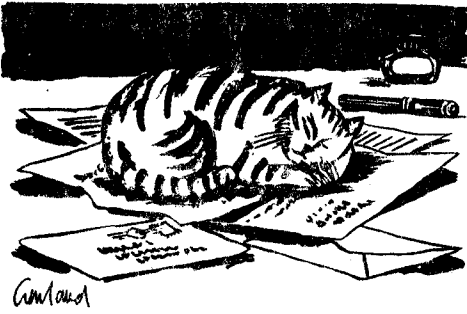


The Chronicle



Editorial

Welcome this month to our new Treasurer, John Whyte. Many thanks, John, for agreeing to take on the Chronicle finances - the least visible but the most important part of the whole operation. John will be happy to charge you vast sums of money for your advertisements, so just give him a call on 681685.

What's happening to the Bull & Butcher? is a question on many people's lips - well nobody knows anything very much yet. All we know is that the brewery has put it up for sale because it doesn't make their required amount of sales per week, and that several other pubs belonging to the same brewery are suffering the same fate (such as the Unicorn in Cublington). The Bull is under offer at the moment, and rumour has it that the potential buyers want to keep it as a pub. We hope so. We think it's good for the village to have two pubs with very different characters and clientele. Furthermore, we think that Josh and Kay are making a splendid job of continuing the Bull's friendly atmosphere, and if they can't stay themselves, we hope someone else will.

Finally - sorry this issue is late. As we announced last month, we weren't able to have it printed in the usual week because of school holidays at Waddesdon.

Caroline Lane

Gordon Smith

The next issue will cover July and August, so please draw up your 'What's On' items for both months. Deadline will be Friday, 29th June. Send or bring articles, letters (letters! write us some letters!) and so on to us at 2 Church Row (tel. 681373).

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Thanks again to Rosemary Franklin for the cover illustration. Where is it? We'll reveal all next month.



INFO

WHAT'S ON IN JUNE

- Monday 11th: Toddlers Fund Raising
Church Room 2.30-4.30 pm
- Tuesday 12th: Rambling Club members
meet Cublington Crossroads
7.15 pm
- Thursday 14th: Whist Drive, Church
Room, 7.30 pm
- Friday 15th: 50/50 auction, Church
Room, 7 pm
- Saturday 16th: Cublington Fête
- Monday 18th: Toddlers, Church
Room, 2.30-4 pm
- Friday 22nd: Parish Council,
Church Room, 8 pm
- Friday 22nd- Waste skip,
Monday 25th: The Green
- Thursday 28th: Ladies Club:
Mrs K. Dines, Flowers.
Church Room, 2.45 pm
- Tuesday 26th: Rambling Club members
meet Soulbury (Green) 7.15 pm
- Thursday 28th: Whist Drive, Church
Room, 7.30 pm
- Monday 2nd July: Toddlers, Church
Room, 2.30-4 pm

REGULARS

- Tuesdays: The Trawler mobile fish
shop, The Green, 1.40-2 pm
- Wednesdays (20th;& 4th July)
Mobile Library
The Green 2-2.30 pm
Longmoor 2.35-50 pm
- Wednesdays: Fish & Chip van
outside Bull & Butcher
8 pm
- Wednesdays: Free bus to Tesco
departs 10.31 am
returns from Tesco 12.45
(takes 14 mins journey)
- Thursdays: Bin day

BOOK THESE DATES

- Saturday/Sunday 21st/22nd July:
ASTON ABBOTTS FESTIVAL WEEKEND
- Sunday 29th July: Coach outing
to Wycombe caves/Beaconscot
Depart 12.30 pm The Green
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- Wednesday 1st August: Free
children's entertainment in
the Church Room in the morning.
More details nearer the date
- Sunday 19th August: Malton
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CHRISTIAN AID

Mrs Shirley Ford wishes to thank everyone who gave to the Christian Aid Collection. The Aston Abbotts collection raised £112.97, the best amount ever.

TODDLERS' FUND RAISING

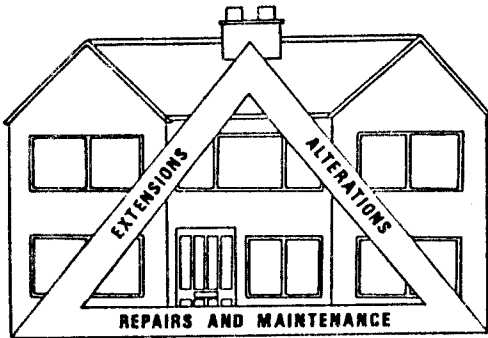
The Toddlers are having a 'Do' on Monday 11th in the Church Room 2.30-4.30 pm. There will be cream teas, children's knitwear, Usborne Books, a Bring & Buy and a raffle - and the usual toys for the children to play with! Please come, whether or not you have children.

THE SUNDAY CLUB

The Sunday Club is held at the Methodist Church 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.

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BIRTHDAYS

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Julian Bailey. 9th June
Dave Wheaton. 21st June
Paul Drysdale. 21st June
Sarah Lovell. 25th June
Sharon Wiggett. 26th June
Kim Picking. 27th June
David Hewitt. 28th June
George Fox 2nd July
Would you like the date of your birthday, or a friend's, to be printed in the Chronicle? If so, let me know on 681425 and I will see to it. If we don't know, we can't print it.

GET WELL SOON

Herbert Goldney, who at the time of writing was still in hospital.

GOOD LUCK

To Aston Abbotts Running Club, whose entire membership is running in the Leighton Buzzard Half Marathon on Sunday 17th June. If you want to wish them luck, the coach leaves the Green at 8 am on the morning of 16th June.

YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

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79 The Green 681042
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Wingrave 681621
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20 The Green 681201

CONGRATULATIONS

and all the best for the big day to Amanda Fox and Julian Bailey, who are getting married in St. James's Church on 7th July, at 3.30 pm.

ASTON ABBOTTS FÊTE

The Fête Committee are asking for items for these stalls:

Tombola: Richard Speakman 681042
Lucky Dip: Anita Parker 681325
Bric à Brac: Pam Hewitt 681390
Garden Stall: Janet Biddle 681102
Groceries: Brigitte Gutierrez 681432
Raffle: Michael and Hilary Hasler 681877
Gift & Craft Stall: Shirley Ford 681865
Home Made Produce: Ivy Brandon 681486

Any items large or small would be much appreciated. Already booked are the Morris Men and Pony and Trap Rides. Michael and Hilary Hasler will be coming around the village with raffle books from mid June onwards. We have some excellent prizes planned. There will be a children's competition - the Best Dressed Teddy Bear. Also a display of village photographs old and new.

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GUESS WHO? (With apologies to Kenneth Graeham)

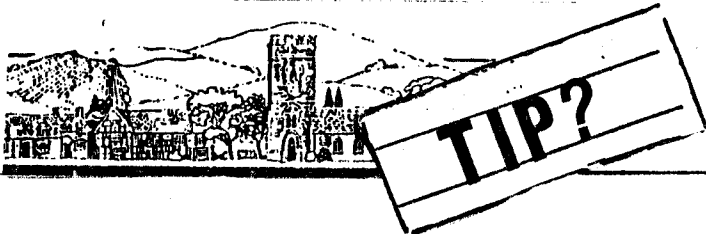
Mole and Toad were on their way to the Bull & Butcher when glancing back, they saw a cloud of dust with a dark centre of energy advancing on them at incredible speed, while from out of the dust a faint 'Poop Poop' wailed like an uneasy animal in pain. Hardly regarding it they turned once more towards the 'Bull' when in an instant the peace of Aston Abbotts was shattered as with a whirl of wind and a blast of sound it was upon them. The 'Poop Poop' rang with a brazen shout in their ears and they had a moments glimpse of a glittering blue motor car with chrome exhausts, rich mahogany and brass dashboard and a large picnic hamper at the rear, its pilot tense and hugging the wheel. For a fraction of a second it flung an enveloping cloud of dust that blinded and enwrapped them and then dwindled into the distance with an ever fading roar from its twin exhausts.

Toad was instantly in love. 'Glorious stunning sight' he murmured. 'Poetry in motion! The real way to travel. The only way to travel! Always somebody else's horizon. Oh bliss! Oh Poop Poop! O my O my! What Citroens and cyclists I shall fling carelessly into the ditch in the wake of my magnificent onset "I shall build an even bigger and better one"

Oh lor! thought Mole, here he goes again, another craze, I suppose I'd better humour him and let him get it out of his system. "Coming to the 'Bull' Toad?

Several months later, true to his word Toad completed his car. Walking, slowly around it, admiring its vastness, the acres of grey plastic, the Rolls Royce like bonnet and 'go faster' wheels he wondered if it would start. The next moment, hardly knowing how it came about he had hold of the handle and was turning it, it started with a roar and a cloud of smoke. As if in a dream, he found himself in the driver's seat and putting it into gear swung the car through the gates of Toad Hall and into Moat Lane. All sense of right and wrong, all fear of the obvious consequences seemed temporarily suspended. He increased his pace and as the car devoured the road and leapt forth he was only conscious that he was Toad the poser once more. Toad at his best, Toad the terror, Toad the lord of the open road.





GEORGE WALDEN, C.M.G., M.P.



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1st May 1990

PRESS RELEASE

MP GETS MINISTERIAL ASSURANCE ON GRAVEL AND WASTE PITS

In a forceful intervention in the debate on the Environmental Protection Bill in the House of Commons last night, Bucks MP George Walden said that many villages in his constituency - including Bierton, Mursley, Chackmore and Great Brickhill - were under serious threat from applications for waste or gravel pits. Insisting that planning on the location of such pits should be tightened up, Mr. Walden elicited an assurance from the Minister for the Environment and the Countryside, Mr. David Trippier, that these provisions would best be incorporated in planning legislation, and that the legislation should be tightened up sooner rather than later.

Speaking afterwards, Mr. Walden said, "I have been increasingly concerned by the environmental implications of what is going on in my constituency, and was determined to bring specific cases to the Minister's attention. I am naturally delighted by the assurances he gave me that action was in prospect. I believe that his reply to me should be carefully studied by everyone currently involved in making planning decisions".

You may have read the good news in the local press that Aylesbury Vale District Council has recommended that permission for the tip at Bierton be refused. This is only the first stage, however; Bucks County Council make the (first) 'final' decision, probably in October, and if this goes against Hales Waste they will certainly appeal...so there's still plenty of time to write your letters of objection.

Rubbish tip protest wins council backing

by SARAH EDWARDS

AYLESBURY Vale District Councillors have unanimously rejected proposals by a waste disposal company to turn acres of open farm land in Bierton into a rubbish tip.

Protestors crowded the steps at the Council Chamber last week, armed with placards and applause rang through the public gallery when councillors agreed with the recommendation to object to the plans at the council's Development Control Sub-Committee meeting.

Hales Waste want to turn land at Grove Farm, Bierton into a landfill site, and

fill it with industrial and commercial waste. The operation would involve up to 200 lorry movements a day, seven days a week for nine years, and the rubbish would create a mound nine feet high covering an area equivalent to 50 football pitches.

The landfill site would have a capacity of 683,000 cubic metres.

Although the district council has objected to the proposals, they now have to be considered by Bucks County Council who will make the final decision.

The district council received 375 letters of objection to the plans, including those from local parish councils, Aylesbury Vale Friends of the Earth and BBONT. Over 350 letters were received from individuals.

The main points of objection concerned the closeness of the site to houses, threat of pollution, destruction of wildlife, intrusion into open countryside, further traffic congestion on the A418, and devaluing of property.

Lord Alexander of Weedon, who has led the protest against the tip, told the council in his letter of

objection: "The proposal would have a very severe impact on those who farm the land and live in the neighbouring village of Bierton, especially in terms of increased traffic.

"It would be a major development within the Vale and would clearly be unsightly.

This is an area of historic countryside and should be protected."

The district council objected on the grounds that the plans are contrary to the county structure plan which determines where development can take place.

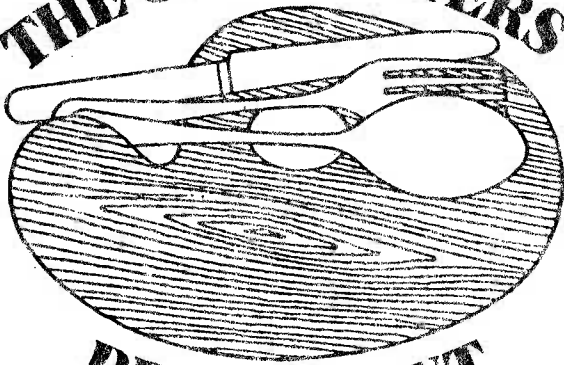
The council says it would

not improve the land for agriculture, conserve or enhance the scenic beauty and wildlife interest, and would seriously prejudice the high level of visual amenity.

The council adds that the roads leading to the site would be inadequate and the intensity of traffic would be detrimental and cause danger to nearby residents.

Planning chiefs have recommended to the county council that permission should not be given unless a detailed and more accurate ecological survey reveals that the plans would not 'seriously conflict with nature conservation interests.'

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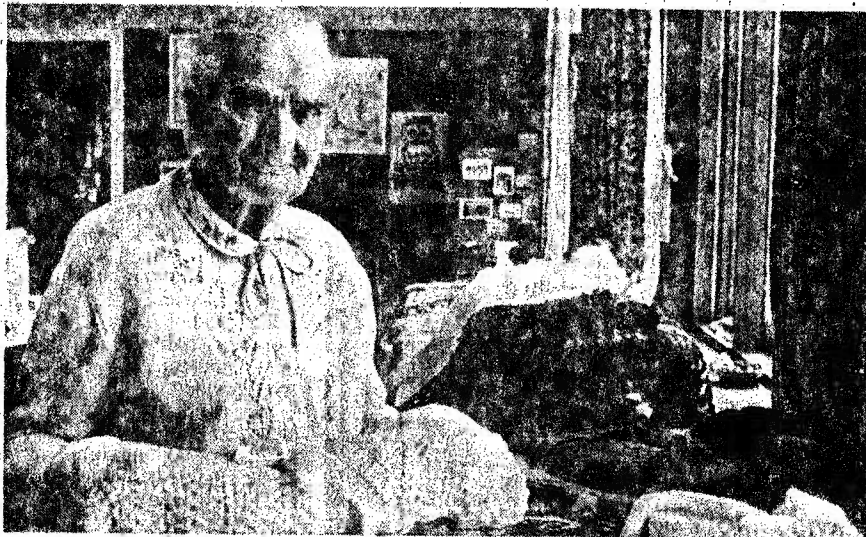
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Colin Higgs, 6, Wingrave Road. (Tel:681343)
John Whyte, 14 Bricstock. (Tel:681685)

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

Impressive display at day centre



Still nimble fingered at 93, Rose Wright knitted this beautiful bed jacket with front panels in feather stitch.

MAKING maypoles brought back happy childhood memories for Mrs. Elsie Clarke at Hartwell Day Centre, Aylesbury on Thursday.

Her mini-maypole was one of several entered in a competition at an arts and crafts exhibition held for the elderly and handicapped who attend the Centre.

Elsie (79) of Aston Abbots, recalled her time at the now demolished St. John's School, Aylesbury.

"We used to dance round the maypole and I love to see the children doing it now.

"I think these maypoles are lovely. I have never made one before and I wish I had been able to plait it, but I couldn't because of my fingers," she said.

The oldest exhibitor was 93-year-old Rose Wright of Grenville Green, Aylesbury, who proudly showed off a delicate, pink bed jacket with feather stitch which she had knitted.

Rose, who has been knitting most of her life, said it was the first time she had entered anything in an arts and crafts show.

Among other things on display, were a collection of decorated goose eggs which

had been made by one of the helpers, driver escort Anne Hurrell.

During the afternoon David Gates, Brian Crowe and Tony Stephens demonstrated how to do basket work and seat weaving.

Activities organiser Brigitte Glanville, who arranged the event with Rachel Symon, said that although there had been previous exhibitions at the centre, this was the first time there had been a competition and she was impressed with the work.

"I think it is something which stimulates people, because most of them don't go out unless they come here.

"If you make something nice, you think nice things," she said.

Entries were judged by the Rev. Angela Cooke, Women's Institute member Mrs. Marjorie Pratt and welfare worker Mrs. Olivia Richies.

The winners were:- Maypole, 1 Mrs. Alice Messenger, 2 Mrs. Blanche Hillesden, 3 Mrs. Lena Alexander.

Embroidery, Mrs. Primrose Miller; knitting, Mrs. Elsie Lambourne; tapestry, Mrs. Winnie Woodham; painting, Mrs. Margaret Munday and model, Mrs. Elsie Payne.

FIRST TON FOR PARKER

Andy's first century

AN opening stand of 165 set Aylesbury Town on their way to their second big win of the weekend against Kings Langley on Sunday.

Martin O'Brien and Andy Parker took severe toll on the visiting bowlers, O'Brien eventually out for 94 but young Parker going on to complete a maiden century, ending on 102 not out. Mike Beaumont chipped in with 39 as Aylesbury closed on 245-2.

In reply the visitors had little answer to the bowling of Paul Uff (3-32) and Mike O'Brien (4-28), and were dismissed for 83 to lose by 162 runs.

The previous day they travelled to Langleybury and won by 103 runs. Martin O'Brien began his excellent weekend by cracking an unbeaten 58 to hoist the visitors' total to 240-6 on a variable pitch, Nigel Farrow earlier hitting a fine 49.

The hosts could only muster 137 in reply despite Rice's hard-hitting 43, Simon Kempster the most successful bowler with 4-40.

The seconds were denied by the last pair at Kings Langley on Sunday, the hosts, set 197 to win, closing on 171-9. Henderson struck a fine 83 while Dave Storey was the top bowler with 4-36.

Earlier consistent batting down the order enabled Aylesbury to reach 196, Giles Minter (33) and Dave Osborne (31) the leading contributors with Spacey (4-51) the top bowler.

The previous day Aylesbury were restricted to 143 by visitors Langleybury, Spinks (5-34) and Rastrick (4-49) doing most of the damage. Mike Rickard (39), Andrew Turner (30) and Paul Hill (26) were the top scorers.

Langleybury reached their target with five wickets down, Stonebridge's 71 leading the way, but it might have been closer had veteran spinner Ken Farrow not suffered a leg injury after taking 2-48.

The third team were edged out by two wickets by their Beaconsfield counterparts on Sunday.

A disastrous start saw Aylesbury slump to 6-3, but the batting of Andrew (40), Ian Wright (38), Dave Pounder (29) and Taylor-Keane (24) raised the total to 175-9.

Beaconsfield started poorly, slipping to 14-3, and despite Robertson's 54 they looked beaten at 142-8, but a 37 stand between Harris (64 not out) and Chittlebrough saw them home. Katecha (3-40) and Pounder (3-26) did most of the damage with the ball.



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Church news

As many of you will have noticed we are having difficulty in keeping the churchyard in its usual trim. There are two contributory factors. The first was the early Spring which produced a marvellous lush growth of grass which we have only succeeded in cutting back with the generous help of Richard Clarke. The second is the need for additional names on the mowing rota. Obviously the more names the less often each has to give 3 hours or so in keeping this piece of the village grass trim. At the moment there are just five of us with an average age which I dare not reveal. I am the first to acknowledge the debt we owe to our Councillors for all they do around the village but there is really little point in entering the Best Kept Village competition (in which in one glorious year we won our class) if all the work is left to a few. Surely several of our young men can lend a hand? Many people have remarked in previous years how well the churchyard looks; what we are now asking for is help to keep it that way. John Ford makes out the rota and he or Len or I would welcome names. Even to do the job once would obviously help. The mower is self propelled. Petrol is supplied, all we need is labour!

The Clock Fund received a fine contribution of over £400 from the sponsored walk. The next event is a 50/50 sale on Friday 15th June. Items for sale to the Church Room on Thursday 14th June please. In case anyone does not know what a 50/50 sale is, the idea is that any item brought along will be auctioned. Half the sale price goes to the Clock Fund, half to the person who gave it. The sale will be at 7.30 pm with a preview from 7.00 pm. Please both contribute items for auction and come and bid.

I finish with news of the first package deal. A certain prophet returned from the mountain with some tablets and the news 'Sorry boys, I got Him down to ten but number six is still in!' It is still so.

PETER DINES

Church services in June

Sidesman

10th June Trinity	HOLY COMMUNION Eph. 1.3-14	11.15 am John 14.8-17 (p. 641)	John Ford
17th June Pentecost 2	HOLY COMMUNION Acts 2.37-end	11.15 am Luke 14.15-24 (p. 646)	Colin Higgs
24th June S. John Baptist	HOLY COMMUNION Acts 13.16-26	11.15 am Luke 1.57-66, 80 (p.779)	Michael Hasler
1st July ss. Peter & Paul 2 Pentecost 4	FAMILY SERVICE Tim 4.6-8, 16-18 Acts 8.26-38	Methodist Chapel 11.15 am Matt 16.13-20 (p. 784) Luke 15.1-10 (p. 656)	

From the Registers

MARRIAGE 19th May Michael Slater and Paula Hammond

++ Methodist Church services on p. 13 ++

Rector's Report

I don't think of myself as being a 'finance' person. Like many other people I do not have a personal financial strategy - unless you can define that as A) Trying to make the 'outgoings' no more than the 'incomings', and B) Trying to have funds available for things I particularly need. I usually cope fairly well with A) but less often manage B). Perhaps if I was more successful with category B) I should have less to dream about - but would probably be less happy.

I have lost count of the number of times I have heard various Church Treasurers saying that the Church needs more money to pay its way. It almost always sends a chill down my spine. For they are almost invariably more financially astute than me - and usually their forecasts are only too true. A Church that cannot produce sufficient funds just to pay its day to day running costs is in serious trouble. This kind of news has other consequences too. It begins with a change in emphasis. We start to look at areas where economies can be made. We try to save cash, and in doing so, we become inward looking.

When the Holy Spirit came to those first disciples at Pentecost, it transformed them from being frightened, inward-looking people and gave them the courage and strength to go out boldly to tell others the Good News of God.

A Church that tries to make economies very soon loses its vision to 'Go and Tell'. It struggles to stay afloat. It worries about how to raise more money when it should be concerned about 'raising' more people.

In the next few weeks each Church in this Diocese will be completing forms which include an assessment of the 'standard of Life' of their members - and this assumes a level of regular giving to the Church. These vary from category A - people who might live in an Urban Priority Area - assessed at Nil, to category F - 'the highest earners in business, entertainment, sport, etc' - assessed at £24 per week. In the middle are Category C (£3 per week) - people who have a 'simple life-style'. This implies 'a bit of a struggle. A 'modest house, modest leisure; inexpensive foreign holidays'. And Category D (£6 per week) - people who 'have some latitude for expenditure beyond essentials... Their hobbies involves some appreciable outlay such as golf or sailing'.

How much we can give to the Church depends on a) how much we have available and b) how highly we value what God in Christ has done for us.

'Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.'



METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES FOR JUNE

3rd June	Parish Church	11.15 am
10th June	C. Pape	6.00 pm
24th June	Barn Service Hartwell	5.00 pm

Timely help from walkers

ASTON ABBOTTS walkers raised about £400 to help fund the repair of the clock at the parish church of St. James.

The Rev. Bob Willmott was among 22 walkers who started and finished their ramble at the village green. Their route took them via Bricstock, Ghost Hill, Rowsham, Wingrave, the A418 at West Park Farm, and Oxley Farm.

Mrs. Shirley and Miss Gillian Ford served cool drinks en route and Messrs. L. and R. Scutchings acted as stewards.

Road verges

PARISH councillors want the roadside verges mowed at the junction of the Aston Abbots village road with the A418 to improve visibility. Members also said the storm gulleys along the A418 towards Oxley Farm needed clearing.

Litter bin

PARISH councillors at Aston Abbots were told of the need for a litter bin at Lines Hill. Rubbish is dropped there, particularly at weekends, by people stopping to look at the view and during the recent litter blitz the area was one of the worst to be seen.

Colin's back in the chair

ASTON Abbots Parish Council re-elected Colin Higgs as chairman at the annual parish meeting in the Church Room recently.

Also re-elected was vice-chairman Roy Malin, who expressed concern about the state of grass verges in the parish which he felt should be mowed. The chairman was asked to bring the subject up at the next road safety meeting.

Bucks County Council Highways department has told the parish that the extension to the Wingrave Road footpath is in this year's programme. It was noted that loose kerbstones need attention around the Green.

Clr Speakman pointed out that two street lamps in the Bricstock area were still not lighting correctly. He felt they needed converting to Photocell switches.

A member of the public requested that the footbridge on the Old Masters footpath be made more level as it presented a problem for people crossing the ditch from Cublington Road. Mr Higgs agreed to look into the problem with the Rambling club.

● Rambling club members met at Wendover Station for their Sunday afternoon walk, led by Vivian Taylor. They went along Edlesborough Road and up through Baccombe Wood to Coombe Hill. They returned via Dunsmore, Low Scrub Wood and Baccombe Lane.

EYES DOWN

CALLER - was Colin Higgs and door steward Mr D. Waite for the Good Samaritans Bingo session at the Church room, Aston Abbots. Prizewinners were: Mrs R. Higgs, Miss D. Wiggitt, Mrs Turner, Mr M. Luxemburgh, Miss K. Griffin, Mrs Fox, Mr W. Evans, Mrs Hayward, Mrs D. Hinds, Mrs Waite, Mrs Humphrey, Mr Higgs, special Mrs Humphrey and Mrs G. Fox, football Mrs E. Higgs, raffle, Mr Waite, Mrs G. Brandon, Mrs E. Higgs, Mrs Wiggitt and Mr Reeves.

Lorry crash

A LORRY driver was injured when his vehicle was involved in a crash with a Transit van in Cublington Road, Aston Abbots, on Thursday evening.

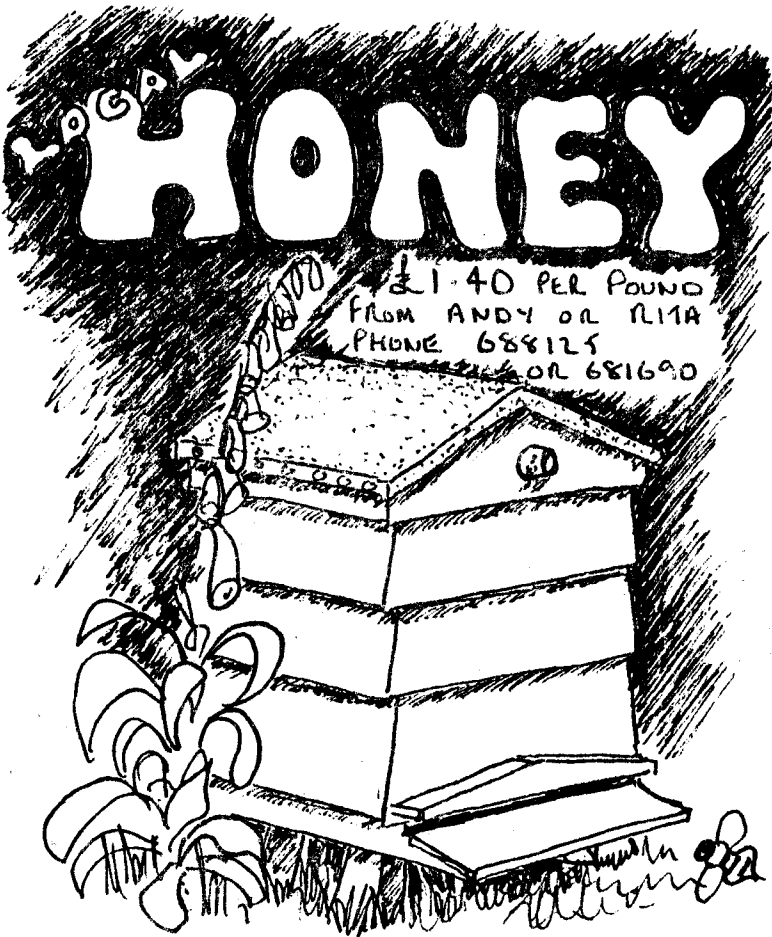
David Green (22), of Ruskin Way, Aylesbury, was discharged from Stoke Mandeville Hospital after treatment for a leg injury.

Van driver David Smith of The Old Post Office, Cublington, escaped unhurt.

Whist drives at Aston

● Mr C Higgs was MC for a Thursday evening whist drive held in the Church Room. Prizewinners were: Mrs Fenables, Mrs Jackman, Mr Higgs, Mr W Hogg, Mrs Griffin, Miss V Saunders, Mr J Barber, (raffle) Mrs Kempster, Mr W Hogg, Mrs Fenables and Mrs L Brackley, (crazy miniature) Mrs Kempster and Mr Gell.

PRIZEWINNERS at a whist drive held in aid of St James' Church, Aston Abbots, were: Mr H Smith, Mr Badrick, Mrs Mason, (most sixes) Mrs L Janes, (highest spades) Mrs Whitehead, (nearest score to 150) Mrs Burch, (raffle) Mrs Bousanquet, Miss Hart, Mrs E Naylor, Mrs Wesley, Mr Naylor and Mr Smith.



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TWINNING NEWS

The Twinning Association is already half-way through its 1990 activities. You may have been aware of 50 young French footballers here the weekend after Easter, of 13 French youngsters here in the Easter holidays for the first leg of this year's exchange, and of 86 French visitors, mostly families, staying in the village for the weekend 5-8 May. It is amazing how these family-visit weekends are almost always favoured with hot sunny weather, both here in May, and there in October.



We have done the hard-working part of this year's activities, giving hospitality, arranging trips etc, and can now look forward to going to La Bouexiere. Would you like to go? All are welcome, not only present members of the Twinning Association. Here are details:

We leave Wingrave on the evening of Friday 26 October for the night crossing Portsmouth to Caen, and should arrive in La Bouëxière 9 - 10 am. We return on the night ferry on Monday 29 October, arriving in Wingrave at around 9.15 am. on Tuesday 30 October. The price of £50 per adult, £38 per child aged 4 - 13 inclusive, includes all transport by coach and boat, and cabins on both night crossings. Please make further enquiries or book with Julian Humphrey, Mollards Cottage, 44 Nup End Lane, tel 681018. A £15 deposit per person secures your place.

++ WARNING ++

The owner(s) of one small blue and grey bowl and one glass candlestick, left at the Chronicle Cabaret, are hereby warned that Fête Day is coming up... reclaim from us at 2 Church Row (681373) soon!

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GRANTS FOR NEW TREES

Landowners and local councils who lost trees in the January storms can apply for a grant towards replacement and restoration costs. The grants, up to 50%, are available from Bucks County Council under the Countryside Commission's Task Force Trees scheme. They are for encouraging natural regeneration, restoration of historic parks and gardens, and for surgery and clearance on sites of exceptional value, as well as for actual replacement. Virtually any of the native broadleaved species can be named: oak, ash, beech, wild cherry, willow, poplar and alder are given as examples. Woodland owners and those with clumps, avenues or spanneys which have suffered tree losses should contact a County Council Forestry Officer at County Hall, tel. Aylesbury 382668, as soon as possible.

County's new country haven

ONE of the sites identified for London's Third Airport and rejected after mass protest by local people in 1979, is in sharp focus once again.

But this time, it is because an attractive new countryside car park with adjacent picnic site and new country walks is being opened to the public by Bucks County Council.

Sir Desmond Fennell, who successfully led the campaign against the airport, will perform the opening ceremony at Kingsbridge/Cublington Spinney, near Stewkley on Friday June 1.

A change of tenancy gave an opportunity to the council to take land out of agriculture and provide new access to the countryside.

Beyond the car park, the path meanders alongside the river and climbs up to Centenary Copse with views across the beautiful north Bucks countryside at its best. It continues alongside hedgerows until it reaches Cublington Spinney, planted in 1979 by local people to commemorate their successful campaign against the airport.

Now, 11 years on, it is a peaceful haven for visitors and wildlife.

Mrs Brenda Wickham, chairman of the council's Countryside Sub-Committee, said: "This new site will be another tangible tribute to the successful campaign against London's third airport.

"It is an excellent example of the initiatives we are taking to open up the countryside for quiet recreational enjoyment by the people of Bucks."

FACTS YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW

What storm in England is known as 'the great storm'?

The 'Great Storm' of England occurred 26th and 27th November 1703, and was one of the most terrible, if not the most terrible, that ever raged in this country. The devastation on land and sea was immense. The loss of property in London alone was calculated at £2,000,000. Above 800 persons were supposed to have been drowned. Twelve men-of-war, with more than 1800 men on board, were lost within sight of their own shore.

Seventeen thousand trees in Kent alone were uprooted. Eddystone Lighthouse was destroyed, and in it its ingenious contriver, Winstanley, and other persons. The Bishop of Bath and Wells, with his wife, were killed in their bed. Multitudes of cattle were lost, 15,000 sheep being drowned in one level.

Why is 'Whit' Sunday so called?

'Whit' Sunday derives its name from the fact that in the ancient church those who were baptized put on white garments. In the early days of Christianity this day was considered peculiarly appropriate to the administration of the sacrament of baptism, as the anniversary of the day on which the Apostles commenced their public ministry by baptizing 3000 persons; and in token of the spiritual purity obtained by the holy participation of baptism, the garments of those admitted to that sacrament were made of white linen. Hence the common name of this day Whit (white) Sunday.

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Judging from the Bucks Herald, after all the excitement of May 1890, June was a quiet month. At one point the paper is reduced to the following electrifying report 'AYLESBURY - SWINE FEVER. No fresh outbreaks of this disease have occurred in the county during the week.'

'PRIMITIVE METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY. -

On Sunday last Miss Smith gave addresses, and on Monday about 120 sat down to tea. The children and teachers adjourned to a meadow kindly lent by Mr Elliott, where they thoroughly enjoyed themselves ... over 200 persons were packed in the chapel at each of the evening services and about £6 were raised. At the conclusion of the meetings about 150 persons went and sang outside the houses of the afflicted.'

(The views of the afflicted are not recorded.)

'THE SCHOOL. -

The Day School was examined in religious knowledge by the local Diocesan Inspector ... (who reported) ... The children of this school passed a creditable examination today. The paper work

was hardly so good as usual but the oral examination in Old and New Testament, and the Church Catechism, was better ... The Diocesan prize was awarded to Harry Brandon. Ellen Burrows, Alfred Simmons, Daisy Smith (each of these three received a prize) Ada Kent and William Elliott are commended.'

(Thanks to John Chesher for research.)

If this local intelligence seems unexciting, the following poem, published on 21 June 1890, gives a very different view of what life is all about.

1890—Rudyard Kipling's 'Mandalay' was first published in The Scots Observer

By the old Moulmein Pagoda, lookin' eastward to the sea,
There's a Burma girl a-settin', and I know she thinks o' me;
For the wind is in the palm-trees, and the temple-bells they say:
'Come you back, you British soldier; come you back to Mandalay!'

Come you back to Mandalay

Where the old Flotilla lay:

Can't you 'ear their paddles chunkin' from Rangoon to Mandalay?

On the road to Mandalay,

Where the flyin'-fishes play,

And the dawn comes up like thunder outer China 'crost the Bay!

'Er petticoat was yaller an' 'er little cap was green,
An' 'er name was Supi-yaw-lat - jes' the same as Theebaw's Queen,
An' I seed 'er first a-smokin' of a whackin' white cheeroot;
An' a'wastin' Christian kisses on an 'eathen idol's foot:

Bloomin' idol made o' mud -

Wot they called the Great Gawd Budd -

Plucky lot she cared for idols when I kissed 'er where she stud!

On the road to Mandalay ...

When the mist was on the rice-fields an' the sun was droppin' slow,
She'd git 'er little banjo an' she'd sing 'Kulla-lo-lo!'

With 'er arm upon my shoulder an' 'er cheek agin my cheek

We useter watch the steamers an' the hathis pilin' teak.

Elephints a-pilin' teak

In the sludgy, squidgy creek,

Where the silence 'ung that 'eavy you was 'arf afraid to speak!

On the road to Mandalay ...

Ship me somewhere east of Suez, where the best is like the worst,
Where there aren't no Ten Commandments an' a man can raise a thirist.

For the temple-bells are callin', an' it's there that I would be -

By the old Moulmein Pagoda, lookin' lazy at the sea;

On the road to Mandalay . . .

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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.

More trains to London

From 14 May Monday to Friday trains will run every half hour from Aylesbury, Stoke Mandeville, Wendover and Great Missenden - with extra services at peak times.

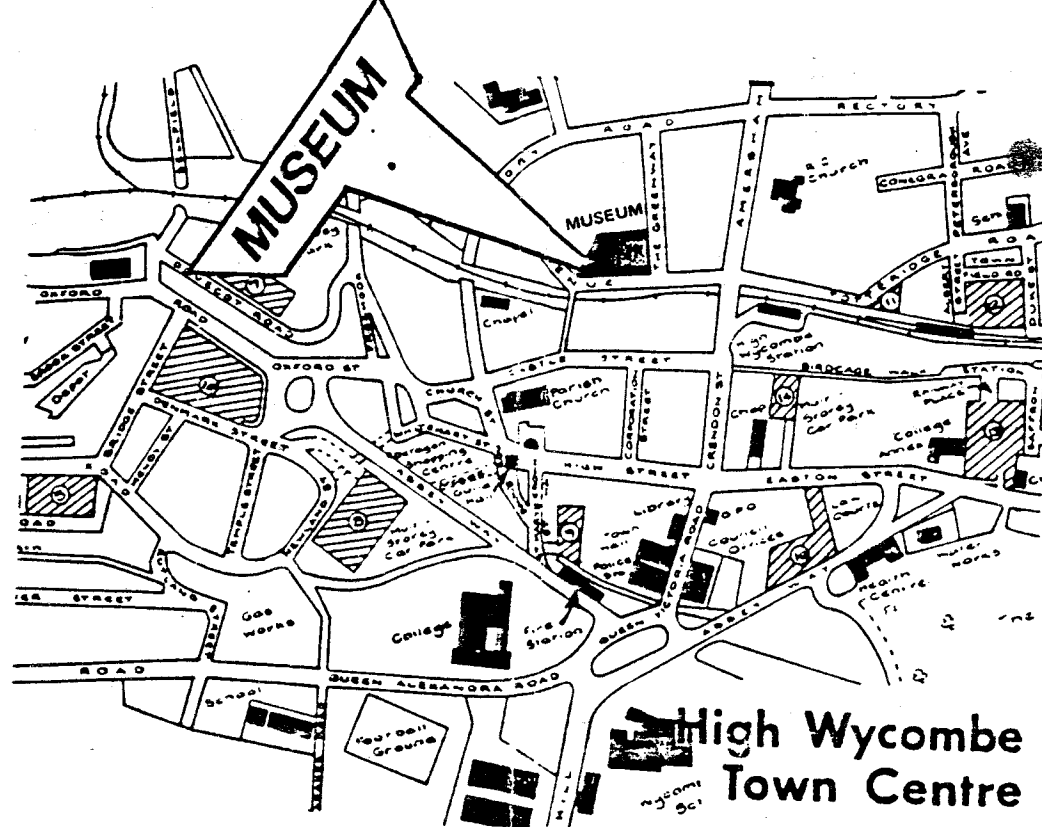
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Wycombe Chair Museum



Wycombe Chair Museum, Castle Hill House, Priory Avenue, High Wycombe. (HW 23879)

Hours

MONDAY TO SATURDAY } 10.00 - 1.00
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Parking and Directions to the Museum

Parking is possible (for two hours) in adjacent streets to the Museum, but difficult on Saturday.

Easton St.-M/S Car Park. To get to the Museum, turn right at main Traffic lights, walk up Crendon St. to Railway Bridge, turn left into Priory Ave, Museum is 50 yds. on the right.

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Newlands M/S Car Park. Walk through Octagon to Guildhall, alongside of Parish Church Tower, turn right into Castle Street, left at Gardner's shop into small lane, up steps over wooden railway bridge into Priory Avenue, turn right at top and the Museum is 100 yards along on the left.

Dovecot M/S Car Park. Turn right into Frogmore then left at top towards the Parish Church. Crossover into Castle Street, and then continue as with Newlands above.



He heapeth up riches and knoweth not who shall gather them

WYCOMBE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Wycombe Chair and Local History Museum

Set in gardens on a medieval site and housed in a 17th century building with later additions, Wycombe Chair Museum is devoted to the craft, to the history and to the design of the English Country chair, and to the development of the Windsor chair in particular.



Chairmaking in the Chilterns

The chair industry in the Chilterns has been centred around High Wycombe for over two hundred years, and it can now boast at being the centre of the European furniture industry at the present time.

Started as a cottage craft in the 1720's, the turned parts of the chair were sent to London to be framed up, but by the 1860's the whole process was based on High Wycombe. A local gazetteer estimated that one chair was made every minute of the day and night, while another arrived at a total of 4,700 chairs per day. Whatever the correct figure, an annual production of between one and one and a half million chairs per annum called for craftsmanship and a good factory organisation.

The Museum illustrates the variety of chairs made over this period, explains the designs and methods, and includes many examples of the well known Windsor Chair.

The Country Bodger

Also on display are photographs, tools and reconstructed workshops of the rural chair leg turner, known locally as "Bodgers" who until the end of the 1939-45 War worked in the Chiltern woods which surround High Wycombe. Theirs was a craft which persisted long after the other tasks in the trade had been mechanised, and many tales are told of their life and work.

Linked Crafts

Other crafts were linked to chairmaking, including wood-carving and marquetry, but one important side was the chair seat caning and the rushing – work often undertaken by housewives – which became a new source of income in the 1830's when the cottage-made lace became uneconomic following the introduction of machinery.

Buckinghamshire Lace

Bucks lace was well known and admired, and more than one chair traveller, selling his wares, carried a selection of locally made lace for sale to customers in other parts of the country. A small lace exhibition here has examples of Bucks lace, lace-making equipments and some unusual lace bobbins.

High Wycombe Town

The Town of High Wycombe can trace its history back to the 13th century as a Borough. Many historical connections with those early days are on display, including carvings, costumes, charters and weights and measures.

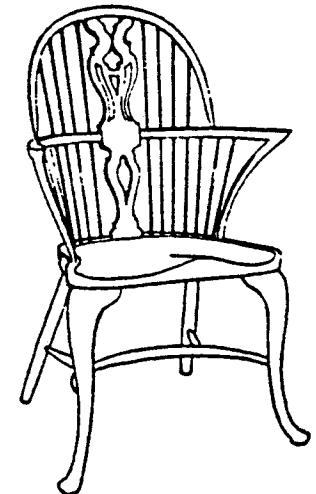
Castle Hill House

The building in which the Museum is housed is an attractive flint faced residence, with parts dating back to the late 17th century. The grounds include a medieval motte and bailey (small fortification) which overlooks the Wye Valley.

After a visit to the Museum, chairs will cease to be merely things to sit on, and they will become more and more fascinating as you get to know their history and development.

To quote from an old Music Hall song of the 1920's

*"I'm Jurkins of Wycombe, High Wycombe in Bucks,
Where I lives with mi' wife and mi' fowls and mi' ducks,
And I turns up the spindles and makes all your chairs,
Aye! I guess I'm the man at the seat of affairs.
And whether you're high-born, or proud as can be,
You'd look very "low" if it wasn't for me!"*





While Rataxes the rhinoceros was taking a quiet afternoon nap, Arthur crept up and without waking him tied a big firework to his tail. The squib went off with a terrible bang. Rataxes nearly jumped out of his skin. Arthur, the rascal, laughed so much that he nearly choked. It was a very sad affair.

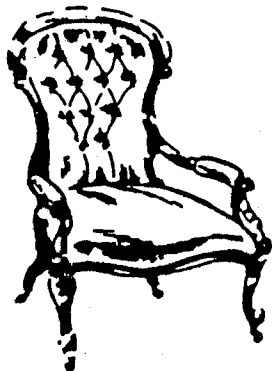
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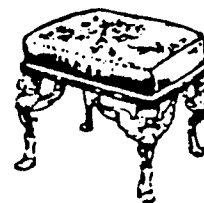
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